



Call for comment on carpark

The Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation is giving local residents and businesses the opportunity to make comment on the proposed expansion of the Woy Woy Commuter Car Park until December 23.

The State Government corporation has issued a "project update" featuring details about the proposed upgrade, an outline of proposed measures to manage traffic and parking impacts during construction (Review of Environmental Factors) and how to provide public feedback.

The Review of Environmental Factors will be on display at Woy Woy Library, Deepwater Plaza centre court, Gosford Council chambers and online at www.tidc.nsw.gov.au.

Following the review of feedback received, the corporation will make a determination about the project.

Construction is expected to start early next year and is likely to be

completed by early 2011.

During the period, around 390 of the 470 existing car park spaces would be temporarily closed and construction would cause traffic, noise and visual impacts.

Commuters will be required to park on level two and above of the existing multi-storey car park as well as to use a 230-space temporary car park located north of Woy Woy Oval adjacent to the existing car park.

Meanwhile, Deepwater Plaza shoppers would be required to park in the remaining 80 spaces of the Deepwater Plaza single-storey car park as well as on the ground level and level one of the multi-storey commuter car park.

"Feedback from the community and other stakeholders, including council and businesses, during the display of the Review of Environmental Factors will assist in finalising plans for managing traffic and parking during the construction of the new car park," the TIDC pamphlet stated.

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews said she had asked for an extended public display period to allow more community involvement since this time of the year was busy for families.

"The Review of Environmental Factors proposes parking and traffic changes during construction and I encourage the community to provide feedback to ensure that the project benefits from local input," Ms Andrews said.

"The public display of the Review of Environmental Factors is an important step in the delivery of the project.

"This milestone demonstrates the government's commitment to addressing the community's transport needs on the Central Coast."

Pamphlet, 26 Nov 2009

Website, 26 Nov 2009

TIDC

Press release, 26 Nov 2009

Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford

Council loses \$2.3M on investment

Gosford Council has announced it has sold one of its Lehman Brothers investments at 21.75 per cent of its face value for a loss of \$2.3 million.

The result has been described as "dismal" by the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

The council's director of corporate services Mr Nic Pasternatsky described the sale as "a beneficial outcome" and one that would have no detrimental impact on the council's capital works program and no effect on ratepayers.

He said council had identified a benefit in selling the property note rather than continuing on with the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy process in the USA.

"Despite incurring a loss of \$2.3 million from the sale of the property note, the return since 2002 is still over \$6 million more than the leading index over the same period."

However, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said it was "a dismal result".

"It doesn't matter how you dress this up, the council only received 21 cents in the \$1 on its investment.

"The fact is, if the money had been invested in secure products, we would have a lot more funds to spend on community works than we do now."

Mr Wales said: "The business community fails to see how losing almost 80 per cent of your investment, even after adding back the interest earned, is a beneficial outcome.

Mr Wales said that the chamber was still unsure if the Section 94 and Water and Sewerage trust funds had been reimbursed to the trust accounts that had previously been diverted to the offshore and CDO investments.

"Council claims to have made \$54.4 million net profit on its investments since 2002," Mr Wales said.

"The business community would like to know where those funds have gone.

"The chamber is seeking an assurance that all these funds have been returned and that the Section 94 works schedule will be completed within the time periods promised.

"Let's not forget that these trust funds were paid by developers and property owners for the construction of infrastructure works such as roads, drainage footpaths and community facilities."

Mr Wales said: "This is the first of 33 products with a face value of \$55 million that will mature over the next five years.

"This first loss is consistent with council's previous estimates that Gosford ratepayers could be out of pocket by up to \$40 million."

Mr Pasternatsky said: "The money returned to council will be utilised for local community works, such as roads and footpaths.

"This offers a beneficial outcome, rather than entering the drawn out bankruptcy process and associated legal expense in the USA with funds being locked up for possibly more than five years.

"Council commenced on its investments in Collateralised Debt Obligations in 2002 and to date has secured a net profit of \$54.4 million.

"The investment returns are utilised in the provision of works and services to the local community."

Press release, 23 Nov 2009

Nic Pasternatsky,

Gosford Council

Press release, 23 Nov 2009

Matthew Wales, Peninsula

Chamber of Commerce

Council director dismisses complaints reports

A Gosford Council director has dismissed reports showing that the council was the second most complained about council in the 2008-2009 financial year.

The council's director of community services and organisational development, Mr Terry Thirlwell, said that it was "more than likely" that complaints were duplicated and, in any case, there was no formal investigation and no adverse findings.

Gosford Council had a total of 76 complaints made against it, according to reports from the NSW Ombudsman and the Department of

Local Government.

The NSW Ombudsman received 28 complaints against Gosford Council in the last financial year, while the Department of Local Government received 48 complaints.

Minister for Local Government Ms Barbara Perry said the number of complaints received by the department made Gosford Council the second most complained about NSW council for the 2008-2009 financial year.

However, council's director of community services and organisational development Mr Terry Thirlwell said: "The report released by the Division of Local

Government specifically states that the number of complaints received can be inaccurate where a specific issue attracts a large number of complaints.

"For instance, several complaints could be made against council following the approval or rejection of a specific development application," Mr Thirlwell said.

"What is also important to note when reviewing the reports is that no formal investigations were carried out as a result of any of the complaints received from the Ombudsman and the Department of Local Government, nor did any adverse findings against council

eventuate.

"Gosford Council is a water, supply and sewerage organisation unlike many other councils listed in the Ombudsman's report, such as Sydney," Mr Thirlwell said.

"This means we are dealing with a lot more issues and projects.

Mr Thirlwell said that the reports were reviewed by the performance management audit unit of council and improvements would be made accordingly.

He said the numbers of complaints received by the Ombudsman had improved dramatically since the 2004-2005 financial year when it received 54 complaints, and also

improved on 2007-2008 by nine complaints.

A council staff report stated that of the 48 complaints against council in the NSW Ombudsman's report, 11 were declined based on insufficient interest and trivial in nature while 17 were assessed and required only preliminary or informal investigations.

Press release, 22 Nov 2009

Barbara Perry, Minister

for Local Government

Council agenda COM.46,

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Clare Graham, 25 Nov 2009

Interviewee: Terry Thirlwell, Gosford Council

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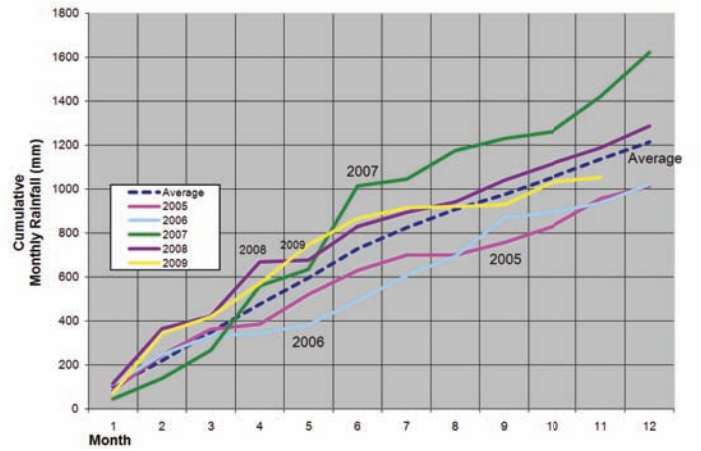
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Cumulative Monthly Rainfall by Year



Lowest rainfall in five years

The Peninsula has had the lowest November rainfall in five years with just 22.8mm being recorded up to last Friday.

The monthly figure is about one quarter of the monthly average for November of 83.5mm. Rainfall figures, supplied by Mr

Jim Morrison of Woy Woy, show that three of the four last months have had the lowest rainfall in five years.

With just 2.9mm and 7.7mm, August and September rainfall was well below the average of 81.7mm and 69.4mm for those months.

The October rainfall of 103.9mm was the highest in five years and around 30 per cent above the average of 76.9mm for the month.

However, this was not enough to make up for the shortfall in the other months.

Rainfall for the year stands at 1054mm at the end of November compared to a year-to-date average of 1137mm.

Spreadsheet, 27 Nov 2009
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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Winners

Winners of the Peninsula News Movie Pass Giveaway have been drawn.

Winners were Ms Carol Mumford of Blackwall, Ms Joan Bessant of Umina, Ms Marlene Ferguson of Woy Woy, Ms Nancy Savetta of Booker Bay, S Smith of Ettalong and Mr Doug Mason of St Hubert's Island.

Each winner has won a double pass to see a film of their choice at the Cinema Paradiso in Ettalong Beach.

Clare Graham, 27 Nov 2009

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Students call for return of Parthenon sculptures

Students at Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus have begun a petition to return the Parthenon sculptures from the British Museum to their place of origin in Greece.

Ancient history students from the college have joined 17 countries from around the world in support of the cause.

Woy Woy Campus heard a lecture by Mr David Hill, a delegate of the International Association for the Reunification of the Parthenon Sculptures.

Mr Hill spoke of the current issues surrounding the Parthenon sculptures to senior students from the college as well as students from Erina High School, Kincumber High School and Narara High School.

Five Year 12 Ancient History students including Emma Somogyi, Lauren Thorpe, Chelsea Walker, Tegan Miller and Shannon Ryan ran a petition at Erina Fair as part of Hellenic Week last month.

The petition will be sent to the British Museum with the hope that the Parthenon sculptures return home, according to Lauren.

"The British Museum is refusing to return the sculptures back to Greece because they believe they acquired them under the proper applicable International Law that existed at the time," she said.

"But, in 1982, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation passed a law stating that all antiquities are to be returned to their place of origin.

"It is now time for the British

Museum to return to sculptures back to Greece where they will be held in the New Acropolis Museum.

"In the period of 1801 to 1812, a British ambassador received permission that allowed him to paint, examine and copy the works that were on the Parthenon temple in Athens, Greece.

"Instead, he removed 247 feet of the original 524 of the horizontal band between the architrave and cornice at the top of the temple.

"He also took a variety of other architectures off and from around the Parthenon.

"When he returned to England, he sold all the sculptures to the British Museum where they have been for 200 years."

Fellow student Emma Somogyi said her interest in the Parthenon sculptures began after a school trip to Greece earlier this year.

"When I visited the Acropolis on our school's European trip in April this year, our Greek tour guide informed us that the sculptures were missing because they were in the British Museum and it was about time they were returned," Ms Somogyi said.

"When we returned back home, we were given the opportunity to research the Parthenon sculptures.

"Now we are informing our community about the controversy surrounding the return of these sculptures."

Press release, 18 Nov 2009
Lauren Thorpe, BWSC Woy Woy

Festival flags erected



Festival flags with Gavin Knight, Sharon Martin and Kevin Doidge

Festival flags have been erected along West St, Umina, in preparation for the inaugural Umina Festival to be held on Saturday, December 12.

Designed by local artist Ms Emilia Knight, the flags were a gift to the Umina community, compliments of The Umina District Chamber of Commerce, according to chamber president Ms Sharon Martin.

"The Umina Festival is designed to bring the Umina community together as one to showcase our village and all it has to offer," Ms Martin said.

