

## 'Threat to rare bush' at Umina oval

Rare bushland at Umina oval is under threat in draft plans for the Peninsula Recreation Precinct, according to the Ettymalong Creek Landcare Group.

Group representative Ms Sue Ellis said draft development plans did not provide adequately for the protection of an endangered ecological community around the oval or its recovery.

Ms Ellis said the bushland, Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland, was listed under threatened species legislation.

"Listings such as this one are made to alert land managers and councils of the need to focus their resources on protecting and recovery of such communities.

"The draft development proposals for this site do not currently reflect an understanding of either the significance of the site as a whole to the potential recovery of the Endangered Ecological Community or its protection.

"Although the proposals provide for bush regeneration in some of the bushland area, the development proposal has a significant impact on the banksia woodland area near Umina School."

A bushland management plan should be created for the whole site, she said.

Ms Ellis said the draft plans included a two-and-a-half metre concrete pathway through the banksia woodland area adjacent to Umina Public School and a large restaurant and amenities block as well as the removal of large numbers of trees.

The Landcare Group has urged the council to relocate and radically reduce the size of the proposed restaurant/amenities block, to remove the pathway from the bushland area and to use the funds to upgrade existing facilities.

Ms Ellis said she was particularly concerned about the size and



Peninsula Recreation Precinct indicating the ecological endangered community at the southern end

location of the proposed "kiosk", which was twice the length of the Umina Beach Surf Club.

"An additional 12 toilets as proposed would provide this precinct with a total of 44 public toilets as well as even more inside Umina Surf Club and the football club house.

"These funds could be spent more usefully on refurbishing the existing amenities blocks which are in poor repair."

Ms Ellis said council officers had confirmed at the recent stakeholders meeting that although a business plan for the recreation area did exist, no marketing survey or assessment had been carried out to determine the needs or viability of a large kiosk.

"Nor has any market analysis been undertaken of the potential

impact on existing businesses, seasonal variations in demand, disposable income levels of residents and visitors to the area," Ms Ellis said.

"In response to this criticism, council has now advised that it is undertaking a feasibility study apparently to justify the proposal, rather than respond to community concerns to reduce its scale and impact.

"Ettymalong Creek Landcare Group has made strong submissions to council regarding these issues in the hope that it will seriously revise the draft plans and use the funds to enhance the passive and active recreational opportunities in this precinct rather than build large speculative commercial structures on valuable crown land."

However, Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein has defended council's plans to build a new kiosk and amenities facility as part of the Peninsula Recreation Precinct.

Cr Holstein said the new facility would cater for the number of people expected to make use of the area once it was completed next year.

"The area has been designed to cater for hundreds of people especially in busy holiday periods," Cr Holstein said.

"There is no point having a facility that doesn't cater for the needs of a growing population and one that will inevitably attract hundreds of visitors to the area.

"Council has a responsibility to provide the community with services and amenities they deserve and also those that provide

reasonable amenities.

"There are also a number of measures in place to ensure the protection and conservation of endangered bushland in the area throughout the development process."

Peninsula Families Action Group president Ms Sarah Tolmie said she was pleased with the plans for the new precinct so far.

"I went to the community meeting and on the whole I felt pleased with the plans to date and think the council is doing a good job to canvas all opinions and cater to all the feedback from the many consultations," Ms Tolmie said.

"The desire from many sections of the community has been to have the café and toilet facilities.

"As for the size of the playground and the surrounding park space, I think the size of the café and toilet pavilion is reasonable and I am sure it would be more than adequately frequented by the local community and tourists alike.

"I know given the feedback the design team was going to go back and look at things again and I trust they are working with the best interests and intentions driving their decisions.

"I spent a day with council officers Kim Radford, Emma Head and Cr Vicki Scott doing a tour of about six playgrounds across the entire Gosford LGA that we as part of the Playground Strategy Committee have initiated and I can tell you the team is very skilled and dedicated and passionate about the parks and playgrounds and delivering for the community."

Press release, 1 Oct 2009

Sue Ellis, Ettymalong Creek Landcare Group  
Clare Graham, 28 Sep 2009


Interviewee: Cr Chris Holstein, Gosford mayor  
Email, 29 Sep 2009

Sarah Tolmie, Peninsula Families Action Group

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The play will run at the Peninsula Theatre from October 30 to November 15 and feature the talents of local actors.

Theatre group publicity officer Ms Patrice Horne said the play would have audiences rolling in the aisles with laughter.

"A caterer from New Jersey takes his family on vacation to a fictional Eastern European country," Ms Horne said.

"The trip turns sour when, thanks to a series of misunderstandings involving some inopportune snapshots, they are accused of

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"The family goes on the run, taking refuge in the American Embassy.

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"Don't Drink the Water, Woody Allen's first play, ran for over a year on Broadway.

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Entries close at 5pm on Friday, October 16.

Clare Graham, 1 Oct 2009

## Driest quarter in five years

Figures recorded for the last three months have shown the lowest quarterly rainfall for more than five years, according to local observer Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

Only 61.2mm has fallen from July to September this year.

The previous driest quarter was the April-June quarter in 2004, when 58mm of rain fell.

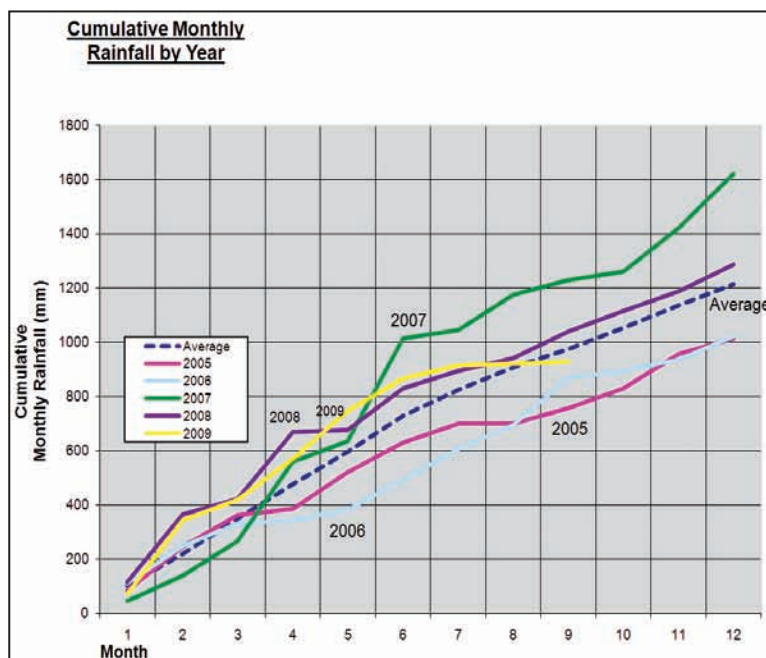
Mr Morrison said there had been only two drier quarters than that in the last 20 years.

They were in 1991 and 1989 when quarterly rainfall figures of 22.4mm and 57mm respectively were recorded.

September finished with a total rainfall of only 7.7mm compared to an average of 69.4mm for the month.

This followed a total of just 2.9mm for August, compared to an average of 81.7mm for that month.

The total for the year to date is



927.4mm, compared to an average of 976.5mm.

This is the first time this year that total rainfall for the year has

fallen below average.

Spreadsheet, 1 Oct 2009  
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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Mr Adam Gray of Woy Woy has won a family pass for two adults and two children to Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo.

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The competition was run in conjunction with Western Plains Zoo to celebrate the opening of the new Safari Park Children's Playground.

Clare Graham, 2 Oct 2009

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# Re-elected mayor outlines Peninsula projects

**Cr Chris Holstein has been re-elected to serve another term as Gosford mayor and has taken the opportunity to outline a number of projects for the Peninsula over the coming year.**

"The security of our water supply remains an important issue on the Peninsula and council will continue to work to secure an alternate water supply for the region to ensure the long term provision of a quality water supply for all residents.

"Over the next 12 months, council will complete its \$700,000 program to replace one third of all unlined hydrants on the Peninsula and construct infrastructure required to aggressively flush the trunk main in Ocean Beach Rd and surrounding reticulation system.

"We will also carry out improvements to Mt Ettalong and Woy Woy Bay Reservoirs to enhance protection against contamination and conduct improvements to the operation of Mt Ettalong and Patonga Reservoirs to reduce detention time and improve water quality.

"We will continue with our ongoing mains flushing program and other works being carried out further upstream that will impact on the Peninsula's water supply include process improvements at the Somersby Water Filtration Plant and improvements to the operation of trunk mains between Somersby and Koolewong, which are the carrier mains delivering water to the Peninsula.

"In addition, council will carry out a Sewage Pumping Station upgrade to ensure continuity of sewerage services at Ettalong

and continue the operation of a tertiary filtration plant at the Woy Woy treatment works that will potentially supply over 46 million litres of recycled water annually to tankers for dust suppression, irrigation/landscaping works and on site uses."

Cr Holstein said the City Wide Local Environment Plan is expected to be on public exhibition within the next 12 months and would be a great opportunity for local ratepayers to "have their voices heard about the future of the region".

"There will be significant population growth on the Peninsula and across the Central Coast in the next few years and it is of essential importance that we have the correct infrastructure to support this growth," Cr Holstein said.

"In addition to the LEP, council will continue the progression of the Development Control Plan for the Peninsula and undertake a Transport Management and Accessibility Plan in connection with the Umina Development Control Plan.

"The world class Peninsula Recreation Precinct will be completed within the next 12 months, featuring one of the biggest playgrounds in Australia - a great asset for families, children and a place where nan and pop can take the grandkids.

"Council has received \$10,000 from CDSE funding to run the Youth Engagement Strategy program.

"The Youth Engagement Strategy will continue to look at options for young people in the area while liaising with NSW Police and the Peninsula community on the redevelopment of the Peninsula

Recreation Precinct and general use of the area among young people.

"The precinct and its increased security features will be a visual and active deterrent to assist in curbing the anti-social behaviour that has occurred on the Peninsula during recent times."

According to Cr Holstein, a number of major road upgrading projects, identified in council's four year Capital Works Program, will be completed on the Peninsula over the next few years.

"These upgrades include; Mount Ettalong Rd, Springwood St, Gallipoli Ave, Fassifern St-Picnic Pde intersection upgrade including kerb and gutter to Maitland Bay Dr and full length upgrading of Flounder Rd at Ettalong," Cr Holstein said.

"Council will continue to lobby for Woy Woy Rd to become a state road to attract additional funding for its upkeep and maintenance.

"We will also continue to support the development of the Ettalong Business Improvement District.

"On the environmental front, council will undertake a review of the Broken Bay Coastal Management Plan and progress the Woy Woy Flood Risk Management Plan and Brisbane Water Flood Risk Management Plan.

"From a cultural perspective, an Aboriginal Surf Carnival will be held on the Peninsula: consisting of surf schools in December, January and February next year, with a competition planned for March.

"We will continue to run council's literacy programs at the Woy Woy Library as part of our early

childhood literacy programs and the Uminafied festival is currently being planned for Youth Week 2010, based at the skate park at Umina Beach.

"As is evident, there are a range of social, environmental and infrastructure projects planned for the Peninsula in the coming 12 months.

"I look forward to moving ahead with council's busy agenda and continuing to work with the other councillors to serve the residents on the Peninsula and the broader Gosford City community."

The upcoming mayoral term will be Cr Holstein's sixth term as mayor in the past 18 years.

Cr Holstein said he was honoured for the opportunity to serve the community for another 12 months as mayor and said there were many challenging times ahead for the Gosford Local Government Area.

"There will be many challenges in the year ahead. But with these challenges come opportunities," Cr Holstein said.

"The coming year will see the progression of key initiatives including the Gosford Challenge - the effects of which will positively

impact across the Central Coast.

"The impact of this will be felt on the Peninsula with the creation of jobs for our young people and an increase in overall employment opportunities within the Gosford LGA.

"Other key items on the agenda include the Central Coast Water Corporation, Mardi Mangrove Link and City Wide Local Environment Plan.

Press release, 1 Oct 2009  
Cr Chris Holstein, Gosford mayor



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The answer to how often and how much water varies depending on which plant you are talking about. Some factors include the type of soil the plant is in (sandy Peninsula soil can become hydrophobic) the microclimate and time of year. A general rule of thumb is if the top of the soils is dry or the leaves are wilting, then water is required. Water more in summer and less in winter. Try and water deep and not shallow this encourages deep root growth. When first planting in the garden always keep the moisture up to reduce transplanting stress and ease off over time to allow the plant to adapt. Grouping plants with similar watering needs you can also regulate watering needs more easily and reduce plant deaths. If you have question on watering your plants or how to design water efficient garden, don't hesitate to drop us a line at [gymea1@hotmail.com](mailto:gymea1@hotmail.com).

