

Local map released by EnergyAustralia showing where the proposed underwater cable will be located between Booker Bay and Wagstaffe

Electricity to go under Ettalong channel

A 500-metre high voltage electricity cable is planned to be buried 30 metres below the seabed of the Ettalong Channel between Booker Bay and Wagstaffe.

The five million dollar project will be "one of the biggest ever" drilling operations across the national electricity network, according to Energy Australia Central Coast area manager Mr Tom Wilcox.

Mr Wilcox said the project would improve power supply for more than 1500 homes and businesses in Wagstaffe, Pretty Beach, Hardy's Bay and Killcare.

Work on the project is expected to start at the end of this month.

"Specialist drilling equipment will be used to create a deep tunnel under the sea bed," Mr Wilcox said.

"A pre-welded cable conduit will then be pulled through the tunnel, ready to be fitted with the final 11,000 volt cable.

"Demand for power across this area of Brisbane Water area will grow by as much as 36 per cent over the next five years.

"This five million dollar upgrade will help boost supply to the area to make sure we continue to deliver a reliable supply of electricity."

Mr Wilcox said a detailed environmental assessment had been completed for the project.

"Our environmental assessments found that the drilling is best undertaken at a depth of 30 metres beneath the sea floor," Mr Wilcox said.

"These comprehensive noise, geotechnical and environmental studies recommended safeguards to help protect the environment

and minimise disruption to local residents.

"We will install barriers around the work site to reduce noise from the drilling equipment and closely monitor the waterway from a boat during the work.

"Our drilling will not affect water traffic or activities, but there will be some unavoidable disruption to residents near the work site and we thank them for their understanding.

"We need to establish the drilling site at the corner of Petit St and Booker Bay Rd, which will be in place for up to nine weeks.

"To complete the conduit and cable work, we may also need to bring specialist equipment to the bottom end of Bulkara St, Wagstaffe."

Press release, 1 Apr 2010
Allyn Hamonet, EnergyAustralia

Grants for oval, foreshore and pool

The Federal Government will provide Gosford Council with \$365,000 in funding grants for three Peninsula projects as part of the second round of its Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

The three projects will help upgrade beach recreation areas in Umina, Ettalong and Pearl Beach, according to council's coordinator of parks, playgrounds and foreshores Ms Kim Radford.

Ms Radford said the extra funding received meant that several infrastructure projects could be delivered to the community sooner than expected.

"The projects listed for consideration had to meet the funding guidelines for consideration," Ms Radford said.

"Some were rejected by the Federal Government (due to not meeting funding guidelines) and new ones submitted."

The refurbishment of Pearl Beach Rock Pool is expected to go ahead later this year after the Federal Government dedicated \$120,000 under the recent funding announcement.

The project is estimated to cost more than \$200,000 with the remainder of funds coming from the Pearl Beach Progress Association's \$80,000 fundraising efforts over the past year.

Funds have also been confirmed to construct two viewing platforms at Ettalong Beach Foreshore.

Ms Radford said council had applied for numerous grants to complete the works planned for the area but had been unsuccessful to date.

She said work on the two platforms would be completed by the end of the year.

"The Plan of Management for

Ettalong calls for substantial and costly works," Ms Radford said.

"It is impossible to apply for enough funds to complete all works.

"Council officers are currently working through the high priority actions list in the Plan of Management."

The Peninsula Recreation Precinct has secured another \$95,000 funding to complete the project which is currently out to tender.

The precinct development is anticipated to commence construction in June and completed by December, according to Ms Radford.

"The \$95,000 is going towards some additional items that have resulted as part of community feedback and DA and environmental requirements and were not funded through other funds," Ms Radford said.

"The works include dune fencing for Endangered Ecological Community, half court basketball court and tennis court fencing."

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal said the projects were put forward by council and were expected to support several jobs during construction.

"The funding will keep more people working in our community.

"It will support our local economy, and importantly, it will build local infrastructure for the future," Ms Neal said.

The funding announcement also included grants for the upgrade of several Saratoga community buildings and construction of a skate park in Gosford.

Media statement, 8 Apr 2010
Kim Radford, Gosford Council
Press release, 24 Mar 2010
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson

Council may sue on investment losses

Gosford Council will await the advice of legal advisors before making a decision on whether it will seek damages for the loss of around \$2.5 million in its failed Lehman Brothers investment.

Council's current position comes after the High Court's decision to dismiss two appeals against the Federal Court judgement which found that a deed of company arrangement approved by Lehman Brothers Australia's creditors in

June last year was void and of no effect.

Under the High Court decision against Lehman Brothers Australia, local councils, charities and other investors who suffered a loss after the biggest US bankruptcy in history can sue to recover losses.

"At this point, council's advisors will be examining the findings of the High Court decision once a written judgement is handed down, along with any offer that PPB, the liquidators of Lehman Brothers

Australia, may put forward and will provide advice to council on the best course of action when all of the information becomes available for consideration," council's director of corporate services Mr Nic Pasternatsky said.