"We are proud of Umina and all that it has contributed to the development of the Central Coast over the years and we want to share that feeling with the broader community.

"There will be rides, stalls and a pie-eating competition.

"There are bands and performers, a beachwear parade, and an art show."

The festival will start at 10am in West St before finishing with an evening of Christmas Carols in the Umina Precinct Park featuring a 40-piece brass band and local artists.

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Sharon Martin, Umina District Chamber of Commerce

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Gosford City Council on the winners' podium again for all the wrong reasons

Gosford City Council is number two this year on the complaints list and still has not been sacked. What a disappointment!

To Nathan Rees, The Office of Premier and Cabinet has for over ten years accommodated an abuse of our due process by the often identified as corrupt, Gosford City Council.

Additionally, the Labor Party, through lack of interest in effective government, I say, sponsored those five deaths in Piles Creek, Somersby.

To Barbara Perry MP, my readers should understand, that I stood by at the Toukley Community Cabinet public gathering and watched people whom I know, raise similar corruption issues with you personally, issues which your Ministry, as part of the Labor government, has ignored for many years now.

The subsequent government report on that Labor Government Cabinet Meeting did not include those complaints, it misled readers about what went on under your watch Minister.

Labor's constituents come to me because they are convinced there is no hope of honest political representation from politicians like yourself and your ilk.

I agree with them, because I understand that until voters across the board, (many of whom are reading this advertisement) begin publicly rejecting the endless lies and the politicians who tell and accommodate those lies, we will remain burdened with the rubbish representation at all three levels of government which all of us currently endure!

I fervently hope that my readers realise that they do have the power to shake the base of disrespectful government by exercising their political voting power as they see fit. We can stop the preference deals which disenfranchise us.

We can and should exercise our democratic right to vote below the line and direct our own preferences.

The rabble currently occupying NSW Parliament, both in power and in opposition, have for example refused to do "whatever it takes" to put the very shabby treatment of Ms Gillian Sneddon right.

Keep in mind that our elected representatives have abandoned someone who stands out for having done what was right.

No help for Orkopoulos whistleblower Gillian Sneddon.
Newcastle Herald
JOANNE MCCARTHY
21 Nov, 2009 04:00 - See
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Labor government has a long history of destroying the careers of people who rock the political boat; Franca Arena is a prime example.

The NSW Parliament has accommodated an identified evil process.

Gillian Sneddon is still being denied natural justice by the NSW Parliament, a body which can put things right if it chooses to exercise its political will.

Because Gillian helped expose the

Parliament for what it is perceived to do as a collective, i.e. to accommodate unsavoury activity which is much worse than simply run of the mill bad politics, it is up to voters to take action if the Office of Premier and Cabinet won't, to correct the bad politics by cleaning out our parliament of all those responsible, along with their supporters.

We understand politicians can do anything they want because we have witnessed our Parliaments' opening legislative paths to facilitate their political desires so many times before.

A High Court of Australia ruling prompted regulation of the NSW State constitution to facilitate Parramatta City Council's compulsory acquisition of private property. On the other hand, when their constituents are on the public record for having been exposed to the sort of abuse dished out by Milton "the Horrible" Orkopoulos, whilst being the Labor MP for the seat of Swansea. The office of Premier and Cabinet on down become distracted, even fearful, of taking the right and honest path towards good open government.

The NSW Parliament collectively has been in constant damage control for almost three terms.

My own issues are with Gosford City Council whose representatives stood over my father and bullied him into an early grave while they pushed a misleading DA 11923/2001 onto ratepayers.

Gosford City Council is a disgusting council which presided over poor management of our community assets and lost a lot more than the Liberal Party Mayor, Chris Holstein is prepared to admit

"We have not lost a bloody cent" is what he said, but in fact, an as yet un-tallied millions of dollars of our rates has been lost.

Meanwhile, our failing infrastructure, including for example Woy Woy Road at Bulls Hill; Woy Woy Bay Road; and the notorious culvert at Piles Creek, Somersby, which collapsed from sheer neglect and so called human error, gobbling up five members of the Bragg and Holt families, all because that rabble at Gosford City Council did not put up a road closed sign after an inspection four weeks before the collapse.

The wrongs taxpayers are actually funding, continue to be accommodated by our elected representatives, who will not stop being disrespectful of their constituents for as long as you, the voters, let them get away with it.

Edward James, P.O. Box 3024 Umina Beach NSW 2257
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Free sustainability assessments offered

Peninsula residents can now access free home sustainability assessments to discover ways to save on energy and water and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Green Loans assessor Mr Ian Garrard of Woy Woy Bay said home owners and renters were able to take advantage of the free assessments.

"These assessments are completely independent and offer views free of bias on all things relating to energy and home sustainability," Mr Garrard said.

"The free assessments are funded by the Australian Government's Green Loans Program, which also funds interest-free Green Loans of up to \$10,000 to make recommended improvements."

Mr Garrard, a former lecturer in sustainable design at the Design and Arts College of New Zealand, recently returned to Australia to complete further qualifications to become an approved Green Loans assessor with the Federal Government.

"People are increasingly looking for ways to stop wasting resources, save money on household bills, make their homes more comfortable, and help protect our environment," Mr Garrard said.

"If you are a renter, you can take

recommended actions to reduce your energy consumption without making changes to the building.

"If you want to go further, give your landlord a copy of your Sustainability Assessment, for recommendations to make the property more comfortable, while increasing the value of the asset.

"There are a number of incentives and grants now available for landlords which make going green financially justifiable.

"It is win-win for all people, with an unprecedented amount of funding being offered by the current Federal Government."

Mr Garrard said applying for a Green Loan was as simple.

A free home sustainability assessment provided a detailed report which recommended actions for which a loan could be provided.

"Your home sustainability assessment could identify actions as simple as switching to energy efficient lights and replacing shower heads," Mr Garrard said.

"It may also recommend how you can do more, such as installing water or energy saving products like rainwater tanks or solar panels.

More information about the Green Loans Program is available at www.environment.gov.au/greenloans.

Email, 12 Nov 2009
Ian Garrard, Woy Woy Bay



Photo: Edward James

Waiting for geotechnical report

Gosford Council's manager of engineering services Mr John Cragg has reported a delay in the geotechnical report on the stability of Mt Ettalong Rd near the hairpin bend.

Mr Cragg said the delay was due to the large volume of work experienced by engineering consultants Douglas Partners who carried out the geotechnical assessment.

"Unfortunately we are still waiting for the results of a geotechnical study on the area," Mr Cragg said.

"This is out of council's control and we can do nothing but wait for the results from the engineering consultants.

"However, council has received verbal advice from the company

advising that no further immediate action is required at the site.

"Given the advice, this has reassured council that the safety of road users is well maintained.

"Council understands the dilemma associated with finalising the report and expects it to arrive by November 27.

"Following this, council will be able to sit down and analyse the results before making any further decisions."

Meanwhile, minor work to the southern side of the roadway was carried out by council workers in recent weeks to ensure the road surface remained waterproof.

Mr Cragg said work included the installation of a stormwater drain and bitumen kerb to direct rainwater into the drain to prevent water from spilling out over the

embankment.

He said minor delays had been experienced due to poor weather conditions but work was now completed.

Concern over the stability of a section of Mt Ettalong Rd rose after Pearl Beach resident Ms Kay Williams noticed a change to the area following increased rainfall in early October.

Ms Williams immediately contacted council to alert them to the section of road where the nearby embankment seemed to be weakening.

Geotechnical engineers inspected the site on October 12 and began preparing a full report to council.

Clare Graham, 23 Nov 2009
Interviewee: John Cragg,
Gosford Council

Council works

Gosford Council will undertake several projects on the Peninsula from November 30 to December 6.

Cliff stabilisation works will commence at Pearl Beach Rock Pool that will include the installation of mesh and shotcrete.

Road reconstruction and drainage works will continue at

Mt Ettalong in Umina while a roundabout will be established at the intersection of Melbourne and Adelaide Aves, Umina.

Drainage works will also continue near Springwood St and Gallipoli Ave, Woy Woy.

Press release, 26 Nov 2009
Lisa Beeke, Gosford Council

The Peninsula Environment Group will hold its third workshop for local residents interested in growing a native garden.

The free workshop is part of a series of six sessions held at the Woy Woy Environment Centre across three months.

"Participants have so far learnt about the importance of mulch, how to propagate acacias and casuarinas, and have had the opportunity to connect with other members of the community

while working in the outdoors," Equilibrium Eco-Services sustainability education coordinator Ms Mia Hughes said.

"The free workshops, run by the Peninsula Environment Group, are part of a project to transform the grounds of the centre into a low-maintenance, drought-proof garden, using mostly local native species.

"The workshops are led by Central Coast environmental organisation Equilibrium Eco-Services, which has created similar gardens in Woy Woy and Woy Woy

South public schools.

"Everyone is welcome to attend one or more of the natural gardening workshops at the Woy Woy Environment Centre.

"Participants are invited to bring food to share for morning tea.

"The next workshop runs from 9.30am to 12.30pm on Thursday, December 3.

"The last three sessions will be held in the evening in early 2010."

Press release, 18 Nov 2009
Mia Hughes, Equilibrium
Eco-Services Inc

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Good decision on Patonga parking

It was disappointing to read the forum letter by Ed James last issue about the Patonga Beach Hotel.

Several points need correcting. Firstly, council does have a parking policy which sets out guidelines for all developments and specifically refers to hotels.

These are guidelines only and to achieve the best result for both property owners and the rest of the community a host of other matters need to be considered.

I have been battling council's planners for some 10 years to achieve the best result possible in everyone's interests because, in my view, the council's planners are too inflexible in their approach to the application of these guidelines.

The car parking policy has a prescriptive base but contains numerous subjective elements to it.

This is where some, not all, of the officers and we disagreed.

After determining the theoretical maximum number of on-site car spaces required, the council is then required to consider other factors to assess the actual need for access to the venue by car.

For example, how many local residents in Patonga would walk to the hotel (answer: most); how many boaties visit the hotel (answer: many), how many people from the Palm Beach-Patonga ferry service travel to the hotel (answer: many)

Forum

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and because our hotel has no poker machines or TAB we attract large family groups who generally share a vehicle.

In 2002, a traffic engineer's report was produced for council's planners identifying these users and likely modes of transport and this report also highlighted the pedestrian nature of the village and the danger of pedestrian-vehicle conflict leading to the proposed car park area.

This latter issue is certainly not new as Ed states.

Unfortunately for us, the planners too narrowly restricted the application of the policy but that is why we have a system of local government and planning which enables rights of review to both an elected council and if needed a judicial right of appeal to a land and environment court.

These all form part of a democratic system of government.

Thankfully, our lives are not completely run by mandarins in a bureaucracy with no right of appeal and with a view that one shoe should fit all sizes and everything is either black or white.

It's not a totalitarian state.

Patonga is a unique environment with significant areas for public parking and with only a couple of commercial businesses and little or no prospect for any further development of commercial enterprises.

In these circumstances, I believe the councillors cannot be accused of short-term thinking.