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- > The Hon James Wood AO QC
- > Howard Brown Victims of Crime Assistance League (VOCAL)
- > Brendan Thomas Assistant Director General, Crime Prevention and Community Programs, Department of Justice and Attorney General

# 60k limit stays for speed crackdown

**The 60km/h speed limit on Woy Woy Rd will stay as police, the RTA and Gosford Council launch a year-long campaign to reduce speed on Council roads.**

Woy Woy Rd and Patonga Dr have been identified by Brisbane Water Police as possible targets for the campaign.

Senior constable Dave O'Shea said Brisbane Water Police were involved in the campaign by providing council with a priority list of streets in the local area command that were potential crash sites and attracted speeding drivers.

"Woy Woy Rd was listed as one of the main priorities in the campaign," O'Shea said.

"Among others to be identified was Patonga Dr.

"These local roads will be the first to be targeted as the campaign kicks off.

"Drivers need to be vigilant that excess speeding will not be tolerated and police will be there to enforce this while council and the RTA will be there to educate drivers."

Council's director of engineering services Mr John Cragg said the joint involvement of police, council and the RTA in the campaign would ensure a positive result for all parties.

"We are looking to develop projects to change driver behaviour and combat excess speeding on local roads," Mr Cragg said.

"Council's community roads safety

officers have been in consultation with police from Brisbane Water Local Area Command to target specific locations in this campaign," Mr Cragg said.

"Woy Woy Rd just south of Kariong will be one of the first roads to be targeted and will involve installing flashing road signs reading 'Crash Zone' on the first flash and 'Slow Down' on the second flash.

"This has been identified as a risky area for potential crash sites and the 60 km/h speed limit along this section of Woy Woy Rd will continue to be enforced to ensure the safety of drivers.

"The sign is expected to be installed in the coming weeks and we will monitor the traffic flow and speed of vehicles to see if it has had an impact on driver behaviour.

"The focus for the campaign will be on re-educating drivers' behaviour and prevent accidents before they occur."

Mr Cragg said as the campaign grew he expected more roads on the Peninsula to be targeted in the campaign.

The campaign is part of a joint initiative between Gosford and Wyong councils, the RTA as well as Tuggerah Lakes and Brisbane Water Police after it was revealed almost a third of accidents on the Central Coast occur off main state roads.

Clare Graham, 30 Sep 2009

Interviewees: John Cragg, Gosford Council

Dave O'Shea, Brisbane Water Police



Club Umina is set to host a community forum this month to address the issue of anti-social behaviour in the Umina CBD once and for all. (Inset: The destruction left behind by drunken youths following Australia Day celebrations in the Umina Surf Club car park near Club Umina)

# Club Umina moves on drunken young people

**Club Umina will host a meeting on October 19 to discuss possible strategies to minimise anti-social behaviour in Umina, after its bus was damaged by drunken young people.**

General manager Mr Josh Collins said: "We have had a few incidents over the past few months involving drunken youths causing havoc, but the latest incident was the final straw.

"A group of drunken youths attacked our courtesy bus outside the club by climbing on the bus and causing several thousand dollars worth of damage.

"The youths also spat in the drivers face leaving him extremely distraught."

Mr Collins said the planned meeting would be attended by representatives of Gosford Council and Brisbane Water Police as well as Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews and Umina District

Chamber of Commerce president Ms Sharon Martin.

"It is great to see community and government representatives show their interest," Mr Collins said.

"We are also looking to get local residents and businesses on board to come up with realistic and appropriate solutions to minimising violence and vandalism in Umina.

"We understand local police are doing their best to combat the problem but we believe it also comes down to the responsibility of parents to ask 'Where are my kids tonight'?"

"It is time we changed the culture of parents in taking responsibility of the whereabouts of their kids at all times and also the supply of alcohol.

"Why are these kids being allowed out so late at night and where are they getting their alcohol from?"

"It is time parents took some ownership of this problem."

Mr Collins said possible solutions to be discussed at the meeting would include engaging youths in organised activities and a media campaign to make parents aware of the issue.

"Anyone who would like to share their thoughts and ideas is encouraged to attend the meeting," Mr Collins said.

"Finding a workable solution cannot be done without community help and consultation."

The meeting will be held at Club Umina on Monday, October 19, from 6pm.

All interested parties are encouraged to contact Mr Collins on 4341 2618 or via email at [joshc@clubumina.com.au](mailto:joshc@clubumina.com.au)

Mr Collins said the club would look to host a meeting every three months until a sustainable solution had been found.

Clare Graham, 29 Sep 2009

Interviewee: Josh Collins, Club Umina

## Winner

Peninsula News has announced the winner of its A Night at the Opera Competition.

Losurdo of Woy Woy received a double pass to the Andrew

Pryor and David Kidd performance at Everglades Country Club on September 26.

The prize also included a two-course dinner along with the performance.

Clare Graham, 29 Sep 2009

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Beachgoers enjoy a swim at Umina Beach last summer (photo source: Keith Pitty from Flickr.com)

## Beach season starts

**Gosford Council is gearing up for a busy summer with the beach season starting on October 6.**

Council's beach superintendent Mr Craig Healy said lifesavers had been training hard.

"Around 269,000 people attended Umina Beach last season with a total of 50 rescues recorded," Mr Healy said.

"Ocean Beach recorded 185,600 visitors with 24 rescues.

"We are urging swimmers this season to continue beach safety by

swimming at patrolled beaches and between the flags at all times."

Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein said he was proud of the results that council's lifeguards and the surf life saving volunteers achieved on the beach last season and hoped that all beachgoers stayed safe again this year.

"I would like to thank all of our beach lifeguards and surf lifesaving volunteers who continue to give their time and skills to ensure the safety of our community on the beach," Cr Holstein said.

"Here at Gosford council, we look

forward to yet another successful beach season and are calling on all visitors to our beaches to stay safe and swim between the flags."

Gosford council lifeguards will be patrolling Wamberal, Terrigal, North Avoca, Avoca, Copacabana, MacMasters, Killcare, Ocean Beach, and Umina beaches from 9am to 6pm between Monday and Friday during the October school holidays.

**Alison Hood, Gosford Council  
Clare Graham, 1 Oct 2009  
Interviewee: Craig Healy,  
Gosford Council**

## Cabinet wanted for St John's head

**The Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula is looking for financial help to fund a statue cabinet to be displayed in St John the Baptist church.**

According to Fr John Hill, the church has been offered a statue of John the Baptist's head from a local resident.

Fr Hill said the offer was a great opportunity for the church since it did not yet have one to display.

"We do not yet have a statue of John the Baptist in the church and, given our debt, we may not have one for some time," Fr Hill said.

"But something else has turned up.

"In many parts of Europe, especially in Germany and the Netherlands, from the middle ages on, artists began carving representations of the severed head of John the Baptist on a dish. "This derives from the story in the Synoptic gospels (Mk 6:14-29 par.) of the dance by Herodias' daughter at Herod's banquet, and of the reward sought by her mother given her - 'the head of John the Baptist on a dish'.

"Its representations became known in English as John the Baptist's head 'on a charger'. A charger is a large flat round dish.

"The copy that was shown to me was obviously very old - probably sixteenth century.

"At some stage, the head had been removed from the original plate and fixed to a Gothic-looking roundel, which is of different wood from the head.

"It may have been sited on one side of a capital at the top of a pillar.

"While no one can be sure of its provenance, there is a story of its being removed from the cathedral at Würzburg in Franconia after a fire.

"The problem is where and how to site it.

"It needs to be accessible and secure."

Fr Hill said a cabinet had been chosen to display the ornament but financial strain had prevented the church from purchasing the item.

He said the church needed almost \$3000 in financial assistance so that it could finally display a figure of John the Baptist in the church.

"Any help would be greatly appreciated," Fr Hill said.

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the Central Coast, all of whom, with  
continuing succession, preside  
over an identified and continuing  
abuse of our due process.**

The Mayoral election for the previously described corrupt Gosford City Council, notorious across our country as the most complained about council in NSW with a shameful body count of five, has been done and dusted for yet another year.

What a disgrace! My elected representatives have continued to let me down.

Councillors, Liberal Party Members, Chris Bourke, Amy Houston, Jeff Strickson; Labor Party Members Jim Macfadyen and Vicki Scott; Greens Party Members Terri Latella and Peter Freewater; and Central Coast First Party Member Laurie Maher have still not yet insisted that all ten councillors hold a public forum which would be based on their own personal values into the political implications of working with two often identified liars, Liberal Party member and Mayor Chris Holstein and Deputy Mayor Craig Doyle.

Could it be that my elected representatives and their political masters have become so comfortable with politicians, generally having such a bad reputation for mishandling the truth carelessly, that they find themselves unable to understand the problem that identified liars among their numbers bring to our local government?

Greens Councillor Peter Freewater did make it a public political issue during an open meeting on the seventh of September 2009 when he left no doubt that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor had

been named and shamed, an important revelation to this day ignored by News Limited publications.

The General Manager, forgetting himself for a moment, interfered with our clear political process by exclaiming “this is a legal issue and not something we will discuss in open council”.

I suggest you pull your head in Mr Wilson.

You are not our elected representative and you certainly were not asked for advice.

Lying politicians are a matter for the people's consideration in open council.

As a matter of legal fact based on established precedent, the council, as an elected corporate entity, has no entitlement to pursue a defamation action against its own ratepayers.

In fact there is still some ten thousand dollars in cash plus resources owing to ratepayers from the last abuse of due process under your watch on exactly this issue Mr. Wilson.

Gosford City Council was informed in detail of the ruling in the matter of Ringland V Ballina Shire Council in the Supreme Court of Appeal 1994.

Ratepayers' money and resources continue to be misappropriated pursuing an avenue not open to council in law.

I question you motives Mr. Wilson.

The Liberal party Member and Mayor of Gosford, Chris Holstein, has identified me (even though he has no medical qualifications) as a person who “jumps up and down like a loon” while speaking in his official capacity as Gosford City Mayor, to Scott Levi's ABC radio listeners.

He also said that “nobody knows what I am on about”.

I had complained to Scott Levi's ABC

listeners that Gosford City Council was hiding the coroner's findings into the deaths of five people in a ditch at the bottom of Piles Creek Somersby from visitors to our council web site!

I worry about my entitlement to due process after an identified council employee told me earlier this year that when she started in her new position as PA for Nic Pasternatsky, for six months, she dumped all my emails into the electronic waste bin.

At that time, I thought she was new to council and ignorant.

I know believe, she was well aware of her requirement to follow the regulations of the local government act requiring all communications to be entered into data works.

I was surprised she thought it was funny that my extensive work product identifying and complaining about systemic corrupt conduct had been dumped without any record being kept.

I hope my current elected representatives do not share her amusement, because over almost ten years, I have documented Gosford City Council's abuse of due process and allegations that politicians, some at state level, are perceived as being intent on covering it all up.

I expect Councillors that you will all let me know by return email if you if have been receiving my emails.

I do intend to ask for proof, just as I intend to ask Gosford City Council to provide proof of its published assertion promulgated in News Limited papers and on channel Nine that I have written 736 “letters”, none of which have been validated.

<http://gosfordcouncil.tripod.com/>

## Write about hospital downgrade

**Tucked in just off Ocean Beach Rd is the little-recognised Woy Woy Public Hospital.**

It has a very interesting past but a very dicey future.

The past belongs to the older people who supported the development and gradual improvement of the project.

The future belongs to you.

Someone unnamed (ashamed?) made the decision to remove our rehabilitation beds and equipment from our hospital to a facility at Kanwal.

### Forum

This was crazy and totally against the recommendations of a very detailed Final Report in 2007.

The report recommended an upgrade at Woy Woy, and 26 local clinicians were included in the list of professionals asked to contribute their opinions in the report.

So who, with or without authority, made the decision to downgrade our rehab facility to give the gear to Kanwal?

Current management says it's a

done deal.

We don't believe that!

We are the Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance, PO Box 242, Woy Woy 2256.

We, on your behalf, want our rehabilitation ward back.