Meanwhile, listed litigation funder IMF told Australian Associated Press that its 70 clients, including local councils, were likely to get back more money than they were entitled to under the proposed deed and deliver a better outcome

to councils and other investors in collateralised debt obligations sold by Lehman Australia.

Lehman's liquidators PPB will now work out how much is available to creditors and said the court's decision meant contingent creditors were barred from accessing a \$43.2 million compensation fund which would now form part of the assets available to all creditors.

PPB's negotiations with New York-based Lehman Brothers' entities over the unwinding of

Lehman-originated CDOs and distribution of the underlying collateral are continuing.

If the negotiations are successful, contingent creditors should receive a significant proportion of their initial investment in the CDOs in their capacity as note holders, PPB said.

Media statement, 8 Apr 2010
Nic Pasternatsky,
Gosford Council
Website, 30 Mar 2010
Alison Bell, Daily Telegraph

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kilometre circuit which can be taken by car, bike, electric cart or on foot.

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The prize includes free entry for two adults and two children valued at \$109 and is valid until October 31.

Entries to the competition close Thursday, April 22, at 5pm.

To enter, simply write your name, address and phone number on the back of an envelope and send to Peninsula News Western Plains Zoo Competition, PO Box 1056, Gosford NSW 2250.

The winner of last edition's Peninsular Office Supplies competition went to Mr Laurie Rogers of Ettalong.

Clare Graham, 9 Apr 2010

Dawn service at Woy Woy

The Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL Sub Branch will hold its Anzac Day services on Sunday, April 25, as usual, according to senior vice president Mr Merv Heath.

"The dawn service will commence in Woy Woy Memorial Park from 5.30am followed by a special breakfast at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club," Mr Heath said.

"For those wanting to march, we will assemble at the Deepwater Plaza car park from 9.30am.

"All veterans, family members,

members of the public and school children are warmly invited to attend and participate in paying tribute to those who gave their lives in various wars so that we and our children and grandchildren can live in peace.

"In the event of wet weather, services will be held at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

"The usual luncheon and entertainment will be held at the club from 12pm.

"Tickets are available from the club's reception."

Press release, 8 Apr 2010
Merv Heath, Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL Sub Branch

Service at Empire Bay

The Empire Bay and District Progress Association will conduct an Anzac Day Service at the village cenotaph near the Empire Bay waterfront from 11am on Sunday, April

25.

Anzac Day committee member Mr Geoff Melville said the event was an important day on the local community's calendar.

"The service is conducted annually and last year attracted around 500 people with over 20 wreaths laid by ex-Serviceman, and children representing their fathers and grandfathers and wearing their medals," Mr Melville said.

Press release, 6 Apr 2010
Geoff Melville, Empire Bay and District Progress Association

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ceremony

The National Malaya and Borneo Veterans Association NSW Brisbane Waters Sub Branch will hold a special ceremony at Woy Woy Memorial Park on Friday, April 23.

The ceremony will be held in order to dedicate a memorial plinth for all services that were involved in the Malay and Borneo campaigns.

Interested parties are welcome to attend the event from 11am.

Press release, 8 Apr 2010
Geoff Turner, NMBVA
Brisbane Waters

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Environmental review completed soon

Energy Australia is expected to complete an environmental assessment of the proposed zone substation site in Empire Bay later this month.

"Under the requirements of the State Environment Planning Policy for Infrastructure, the Review of Environmental Factors is submitted to Gosford Council for comment and response once complete," Energy Australia media manager Mr Allyn Hamonet said.

In response to criticism over Energy Australia's restricted community consultation procedures, Mr Hamonet said it had performed letterbox drops in the surrounding area, held information displays and taken submissions from the community into consideration after the close of

the public exhibition process.

"We have been meeting regularly with council's planning and environmental representatives since June last year on site development," Mr Hamonet said.

"We have also been discussing the project with immediate neighbours of the site since December, when design and layout of the substation were first being considered.

"This input has been factored into concept plans, especially aspect and facade of the proposed building, perimeter fencing style and landscaping.

"We will continue to discuss the project with community and council as planning progresses.

Media statement, 8 Apr 2010
Allyn Hamonet, Energy Australia

Council will determine electricity plan

Gosford Council will have the final say on whether Energy Australia can build an electricity substation in Empire Bay.

Council's legal services team has told Peninsula News that the identified site along Empire Bay Rd was subject to dealings that restrict development of the land.

"Energy Australia advised Gosford Council it intended to augment electricity supply to the area by providing a zone substation at Empire Bay.

"The site is subject to dealings that restrict development of the

land and council is the authority authorised to modify the terms of the dealings.

"Energy Australia supplied a preliminary layout of the substation and requested council's concurrence to the modification or extinguishment of the dealing.

"Council placed the item on public exhibition from March 3 to April 3, and invited the public to comment.