The very nature of the compromise reached to provide a voluntary contribution for public works that could be better used and enjoyed by the wider community is an example of good government.

No offence to McDonald's or other hotel venues but I really don't think having an ugly hard-stand or bitumen-type car park of any size fits the natural beauty and scenic qualities of Patonga.

Given, we are a small village, aesthetics affects most residents and visitors alike.

Like most things in life, there are no perfect solutions, but I believe the hotel development and the decision reached by the nine councillors and our family has got it pretty right in the end.

Letter, 17 Nov 2009
Robert Osborne, Patonga

Working public hospital wanted

One of the greatest selling points in this area was that we had a working public hospital, very accessible for both young and old on the Peninsula.

I don't suppose that real estate agents warn their prospective clients about the confusing rumours and reports we have to

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contend with.

All of us in this area want our hospital returned to the necessary resource it was originally built for, that is, a working public hospital.

Letter, 25 Nov 2009
Barbara Duggan, Pearl Beach

Say nothing and take the money

Sharon Martin from the Umina Chamber of Commerce has launched an attack on Cr Vicki Scott for supposedly politicising the funding of the Carols By Candlelight.

Not a good move.

Cr Scott has every right to ensure that organisations like Sharon Martin's Umina Chamber of Commerce are fiscally sound and that they have a viable business plan in place to hold community events.

Ms Martin says that she is apolitical.

Not quite true.

Sharon Martin is a fully paid member of the Liberal Party and is a member of Cr Chris Holstein's Brisbane Water branch.

Cr Holstein is the endorsed Liberal candidate for the state seat

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of Gosford.

The request for council funding for the carols was combined with a request from the president of the Terrigal Chamber of Commerce Darren Jamieson, who is also a fully-paid member of the Liberal Party and the much-touted likely candidate for the Federal seat of Robertson.

The funding for Ms Martin's Carols by Candlelight was backed by all the Liberal-aligned councillors.

And who will open the carols but Cr Holstein?

Sharon Martin would have been wise to say nothing and take the money!

Katie Smith, Umina
23 Nov 2009

Explain investment figures

That sketchy information in the Gosford Council media release about the sale of its overseas investment is not signposting an end to ratepayer's misery – not by a long stretch.

But it does justify the ridicule directed at the mayor after his published assertion in the Express Advocate on April 23: "We have not lost a bloody cent".

The following day the Express Advocate posted my comment online: "The mayor has a credibility problem, but then so do some

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others discussing the loss of our rates money".

We are still to have explained to us in simple, easy to understand terms just how much we have lost after council went speculating in those dodgy CDOs.

The sale was for 21.75 per cent of what initial outlay?

How many millions did we spend buying the Lehman Brothers property note in the first place?

And what went south in other CDOs?

And the \$54.4 million net

profit since 2002 identified in the council's media release of on November 19?

This does prompt the question: What about the non-CDOs Gosford Council invested in since 2002 and what was the net profit on those investments?

Just what are all the numbers on those non-CDOs which ratepayers shelled out for?

It is way past time all our councillors insisted our council website be used to properly inform us of all the numbers.

The run of the mill, not too risky, lower return, usual safer investments, and the AAA CDOs side-by-side so there is no doubt what went on.

Explain exactly what our council has done to our fiscal resources with its speculation.

It's our money and you are not entitled to refuse to inform us.

Email, 25 Nov 2009
Edward James, Umina

Memories of Spike

I met Spike Milligan on several occasions in Woy Woy and attended a wedding at Avoca where I had a long conversation with his brother Desmond who was great company.

Their mother, who I had the pleasure of meeting several times, was a wonderful lady.

The Milligan family home at Orange Grove was sold about a year or two ago.

On one occasion when I was entering the old Commonwealth Bank in Woy Woy, Spike was walking out with a disgusted look on his face.

I asked him what was wrong and he replied: "You see that lady behind the counter over there, she actually asked me for

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identification."

That really upset Spike at the time and, of course, we all know the words Spike had put on his grave: "I told you I was sick."

Letter, 12 Nov 2009
Bruce Richards, Woy Woy

Call to minimise pesticide use

The coordinator of an animal care group at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus is asking local residents to minimise the use of pesticides after a number of birds were found dead at the school.

Coordinator of the school's Kids Who Are Carers group Ms Nerida Lewis said that, while test results had not yet come in, pesticide poisoning was the prime candidate.

A number of birds were found dead at the school at around the same time, including magpies, a noisy minor and an endangered bush stone curlew.

Ms Lewis said there were "natural alternatives" that could be used to deter insects and pests in the home and garden.

"Every time you spray an insect, that insect is often weak and while dying is consumed by another insect," Ms Lewis said.

"Then that insect is eaten by something else, perhaps a bird.

"Organochloride poisoning and other such poisons can also be stored in the bird's body fat for some time and when these fats are used (when the food supply is low) the toxins are released into the body causing a slow death.

"In most cases there are natural alternatives to problems of insects and pests."

For example, snails could be discouraged with dried crushed eggshells, she said.

Ms Lewis said it was most sad and such a waste to see the newly-hatched bush-stone curlew die from suspected poisoning.

"The bush-stone curlew is listed as endangered and there is only another few on the Central Coast," Ms Lewis said.

"The birds have been banded and monitored while only one egg hatched this year and we had a beautiful long-legged baby.

"On October 28, the baby was found on the school oval struggling to get up and he was moved for safety reasons and monitored throughout the day.

"An animal carer arrived and examined the bird to find a paralysis

tick under its neck.

"The tick was removed and the bird was taken into care but unfortunately, the bird died that night."

An autopsy will be conducted by the National Parks and Wildlife Service to determine the cause of death, according to Ms Lewis.

"Most native birds have immunity to the paralysis tick and since the holidays we have found many dead birds.

"Speculation of poisoning is being considered and it is rather coincidental that we have found so many dead birds including magpies and a noisy minor bird in our school grounds.

"However, we have not used any pesticides or sprays at the school.

"The poison may be from someone else close by, where the birds perhaps visit or gather their food.

"Sometimes pesticides or weeding products are quite toxic to our wildlife which is why it is so important for us to minimise their use or not use them at all."

Newsletter, 25 Nov 2009
Nerida Lewis, BWSC Umina

The Bays Community Group has encouraged its members to prepare for predicted hot temperatures over summer by making a bush fire survival plan.

Group president Mr Bob Puffett said The Bays area was particularly vulnerable given its close proximity to Brisbane Water National Park.

"It's wonderful to live in The Bays, with Brisbane Water National Park on one side and Brisbane Waters on the other.

"This is truly a magic location," Mr Puffett said.

"With the bush fire season well and truly on us and the increase in water traffic on the waterways, we have to take the appropriate action to prepare our homes, our streets and our community from actions and events that may bring us harm."

The Bays community has several red trailers known as

Community Units and a number of residents trained to assist in the event of bush fire, according to Mr Puffett.

"We also have the well trained and resourced Bays Rural Fire Service," Mr Puffett said.

"I'm sure that if you need help or assistance on how to prepare your home for this fire season, you need only ask one of our groups."

Gosford Council has also urged local residents to prepare themselves and their homes before summer strikes.

Together with the NSW Rural Fire Service, council has been undertaking a number of initiatives to reduce the threat of bush fire to people and property but remind residents that they also need to take responsibility, according to Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein.

"Council manages over 6000 hectares of bushland including Crown Reserves," Cr Holstein said.

"We have around 32,000 neighbouring properties along the 580 km of council's bushland interface.

"When it comes to bush fire

management, this can be a significant challenge.

"Gosford Council, in conjunction with the State and Federal Government has invested approximately three quarters of a million dollars over the past four years to conduct a Risk Analysis of the Gosford LGA to identify potential bush fire hazards and strategically manage these hazards to reduce the bush fire threat within our community.

"During the current financial year, council has completed five prescribed burns and 45 mechanical firebreaks.

"These activities provide an increased level of protection to over 750 reserve neighbours."

Cr Holstein said that preparation was the key for residents to assist in protecting their properties.

For more information on how you can prepare your property and to access a bush fire survival plan, visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

Newsletter, 25 Nov 2009
Bob Puffett, The Bays
Community Group

Press release, 18 Nov 2009
Cr Chris Holstein, Gosford Council

Flora and fauna books

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust is offering two new publications featuring local flora and fauna.

Flora and Fauna of the Bouddi Peninsula by wildlife artist Ms Susie Peake is a colouring book based on the flora and fauna of the Bouddi Peninsula.

Ms Peake has collaborated with Trust member Ms Ann Bowe and Mr Dave Kelly from the National Parks and Wildlife Service to produce the educational resource.

The centre has also begun selling copies of the "very successful" Nature Watch Diary by Mr Mark Attwooll.

The diary contains month-by-month information about the plants and animals on the Central Coast and provides space for recording one's own observations.

Both publications are available from the Maitland Bay Centre.

Newsletter, 23 Nov 2009
Killcare Wagstaffe Trust



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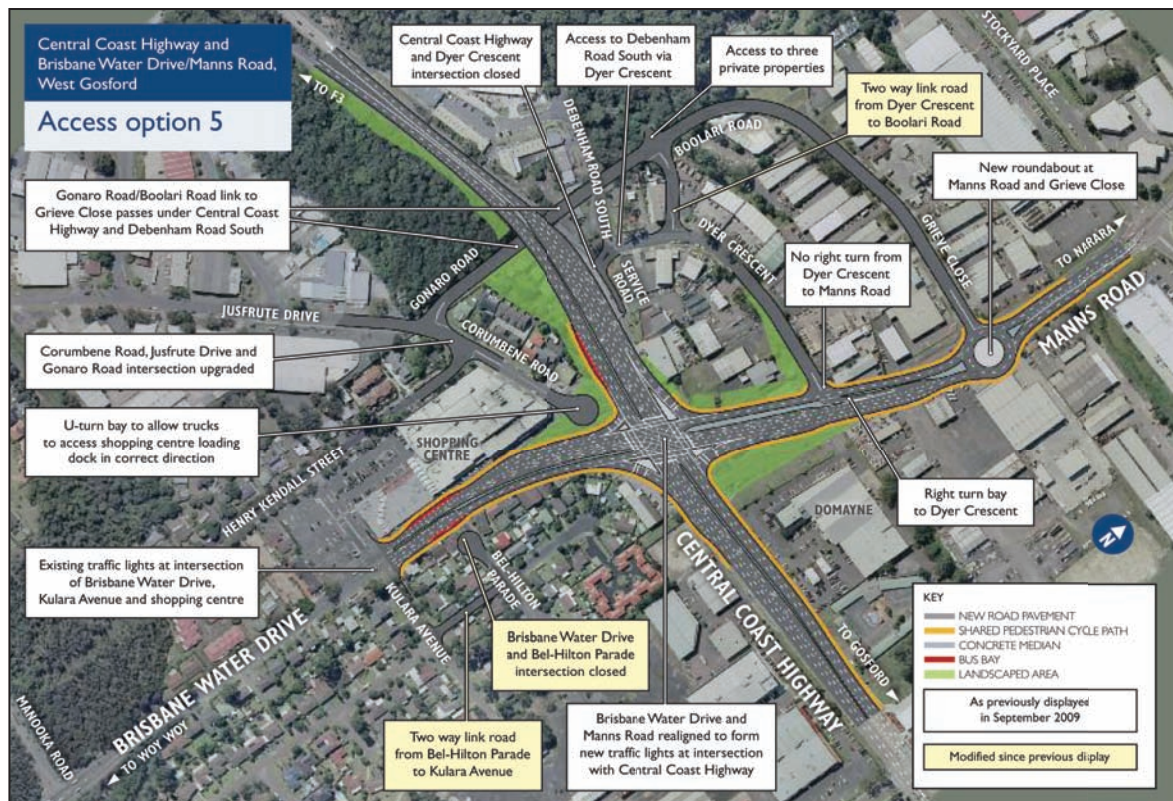
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Most support shared pathway

Most members from the Bays Community Group support a shared cycle and pedestrian pathway from Horsfield Bay to Correa Bay, according to group president Mr Bob Puffett.