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Older people, we need your view and support too.

Jack Cleere, Umina  
2 Oct 2009

## Charge footpaths at full market price

**I recommend that Gosford Council does not permit fixed or removable footway dining weather protection structures to stand on public footpaths and that council applies the user-pays principle and collects for the public revenue the full market rental value as defined by the Australian Property Institute for every square metre of public footpaths exploited for private profit.**

In assessing the true market rental value, council should take into account what business owners know very well, i.e. that a metre square on the footpath adjacent to a business property has a greater rental value than the best metre square inside the property.

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It should not be seen as a gift of unearned profit to business.

The Independent Commission Against Corruption might condemn revenue avoidance by council.

Gosford Council pays a big publisher good money to inform the public of council's activities and expenses.

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On August 19, each parcel of this material weighed 400 grams.

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See Page 2 for

contribution conditions

The publisher claims a circulation of over 130,000.

On August 22, the publisher circulated another 127,000 copies of similar material each weighing 430 grams, much of it thrown on public footpaths.

Council is paying a publisher which appears to be causing about eight tonnes a week to litter public footpaths while smaller publishers use letterboxes.

Gosford Council offers a better, cheaper advertising service to business than the big publisher.

Every year council slips private business advertising material in with the annual rate notices posted to 70,000 ratepayers at council's expense.

Not dumped on the footpath, not just put in a letterbox and ignored.

It is virtually guaranteed to get right onto every ratepayers kitchen table.

John Collins, Woy Woy  
24 Aug 2009

## Rehab closure not right

**I have worked as an aged care worker for many years and am very concerned over the closure of the Woy Woy Rehabilitation Unit.**

Former Health Minister John Della Bosca did not make the right decision for the ageing people on the Peninsula.

He did not consult the community on what would be best for the frail and ill.

These people do not have the means to travel to Wyong nor are they wealthy.

Many do not have family or friends to help and are not covered by private health cover. Politicians are out of touch as they are looked after during their old age with government pensions and allowances.

These Ministers do not have the money problems or transport problems that many in our ageing population are dealing with.

The facility that was shut down was a public facility that was in good condition and loaded with caring staff.

It was easy to access whether by public or private transport.

The ageing population is lucky if they can afford private cover and it is for this reason that providing the Central Coast with private facilities will not be helping those who cannot afford it.

The public hospital system will not be able to handle the extra workload as they are not coping

### Forum

now.

These hospitals are already understaffed, overworked and way over budget.

Central Coast voters were under the impression that, with a local Labor Minister in John Della Bosca, the thoughts and best intentions for the community would be heard.

As a local, Mr Della Bosca should have been more in touch with the community and what would benefit them.

The public hospitals were left in a mess by the Liberal Party but now it seems that Labor has not met the needs of the voters either.

Every election we listen to many promises from these Ministers and every time we seem to be not heard or ignored.

These Ministers are happy to take the aged vote but do not seem happy to deliver what has been promised.

The elderly are already doing it tough in this economic climate and do not have the funds to be travelling to Wyong.

Many are too sick and frail and are flat out making ends meet already.

They do not need the burden or stress of having to travel when they are weak and sick.

They do not need the ignorance of the government ministers who are out of touch with the

community.

What happened to the good old days when the elderly were admired, heard and looked after?

What happened to the Labor Party looking after the workers and the underdog?

Let's hope the newly appointed Health Minister can rectify the problem that John Della Bosca created.

Let's hope the new Minister consults the community on what is needed for the Peninsula.

Let's hope that they reopen Woy Woy Rehabilitation Unit as it should never have been closed in the first place.

As for Woy Woy Hospital, it is a good hospital with caring staff and doctors.

Gosford Hospital already is understaffed, overworked and over budget.

They will not handle the extra workload created if the hospital at Woy Woy closed.

The Peninsula has a high number of elderly and single parent households who do not have the money or means to travel all the way to Gosford.

Public transport from the Peninsula is not always an option with a sick person.

Can we perhaps extend an invitation to the new Minister to attend our next meeting on 24 October, at St Luke's Church in Woy Woy?

Coral Roberts, Woy Woy  
15 Sep 2009

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Staff and residents of Peninsula Village enjoy a "memory walk" along Brisbane Water Dr to raise money and awareness for dementia

## Memory walk raises \$3000

More than 60 staff, residents and families of Peninsula Village turned out for the first annual Memory Walk along Brisbane Water Dr on September 27.

Among the local participants were Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein and Cr Jeff Strickson.

Event coordinator Ms Hayley Stephenson said the event raised \$3000.

"The walk set off from Koolewong Reserve at 9.30am and headed to Fisherman's Wharf, Woy Woy.

"It was great to see a whole mix of people get involved on the day.

"The oldest participant, Mona Roche, 94, of Peninsula Village Hostel completed the walk in 45 minutes and the blustery conditions

didn't hold her back!

"Our youngest participant was under two.

"After the walk, participants were invited back to Peninsula Village where a sausage sizzle was being held and entertainment provided.

"All money will be donated to Alzheimers Australia to further fund research into dementia.

"Due to its success, Peninsula Village will be holding this walk each year to coincide with Dementia Awareness week.

"We're hoping to gain great support from the community and hoping to further increase dementia awareness within the general public."

Press release, 30 Sep 2009  
Hayley Stephenson,  
Peninsula Village

## Keys provided for toilet access

Gosford Council has decided to provide keys to disabled residents to allow them 24-hour access to public toilets.

The Master Locksmith Access Key system will allow disabled community members 24-hour access to 27 public toilets on the Peninsula.

These include toilets at shopping centres such as the Peninsula Plaza and in open reserves such as Correa Bay or Rogers Park, according to Gosford Disability Access Committee member Cr Terri Latella.

She said the new service provided equity access for all people with difficulties.

"Our life on the Central Coast

embraces an aging population and a growing population for young families both of which require consideration and thoughtfulness in order to provide the best mobility and service access," Cr Latella said.

"We should not forget that an estimated 25 per cent of our population has access issues such as physical and emotional disabilities including sight or hearing impairments.

"The emphasis is on raising awareness and coming up with solutions to make all our lives much more comfortable, enjoyable and rewarding.

"The recent Federal Government changes to the Fair Work Act and the Disability Discrimination Act

will improve the standards of equity access in the work place and to the built environment."

According to Cr Latella, the Master Locksmith Access Key fits into specially designed locks allowing access 24-hour a day to public amenities for people with access and mobility difficulties.

Cr Latella said the key can be used across Australia at any public toilet or other facility including lifts and adaptive playground equipment.

"If you feel that such a service would improve your quality of life, please contact council to discuss how to obtain a key," Ms Latella said

Press release, 10 Sep 2009  
Terri Latella, Gosford Council

## Workshops at women's centre

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre will host a nutrition workshop and six-week program helping women communicate confidently in their relationships in October.

The nutrition workshop will commence from Thursday, October 15, from 10am with nutrition counsellor Ms Sandy Butow.

The workshop will explore nutrition and how it affects health and wellbeing.

Community development worker Ms Kate Bradfield said

the session would discuss the ins and outs of vitamins and minerals including who needs them and why as well as the different foods rich in vitamins and minerals.

She said food labels and nutrition content would also be looked at and women would be encouraged to bring along their own nutrition questions to be answered.

Ms Bradfield said the Communicating with Confidence workshop would be run starting later this month.

"Effective communication is an integral part of any relationship; be it with friends, family, partners, neighbours or children," Ms Bradfield said.

"Communicating with Confidence is a six-week program that has been designed to encourage and assist women to utilise cooperative communication strategies so that their relationships can become more fulfilling and supporting.

"During this group we will explore various tools and strategies to further develop our skills, so that

we can communicate our intentions with confidence.

"We will discuss the nature and various levels of conflict, the win-win approach, the use of empathy, creative responses, managing emotions, and how to solve problems as partners and not as opponents.

"We will develop our skills of 'active listening' and practise 'I messages' as well as some self-care strategies to help reduce stress and develop more rewarding relationships."

The program will run every Thursday from 10am to 12pm starting from October 29 until December 3 with facilitator Ms Honor McGill.

Bookings for the workshop and program are essential and can be made by contacting 4342 5905 or drop into the centre at 20A McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

The workshop and six-week program is free however a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Press release, 30 Sep 2009  
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre

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# Dementia day care centre opens

**A new \$1.65 million dementia day care centre to provide respite to carers of people living with dementia has opened in Woy Woy.**

The Yaringaa Centre officially opened on September 28, in the old Woy Woy Meals on Wheels building at the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and Macmasters Rd.

More than 50 centre staff, community members and government representatives attended the official opening including Minister for Ageing and Disability Services Mr Paul Lynch, Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal, Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews and Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein.

The project was jointly funded by the Federal and State governments with council contributing the land and building.

Cr Holstein said the new service was a welcome addition to the Peninsula given alarming statistics on dementia in the area.

"The need for this facility is paramount especially when we are talking 28 per cent of people on the Peninsula over the age of 65 live with dementia," Cr Holstein said.

"This is compared to a national average of 14 per cent.

"To have all levels of government working together on this issue is imperative to the community considering dementia takes out \$1 out of every \$40 in our health care budget.

"The service will no doubt provide tremendous support to family and friends of dementia sufferers on the Peninsula."

The Yaringaa centre will be shared by Community Care Services Central Coast, the Peninsula Community Centre and Gosford City Food Services to provide services such as Meals on Wheels to elderly people on the Central Coast.

Mr Lynch said: "Dementia day care centres are one way we are responding to the challenges of an ageing population.

"These centres provide outings, day trips, support, nursing and allied health services to people with dementia and their carers."

Ms Neal, representing the Federal Minister for Ageing Ms Justine Elliot, said older Australians wanted to remain independent and in their own homes and communities.

"Without Home and Community Care services, many people would have to move prematurely into residential care," Ms Neal said.

"This new dementia day care centre is an example of the concrete steps that the Australian and NSW governments are taking to meet the needs of our ageing population."

Clare Graham, 28 Sep 2009  
 Interviewee: Cr Chris Holstein, Gosford mayor  
 Press release, 28 Sep 2009  
 Paul Lynch, Minister for Ageing and Disability Services



The old Woy Woy Meals on Wheels building in Ocean Beach Rd gets a facelift to become the new Yaringaa health and community service building

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Woy Woy Community Aged Care CEO Ms Jennifer Eddy (third from left) with members of the Friends of Woy Woy Community Aged Care group (formally known as the Woy Woy Community Aged Care Auxiliary)

## Auxiliary closes after 25 years

**Woy Woy Community Aged Care Auxiliary has closed after more than 25 years fundraising for the residents of the local aged care facility.**

Woy Woy Community Aged Care chief executive officer Ms Jennifer Eddy thanked the volunteers for their dedication and commitment to elderly residents over the past two decades.

"The auxiliary formed 25 years

ago, well before the original nursing home opened, and initially raised funds for the building, then to equip the aged care facility," Ms Eddy said.

"In recent years, the auxiliary has held street stalls, raffles, art shows and bingo to provide for the comfort of residents.

"Residents enjoy items such as large screen plasma televisions and new furniture as a result of the auxiliary's efforts.

"Many of the original members shed a tear on the day as they recalled the many wonderful memories; the auxiliary has raised several hundred thousand dollars over the years." Auxiliary president Ms Elsie Solway said some members were now in their 80s and could not keep up with the demands of the group.

"It is hoped that some time in the future the auxiliary will reform as younger members come along.

"It is a very sad day for us and one we had been trying to avoid for some time," Ms Solway said.

Ms Eddy said the group of volunteers and the contributions they provided residents would be sorely missed.

"We did not want to lose this team of wonderful supporters so a new Friends of Woy Woy Community Aged Care was formed so that members can maintain their relationship with Woy Woy

Community Aged Care and enjoy fellowship with each other," Ms Eddy said.

"You cannot slow them down.

"They were back the next week for a barbecue with residents and already planning a raffle for the annual dinner dance to be held in October so that they can purchase Christmas presents for residents."

Press release, 22 Sep 2009  
Jennifer Eddy, Woy Woy Community Aged Care

## New facility for dementia

**Peninsula Village officially opened a new special care facility for people living with dementia on September 25.**

More than 80 staff, residents and special guests attended the official opening of the Don Leggett House Special Care Unit including Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal and Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein.

The new facility features 12 modern one bedroom units and will provide vital care and support to dementia sufferers, according to Peninsula Village chief executive officer Ms Terri Parker.