At the group's last community meeting, Gosford Council officers presented the residents with information on plans to build the new pathway.

Mr Puffett said the meeting was a good opportunity for residents to ask questions and raise their concerns to council.

"While the decision to proceed rests with Gosford Council and funding, we were assured that there would be community consultation

built into the process," Mr Puffett said.

"While there were a number of residents against the proposal on the night, more residents are contacting me to register their support for a shared pathway as was suggested when the roadway on Bulls Hill collapsed."

Mr Puffett said the group was expecting to hear from council early next year on the progress of the project.

"Progress, change and development are difficult issues.

"They usually impact on us now but enhance and enrich us in the future," Mr Puffett said.

**Newsletter, 25 Nov 2009
Bob Puffett, The Bays Community Group**

Council seeks underpass

Gosford Council has resolved to lodge a submission with the RTA to upgrade the Brisbane Water Dr intersection at West Gosford with an underpass under the Central Coast Hwy.

The decision comes after council's preferred option of a flyover was rejected.

Council has requested the RTA undertake road pavement strengthening on the local roads that are required to accommodate increased traffic volumes and varied traffic conditions as part of the overall project.

Council will also write to the Minister for Roads requesting that the local roads affected by the changed traffic conditions

be reclassified as state roads, according to a council staff report.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said it was vital for the upgrade to proceed as quickly as possible.

"Following years of speculation and endless discussion, the Peninsula business community are of the view that work needs to progress as soon as possible so that this bottleneck is fixed," Mr Wales said.

"The failure to upgrade the intersection has had serious flow-on effects to businesses in both Gosford and the Peninsula.

"Transport connections between the two business precincts need to be made as trouble-free as possible.

"This is a key piece of infrastructure that needs to be completed as soon as possible.

"We understand that some \$32 million has already been allocated to the initial phase of the project.

"Therefore, in our view, any delays to the process are not about the available funds."

Mr Wales said the chamber had prepared a submission to the RTA by November 27 urging a quick decision on the project.

Brisbane Water Dr is one of only three access points to the Peninsula, the others being Woy Woy Rd and Empire Bay Dr.

**Council agenda CIT.58, 24 Nov 2009
Press release, 4 Nov 2009
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**

Volunteers wanted

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust is looking for volunteers to help run the visitor information service that operates during weekends at the Old Maitland Bay Store.

Committee member Don Runcie said it was a great opportunity for a newly retired resident to spend their time and give back to the community.

"A number of members have retired this year and the centre

needs more volunteers to keep the service going," Mr Runcie said.

"Volunteers will provide basic information about walks and facilities in the area and handling the sales of the publications on offer at the centre."

Anyone interested is asked to contact Don Runcie on 4360 2725.

**Newsletter, 23 Nov 2009
Don Runcie, Killcare Wagstaffe Trust**

Christmas storytime

Woy Woy and Umina libraries will celebrate the Christmas season by holding special storytime reading sessions in December.

Christmas Storytime will be held at Umina Library on Thursday, December 3, and at Woy Woy Library on Monday, December 7.

Both sessions will start at 10.30am.

The two events will also feature a visit from Santa Claus.

The Christmas Storytime sessions will be the final storytime for this year with the program recommencing in Gosford Council library branches in February next year.

For more information, contact 4304 7009.

**Press release, 13 Nov 2009
Gosford Council**

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Dogs allowed back on foreshore

Foreshore reserves in Empire Bay and St Hubert's Island have been reopened as on-leash dog exercise areas only after Gosford Council completed a preliminary environmental assessment.

The council considered an urgency motion at its meeting on October 13 about the potential impact of its dog exercise areas on the bush-stone curlew, a threatened species under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995.

Exercise areas at St Hubert's Island, Empire Bay and further afield may now be accessed by dogs on leash only, said council's coordinator of parks, playgrounds and foreshores Ms Kim Radford.

"All off-leash dog exercise areas are still suspended for off-leash dog exercising, however dogs are permitted on-leash in these areas until further notice.

"Further environmental assessments are being undertaken to determine if the off-leash areas can be re-opened to off-leash dog exercising.

"These assessments are expected to take several months."

Signage has been erected at the affected foreshore areas to reflect the changes.

The affected reserves include Long Arm Pde Reserve and Beach Front Pde Reserve in St Hubert's Island and Sorrento Reserve in Empire Bay.

**Press release, 5 Nov 2009
Kim Radford, Gosford Council**

Masson Lane is named

An unnamed laneway in Killcare will be named Masson Lane after the Masson family who lived in the area for three generations.

Gosford Council was approached by Australia Post to name the unnamed laneway due to problems with mail delivery in the area.

The name Ford Lane was first proposed and placed on public exhibition only to attract six objections in support of the name Masson Lane.

"A Killcare resident suggested her grandfather's name William John Masson as he once owned the property which adjoins the laneway," a council report stated.

"The land has been passed down through his family for three generations.

"The resident was raised on the property during the 1940s, and this laneway was her playground."

Masson laneway runs between Putty Beach Rd and Grandview Cres in Killcare.

**Council agenda COR.124,
3 Nov 2009**

Final folk gathering

The Troubadour Central Coast folk club will hold its final gathering for the year with an end-of-year Christmas party at the CWA Hall in Woy Woy on Saturday, December 19.

Members and anyone interested in attending the event are encouraged to dress appropriate to the cowboy theme for the night.

Prizes will be awarded to the best dressed on the night.

Participants are also encouraged to bring along a plate to share for supper with songs of the Wild West to make the night a fun and entertaining one.

Meanwhile, the folk club has announced performers for next year's season including Kate Rowe, Les Barker and the Ballpoint Penguins.

**Website, 24 Nov 2009
Troubadour Central Coast**

Local leads republican push

Pearl Beach resident Mr Klaas Woldring has become the convenor of the newly formed Republic Now Association Inc.

The association aims to reignite the debate on whether Australia should become a republic, according to Mr Woldring.

"Our major political parties don't want to know about governance change," Mr Woldring said.

"Even the republic has been placed on the backburner in spite of obvious support for a republic with a popularly-elected president.

"Australia's federal system is struggling.

"The fiscal imbalance between Federal and State Governments makes a mockery of federal government.

"Local government everywhere is suffering as the grossly under-funded Cinderella level. "Regional development and decentralisation

are not happening.

"Yes, we need that republic but we also need a strategic plan for system change to come with it.

"The Republic Now Association Inc was formed in September 2009 in Gosford to stimulate debate about what kind of Republic Australians want.

"After 10 years of ignoring governance reform we say: Let's get on with it."

Mr Woldring said the association was committed to several issues including the creation of an independent Australian republic, governance changes resulting in the replacement of federation by a two level structure of governance (national and local) with regional administrations indirectly elected forming a third mezzanine level and developing a new Constitution for Australia within five years with extensive involvement by the people.

Mr Woldring welcomed The

Greens proposal to hold an early plebiscite on the republic issue but said that there should not be single question.

"To simply ask if voters want a republic invites a possible new rejection," Mr Woldring said.

"There should be two additional questions: Should the president be directly or indirectly elected and do we want a symbolic or executive type president?"

**Press release, 11 Nov 2009
Klaas Woldring, Republic
Now Association Inc**

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Villages to hold annual picnic

Residents from a Woy Woy retirement village will meet with residents of two other retirement villages for an annual picnic following the success of an event last month at Gosford waterfront.

"When it was suggested that Alloura Waters, Broadwater Court and Deepwater Court residents and clients get together for a picnic, little did we realise that it was starting a tradition that looks set to become an annual event,"

said Living Choice Central Coast sales consultant Ms Pam Gilbert.

"Held at the Gosford waterfront on a picture perfect summer's day, the inaugural picnic was an outstanding success.

"Sausages, rissoles and onions were kept sizzling on the barbecue, while the residents kept cool sipping Yalumba wines under a big marquee where there was plenty of shade and a gentle sea breeze to keep them comfortable.

"Residents also brought

their own supplies of prawns, sandwiches, chicken salad and cheese platters.

"Speedy Rhodes, a great one-man band, sang some well-loved golden oldies that got the dancers toe-tapping.

"Birthday girl Faye Bartlett of Deepwater Court won the prize for best-decorated picnic table."

Press release, 29 Oct 2009
Linda Hooper, Living Choice

Dog training business starts

A new dog training business has begun on the Peninsula.

Empire Bay resident Ms Louise Harding has been training dogs for domestic and competition purposes for more than 20 years and has competed in obedience tests and has achieved New Zealand obedience champion status with her own dogs.

After relocating to the Central Coast from New Zealand last year, Ms Harding competed in Australia and has since re-established her dog training business Animal Talent on the Peninsula.

Her current clientele includes a wide variety of people ranging in ages from eight to 80, with breeds that are equally diverse.

"My aim is to provide the owner with the necessary knowledge and skills to get their dog to be a joy to own and a faithful companion," Ms Harding said.

"Only positive reward-based methods are used.

"Classes are run for groups of owners and dogs of equal ability.

"Alternately I offer private one-on-one lessons at people's homes or any other convenient location.

"If you haven't yet selected your puppy, I am able to help guide you to ensure you choose a breed that will suit your lifestyle and avoid common problems."

Press Release, 28 Oct 2009
Louise Harding, Animal Talent

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Help wanted

Gosford Police are calling for assistance after two boys reported being followed to school by a man in a car in Umina.

Police report that around 8.30am on Friday, November 13, two 11-year-old boys were travelling to school on their pushbikes and became aware of the car following them along Birdwood Ave.

Police stated that once at school, the boys reported the matter to the principal and police were informed.

The driver has been described

to police as aged between 30 and 40 years, with black short hair, a medium complexion and no facial hair.

He was wearing a gold necklace and medallion and was driving a metallic blue Holden Captiva, which had roof racks, a chrome nudge bar and stock plastic wheel trims, according to police.

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to contact Brisbane Water Local Area Command on 4323 5409 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Press release, 13 Nov 2009
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Regatta held

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The regatta saw 70 wooden boats complete the course from Lintern Channel to Woy Woy Point, to Daley's Point past St Hubert's Island and back to Davistown.

The winner of the putt-putt challenge (petrol) was Mr Boyd Myers' boat Mr Arrwood and the best diesel putt-putt was Terry Schultz' boat Alice.

The best half cabin was given to Geoff Furniss' boat Nymphus and the most original old putt-putt to Jim Broadley's boat ETTY.

Onshore activities included food, craft and plant stalls as well as vintage cars on display and a jumping castle for children.

Website, 11 Nov 2009
Davistown Putt-Putt Regatta and Wooden Boat Festival

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Mary Mac's Place receives \$12,000

Mary Mac's Place has received more than \$12,000 in donations over the past two months, according to project coordinator Ms Robyn Schacht.

"Everglades Country Club has again demonstrated its strong support of Mary Mac's Place with a generous donation of \$12,000 through its Community Development Support Expenditure scheme," Ms Schacht said.

"This welcome donation will assist with running costs of the program, particularly food costs which have increased by 31 per cent over the past 12 months.

"Last month alone the team at Mary Mac's prepared and served 1735 meals to people in need."

Ms Schacht said a morning tea was held on October 21, with volunteers, steering committee members and club directors to show its appreciation.

"Judith and Gai inspected the service at Mary Mac's before rolling up their sleeves to join volunteers on duty in the kitchen," Ms Schacht said.

"Many benefits flow from partnerships such as the one which exists between Everglades Country Club and Mary Mac's

Place, not only for the people it directly assists, but also in building stronger links within our community."

The Woy Woy charity also received a \$300 donation from Energy Australia.

"The source of this welcome contribution is Energy Australia's Regional Employee's Community Care Program which supports charities on the Central Coast through annual donations," Ms Schacht said.

"Peter Duffey explained that Mary Mac's was the 17th charity this year to receive funding through its special program.

Mary Mac's Place is a charitable work of St John the Baptist Parish Woy Woy Peninsula, supported by Centacare Broken Bay.

Mary Mac's is open between 11am and 1pm weekdays, assisting all those in need through the provision of a nourishing meal and information and referrals to appropriate community services.

All donations made to Mary Mac's Place are tax deductible.

For more information, phone Robyn Schacht on 4341 0584.

Press release, 27 Oct 2009
Robyn Schacht, Mary Mac's Place

Yoga raises \$5000 for MS

The YogaAid Challenge has raised \$5000 for Multiple Sclerosis Australia through an event on the Peninsula on November 15.

"Our team of 18 people, ranging from novices to more experienced practitioners, gathered to complete 108 rounds of a yoga practice known as Salute to the Sun, an extreme physical effort in the name of charity," said Woy Woy yoga instructor Mr John Wilson.

"The Yoga Aid challenge

was successfully completed by everyone in less than two hours which is a great achievement."

Mr Wilson said the Peninsula Yoga Centre followed the Challenge with an open day and market place.

"Entertainment was provided by Drumbala and the event was supported by Gosford Council," Mr Wilson said.

"Cr Terri Latella donated \$250 on behalf of the council which was graciously accepted on behalf of

MS Australia.

"Organic food, sustainable living demonstrations, yoga and Qi Gong demonstrations, an art exhibition and the traditional sausage sizzle all combined to raise further funds for MS.

"Donations can still be made to MS Australia via the YogaAid challenge through www.yogaaid.com.au until December 18.

Press release, 23 Nov 2009
John Wilson, Peninsula Yoga Centre

Reducing the cancer risk

Woy Woy Seventh Day Adventist Church will hold a seminar on reducing the risk of cancer through maintaining a healthy diet and regular physical activity.

"Cancer affects one in three men and one in four women in Australia," Woy Woy Seventh Day Adventist health ministries leader Ms Dorothy Pansare said.

"The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare estimated in 2006 there were 106,000

new cases of cancer diagnosed nationally.

"So the big question needing to be answered is: What can I do to reduce the risk of getting cancer?"

"The American Institute for Cancer Research has found some interesting trends in how food, nutrition, physical activity and your body weight relate to the prevention, treatment and survival of cancer.

"We will provide you with the facts of this cutting edge research and then give you some practical

demonstrations on how to make this food appealing to you and your family."

The seminar will be held on Thursday, December 3, from 7pm in the hall at the Adventist Community Centre at 83 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, next to Wilson's Real Estate.

For further information and bookings, contact 4341 4400.

Press release, 24 Nov 2009
Dorothy Pansare, Woy Woy Seventh Day Adventist Church

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Symptoms are nature's way of protecting us against what may become a life threatening illness, thus the need to form a reasonable diagnosis and act upon it.

Secondly, by acknowledging the causative factors, one has the opportunity to review lifestyle factors, implement positive strategies and move toward a life of energy and fulfillment.

Finally, the increased level of vitality allows us to mentor others and create a real community spirit.

A classic example would be an aneurysm (bulging artery), presenting as back pain. This is a condition I see not uncommonly.

The logical step is referral and likely surgery.

Post surgery, the care provided by myself would be to assist in maintaining a healthy nervous system by regular spinal adjustments and assisting with looking at the factors that may have led to this, such as spinal dysfunction, obesity, stress, lack of activity, caffeine, salt and so on.

The truth is that your chiropractor is trained to assess the human spine and nervous system and diagnose conditions that require medical attention and act accordingly either referring out or providing chiropractic care. Note, I use the word care and not treatment, as the latter is akin to a half way measure. Certainly the expertise of other health care providers is needed and used.

As a health care provider, I would like to play my part in reducing the need to open yet more hospitals. By looking after yourself you can do the same.

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New business opened

The former owners of a takeaway business in Umina have opened a new business in Woy Woy.

Peter and Sharon Batty, who ran Batty's Takeaway in Umina, have recently opened a play centre and coffee shop for young families in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Kids Go Batty offers a fun and entertaining play area for children under six years as well as a place for parents and grandparents to relax over a coffee, according to Ms Batty.

"With three grandchildren, we wanted a business where we could have our daughters Lisa and Kimberley and their children all working together with us," Ms Batty said.

"The centre offers a great play area including a jumping castle, maze, ball pit and a car track.

"We also have a party plan to suit all types of parties.

"Our plan is to offer a safe, clean and exciting place for parents and grandparents to bring their young children to play while enjoying a

drink or a light snack.

"We also offer a kids menu."

Ms Batty said parents could enjoy complimentary internet while the children played.

"It's a great place for mothers' groups to catch up for their weekly chat and we also welcome family day care parents by offering good deals for regular visitors."

Doors open at 9am, seven days a week.

**Email, 16 Nov 2009
Sharon Batty, Kids Go Batty**

Plan takes time

Plans to expand parking along Patonga foreshore could take some time, according to Gosford Council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen.

Mr Glen said parking arrangements for the area were

part of the Patonga Plan of Management currently being reviewed by the Department of Lands.

He said once the department had finalised the plan of management, the document would be placed on public exhibition.

"This is not something that will be completed next week or next month," Mr Glen said.

"However, we are hoping to get things moving sometime next year."

**Clare Graham, 27 Oct 2009
Interviewee: Stephen Glen,
Gosford Council**

Bakery celebrates its first year

A bakery will celebrate its first year of operation in Woy Woy on Saturday, December 5.

Owners of Bakers Delight in Deepwater Plaza, Joseph and Rosemarie Mondal, said they have loved every minute of the past year serving fresh and tasty bread and treats to the local community.

"As part of the celebrations, along with specials and giveaways, we will be hosting Bakers Delight mascot Breadhead and his team

of helpers who will be handing out special product tastings and welcoming everyone into store," said Ms Mondal.

Ms Mondal said the Bakers Delight Woy Woy team was looking forward to welcoming everyone into store to help them celebrate its first anniversary and also looked forward to celebrating many more.

**Press release, 25 Nov 2009
Rosemarie Mondal, Bakers
Delight Woy Woy**

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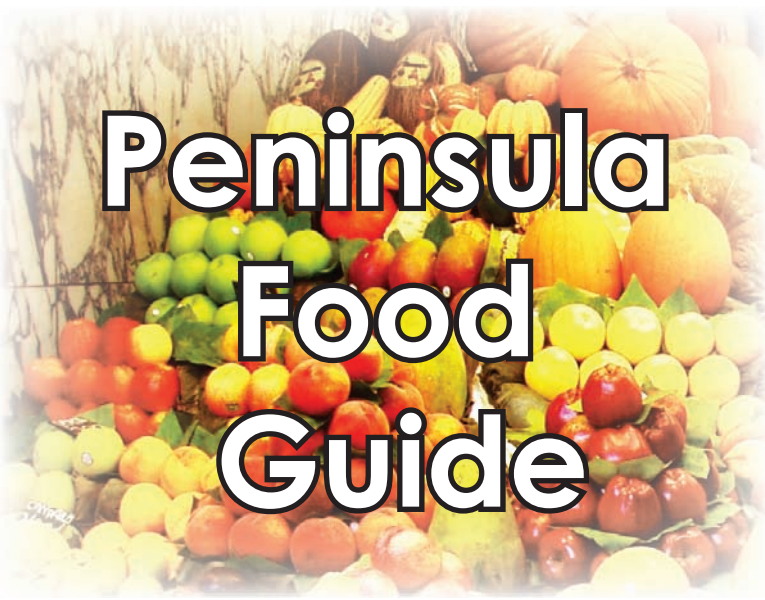
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Proceeds to rock pool fund



Pearl Beach residents enjoyed a performance of *Cats* at Laycock St Theatre on November 14, with proceeds from the group booking going towards the Save the Pearl Beach Rock Pool fund.

Pearl Beach Progress Association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico said the residents joined around 70 guests for pre-show drinks hosted by the Gosford Musical Society on the final night of the show's season.

"Proceeds from the group booking of \$400 went toward the Save the Pearl Beach Rock Pool fund."

Press release, 22 Nov 2009
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Poetry group runs national award

A small regional poetry group with a strong Peninsula membership is organising a national poetry competition.

Central Coast Poets president Ms Shirley Hotchkiss of Umina said the group, which had organised the biennial Henry Kendall Poetry Competition since 1989, had five members from the Peninsula.

Ms Hotchkiss said the competition attracted a "very high standard" of writing and helped build the cultural profile of the Central Coast.

"As a recent member of this poetry group, I've been impressed by the sustained commitment to promote and encourage excellence in poetry through this competition and the subsequent anthology," Ms Hotchkiss said.

"It provides a rare opportunity for both recognised and budding poets to have their work published.

"Organising these activities stretches us.

"It's an extension of the work we do in our monthly meetings where we workshop members' poems."

Ms Hotchkiss said the Henry

Kendall Poetry Award was now established as an important nationwide poetry event, attracting entries from many leading and less experienced Australian poets.

Competition convenor Ms Andrea Cook said: "We are excited to have our own website this year.

"We hope this will ease our workload, as well as extend the range and quality of competition entries.

"For example, people can find out who the previous competition winners and judges were."

Ms Cook said that the competition judge this time is Dr Michael Sharkey, a contemporary poet whose work is nationally renowned.

"The competition offers a total of \$800 in prize money," Ms Cook said.