"When someone has been

diagnosed with dementia, it can be very distressing for the person affected as well as for their family and friends.

"It is important however to remain positive and to focus on the person's strengths and their remaining abilities," Ms Parker said.

"Our focus is on providing person-centred care, and support and encouragement to our residents to enhance the quality of their lives.

"The units offer reverse cycle air conditioning, ensuites, a 24-hour emergency call-bell, three meals a day and a home-like environment

to make life for residents as easy and enjoyable as possible.

"A wide range of activities and recreational facilities are also offered at Peninsula Village to ensure residents have the opportunity for emotional and physical stimulation."

Cr Holstein said he was pleased to see the opening of the new aged care facility.

"Facilities such as this new Special Care Unit are crucial if we are to ensure that those affected receive the quality of life they deserve."

Press release, 1 Oct 2009  
Taya Gilsenan, Peninsula Village

## Village wins prizes

**Peninsula Village has won prizes for its employment of young people.**

The Umina retirement and aged care facility was awarded Employer of the Year at this year's Central Coast Vocational Education and Training Awards and an award of appreciation from the Department of Education and Training.

The award of appreciation recognised the retirement centre as an "outstanding corporate citizen committed to providing opportunities and support for young people within the community".

Peninsula Village was awarded

Employer of the Year for its school based trainee and apprenticeship program with Brisbane Water Secondary College.

Peninsula Village chief executive officer Ms Terri Parker said the facility was committed to providing opportunities and passing on industry knowledge to the local students.

"Peninsula Village is currently providing eight traineeships to Brisbane Water Secondary College students in the areas of aged care and hospitality," Ms Parker said.

"The management team at Peninsula Village is also involved in a mentorship program with teenagers from the local high school."

Press release, 22 Sep 2009  
Terri Parker, Peninsula Village

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# Gosford Council must campaign on Woy Woy Rd

The campaign to see Woy Woy Rd reclassified as a State road now rests with Gosford Council, according to the Council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen.

Mr Glen said it was up to council to continue both to develop its case with the RTA for Woy Woy Rd to be seen as a strategic link to the overall road network and to take all opportunities to highlight the proposal in all suitable forums.

Following a question without notice from Cr Jeff Strickson on the progress of council's plans to hand over responsibility of Woy Woy Rd to the State Government, Mr Glen said a meeting had been held to discuss the "best way of progressing" the proposal.

"A meeting was attended by the regional manager and relevant director of the RTA, council's general manager and myself to discuss the best way of progressing this proposal," Mr Glen said.

"The RTA representatives reaffirmed that the recent review of road classifications is now considered complete and this matter must be considered as a new dealing.

"The RTA representative confirmed that there is no specific series of standards a road must satisfy to qualify for classification as a State road.

"The individual circumstances of the road will always be considered, with factors such as traffic volume,

relevance to the overall regional road network, strategic links with other areas and proportion of heavy traffic taken into consideration."

Mr Glen said RTA representatives stressed to council that there was no single test to determine whether a road should be reclassified.

"The question was posed of the RTA as to how council, in their view, should manage the development of strategies for the upgrading of Woy Woy Rd to be an even more important element of the road network within the region, which would in-turn strengthen the case for it to be reclassified as a state road," Mr Glen said.

"Potential matters to be addressed included the identification of funding sources for necessary upgrading works and planning of the development along the route so as to enhance the function of the road.

"This work would also require the development of proposals for specific locations such as the establishment of a more suitable crossing of the main northern railway.

"The RTA representatives acknowledged that the closure of Woy Woy Rd for a period in 2008 had highlighted the strategic importance of the road and without giving any promises, agreed that the RTA had a role in contributing to the development of upgrading proposals for Woy Woy Rd."

Council agenda COR.110 Q.108, 22 Sep 2009



Minister for Employment Participation Senator Mark Arbib and Parliamentary Secretary for Employment Mr Jason Clare at Ocean Beach Surf Club on September 22

## Government forum held at Umina Beach

An employment forum hosted by Minister for Employment Participation Senator Mark Arbib and Parliamentary Secretary for Employment Mr Jason Clare was held at Ocean Beach Surf Club on September 22.

The Keep Australia Working forum was one of 20 forums held across Australia to start work on local jobs plans for the regions hardest hit by the global economic recession.

Senator Arbib said: "The global recession has hit communities like this one harder than others.

"In places like the Central Coast, we need to go the extra mile to support local jobs.

"We have appointed Jack Ritchie as the local employment coordinator to look for new job opportunities and work with business and the community to develop local a plan for jobs for the future."

Mr Ritchie has 20 years experience in working with government and local communities to drive regional development in film and television and cultural projects as well as working with disadvantaged young people.

Mr Clare said the Central Coast region had suffered as a result of the global downturn and this was part of the government's plan to support jobs in the region.

"Around one in six people in the region are on some kind of income support which is above the national average," Mr Clare said.

Also in attendance was Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal.

"Across the priority region \$570 million has been invested in projects to stimulate the economy," Ms Neal said.

Press release, 22 Sep 2009 Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson

## Cleaning contracted

Gosford Council has resolved to accept the tender of Erina company Amazon Cleaning and Security Pty Ltd to provide security, cleaning and maintenance services to the Peninsula's three town centres.

According to a council report, the cleaning and security contract commenced on October 1, and will be provided for 12 months extendable by two further periods of 12 months subject to performance and safety reviews.

Council received two other tenders for the contract but decided to go with Amazon Cleaning and Security Pty Ltd since it presented the "most positive benefits to council" in terms of price, quality assurance and occupational health and safety practices.

Council agenda CIT.46, 22 Sep 2009



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## Pearl Beach road closures

**Several streets in Pearl Beach will be temporarily closed for anniversary celebrations of the Pearl Beach Progress Association on Saturday, October 10.**

The main road closure will take place from 6.30am to 12.30pm along the waterfront in Pearl Pde near the shops and up to Amethyst Ave.

Secondary closures will also occur along Tourmaline Ave between Diamond Rd and Pearl

Pde.

According to Brisbane Water Police senior constable Dave O'Shea, the closures will allow pedestrian movement through these areas throughout the day and minimise traffic congestion in the area.

Senior constable O'Shea said local residents requiring access should seek the help of designated traffic marshals on the day.

**Clare Graham, 30 Sep 2009**  
Interviewee: Dave O'Shea, Brisbane Water Police



On street parking outside the Patonga Beach Hotel

## New archery equipment

**Club Umina recently donated \$750 towards the purchase of new archery equipment for Umina PCYC.**

Club general manager Mr Josh Collins said Club Umina was committed to seeing projects and activities in the area remain sustainable for local youth.

"Club Umina sees the value in giving kids something to keep them entertained," Mr Collins said.

"We will continue to work closely with general manager Allison Carpenter to ensure a strong future for the Umina PCYC."

Ms Carpenter said Umina PCYC was eagerly awaiting the delivery of new archery equipment that would ensure the new program was accessible for all ages.

Mr Collins said the donation was made available through the club's Community Development and Support Expenditure Scheme which has donated \$12,000 to Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club this year.

"This grant is crucial to the funding of the club's juniors program and the administration costs involved with training, coaching and equipment," Mr Collins said.

"This grant has enabled the club to replace a lot of the out of date equipment including some of the surf life saving reels that were 20 to 30 years old."

**Clare Graham, 29 Oct 2009**  
Interviewee: Josh Collins, Club Umina  
Alison Carpenter, Umina PCYC

## Freight train breakdown

**A northbound freight train broke down near Woy Woy causing delays to train services between Sydney and Newcastle on September 21.**

According to RailCorp representative Mr Jon Novakovik, a Pacific National freight train developed mechanical problems just before 5.30am.

"A defective wagon caused five services to be delayed for around

10 minutes," Mr Novakovik said.

"Buses were used to supplement services between Hornsby and Gosford.

"Around 9am, the freight train began to make its way at a reduced speed to Gosford.

"Passenger services had returned to normal by the afternoon, and there was no impact on the afternoon peak."

**Press release, 30 Sep 2009**  
Jon Novakovik, RailCorp

## Gosford Council has received petitions about parking plans at Patonga and about dogs at Ettalong Beach.

A petition with 280 signatures was collected from residents and visitors of Patonga in support of plans to remove five car parking spaces from the Patonga Beach Hotel.

According to a council report, petitioners stated that the request for the removal of the car parking spaces was in "the best interest of the public" to provide greater safety for children at the hotel and neighbouring fish shop and additional seating for visitors of the hotel.

Council also received a petition with 100 signatures from concerned Patonga residents objecting to the proposed changes to car parking arrangements at the Patonga Hotel.

The council report stated that petitioners objected to the proposed extension of the car park as it

would "encroach on the children's playground and adversely impact neighbouring residents, the long established Norfolk Island pine trees as well as the beach dunes, including the Banksia grove on the beachfront".

The petitioners did not agree with plans to change the current parallel parking in Patonga to angled parking as it would "inconvenience residents and road users who will frequently need to stop and wait for cars reversing into car parking spaces on both sides of the narrow and dangerous bend".

"The petitioners also objected to ratepayer funded expenditure of \$200,000 plus to provide the proposed car parking spaces when there is already underutilised land along the road to the boat ramp at Dark Corner which should be

considered," the council report stated.

Peninsula residents have also lodged a petition with 31 signatures calling on a council review of the current signs prohibiting dogs from Ettalong Beach off the Lance Webb Reserve.

"Residents believe that there should be some allocated times for dogs to go leash free that do not impact on the use of the beach for other residents," the council report stated.

"Residents feel, at a minimum, it is appropriate to allow dogs and owners access to the beach before 8am and after 4.30pm."

**Council agenda P.43,46 and 47, 22 Sep 2009**

## Petitions about parking and dogs

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A street view of the new Ocean View Apartments in Ocean View Rd, Ettalong Beach



View from the Ocean View Apartments complex overlooking Ettalong Beach and the entrance to Brisbane Water

## Apartments win HIA award

An Ettalong Beach apartment development has received the HIA Hunter award for apartment project of the year.

Laing and Simmons Central Coast principal Mr Ray Dearlove is marketing the Ocean View Apartments.

Mr Dearlove said the HIA award was a fantastic win for the Central Coast market.

"The HIA awards recognise excellence in the housing market and for a Central Coast development to receive this year's award highlights just how sophisticated the area is becoming," Mr Dearlove said.

"The Central Coast attracts strong demand from local buyers, investors and seachangers, and quality new stock such as the Ocean View Apartments will ensure that these buyers' needs are met.

The Ocean View Rd development consists of 12 two and three bedroom apartments and luxury penthouses.

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Press release, 28 Sep 2009  
Ray Dearlove, Laing and Simmons

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These have been donated by Krispy Kreme Donuts, hampers from Master Foods, holiday vouchers from L.J.Hooker, the Bay View Hotel has provided bistro vouchers and wine is being donated from some of the best wineries in the Hunter Valley.

There will also be an auction with items such as a Mike Hussey signed cricket bat, a Canterbury Rugby League jumper signed by all the team and more all up for grabs.

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## Ugandan orphan fundraiser

A fundraiser for Ugandan orphans will be held by the Community Development Foundation at Everglades Country Club on Saturday, October 17.

Foundation publicity officer Ms Sue McCarthy said the event will begin from 6.30pm with a traditional Ugandan welcome song from Drumbala followed by theatre, sports and music presented by Robert Parnaby.

Raffles will also be held on the night and patrons will have the opportunity to purchase unique pieces of Ugandan arts and craft.

"The Everglades Country Club is supporting us to put on this event and its courtesy bus will be available for those who live in the area," Ms McCarthy said.

"They are also helping by being the point of sale for tickets.

Tickets will be available at \$10 for adults, \$5 for children with children under 10 years by donation.