Details and an entry form are available at www.centralcoastpoets.com.au or from PO Box 780, Woy Woy 2256."

Press release, 14 Nov 2009
Shirley Hotchkiss, Central Coast Poets

Screening for polio program

An advance film screening has been held in Ettalong for Central Coast Rotary clubs' PolioPlus program.

Woy Woy Rotary Club publicity officer Ms Vicki de Carle said the challenges undertaken by legendary pilot Amelia Earhart were the inspiration for the joint fundraiser.

"When Rotary launched its PolioPlus program in 1985, there

were over 350,000 cases of polio each year including 1000 cases per day in over 125 countries.

"Today, annual cases of polio paralysis are down to less than 1700 a year.

"That's a 99 per cent reduction in the number of infections worldwide.

"Central Coast Rotarians are certainly embracing this challenge and the Amelia movie at Cinema

Paridiso was a successful fundraising event," Ms de Carle said.

To make a donation to the PolioPlus program, contact your local Rotary club or email vickidecarle@bigpond.com

Press release, 12 Nov 2009
Vicki de Carle, Rotary Club of Woy Woy

Choir performs two concerts

The Peninsula Choir will perform two Christmas concerts in the lead-up to Christmas.

The first concert will take place at Umina Library on Thursday, December 17, from 9.30am while the second will be held at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Umina, on Sunday, December 20, from 5pm.

The concert program will include Australian classics and medieval carols, as well as well-known and loved traditional carols.

The choir has also been invited to perform at Woy Woy Community Aged Care, Woy Woy Hospital and Brisbane Waters Private Hospital throughout December.

Press release, 24 Nov 2009
Maria Collins, Peninsula Choir



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Old mine evidence still remains

Steve Spillard was born at Gosford in 1965 and has lived most of his life on the Peninsula.

He has taken an interest in the history of the area, particularly the physical remains of earlier activity.

He runs the website woy-woy.com "for those who love Woy Woy".

The website features a blog, "virtual tours" of the area and a collection of articles on "the more mysterious and untold tales of the Peninsula".

In this article, Steve gives us an insight into the "lost railway" of South Woy Woy.

In 1927, work began on the construction of a mine at the current tip site in the hills at South Woy Woy by Basalt Quarries Ltd.

A gang of 30 men worked to make the small gauge railway that would lead from the top of the current tip area down around the hills to a crusher chute just above the current water treatment works at South Woy Woy.

This line was serviced by a small steam locomotive called "No. 2", the lower line to the rail head used a steam powered shunt to move the cars into position for loading.

Here the rock would be crushed and turned into "blue metal gravel" and the finished product would then be shipped on a second railway at the bottom of the incline to the railhead at the mouth of Woy Woy Tunnel.

The whole operation was quite secretive and the council was upset the roads into the site were being destroyed by heavy equipment being shipped in.

Cr Staples was most vocal about this and I suspect it was because he was still quite passionate about the road in this area as it was the first road into Woy Woy that he himself had blazed through the bush several years earlier.

The whole operation only ran for two years before the mine closed for unknown reasons in 1929 and abandoned.

A few years later gangs moved in and removed all the equipment and locomotives, and they were sold off.

The gang removing No. 2 were scared the last trestle bridge would collapse when they finally brought the train to its head, so they connected ropes to the controls and led it like a dog across the bridge with no-one on board.

A sigh of relief was heard as it safely made it across the neglected rusty bridge.

There is still a lot of evidence of the mine today up in the bush at South Woy Woy - old rail tracks, the crusher chute, remains of trestle bridges and an abandoned skip carriage in the bush.

The area is in Brisbane Water National Park accessed through Woy Woy Tip.

Website, 27 Oct 2009
Steve Spillard, woy-woy.com

Swancott wrote about Peninsula's early history

I paid a visit to Woy Woy Library recently to see what information was available covering the early history of the Peninsula.

Very little I am afraid, but I was delighted to see that those marvellous little books by Charles Swancott are still on the shelf.

Charles was a member of the Brisbane Water Historical Society and during his productive life wrote a number of books, with Woy Woy and Hawkesbury being published in 1954. Because of the exponential growth of the district following electrification of the railway line in 1960, he published a further book titled Good Old Woy Woy in 1970.

His prodigious output was quite extraordinary as he also ran a busy hardware store in Umina with his son Dick.

He was also an accomplished artist being a member of the Royal Art Society.

His books are full of fascinating details of early pioneers and the subsequent development of Woy Woy and surrounding areas, including St Hubert's Island.

He would have carried out a great deal of research and in this regard he received assistance from the Mitchell Library and the Land Titles Office.

The latter provided valuable information regarding early land grants and subdivisions.

He also included brief histories of the formation of sporting and service clubs and the establishment of the various churches, banks and post offices.

I did take issue with him on one point.

When writing about the electrification of the railway, he says, and I quote, "Though unquestionably an economic waste

in view of the fact that only limited future additional employment can be expected in the Central Coast area..."

This statement must surely rate on a par with an opinion expressed by the late Cr Jim Lawrence, while debating the proposed Rip Bridge, when he said, "This is a white elephant. It will be a bridge to nowhere!"

Unfortunately, Swancott's books have long been out of print and the few copies held by the library are unavailable for borrowing.

In writing about the library, I am reminded that back in the 50s, part of the building was used as the local Court House.

Access was gained from Oval Ave and the actual courtroom was little more than a shoebox. Apart from a bench for the presiding magistrate, a table for the Crown Prosecutor and the legal profession, and a few chairs, there was hardly room to breathe and when the court was in session and the case involved more than a few people, the room became hopelessly crowded.

It was only a matter of time before the court moved into the main part of the building and the old courtroom became the office for the clerk of petty sessions.

Many of the civil cases dealt with by the court at the time were applications for rent increases for rent-controlled premises, a legacy from World War I.

During morning recess, many members of the legal profession would wander across the road to Bell's Milkbar and Café (later Peter Walsh Real Estate) for a quick snack or coffee before venturing back to court to continue the battle on behalf of their clients.

In 1979, Council had to deal with a development application lodged

by AV Jennings which, if approved, would have changed the face of Woy Woy.

The proposal was for the erection of a shopping centre on land occupied in part by Sterlands Hardware, Woy Woy Theatre and the old council chambers and fire station.

Many local residents were firmly against the proposal and, thanks to the vigorous fight put up by Cr Keith Whitfield, ably supported by a very active and vocal South Woy Woy Progress Association, the sale of the council chambers and fire station was refused and both buildings were saved for future generations.

It must be said that neither building has any great architectural merit but they were constructed in a style considered fashionable in the late 20s, with a portico supported by modest Doric columns and displaying the date of construction, being 1931, on the façade.

The good news is that both buildings now have heritage classification which effectively prohibits further development.

The library is centrally located and has become the living heart of Woy Woy.

The forecourt looks great and is the perfect place for a quick smoke, meeting friends, an opportunity to recover from the shock of paying council rates or a convenient spot to catch the next bus.

Keith Whitfield, by the way, was an alderman from 1977 to 1991 and even though some people may not have shared his political ideology, he fought valiantly and sincerely for the Peninsula during his time in council.

Email, 16 Oct 2009
Fred Landman, Daley's Point



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What's On in and around the Peninsula

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BFC, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

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

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

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

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

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

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

ESSC, Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, Cnr Karingi St & Broken Bay Rd Ettalong, enq: 4341 3222

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

TUESDAY

First Tuesday of every month

Buffalo Primo Lodge No 9, 7pm, UCH.

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

Second Tuesday of every month

True Blue Meeting, 1.30pm; Toastmasters, 7pm, EBWMC Get Together afternoon tea, ESSC

Pearl Beach Craft group, 1.30pm, PBPH

Stroke recovery group, 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

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

Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp9, 7pm, UCH

Woy Woy Peninsula Arthritis Branch, 10am, enq: 4343 1995, PCC

ACF meeting, 7.30pm, WVEC

Fourth Tuesday of every month

Toastmasters, 7.15pm, EBWMC

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 ESSC

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

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

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

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

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

Sahaja yoga meditation, 10:30am only, enq: 4368 2847, CWA

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

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

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

Indoor Bowls, 9am ESSC

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

Wagstaffe Hall. Tai Chi 9.15am and not 9.30am. New ph: 4360 2665 ESSC

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 & 70pm, St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy

Handicraft, 9am, enq: 4341 1073, CWA

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

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

Dance Club, 1pm, EBWMC

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

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

Yoga, 2.30pm Indoor Bowls, 9am ESSC

THURSDAY

First Thursday of every month

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, ESSC

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

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

Fairhaven Services Cash Housie, Ettalong Bowling Club 7.30pm

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

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

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

Bushwalking; Civilian widows, 1pm, ESSC

School for Seniors Bushwalking, PCC

Every Friday

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

Bingo, 11.30am, enq: 4343 1664, UCH

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

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

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

Watercolour Painting, 10am, EBACC

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

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

Peninsula Pastimes, Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd, 9.30am, (Ex sch hols), Primary Kids Club, 4.30pm, enq: 4343 1237

Alcoholics Anonymous, 12.30pm, St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 7303

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

Occasional Care, 9am; Kindy Gym, 0-3s, 9.15am, 3-5s, 10.20am; Weight Watchers, 9.30am; Smart Recovery, 9.30am; 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

Better Hearing Class Mon-Fri 12.45pm, ESSC

SATURDAY

First Saturday of every month

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

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.

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

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**

The Endeavour View Club, meets at the Woy Woy Leagues Club, 10.30am. Inquiries **4344 3825**

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

Indoor Bowls 9am **ESCC**

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 Cronos (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 Speachcraft 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, 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**

Youth theatre rehearses

The Pearl Beach Youth Theatre group is rehearsing for next year's production of the musical Kids in Paradise.

Written by Lynne Bartlett, Mark Leehy and Kevin O'Mara, the story tells that many years ago on the night of the shooting star, near Paradise Island, there was a great storm at sea.

Next day, the islanders awoke to find three unusual events had taken place: a young shipwrecked survivor had been washed up on the beach, the volcano became extinct and a strange and mysterious tree had grown up on the island.

The story takes place some years later when the islanders enjoy an idyllic life but one day this all changes when a greedy businessman arrives."

Rehearsals have been underway for the past few months and musical director Ms Diane

Orton said she was encouraged by the professional dedication of the young actors.

"I am delighted with the response from the local young people, aged between eight and 16 years old who have joined with the original Pearl Beach Youth Theatre members to participate in this exciting new production," Ms Orton said.

"The commitment by parents in ensuring that the young performers remain focused throughout the intensive rehearsal schedules is extremely important to the success of the musical production."

Proceeds from the performance will support The Central Coast School for Children with Autism and the Pearl Beach Save the Rock Pool fund.

Press release, 12 Nov 2009
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

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 2nd 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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Grant for indigenous education

Ettalong Beach Public School will receive more than \$130,000 to help implement a program designed to help bridge the gap in learning between indigenous and non indigenous students.

The State Government initiative Schools in Partnership will also encourage and develop greater engagement of families in the life of the school.

School principal Mr Colin Wallis said it was rewarding to see the school's funding application approved.