Press release, 18 Sep 2009  
Sue McCarthy, UNCODEFO

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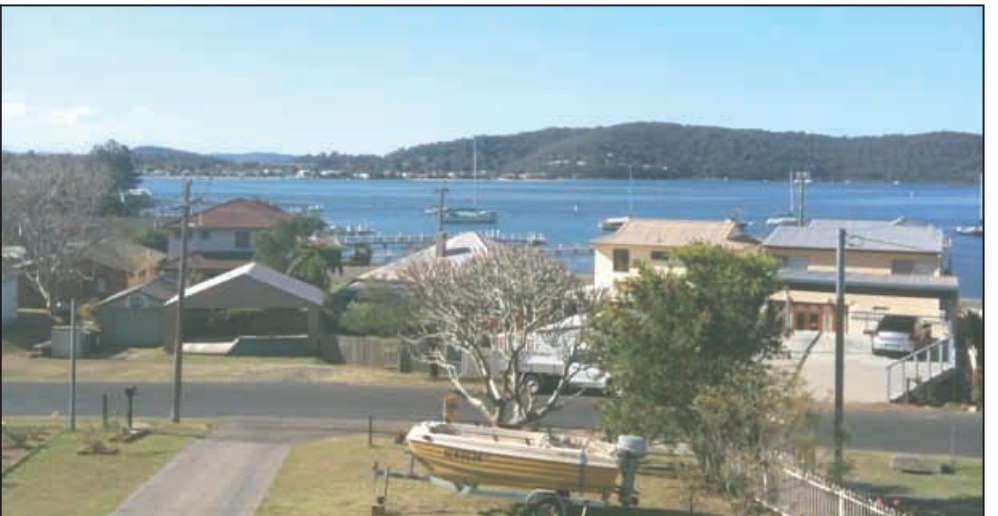


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## Artist displays call of Cape Town

**Woy Woy artist Ms Yvette Pritchard will showcase more than 50 paintings and drawings featuring her travels to South Africa in an upcoming Sydney exhibition.**

The exhibition entitled Cape Town Calling will run from October 14 to 25, at the Bondi Pavilion Cultural Centre Gallery in Bondi Beach.

"The works in this show relate to my last few visits to the place of my birth, Cape Town, between 2004 and 2006, during which period my mother and father died," Ms Pritchard said.

"These times spent in Cape Town were very emotionally charged, my parents relinquishing the family home in the leafy suburb of Newlands, to move to a nursing home.

"During these visits, I spent a great deal of time on foot and on public transport, engaging directly with local people, sketching, photographing and taking notes, some of which I transcribed as texts to accompany some of the



works.

"Most of my subjects are workers, for example, domestic workers, petrol station attendants, garden labourers, fishermen and women, craftspeople, flower sellers.

"I always asked permission to photograph my subjects and recorded contact numbers and addresses, sending them prints of the photos, and later photographs of the resulting artworks.

"From some of these encounters

continuing friendships arose, and I still keep in touch with some of these friends by email and telephone."

Born in South Africa, Ms Pritchard studied a fine arts degree at Cape Town University that saw her travel to the UK, New Zealand and Australia.

She eventually returned to Australia after 10 years in the UK and settled down on the Peninsula in the 1980s working with fabric design and dying processes,

mural commissions and book illustrations.

In 1997, Ms Pritchard completed an advanced diploma in fine arts at Hornsby College TAFE majoring in painting.

Ms Pritchard said her connection to Cape Town was "deep and heartfelt" and could be seen in her artwork that pays homage to each of the people portrayed.

"They represent the many people who work hard and usually suffer very difficult lives," Ms Pritchard said.

"The places portrayed are the places of my youth, fondly recalled in the landscapes.

"Most landscapes have a story to tell, for example The Church of the Good Shepherd tells the interesting tale of the splitting and reuniting of a community after the end of the Apartheid regime, and the beautiful Kistenbosch Botanical Gardens, where all races are now allowed to visit, unlike the days when I spent time there in my youth.

"Most importantly there is a series of works set in the township of Gugulethu, where I visited the

Thembalabantwana (Hope For Our Children) Project.

"My connection to this project, supported by Cape Town Child Welfare, dates back a few years when I had donated a painting to be auctioned at a fund raising event in Sydney, Kidsaid, organized by the Aids Trust of Australia.

"On my visit to Cape Town in 2004, I was invited to visit the centre and was allowed to photograph and film there to provide material for this series of works.

"I was very warmly received and treated to a wonderful impromptu singing performance by a group of children and women to thank me for my visit.

"Some of the video footage will be included in the show as background material.

"Fifty per cent of the net proceeds of the exhibition will be donated to the Thembalabantwana Project and information about the centre will be on hand at the exhibition."

The exhibition is free and will be available for viewing seven days a week from 10am to 5pm.

Letter, 28 Sep 2009  
Yvette Pritchard, Woy Woy

## Proceeds go to cancer

**Proceeds from a lunch featuring local author Mr Stephen Lacey on October 18 will go to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.**

"Stephen Lacey is a local author and his memoir, Henry Loves Jazz,

was released last month," said organiser Ms Mandi McIntosh.

"Stephen details his journey into fatherhood and the book is full of the local area – shopping at Umina, walks along Pearl Beach and a desperate dash to Woy Woy for eco-nappies."

The event will be held at The Boathouse Waterfront Restaurant in Kooilewong and is organised by Book Bazaar of Umina.

Press release, 30 Sep 2009  
Mandi McIntosh, Book Bazaar

## Celebration of progress

**Pearl Progress Association will hold a celebration on the beach on Saturday, October 10, to commemorate 80 years of progress and community involvement.**

"Pearl Beach residents have a long history of community spirit, always ready to lobby local government, to improve and update village infrastructure, and to ensure that the fragile environment is cared for," association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico said.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Firewise Group and the Save Pearl Beach Rock Pool fund.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music Jazz Quartet.

The Rural Fire Service information van will also be on hand to inform and update on their activities.

Two vintage fire trucks will be on display.

Ms Lillico said a new book, Pearl Beach and Progress – the story of a community and an ideal 1929 – 2009 by Beverly Kingston, would be launched at the event.

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

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Currently, she is battling with The Beatles.

Their remasters hit the English charts at 5, 6, 9, 10, 21, 24, 29, 31, 33, 37 and 38.

Dame Vera is at number one with 'We'll Meet Again – The Very Best of Vera Lynn'.

Dame Vera recorded the song 'We'll Meet Again' 70 years ago, when she was just 22 years old.

The song became the theme

for soldiers in World War II. Dame Vera, born in London in 1917, had her last number one in 1952, more than a decade before The Beatles first hit the charts.

The new CD is available from Ducks Crossing Publications online at [www.tradandnow.com](http://www.tradandnow.com) at \$30 plus \$4 postage or by phone order. - 4344 1844





## Retrospective photographic exhibition held

**A retrospective exhibition of photos by John Hearder will be held as part of Pearl Beach's 80th anniversary celebrations across the weekend of October 10 and 11.**

"John Hearder was honored as both a war hero and for his outstanding professional work as a photographer," Pearl Beach Progress Association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico said.

"Commander Hearder won the distinguished service cross for valor as commanding officer of a flotilla clearing mines during World War II.

"Toward the end of the war the British Admiralty set up a photographic unit for the British Fleet in the Pacific based in Sydney and put Commander Hearder in charge.

"Travelling through the Pacific war theatre he was one of the first into Changi prisoner of war camp, capturing haunting images.

"He was also on board battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay for the signing of the peace treaty.

"A selection of war images will be included in the exhibition.

"He has been described as a hero with an eye for beauty and in 1949 he set up his own photographic studio in Sydney and became synonymous with glamour

portraits, nudes and wedding photographs with their dramatic lighting and individual style that so attracted a celebrity clientele.

"He was official photographer for the Australian Ballet and Australian Opera and among his famous clientele of celebrities were Australians June Dally-Watkins, Lorrae Desmond, Jack Davey, Chips Rafferty and Margo Lee, and famous stars including Vivienne Leigh and Sir Robert Helpmann.

"Margaret Hearder, widow of John Hearder, has loaned her private collection depicting Sydney's social history from the end of the Second World War until the 1970s when John retired to spend more time taking on new interests including pottery."

Ms Lillico said a special exhibition preview had been planned for October 9, from 5pm to 7pm at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

The official opening will take place on October 10, from 2pm, with special guests Ms June Dally-Watkins and Ms Lorrae Desmond.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 12pm to 5pm across the weekend.

Entry is by donation to the Pearl Beach Save the Rock Pool fund.

**Press release, 21 Sep 2009  
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach  
Progress Association**



*Poets are led through Pearl Beach arboretum by local resident Geoffrey Miller*

## Haiku at arboretum

**Pearl Beach Crommelin Native Arboretum played host to 57 haiku writers from across the world for the fourth annual Haiku Pacific Rim Conference on September 25.**

Event convenor and president of the Australian Haiku Society Ms Beverley George of Pearl Beach said it was great to have the opportunity to showcase the local region to haiku writers from seven different countries for the first conference of its kind held in Australia.

Among the delegates were cofounder of the first Haiku Pacific Rim Conference Mr Jerry Ball from USA and convenors of the second and third conferences Ms Yoshimura Ikuyo and Ms Noma

Minako from Japan.

"Haiku are brief poems, which originated over 400 years ago in Japan, and celebrate the natural world," Ms George said.

"Pearl Beach Crommelin Native Arboretum was the perfect venue to inspire our 57 haiku writers.

"The conference was a lively one with visits to Gosford Edogawa Gardens and to the Australian Reptile Park and a full day presentation of papers at Terrigal.

"Our final stop was Pearl Beach, where delegates were guided through the Crommelin Arboretum by local residents Gillian Telford, Marion Stevens, Geoff Miller and David George, before posting up their best haiku from the reptile park and Pearl Beach on specially decorated boards in the Pearl

Beach Memorial Hall.

"Pearl Beach residents Keith Cahill and Robert Lillico decorated the boards on which the haiku were pasted for peer judging, with eye-catching photographs of local flora and fauna. "Hall decoration and registering of the poems for voting was conducted by Mandy Harris, Judy Matheson, Nel Iliffe, Margaret Walklate and Nance Miller all of whom live in Pearl Beach and the lunch was enthusiastically attended by people from the Peninsula and from Sydney."

The fourth Haiku Pacific Rim Conference was supported by a cultural grant from Gosford Council.

**Press release, 1 Oct 2009  
Beverley George, Australian  
Haiku Society**

## Woodwind finalists play at Wagstaffe

**Finalists for the Bouddi Society's Central Coast Conservatorium Woodwind Scholarship will perform at the Wagstaffe Hall on Sunday, October 25.**

Local residents and visitors to the area are invited to attend an afternoon by the bay enjoying the musical talent of local woodwind musicians.

The group will appear before the Central Coast Conservatorium panel of adjudicators to decide a senior and junior scholarship recipient.

The scholarship will cover tuition fees for each division winner while the encouragement award winner

will take home \$1000 on behalf of the Bouddi Society.

All six finalists including three junior and three senior musicians will each perform for around 15 minutes.

Also appearing will be this year's scholarship winners Ms Selina Foo (senior, clarinet) and Ms Alyse Faith (junior, flute), who both appeared before a highly appreciative audience in a Variety Concert staged by the Bouddi Society at the Wagstaffe Hall in April.

Admission to the 2.30pm performance is free however a gold coin donation is welcome.

**Newsletter, 29 Sep 2009  
Bouddi Society**

## Returned to the Peninsula

**Singer Doreen Van Bree has returned to the Peninsula after a 16-year absence accomplished and has begun to offer singing lessons from her Umina home.**

Ms Van Bree has had a successful musical career appearing on Brian Henderson's Bandstand several times in the 1960s and performing at clubs around NSW.

Born in Holland, Ms Van Bree studied classical piano and the organ and at the age of 10 had her

first stage performance where she played Clemente's Sonata.

Ms Van Bree's family moved to Australia when she was 12 and she quickly took an interest in the popular music of the time.

In 1961, she was crowned Miss NSW Charity Queen in the Miss Australia Quest.

Over the next 30 years Ms Van Bree performed around the Central Coast and Sydney as well as teaching singing and music.

In 1990, she left the Peninsula to travel around Australia.

When in Murwillumbah, she was

invited to be the musical director in David Johnstone's musical Ghengis featuring a 14-piece orchestra which she conducted.

Ms Van Bree decided to stay in the Tweed Valley and taught singing in Murwillumbah and at the Tweed Music Academy for 10 years.

Ms Van Bree has moved back to the Central Coast to be closer to her family and is now retired but still takes on the occasional singing student.

**Letter, 2 Oct 2009  
Doreen Van Bree, Umina**

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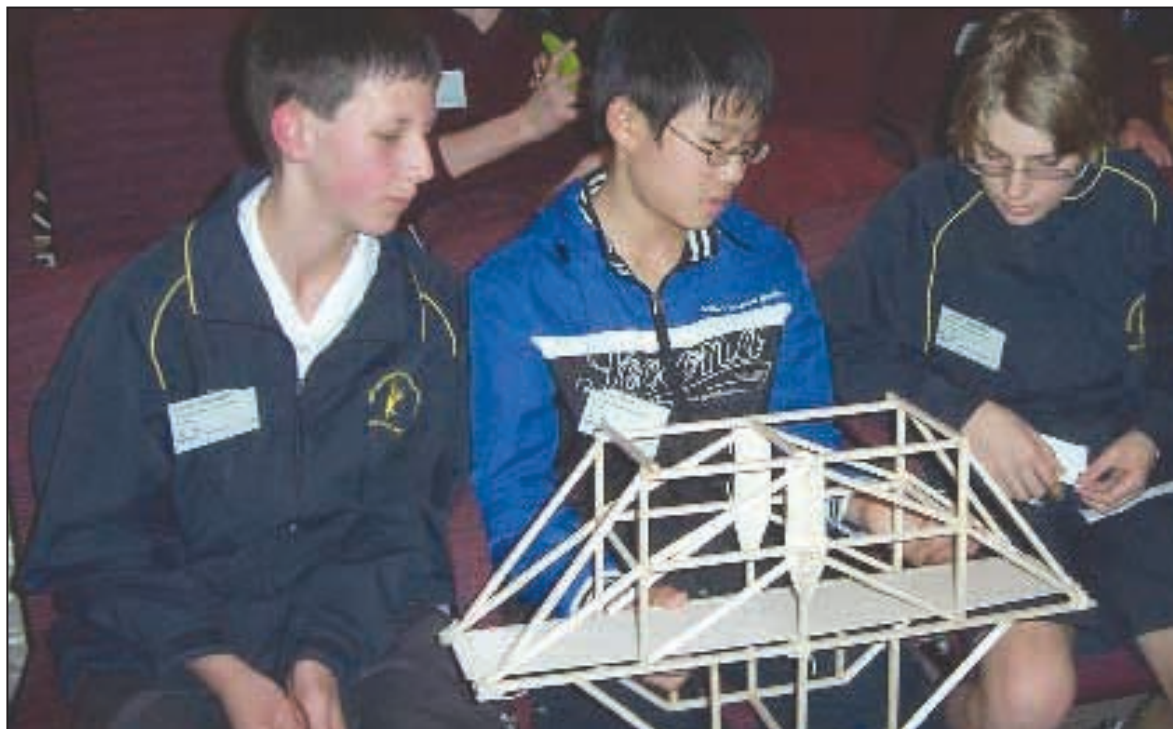
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**Education**



## Students build bridges

Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus competed in the Bridge to Education competition at the Art Gallery of NSW recently.

The annual bridge building competition is for Year 8 and 9 students to encourage them to engage in engineering activity and see the different roles that engineering can play in our communities.

More than 100 schools, both public and private from across

NSW and the ACT, entered with Umina Campus represented by Liam Flanagan, Daniel Kim and Tarren Tweedie.

The group of Year 8 students all had an interest in engineering.

"The challenge involved the students constructing a bridge that spanned over 60 cm, but no wider than 14 cm," staff member Mr Joshua Wade said.

"The bridge was constructed from a limited amount of materials sent to the school before the judging day.

"It was then tested to observe

what weight it could hold before any structural joint faulted.

"The bridge that was constructed weighed only 90 grams but held 32 kilograms before the first joint snapped.

"This result was more than competitive with most of the other schools," said Mr Wade.

"The winning bridge held an impressive 135 kilograms before the first fault."

**Newsletter, 30 Sep 2009  
Frank Gasper, Brisbane Water  
Secondary College Umina Campus**

## Student hosting encouraged

Students from Woy Woy South Public School are being encouraged to take on a foreign exchange student in January and February of next year.

"Students aged 15 to 18 years from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for five or 10 months," school principal Mr Terry Greedy said.

"Opportunities exist for our students to act as host families in

a volunteer capacity.

"Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

"Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia.

"This is a great way to learn about a different country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill."

**Newsletter, 15 Sep 2009  
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy  
South Public School**

## St John's school fete

St John the Baptist will hold its school fete on Saturday, October 24.

School publicity officer Ms Stacey Saul said it had been two years since the school held its last fete.

"The fete committee, with the support of parents and donations made by business, has been preparing for the fete," Ms Saul said.

"The day's fun will include show rides, pony rides, chocolate wheel, live band, games for the kids and plenty to eat.

"There will be Devonshire teas, cakes, bric-a-brac, plants, coffee cart, barbecue lunch, fairy floss, face painting, fairy makeovers, tombola, lucky dips, second-hand books and second-hand clothes."

The fete will take place within the school grounds from 10am to 3pm.

Entry to the school fete can be found via the Dulkara Rd or Veron Rd.

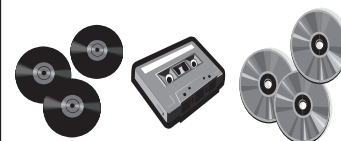
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Stacey Saul, St John the  
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## School wins canteen awards

Two canteen managers from Woy Woy South Public School have received awards from the Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health for providing healthy food choices to students.

Ms Michelle Krucler and Ms Linda Harding were each presented with Healthy Canteen Awards from a health department representative at a school assembly on September 21.

School principal Mr Terry Greedy said it was great to see

Ms Harding and Ms Krucler's hard work recognised.

"This award is a very prestigious award and one that is highly sort after by canteens across the Central Coast," Mr Greedy said.

"To receive this recognition is an outstanding achievement and clearly reflects the professional approach adopted by our canteen managers and an indication of the quality menu they offer our students."

**Newsletter, 22 Sep 2009  
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy  
South Public School**

## Farewell donation

Woy Woy Public School has accepted a \$100 donation that will go towards the school's Year 6 Farewell event at the end of the year.

School leader Rachel Riston accepted the donation at a Woy Woy supermarket recently.

**Newsletter, 22 Sep 2009  
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy  
Public School**

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## School to save on paper

**Woy Woy South Public School is encouraging students to minimise the amount of paper used at the school by handing over notes to parents as soon as they arrive home.**

According to school principal Mr Terry Greedy, students need to get into a routine to ensure staff don't have to reprint and redistribute information.

"In this present economic climate, everyone is finding it hard to make ends meet," Mr Greedy said.

"Schools are no different and we are constantly reviewing practices within the school to identify ways we can save on expenditure.

"One of our biggest financial commitments comes from the purchase of paper so we are continually looking to decrease

the amount of paper used at the school.

"One area in which we seem to be using an unacceptable amount of paper is in having to recopy and redistribute notes that have previously been given to students but are lost before they arrive at home.

"It would be helpful if parents were to help students get into a routine of getting notes out of their bags as soon as they arrive home.

"In this way hopefully less notes will disappear, get torn or dumped in the bin and we will have fewer requests for new notes.

"Over a period of a year this will result in substantial savings in paper used and money spent on photocopying."

Newsletter, 22 Sep 2009  
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School



## Aboriginal flag-raising

**Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus celebrated the achievement of its Student Representative Council with a special flag raising ceremony on September 28.**

The student council body achieved its year-long goal of raising enough money to erect a dedicated flag pole to fly the Aboriginal flag.

Student Representative Council coordinator and Aboriginal studies teacher Ms Liesl Tesch said the students deserved congratulations for their commendable efforts.

"It's great to see our students reach this goal at this exciting time in Aboriginal history.

"They have showed great respect and initiative in embracing Aboriginal culture and this will be a huge legacy left behind by this year's SRC."

College principal Mr Steve Harris also praised the efforts of the school's student representative council and said it was testament to their commitment and acknowledgement of indigenous heritage and culture.

"The college currently has enrolled more than 150 students from years' seven to 12 making up nine per cent of the student population," Mr Harris said.

"This is higher than the national average for state schools while

our indigenous students perform extremely well against the national average.

"The flying of the Aboriginal flag at the school is just a stepping stone in promoting and encouraging Aboriginal culture and heritage in the school community.

"This is a rich culture that we need to acknowledge and nurture."

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal attended the flag raising ceremony as the school's special guest.

Ms Neal said she was honoured to be invited to attend the school's special event.

"The SRC has worked hard to achieve a worthy goal," Ms Neal said.

"The flag will recognise the special place the Aboriginal nations have in our community.

"It will celebrate the achievements they have won and their contribution to Australian culture and society.

"I commend the SRC for their hard work, the broadness of their vision and their success in developing partnerships with the wider community across the Central Coast."

Ms Neal presented the SRC with an Australian and an Aboriginal flag, which was raised aloft during the ceremony.

Four commemorative trees were also planted in the school's

bush tucker garden as part of the ceremony.

The school's vice captain Joe Grauner said the efforts of the student body reflected well on the college motto "strength through unity".

"From this day on we would like the flag to represent the respect and appreciation for Australia's first people both here at Brisbane Water Secondary College and in the wider community," Mr Grauner said.

Speech, 28 Sep 2009  
Steve Harris, Brisbane Water Secondary College principal  
Press release, 28 Sep 2009  
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson

## School changes evacuation routes

**Woy Woy South Public School has altered its emergency evacuation routes following the start of construction work for a new covered outdoor learning area.**

School principal Mr Terry Greedy said the changes were made after a parent notified the school of a "flaw" in the previous evacuation plan.

"Prior to commencement of the work, I was involved in a meeting with representatives from Williams River Steel, the Department of Commerce and the Department of Education," Mr Greedy said.

"The meeting outlined a timeline for construction and identified safety issues relevant to the worksite.

"At the end of the meeting I was confident all safety issues had been covered.

"Fortunately, a concerned parent contacted me on the first day the safety fence was erected and pointed out a flaw in the evacuation plan created by the position of the fence."

Mr Greedy said the parent's concerns were relayed to the Department of Commerce site manager and changes were made to ensure emergency evacuation routes were available for all rooms.

"Sometimes the most obvious situation goes unnoticed by those heavily involved," Mr Greedy said.

Newsletter, 22 Sep 2009  
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School

## School musical

**A group of Empire Bay Public School students performed in the school's musical recently.**

School principal Ms Sharon McEvoy said the school community was entertained by acting, dancing, singing, acrobatics and instrumental performances.

Ms McEvoy said the evening performance proved a huge success while the matinee show was rescheduled due to a power failure."

The school performance was written, produced and directed by Ms Vickie Jones and Ms Angie Eastwood.

Newsletter, 24 Sep 2009  
Sharon McEvoy, Empire Bay Public School

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Education



## Prizes at cattle shows

**Brisbane Water Secondary College agricultural students have won prizes at the Central Coast Steer Show at Gosford Showground as well as the Quirindi Prime Stock Show.**

College principal Mr Steve Harris said the school was "well represented and very successful". "Students entered a steer and a heifer in the hoof and hook, ending up with reserve champion on the hoof in the Central Coast competition," Mr Harris said.

"A third animal was entered in the non-kill section which won its class.

"The students did equally well in

their efforts.

"The junior judging saw the senior team go on to win and the junior team come second against some very stiff opposition.

"In the individual judging Year 10 student Alex Aubrey of our Woy Woy campus placed third; an excellent result considering the opposition on the day."

Mr Harris said the team of students that travelled to the Quirindi Prime Stock Show were also a credit to the school and received "a number of glowing reports on their behaviour as well as their overwhelming success".

"The school took three steers, a heifer, one pen of sheep and one

pig to the show," Mr Harris said.

"Against some 20 other schools we won grand champion and reserve champion on the hoof. "In addition, the sheep placed third in their class.

"The students had just as much success taking out first, second and third in both the sheep and pig junior judging.

"Parading saw many ribbons won in the novice paraders section as well as junior champion Lauren Lees who only narrowly lost to the senior champion for grand champion parader."

**Press release, 29 Sep 2009  
Steve Harris, Brisbane Water Secondary College**

## Art club started

**Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus has started an art club for students outside normal school hours.**

School principal Mr Frank Gasper said the club invited students to stay back at school every Tuesday and take part in extra art activities.

"The students have been working on a variety of artworks of their own choice," Mr Gasper said.

"Some are finishing artworks they have started in class.

"Others are happy drawing manga characters or creating anime, whilst some find it a great time to experiment with different media, including paint and charcoals.

"There is a large acrylic painting on canvas coming along well and the students are free to bring along

any artworks or ideas they'd like to receive advice for.

"Each week the kids sit down and share some snacks and afternoon tea with other creative people.