"Next year the school will receive a grant of just over \$130,000 to help implement the program," Mr Wallis said.

These funds will be used to employ a literacy-numeracy teacher to assist students and to up-skill other teachers.

An aboriginal community liaison officer will be employed, and the school will develop a program of personalised learning plans.

"It is a great opportunity for our school and recognition at last of the outstanding results we are already achieving in the area of aboriginal education.

"It will complement and enhance our Stronger Smarter Institute involvement and have long lasting benefits for all students."

Newsletter, 24 Nov 2009

Colin Wallis, Ettalong Beach Public School



BWSC state swimming champions

Students receive sports awards

More than 200 guests gathered at Woy Woy Leagues Club earlier this month to celebrate the sports achievements of students from Brisbane Water Secondary College.

The awards ceremony was attended by students and families, staff and sponsors as well as special guest former National Netball representative and Sydney Swifts player Ms Alison Broadbent.

Ms Broadbent entertained the audience with stories of representing Australia through netball, the friendships and support networks made along the way to inspire the young athletes.

Major award winners on the night included Renee Mainwaring who

received the Pierre De Cupertain Award, Chelsea Campbell and Tom McParlane who took out the Senior Sports Person Of the Year Award while Junior Sports Person Of the Year went to Brea Singman and Wade Hannell.

Chelsea Campbell also took home this year's Rodney Fowler Award while Team of the Year went to the 50 metre All Age Boys Freestyle Relay team who came second at the NSW CHS Championship earlier this year.

Meanwhile, students who have been selected to represent the state in their chosen sport were announced on the night and included Brea Singman (Touch Football), Tom McParlane (Swimming), Chelsea Campbell

(Girls Rugby), Brayden Williame (Rugby League), Renee Mainwaring (Cross Country) and Heidi Graham (Mogul Skiing).

Email, 26 Nov 2009

Matthew Marker, Brisbane Water Secondary College

Christmas carols and concert

Woy Woy Public School will host its annual Christmas Carols and Concert at the school on Friday, December 11.

Acting school principal Mr Rob Steller said the event was a great way to end the school year and celebrate Christmas.

"This will be a family night under the cola to sing your favourite carol and watch the various class performances," Mr Steller said.

"The big guy in the famous red suit will be also attending.

"This community event is free to attend and participants are welcome to bring along a picnic lunch.

"There will also be a sausage sizzle with kebabs, confectionery, as well as hot and cold drinks on sale during the evening as well as glow products.

"As always we will need some parent helpers on the night so if anyone can spare 30 minutes or an hour this would be greatly appreciated."

Newsletter, 18 Nov 2009

Rob Steller, Woy Woy Public School

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Reminder about fund raising

Woy Woy Public School P&C president Mr Mark Ellis has reminded parents and teachers of the importance of school fundraising events.

"The treasurer has estimated that without any major fundraisers, the P&C would only raise \$95 per year.

In his final P&C president's report for the year, Mr Ellis reported expenditure as including \$2000 to class technology, \$430 for school camping tents, \$1300 for sporting equipment as well as sponsorship for the JRock and school choir.

"If the P&C is to continue to provide such support for the school, fundraising is critical," Mr Ellis said.

Mr Ellis said that the school did not run any major fundraising functions this year due to the global financial crisis.

However, the small events that were held proved successful for the school.

"These included the Easter raffle, Father's Day and Mother's Day stall, the entertainment books which for the first year we achieved one of the best sales records for the area," Mr Ellis said.

"Only two discos were held this year, one being run by parents and teachers with the second being the Halloween disco, which is fast becoming a permanent event on the fundraising calendar."

"In the New Year, one of the initiatives the P&C should investigate is a specific funding model for all school activities with particular emphasis on state or national representation of the school in any field of endeavour.

"The return of a trivia night, art show-fete and at least three discos will be placed on next year's P&C fundraising calendar along with the regular smaller events."

Report, 18 Nov 2009

Mark Ellis, Woy Woy Public School P&C



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Education



School performs for gift appeal

Woy Woy Public School has performed at the launch of a Christmas gift appeal.

The group of Year 2 students performed several Christmas songs to staff and shoppers at Deepwater Plaza in Woy Woy on November 12 to celebrate the start of the Kmart gift appeal.

Kmart managing director Mr Guy Russo said he hoped Peninsula residents would support the cause by collecting more than 2226 gifts

to beat last year's record.

"While the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal provides hope and inspiration to thousands of Australians in need at Christmas time," Mr Russo said.

"Woy Woy raised a phenomenal number of gifts locally last year and we hope residents will again dig deep to help reach our national target of over 400,000 gifts this year."

Gifts will be distributed by

The Salvation Army and can be donated at any Kmart store right up until Christmas Eve, according to Mr Russo.

Mr Russo said people of all ages need support, in particular, boys and girls aged 10 to 12 years.

He said a few simple ideas include books, clothing, games, toys and sports equipment.

**Press release, 12 Nov 2009
Rod Jago, Sefiani
Communications Group**

Film awarded second place

A group of Year 5 and 6 students at Woy Woy Public School have received second place in the school's section of the Coasties Film Festival held on November 13.

"Nat Ferfoglia and the Year 5 and 6 students were involved in the making of the Zombie Fever movie," acting school principal Mr

Rob Steller said.

"The film was a finalist in the Coasties Film Festival and was screened to a large audience at the Avoca Beach Picture Theatre.

"The film was awarded second place in the school's section of the competition.

**Newsletter, 18 Nov 2009
Rob Steller, Woy Woy Public School**

Placemats for indigenous students

Young indigenous students on the Peninsula received educational placemats to promote literacy and numeracy as part of a project launched by The Benevolent Society recently.

The placemats' "bright and appealing" design features artwork by local Aboriginal artist Kevin Duncan, as well as games and words in the local Darkinyung language.

"Everyday observations, songs, conversations and counting games are vital to developing children's literacy and numeracy skills," manager of community programs for The Benevolent Society on the Central Coast Ms Deb Tipper said.

"These placemats are designed to help parents turn meal time at home into an opportunity to talk with their kids about words and ideas, numbers, shapes and counting.

"Thanks to the recent publication of the Darkinyung grammar and dictionary reference book, we've been able to also promote local language and culture, by using words in the Indigenous language of the Central Coast area.

"This, combined with the photos of local people, gives these placemats a real local flavour."

In total, around 2000 placemats will be available to families on the Central Coast free of charge, through preschools, childcare centres, supported playgroups, schools, Aboriginal organisations and community members, and through The Benevolent Society's Young Black and Ready for School program."

The placemats project is funded through the Aboriginal Child, Youth and Family Strategy, which is part of NSW Department of Community Services.

**Press release, 2 Nov 2009
Deb Tipper, The Benevolent Society**

Report intruders, says principal

Woy Woy South Public School has reported at least one incident of antisocial behaviour and vandalism every weekend over the past few weeks, according to school principal Mr Terry Greedy.

Mr Greedy said it was not uncommon for the school to have graffiti attacks, malicious damage or rubbish left over from intruders entering the school grounds after hours.

"Two weeks ago a number of youths were apprehended in the

school administration block after unlawfully entering the building," Mr Greedy said.

"Fortunately police and security were able to respond immediately to the situation and retrieve the items stolen.

"With the increase in young people entering the premises, we have been successful in increasing security visits and police patrols through the school grounds.

"Until we are able to have a security fence erected, these measures will ensure the opportunities for intruders to enter the grounds and cause damage to

our school property will be limited.

"Unless there is a community group using the school facilities, there should not be anyone within the school grounds on the weekend and I would encourage anyone seeing people on the premises during the weekend to make contact with the local police or school security on 1300 880 021 so that the learning environment our children share remains undamaged and continues to provide for the needs of all students."

**Newsletter, 17 Nov 2009
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy
South Public School**

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Annual carols and concert

Woy Woy Public School will host its annual Christmas Carols and concert at the school on Monday, December 7.

Acting school principal Mr Rob Steller said the event was a great way to end the school year and celebrate Christmas.

"This will be a fun family night under the cola to sing along with your favourite carol and watch the various class performances," Mr Steller said.

"This community event is free to attend and participants are

welcome to bring along a picnic lunch.

"There will also be a sausage sizzle with kebabs, confectionery, as well as hot and cold drinks on sale during the evening as well as glow products.

"As always we will need some parent helpers on the night so if anyone can spare 30 minutes or an hour this would be greatly appreciated.

"Contact details can be left on the carols roster in the school canteen."

**Newsletter, 18 Nov 2009
Rob Steller, Woy Woy Public School**

Work to start this month

Work on an extension to the cola at Woy Woy Public School and a number of other projects is expected to start at the end of the month.

A new bus-line/activity cola between the library and administration buildings and a verandah over the exposed section of the wooden decking in front of the library and B block classroom will also be built.

Ms Buckley said. School principal Ms Ona Buckley said: "These projects are to be finished by the end of this term.

"The initial meeting with the Department of Commerce and builders has taken place and

building guidelines and agreements have been signed off.

"Agreement with Bovis Lend Lease, the Department of Education and Training and the school is also finalised and this scope of works which includes four new classrooms and a double Special Education classroom block with attached bathroom facilities is scheduled to start in early January.

"This will mean some disruptions to our school routines.

"Some classes will be relocated for the period of the building project and a section of our school will be barricaded off as a building site - a small sacrifice to pay for such a wonderful addition to our school.

"Planning has started in preparation to make this as smooth a time for all as possible."

Ms Buckley also encouraged members of the school community to donate old pots to the school.

"With all of the building works about to start we are on a rescue mission to save the plants from our gardens that we know are going to be removed," Ms Buckley said.

"If you have any medium or large old plastic pots you don't need we would appreciate them. "We can pot up the plants and have them ready for the garden areas in the future."

**Newsletter, 3 Nov 2009
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School**

Presents donated

Woy Woy South Public School has donated 29 Christmas boxes to poor and needy children overseas.

Many children chose to fill a Christmas box by themselves at home, project coordinator Ms Marijke Saunders said.

"I am sure they had fun doing it, thinking about the child who would be receiving the gift.

"The Christmas boxes from our school will form part of a contingent that will go to Samoa, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand.

"The boxes will be given to children who live in extreme poverty and probably have never had a present."

**Newsletter, 10 Nov 2009
Marijke Saunders, Woy Woy South Public School**

Schools in running for environment award

Woy Woy, Empire Bay, Pretty Beach and Woy Woy South public schools are each in the running to win an environmental award as part of Gosford Council's Greenhouse Program.

Based around this year's theme of Leaving Smaller Footprints, the awards recognise the program's environmental competition winning schools and showcase several environmentally-inspired performances from participating schools.

Gosford Council's schools environmental education officer Ms Anni Griffiths said judging of the competition was very difficult this year as the quality of projects and activities was very high.

"Participating schools have

shown incredible creativity in how they have addressed this very important topic with their students and students have shown equal creativity in the projects that they have produced," Ms Griffiths said.

"Children and schools calculated their ecological footprints and identified activities and actions that significantly contributed it.

"Schools also explored and promoted ways in which they could reduce their footprint and minimise the impact on our environment.