"The past couple of weeks we were lucky enough to have some brightly coloured clay.

"The students created their own 3D characters to take home.

"We were also lucky to have four sets of paintbrushes in canvas roll-up holders donated by Heather Durbin.

"Each week we have been taking the names of the students who attend art club and at the end of the term we will present a set of paintbrushes as a prize to a student whose name gets drawn from the hat."

**Newsletter, 30 Sep 2009  
Frank Gasper, Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus**

## Landscaping after asbestos find

**Large areas of Umina Public School will be landscaped and remodelled after asbestos fragments were discovered at the school.**

School principal Mr Chris Andrews said an onsite meeting to plan remedial action to protect students from any risk was held subsequently.

"The meeting included senior officers from the Department of Education and Training and members of our school council," Mr Andrews.

"The meeting lasted for well over an hour and included detailed examination of all parts of the school site.

"The results of the meeting

were acceptable to all parties and should be in place before the end of the holidays.

"The work will include substantial areas of new concrete, large areas of mulch, new seating in some areas, new turf in some areas and top dressing of other areas.

"Once it is all finished the play areas will be safer and look much better.

"Work on the playground near the SaCC centre will have to wait until the new building is complete and the demountables are removed at which stage that area will be landscaped and rehabilitated."

**Newsletter, 15 Sep 2009  
Chris Andrews, Umina Public School**

## Students create animations

**A group of 27 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus enjoyed a Digital Animation Workshop recently, creating short animated films using clay.**

Visual design students from Years 7 to 9 used eight laptops, video cameras, stages and mountains of colourful clay with the

help of Digi-Ed, a Sydney digital animation company.

Visual arts teacher Ms Tullia Price said the students had a wonderful and unique experience at the workshop.

"The process took the entire school day starting out with storyboarding, building their own clay characters and designing and drawing a series of backdrops," Ms Price said.

"Each group filmed their one-minute animations, made up of about 12 still camera shots per second.

"Hundreds of photos made up their final film.

"After lunch the students edited their films, added sound tracks and sound effects, titles and credits.

"The crazy adventures of ice creams, diving boards, transforming dogs, true love and bus catastrophes made up only some of the adventurous narratives.

"Our groups of creative movie makers had films of their own to take home and a much greater appreciation of the animated film industry."

**Newsletter, 30 Sep 2009  
Tullia Price, Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus**

**Empire Bay Public School received a visit from the Camp Quality Puppets late last month.**

School principal Ms Sharon McEvoy said the educational program using life-size puppets delivered a fun and positive message about supporting children living with cancer and other serious illnesses.

"The information shared aims to help children heighten their awareness of the need to care for and support others who may look, or be a little different, particularly because of physical problems, such as hair loss, because of cancer treatment."

**Newsletter, 24 Sep 2009  
Sharon McEvoy, Empire Bay Public School**

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## Happy days at the Beach Cafe

**The place was really jumping. Dozens of teenagers were dancing frenetically to the beat of the latest hits.**

Others were scattered around the various cubicles or standing around the jukebox waiting to make their next selection.

Coloured subdued lighting, combined with music and the drift of cigarette smoke, set the atmosphere.

Parked outside was an interesting collection of motor cars including a Vauxhall, a Vanguard, a 1927 Chevie open tourer (owned by Neil Mottlee), an FJ Holden sporting on its bonnet a chrome swan with pink fluoro wings and, my favourite, a brilliant red MG TF with whitewall tyres.

You could be forgiven for thinking that you had wandered onto the set of a Happy Days movie and that at any time The Fonz would appear and greet Richie and all the good looking girls with his characteristic "Aye" with both thumbs up.

Alas, this was not Arnolds but the Beach Cafe which, in the 50s, was located on the corner of The Esplanade and Trafalgar Ave, Umina.

Within weeks of our arrival in Umina in 1951, my parents entered into a contract to purchase the Beach Cafe from Rene Hawkins who conducted an estate agency and milk bar on the premises.

Wescrapedalltheadvertisements from the windows and carried out substantial renovations in time for the holiday season.

Shortly afterwards, we received the shattering news from Gosford Shire Council (as it then was)



that the shop was in the way of the Ocean Beach Improvement Scheme and we were told to vacate the premises to allow the work to proceed.

There was no offer of compensation.

What followed then was six years of persecution and bitter vilification, including numerous meetings with council, local politicians and even the consul general.

We received a lot of assistance from a local solicitor and a prominent Sydney barrister but eventually my parents gave up and purchased a coffee lounge in Rose Bay, leaving yours truly to run the milk bar and biscuit factory.

In no time at all, we acquired a jukebox and hamburger grill, and the milk bar soon became a gathering place for local teenagers, as well as catering to the beach crowd.

Sunday nights proved really

popular with regular rock and roll dances, and local musicians playing brackets between records.

Even Frank Ifield used to pop in occasionally after appearing in a local concert.

Every so often, we were visited by out of town motor cycle clubs including the White Knights from Manly and the Moon Men from Hornsby.

Unlike some of their notorious counterparts today, club members were all well behaved and courteous, with most of the boys from Manly riding immaculate Triumph 500s which they used to park in single file along the beach.

One fellow from the Hornsby club was known to all and sundry as Sexy Cyril.

He was huge and would have made a great Sumo wrestler.

He rode a big Harley with sidecar, which didn't stop him from doing the occasional doughnut upon his arrival.

Once in the shop, the timber floorboards creaked under his impressive weight and even the termites underneath would run for cover.

In spite of his fearsome appearance, he was a lovely bloke with a great sense of humour, although the girls may have found him slightly less than irresistible.

The first jukebox only played twelve 78's and we soon upgraded to a new model which could play vinyl 45's (on both sides).

Local artists like Johnny

O'Keefe, Col Joye, Lucky Starr, the Delltones and Little Pattie were well represented.

The occasional romantic ballad was also appreciated by those teenagers in the throes of first love, with Dream by the Everly Brothers and Love me Tender by Elvis being the most played.

In addition to the jukebox, we also had a record player which came into use late in the evening when most of the crowd had gone home.

Friends of mine had introduced me earlier to the glories of jazz and soon we were listening to the likes of Dave Brubeck, Errol Gardner, Oscar Peterson, Miles Davis and Ella Fitzgerald.

We also discovered the excitement of the big bands.

Duke Ellington, Stan Kenton, Lionel Hampton and the incomparable Louis Armstrong were the records most requested, with the Carnegie Hall Concert by Benny Goodman, Golden Wedding by Artie Shaw, and anything by the George Shearing Quintet running a close second.

The golden and carefree years of the Beach Cafe came to an end in the late 50s when the shop was finally demolished, only to be replaced years later by a carpark.

Letter, 25 Sep 2009

Fred Landman, Daleys Point

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Many events listed take place at the following locations:

**BFC**, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

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

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

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

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

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

**EPH**, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

**ESCC**, Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, Cnr Karingi St & Broken Bay Rd Ettalong, enq: 4341 3222  
CLOSED TEMPORARILY, Call 4325 8292 for relocation details

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

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

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

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

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

**RBG**, 207 West Street Umina - 0409774467

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

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

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

**WVEC**, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 267 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 5333

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

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

## DAILY EVENTS

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

**Playtime** Mon-Fri 9am, Little Gym **PCYC**

**Better Hearing Class** Mon-Fri 1.45pm, **ESCC**

## TUESDAY

### First Tuesday of every month

**Buffalo Primo Lodge** No 9, 7pm, **UCH**.

**The Peninsula Environment Group (PEG)**, 6.30pm, more info @ www.peg.org.au **WVEC**

### Second Tuesday of every month

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

**Get Together** afternoon tea, **ESCC**

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

**Stroke recovery** group, 11am,

**PCC**.

**Diabetics Support Group**, 10am, **ECC**

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

### Third Tuesday of every month

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

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

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

**ACF meeting**, 7.30pm, **WVEC**

### Fourth Tuesday of every month

**Toastmasters**, 7.15pm, **EBWMC**

**Combined Pensioners** assoc afternoon tea, enq: 4341 3222, **ESCC**

### Every Tuesday

**Free herbal clinic**, enq: 0437 401 810 **PWHC**

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

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

**Silk craft** 10am

**Mums & bubs playgroup** 1pm

**Pastel classes for kids** 4pm **RBG**

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

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

**U3ADiscussion Groups**, 11am;

**Cards**, 1pm-3pm; **Over 55s Learn to Play Bridge**, 1pm; **Playgroup**, 9am; **Occasional Care**, 9am-3pm;

**The Web**, From 2pm;

**Dance & Theatre School**, 3.45pm; **Kids Belly Dancing**, 4.30pm;

**Physical Culture Ladies**, 7.15pm-9pm; **Motivation & Empowerment classes**; **Craft**, 9am, **PCC**

**Rotary Club of Woy Woy**, 6pm, **ECC**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## WEDNESDAY

### First Wednesday of every month

**CWA** 10am, handicrafts, enq: 4372 2069

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

### Second Wednesday of every Month

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

**Woy Woy Auxiliary**, 10am, enq: 4344 2599

**Probus Club** Umina Beach, 9.30am, **ECC**

**CWA** 10am, handicrafts, enq: 4372 2069

### Third Wednesday of every Month

**Wrap With Love** knitting group 10am, **PWHC**

### Fourth Wednesday of every month

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

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

**Drumballa Drum Circle** 7.30 **RBG**

### Every Wednesday

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

**PWHC**

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

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

**Craft for love & Garden club** 10am **RBG**

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

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

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

**Physical Culture Club**, 3.30pm; **Coast Care Counselling**; **Weight Watchers**, 6pm; **Belly Dancing**, 7pm and 8pm;

**Dance & Theatre School**, 3.30pm; **Motivation & Empowerment** classes;

**Brisbane Water Scrabble Group**, 6pm; **St John Ambulance Service Peninsula Division meeting** 7.30pm

**PCC**

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

**Seniors fitness**, 9am, enq: 4332 8550; **Woy Woy Judo Club**, 5.30pm, enq 0434000170 **EPH**

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

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

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

**Handicraft**, 9am, enq: 4341 1073, **CWA**

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

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

**Dance Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC**

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

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

**Yoga**, 2.30pm **ESCC**

## THURSDAY

### First Thursday of every month

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

### Second Thursday of every month

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

**Australiana Bus Trips**, **PCC**

### Third Thursday of every month

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

### Fourth Thursday of every month

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

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

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

**Every Thursday**

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

**Creative Writing**, enq: 4369 1187, **CWA**

**Occasional Care**, 9am; **Yoga**, 10am; **School for Seniors**,

**Australiana**, 10.30am; **Bridge**, 12pm; **The Web**, 2pm; **Yoga**, 9.30am; **Coast Care Counselling**,

**Dance & Theatre School**, 3.30pm; **Motivation & Empowerment**

Classes; **Drumbala Kids Drumming** 4.30pm; **Adore Music Tuition** 4.30pm; **Community College courses** inc. painting, drawing, beading, languages and meditation; **Ballroom Dancing**, 9am, **PCC**

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

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

**Scrabble**, 12.30pm, **WWPH**

**Children's art classes**, 4.30pm, **EBACC**

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

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

**Cards** noon, **ESCC**

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

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

**Fairhaven Services Cash Housie**, Ettalong Bowling Club 7.30pm

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

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

**St John the Baptist Craft Group**, 9am to 12pm, \$3 for morning tea, all welcome, enq: 4344 2064, meet at

Walter Baker Hall (opp church)

**FRIDAY**

### First Friday of every month

**Legacy Ladies**, 9am, **EBWMC**

### Second Friday of every month

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

**RSL Sub Branch** meeting, 2.30pm, **EBWMC**

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

**Fourth Friday of every month**

South Bouddi Peninsula **Community Assoc**, 1.30pm, enq: 4360 1002, **WH**

**School for Seniors Bushwalking**; **Civilian widows**, 1pm, **ESCC**

**School for Seniors Bushwalking**, **PCC**

**Every Friday**

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

**Bingo**, 11.30am, enq: 4343 1664, **UCH**

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

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

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

**Watercolour Painting**, 10am, **EBACC**

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

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

**Peninsula Pastimes**, Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd, 9.30am, (Ex sch hols), **Primary Kids Club**, 4.30pm, enq: 4343 1237 **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 12.30pm, St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 7303

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

**Occasional Care**, 9am; **Kindy Gym**, 0-3s, 9.15am, 3-5s, 10.20am; **Weight Watchers**, 9.30am; **Smart Recovery**, 10am; **Bridge Club**, 12pm; **The Web**, 2.30pm; **Kempo Karate**, 5.30pm; **Dance & Theatre School 4pm U3A Courses**; Free financial counselling, alcoholics anonymous, 6pm; **Pilates**, 8.15am; **Overeaters Anonymous** 7.30pm; **Painting**, 9.30am, **PCC**

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

**Fishing Club**, **EBWM**

**Krait RSL Day Club**, 10:30am, Kooinda Village, enq: 4341 8151 **Fairhaven Services**

**Cash Housie**, East Gosford Progress Hall, 7.30pm

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

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

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

**Tai Chi** for blind or vision impaired, 2pm, enq: 4324 064 **Umina Uniting Church**

## month

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

**RSL Sub Branch** meeting, 2.30pm, **EBWMC**

# What's On in and around the Peninsula

## Second Saturday of every month

**Book Club**, 10:30am, enq: Mandy 4342 2482 **Alliance Française**, French conversation, 11am, enq:0412 252 709  
**Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group**, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy, 8am  
**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  
**Social Dance**, New vogue, old time, \$3 (inc. afternoon tea), 1pm, enq: 4344 3131, **ESCC**

## SUNDAY

### First Sunday of every month

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

### Second Sunday of every month

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

### Third Sunday of every month

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

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

### Fourth Sunday of every month

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

### Last Sunday of every month

**Alliance Française "La Petanque"** (the game of boules), 11am-5pm, enq: 0415 309 074  
**Lions Club** Boot Sale & Mini Market, Rogers Park Woy Woy, enq: 4341 4151  
**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,

# Students asked to help nesting birds

**Students at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus are being asked to be mindful of masked lapwing plovers' currently nesting on school grounds.**

School principal Mr Frank Gasper said it was extremely important for students to leave the birds alone while they raised their babies.