"Many schools concentrated on developing strong waste management procedures with recycling and worm farming being the focus of their waste management.

"Other schools undertook energy audits and put into place systems to reduce their energy

use.

"The impact of food miles has also been explored with many schools working on their vegetable gardens and promoting the idea of eating locally produced food."

Schools that developed a performance, based on the program theme Leaving Smaller Footprints, had a chance to win the Mayoral Award for Performing Arts.

Ms Griffiths said Woy Woy Public School was the only school on the Peninsula to enter the performance component of the program.

The awards will be announced at a special ceremony to be held at Laycock Street Theatre on November 30.

**Press release, 17 Nov 2009
Anni Griffiths, Gosford Council**

Swim day

Around 100 students from Woy Woy Public School took part in the first day of the School Swim Scheme at the Peninsula Leisure Centre earlier this month.

"These students will be looking forward to improving their swimming skills and learning the

basics of water safety," acting school principal Mr Rob Steller said.

"A bit of fun and some hard work in the water will be enjoyed by all."

**Newsletter, 18 Nov 2009
Rob Steller, Woy Woy Public School**

Speech and language workshop

Umina speech pathologist Ms Larissa Raufauore will run a free speech and language workshop for parents at the Beachside Family Centre on Monday, December 7.

Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara encouraged parents who were concerned about their child's speech to come along.

Ms Notara said that questions answered would include:

"How can I help my child to talk better?"

"When should I see a speech pathologist?"

"When should I be able to understand my child?"

"If you have ever asked yourself

any of these questions, come along and hear a speech pathologist discuss articulation development, how to determine if there is a problem and ways that a parent may help to correct it."

Ms Notara said Beachside Family Centre was offering local parents a great opportunity to learn about speech and language and ways to help their child.

"Trained speech pathologist Larissa Raufauore will run the Kids and Speech Workshop," Ms Notara said.

The Kids and Speech Workshop will be held from 10am to 11.30am at Beachside Family Centre in the grounds of Umina Public School in

Sydney Ave, Umina.

Child care is available for a gold coin donation.

Bookings are essential and can be made by calling 4343 1929.

**Press release, 20 Nov 2009
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre**

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Roosters start training

The Woy Woy Roosters Rugby League Football Club started training at the Brisbane Water Secondary College on November 17.

Under the watchful eye of new first grade coach Mr Les Lowe and reserve grade captain-coach Mr Shane Fields, 40 contracted senior players battled the warm conditions to complete the first session of a four-week pre-season program devised by new head conditioner Mr Warwick Faint.

"While the Woy Woy Roosters have made some new signings for the coming season, old faces included the legendary Jade Mason, Glenn McLellan, Troy McLellan, Ryan Varley, Scott Wilesmith, Cheyne Hall and Shane

Wilson," marketing and promotions manager Mr Peter Read said.

"Mason and Wilesmith played their 200th and 100th first grade games for Woy Woy in 2009 and will be looking to add to their tallies in 2010.

"The club expects youngsters Drew Neist, Shay Neist, Ryan Maskill, Shawn Nelson, Jake Smith, Brent Bovis and Richard Walker to all make an impact in the seniors' grades having been outstanding for the Roosters in the Under-20s this year.

"After being welcomed to the Roosters at a recent informal meet and greet, the majority of new players to the club for 2010 were in attendance for their first training session, including Tim Bovis (Umina), Adam Tippett (Sydney

Bulls), Ryan Briggs (Terrigal), Mick Maryska (Ourimbah), Matt Riddle (Erina), Jake Morris and Geoff Wilkin (Ourimbah) who will all strengthen the Roosters as they aim to move up the ladder.

"The club's most recent signing is former Roosters junior Aaron Hardman, who returns to Woy Woy having played first grade for Erina and Ourimbah.

"Hardman will also have the added responsibility of filling the assistant first grade coach role under Les Lowe."

Mr Read said Roosters supporters can get all the latest on the club at www.woywoyroosters.com.au

**Press release, 22 Nov 2009
Peter Read, Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club**

Bunnies to remain a juniors' pathway

The Umina Beach Bunnies Rugby League Football Club has announced several first grade signings for next year's competition.

Club president Mr Kevin Hulls said the club was expecting many more sponsors and player signings in coming weeks.

"Umina Beach Rugby League Football Club was created for, and will always be, a pathway for our juniors," Mr Hulls said.

"Many have spoken about other

clubs buying players and spending up big, however our attitude, and as history tells us, our local players have the talent and pride in their jumper to compete in all grades.

"This year saw all four sides make the semi finals.

"We beat Woy Woy seven out of eight games only going down by two points in a nail-biter to deny us a clean sweep for the season with our Under-16s playing in the grand final."

Mr Hulls said experienced first

graders Josh Foley, Mat Wakefield, Mat Paulsen, Pat Ryan, Michael Patterson, Dean Knott and David Murray would combine with the club's younger players including Reece Padget, Boydie Symes, Daniel Payne, Brett Sonter, Daniel Slattery, Rhys Ryan, Mat Jones, Tyler Milgate, Joel Johnson, Dean Young to ensure the Bunnies will be a "real force" next year.

**Newsletter, 20 Nov 2009
Kevin Hulls, Umina Beach Rugby League Football Club**

Sharkies take on The Entrance

Woy Woy Cricket Club took on The Entrance in round three of the SCG Country Cup at Rogers Park in Woy Woy on November 15.

Club secretary Mr David Gemmell said it was pleasing to see so many local supporters at Rogers Park cheering on the team and hoped the support continued to grow.

"After winning the toss and electing to bat first, The Entrance was rocked with the early loss of their openers to Elliott Braunstein and Tim Boyd, leaving the visitors struggling at 2/13," Mr Gemmell said.

"The Entrance appeared to regain some momentum with a third wicket partnership of 59 before Matt Glass entered the attack taking three quick wickets.

"Impressive bowling by Noel and

Ricky Ellis, each taking a wicket, and run outs to Bruce Leslie and Noel Ellis saw The Entrance all out in the 39th over for 133.

"Jason Moore and Tristen McDonald opened for the Woy Woy Sharkies with Tristen falling early which brought Bruce Leslie to the crease.

"Jason (56) and Bruce (28) put on a crowd pleasing display of batting to form a partnership of 48 runs in very quick style to set the match up for the Sharkies.

"We did lose a couple more wickets in the chase but ended up overtaking their score in the 25th over with Jason Hayward (not out 30) and Noel Ellis (not out five)."

Mr Gemmell said the team's next match would be against Hamilton Wickham.

**Press release, 17 Nov 2009
David Gemmell, Woy Woy Cricket Club**

Black belts awarded in taekwondo

Four Woy Woy taekwondo students have been awarded first dan black belts in a recent grading.

The grading went well over four hours where all four members were pushed to their limits in technique and physical training, according to Mr Gary King, head instructor at Extreme Martial Arts and Fitness Centre in Woy Woy.

Mr King said all four taekwondo students passed with flying colours including Heather Greig, Mathew Greig, Evan Divet and Peter Zessin.

"The students are all locals and have been training for more than five years each," Mr King said.

Meanwhile, Mr King began the start of his grading to a fifth Dan Black Belt involving intensive hours of technical training with master instructor Mr Jamie Moore from Queensland.

Mr King and several black belts travelled to the Sunshine Coast to complete his grading and also start preparations for the next World Championships to be held in Korea in July next year.

He trained for several hours with two masters and eight international instructors to complete his grading that included fundamentals, sparring, breaking, self-defence and theory along with many other aspects of being an international instructor.

The Woy Woy instructor passed and is now the highest ranking black belt for Authentic taekwondo in NSW and an international instructor for the International Taekwondo Federation.

Mr King, along with black belts Penny Childs and Heather Greig, were selected to compete in the next Australian team squad training.

"Selections are next year but this is the first step," Mr King said.

"Joining me next year will be students Luke Watson and Jason Hair who also will compete in the selections."

Mr King has also been given the honour of coaching the Australian squad once again after the success of the last World Championships held in England in 2007.

**Press release, 25 Nov 2009
Gary King, Extreme Martial Arts**

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Wombats win in water polo

The Woy Woy Wombats Water Polo Club's Under-14s girls' side has achieved two wins in the past couple of weeks.

The Woy Woy girls defeated The Entrance 16 to two on November 14, while beating Wyong 11 to six on November 21.

In other results for November 21, Woy Woy Gold Under-12s mixed side drew with Wyong 8-all while

Woy Woy Black Under-12s mixed beat Gosford eight to seven.

The Woy Woy Black Under-14s boys also saw success with a 16 to seven win against Woy Woy Gold.

The Woy Woy club's Under-16s girls team were defeated by Wyong nine to five at fulltime while the Woy Woy Black boys' Under-16s beat Woy Woy Gold 16 to eight.

**Email, 23 Nov 2009
Mark Fuller, Woy Woy Wombats Water Polo Club**

Club donates rescue board

Club Umina has donated a new rescue board to Umina Beach Surf Lifesaving Club.

Every year a rescue board is donated to Umina to ensure the club's fleet is up to standard, according to Club Umina general manager Mr Josh Collins.

"The boards are used for training and surf life saving and are an integral part of the club," Mr Collins said.

"The board was donated through the Avoca Beach Charity Bowls Day where the Club Umina team won three to zero with a slight bit of help from the Umina Beach Bowling Club guys."

**Press release, 23 Nov 2009
Josh Collins, Club Umina**



Pennants presented

Zone president Mr Kevin Dring presented the club's grade three and grade seven pennants at Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club.

"Any club would be pleased to celebrate a zone pennant win, but two in the one year was an

outstanding achievement," Mr Dring said.

"A large contingent of members formed a guard of honour for both teams to march through to assemble at the flag pole."

**Publication, 24 Nov 2009
Bowls News Central Coast**

Bowling club celebrates 50 years

Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club has celebrated 50 years of bowling on the Peninsula.

The club's November 10 event coincided with the same date the first game of bowls was played in Australia in 1845.

More than 165 guests were welcomed by President Gwen Jarratt including NSWBA vice-president Patricia Reynolds, Robyn Procter of the Constitution Revision

Board, CCDWBA president Lesley Swales, a past president of the Umina Beach club.

Club publicity officer Ms Kaye Cavanagh said: "The auditorium looked magnificent with the club's kingfisher emblem hanging from the ceiling surrounded by green and white balloons."

"The auditorium was also beautifully decorated with placemats featuring our foundation members, club history booklet and chocolates.

"A DVD of old photographs continually played on the large screen and photograph albums were on hand.

"A fashion parade depicting how the uniform has changed over the past five decades was a special feature on the day.

"The old measuring stick was even brought out for the occasion."

**Press release, 11 Nov 2009
Kaye Cavanagh Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club**

Scrabble in Woy Woy

Woy Woy Scrabble Club hosted the Central Coast Scrabble Championships on November 21 and 22.

Around 60 competitors took part in the competition that saw Mr Bob Jackson take out the championship crown with 12 wins and a winning

margin of 983 points.

In second place, with 11 wins, was Mr Rod Talbot with a winning margin of 914.

**Website, 24 Nov 2009
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