"The masked lapwing plover is a ground dwelling bird that has decided that our school is the perfect nesting ground," Mr Gasper said.

"The masked lapwing plover has a black patch on the top of its head and has a yellow face that people would say looks like a mask.

"They have a white neck with a black ring around it with a white stomach and brown wings.

"Unfortunately, kids in our school have been harassing these birds and harming the babies -therefore they have become



rather aggressive.

"The plovers are located out on the oval and are trying to keep their young safe and well.

"Although the breeding period is short, because they nest on the ground they have to be protective in order for the babies to survive.

"They are threatened by magpies, kookaburras, cats and other domestic animals and humans, which make breeding season very challenging."

Newsletter, 30 Sep 2009  
 Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus

**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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**Under-7 Bunnies undefeated**

**Umina Junior Rugby League Football Club's Under-7s team has finished its season undefeated.**

According to team publicity officer Ms Kerri Elms, the team worked hard all season to achieve its "amazing result".

"It's been an amazing season for Umina Bunnies Under-7s," Ms Elms said.

"These young players didn't get to have a grand final because they are only in the juniors but that didn't stop these outstanding football players from having a fantastic season.

"The little Bunnies came out

undefeated but it wasn't easy for the boys as they worked hard to achieve this fantastic result and it could not have been done without a wonderful and dedicated coach in Phil Capell and trainers Dean Knott and Shane Fish."

Ms Elms said the team's last home game allowed them to show their coach and trainers "just what their made of".

"But this game was different to all the rest because the team's coach took to the sideline for the very first time and let his boys do their magic," Ms Elms said.

"The boys went on to show how much they had grown as a team with

great initiative and skill without their coach on the field.

"The boys played a huge amount of attack and defensive skills they had developed through their dedication and determination for the game."

Players in the Under-7s side were Jai Stokes, Jamie Capell, Kane Sliman, Brandan Hodge, Christian Pearson, Kody Fish-Capell, Jye Colivn, Jesse Knott, Tyson Little, Luke Moffitt and Kieran Holland.

The Woy Woy Bunnies junior club will hold its presentation day at Umina Oval on Sunday, October 18.

Press release, 30 Sep 2009  
 Kerri Elms, Umina Junior Rugby League Football Club

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**Players gave their best**

**Woy Woy Public School's junior and senior rugby league teams participated in the Woy Woy Cup on September 15.**

"The boys gave their very best in each of the matches they played, with our senior team achieving fourth place in the competition," team coordinator Mr Danial Betts said.

"The junior team played their best football against Empire Bay Public School in their second to last game, notching up an impressive victory.

"They met some very tough opposition in the form of Ettalong, St John the Baptist, Woy Woy South and Umina in their other games, but never gave up and thoroughly enjoyed themselves."

Mr Betts said the team consisted of Jacob Hanna, Mitchell Waddell, Allen

Sarayeldin, Ethan Church, Rayne Huddlestone, Tyler Kaye, Steven Sarayeldin, Rory Channon, Lachlan McShane, Jack Keenan, and Thomas Shaw.

"Mitchell Waddell and Lachlan McShane were the standout players on the day, tackling everything that moved and running the ball up with gusto," Mr Betts said.

"Our senior team played some of the best football they have played all year, recording victories against eventual winners Kariong and Empire Bay.

"In their semi-final outing, they had a 10-all draw with Woy Woy South, who were eventually awarded third place by virtue of the fact that they had scored the first try of the game."

"This was a fantastic result for the team, who were justifiably proud,

despite being entitled to feel that they deserved better.

The senior team consisted of Sean Downey, Ryan Avery, Joshua Sugden, Matthew Evans, Dean Sullivan, Braydon Jenkinson, Liam Stone, Coen Church, Zane Smith, Brandon Williams, Ali O'Brien, Jarrod Taylor, Lewis Cashin, Ryan Ball, Keegan Colwell, Liam Mercer, Jarod Weston and John Barlow.

"All players made valuable contributions, however Joshua Sugden, Coen Church, Jarrod Taylor, Brandon Williams, Ryan Avery, Dean Sullivan, Matthew Evans, Braydon Jenkinson and Liam Stone all received best and fairest points on the day," said Mr Betts.

Press release, 23 Sep 2009  
 Daniel Betts, Woy Woy Public School



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## Roosters sign new players

**Woy Woy Roosters have already started preparing for the coming season by signing a number of important players, according to club secretary Mr Peter Read.**

Mr Read said following the "popular appointment" of first grade coach Les Lowe, the club has begun formulating a senior squad with its first signing in this year's captain coach Jade Mason.

While surprising many with his decision, Mason said it was simply a matter of going out on the right note.

"There's no way I could finish playing for the Club with a season like that," Mason said. The imminent arrival of some experienced players to the club also helped the future Rooster's life member's decision a little easier.

"We struggled a bit in different areas last year and I was learning on the job as a coach, so it will be nice just to get out there and play next year," Mason said.

While negotiations continue with the bulk of this year's Roosters squad, along with some new faces to the club, Woy Woy has announced Ourimbah prop

forward Mick Maryska, Erina's goal kicking centre Matt Riddle and young Ourimbah back rower Jake Morris as its first new signings for next year's season.

"The club is also pleased to see the return of hooker Chris Hyde who last played for the Roosters in 2008 and missed all of this year due to a broken kneecap," Mr Read said.

"Both Maryska and Morris are Woy Woy Juniors returning to the club.

"Mick has played at first grade level on the Coast with Umina and Ourimbah for many years, is the brother of Roosters legend Dave Maryska and brings a wealth of experience with him.

"Jake Morris has played SG Ball Cup with Manly and first grade with the Magpies at 17, and is raring to go after having 2009 off.

"Local Ettalong resident and Everglades Country Club green keeper Matt Riddle was recently named Central Coast Rugby League Representative Player Of The Year and scored 154 Points for Erina this year.

"The speedy centre has first grade experience with South Sydney and will play a strong leadership role within the club.

"Staunch Roosters Sean Stevenson, Craig Rodgers, Scott Wilesmith and Dean Werner have re-signed with the club as has tough forward Jay Ramirez who missed 2009 with a knee injury."

Press release, 30 Sep 2009  
Peter Read, Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club

## Charity day raises \$4300

**Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club raised \$4300 in its annual charity day event on September 15.**

President Ms Gwen Jarratt presented a cheque to Ms Barbara Galvin from Shirley's Shuttle, a transport service for local cancer patients needing treatment.

According to club publicity officer Ms Kaye Cavanagh, money on the day was raised through raffles and stalls.

"This year the ladies were down on numbers so they decided to invite the men's club to join us," Ms Cavanagh said.

"The winners on the day were

T Murphy, M McHale L Anderson and I Hyde of Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club.

"Second place went to A Tuckcer, P Walsh, E Leggett and F Harper from Everglades Women's Bowling Club and third to V Brownley, T Ward, BJ Osborne and L Williams from Ettalong Women's Bowling Club.

"The two mystery prizes went to teams from the men's club.

"Our men are so charitable that all the money they won was donated back."

Press release, 21 Sep 2009  
Kaye Cavanagh, Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club

## Teams take to greens

**Twenty-six teams took to the greens for the inaugural Everglades Classic Ladies Triples competition recently.**

The tournament consisted of six games of 12 ends played over two days of three bowls triples.

"With one game remaining, there were only two teams that had recorded the maximum five wins (Umina and Terrigal) and a number of other teams sitting on four wins, sweating on the leaders to falter in the last round," according to Mr Bob Penson of Coast Bowls News.

"Their hopes were not realised however as the frontrunners both hung in there strongly.

"Eventual and outright winners were Dot Craber, Lyn Hodder and Yvonne Gordon from Umina with their six-win clean record.

"Second was the Terrigal side of Julie Syer, Irene Croker and Colleen McArdle with five-and-a-half wins.

"The next two places went to teams on five wins and fifth went to four-and-a-half wins."

Publication, 18 Sep 2009  
Bob Penson, Coast Bowls News

## Mingara Cup winners

**Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus' under-14s rugby union team defeated Northlakes to be crowned winners of the Mingara Cup recently.**

Coach Mr Larry Thomson said he was extremely proud of the team's efforts across the competition.

"This trophy is the symbol of schools rugby union supremacy on the Central Coast in that age group," Mr Thomson said.

"The team played exceptional rugby throughout the tournament and won all their games. "They defeated St Edwards College 29 to nil, Tumbi Umbi 33 to five, Green Point Christian

College 74 to five and Gosford 54 to five.

"They then defeated Northlakes High 41 to 17 in the final.

"Northlakes had won the northern pool of this competition but were no match for the Umina team in the final."

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Newsletter, 30 Sep 2009  
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# Juniors win major awards

**Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club achieved three major awards at this year's Central Coast Division of Junior Rugby League presentation night.**

Club president Mr Tim McParlane said the club was extremely proud to be recognised at this year's awards ceremony.

"Our Under-13/3s side, who were this year's grand final premiers, won both the Best Attacking International Team Division Two or Three Award and the Best Defensive International Team Division Two or Three Award," Mr McParlane said.

"Woy Woy Juniors were well represented at the awards night, and it was a very proud moment to see captain Jayden Beesley and vice captain Liam Whitfield accept these awards on behalf of their team.

Mr McParlane said the other major winner for the club was

Under-16/2s captain Mitchell Manson who took home the Division Under-16/2s Best and Fairest Player Award.

"Mitchell has at all times been a tremendous representative of Woy Woy Juniors both on and off the field," Mr McParlane said.

"It is a credit to Mitch's character, determination, passion and commitment to return this season following a very serious knee injury received in 2008, and to lead the Under-16/2s side this season.

"Mitchell received points awarded by referees in every match he played this season, this was a mark of his consistency with the ball in attack showing great skills and direction steering the team around the park as well as in defence and continuously putting his body on the line and punishing the opposition."

**Press release, 30 Sep 2009  
Russell Downey, Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club**



# Umina wins memorial trophy

**Umina Beach Bowling Club played host to the final of the Colin Manning Memorial Trophy on September 20.**

"This annual event which has been held since 1960 and is now contested between Guildford Bowling Club, Merrylands RSL, Doyalson/Wyee RSL and Umina

Beach Men's Bowling Club," club president Mr Ian Jarratt said.

"The trophy is held in honour of flying officer Colin Manning DFM RAAF who was killed in action on May 17, 1945.

"The trophy was donated in his honour by the family.

"This year's final was a hotly contested event between the four

clubs with Umina triumphant for the first time since being invited to contest the event with three wins.

"Runners-up were Guildford with two wins who held the trophy last year."

**Press release, 23 Sep 2009  
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