"Details of submissions will be an agenda item for council's consideration."

Media statement, 8 Apr 2010
Alexandra Hornby, Gosford Council

Energy Australia criticised over community consultation

The Empire Bay and District Progress Association has criticised Energy Australia for its lack of "real" community consultation with its plans to build an electricity substation.

"At no time was the association contacted about this proposal even though we feel our community has a right to know what Energy Australia plans for our area," association president Ms Jan Consoli said.

"Even when Energy Australia sent out 700 letters advising of its information sessions, no one in the village of Empire Bay was informed.

"We know that a new substation is required, but we have real concerns about this location, which is a conservation area that had a positive covenant placed on it by the Land and Environment Court in 2003 to preserve the animal sanctuary and wildlife corridor between Bouddi National Park and Cockle Bay Reserve.

Local resident Ms Claire Wild who lives in the vicinity of the proposed zone substation has also raised her concerns.

"I recognise the need to upgrade the electricity network in our area but this structure is totally inappropriate for the location since it is classed as a conservation and scenic protection zone," Ms Wild said.

"Another site needs to be found such as further down the road at the Kincumber Sewerage Treatment Works.

"We believe Energy Australia is putting pressure on Gosford Council to have the restriction on the use of the land removed.



An EnergyAustralia map revealing where the new zone substation is proposed for along Empire Dr

"We will not accept that any restrictions should be removed from the area because Energy Australia failed to perform due diligence when they purchased the site.

"If the site is not suitable with these restrictions in place they should use one of the other sites they have in the area.

"Lack of setback and screening offered on Poole CI will make this development an eyesore in the location and all other properties while the height of the fencing will be intrusive in the location.

"Not to mention the fact that the National Parks and Wildlife Service has identified nine threatened species on mapping covering the site.

"A natural watercourse runs across site with ecological growth consistent with wetland characteristics, including swamp mahogany and a major drain/watercourse across the frontage of site that drains into The Cockle Bay Wetlands.

"Health risks cannot be excluded either with too much documentation to ignore the potential risk of childhood leukaemia in children less than 15 years of age in relation to high voltage transmission

facilities and the associated high voltage transmission lines."

Ms Wild also criticised Energy Australia for failing to provide written community consultation to the broader Empire Bay community.

"People down in the Empire Bay area, Bensville community and streets off the main thoroughfare, such as Pomona Rd did not receive any written communication," Ms Wild said.

"This severely limits the opportunity for the community to question the development.

"There are houses less than 100 metres from the site that received no early consultation opportunity with Energy Australia.

"This is incredible given the magnitude of this development.

"What is also interesting is that the plans Energy Australia had on display were not the ones put out by council for the community to make submissions on.

"The information given out appeared misleading and to lack transparency."

Clare Graham, 7 Apr 2010
Interviewee: Clair Wild, Empire Bay
Press release, 8 Apr 2010
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DLEP should be more realistic

The Gosford Draft Local Environment Plan (DLEP) is flawed for two main reasons.

Firstly, it does not take into account climate change and rising sea levels.

Secondly, it makes inadequate provision for the protection of highly sensitive public lands and coastal foreshores.

Since the vision for the DLEP was formulated circumstances have radically changed.

The State Government and Gosford Council have accepted for planning purposes sea level rises of 0.9 metres by 2100 while a national assessment of coastal vulnerability has ranked Gosford as the third most "at risk" council area.

The Federal Government has also accepted a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target of five per cent by 2020 and a detailed sea level rise mapping for the Gosford area has become available in 2009.

The DLEP ignores climate change issues.

Council has released no independent expert input (if it has any) so residents may understand the implications of these matters on the plan.

For example, with a planned 20 to 30 per cent population

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increase for the Peninsula, the reduction target of five per cent for greenhouse gas emissions means per capita levels will need to fall by 25 to 30 per cent by 2020.

This will have major repercussions for the community.

The implications must be spelt out.

Detailed sea level rise mapping now available to council shows the low-lying Peninsula will be at risk.

Woy Woy business district and surrounds will be subject to regular flooding.

Yet Woy Woy is planned to be a major business centre with building heights of 19.8 metres plus extra for consolidation bonus.

Is this a realistic plan with the information now available?

Protection of highly sensitive environmental lands Gosford is rightly proud of its history of acquiring Coastal Open Space System lands and its vision to ensure that sensitive environmental and recreational lands are properly protected.

It has available detailed vegetation maps for all such areas which were updated in 2009. Unfortunately, perhaps in the rush to get the DLEP finished, the new zonings now proposed by council

provide inadequate protection.

The COSS lands, the Pearl Beach Arboretum and coastal foreshores are all zoned RE 1 – Recreation: such proposed zoning exposes them to unacceptable development such as go-kart tracks and the like.

Other councils have protected their sensitive areas by zoning them E2 – Environmental Conservation.

There is no reason why Gosford cannot do the same.

Council must revise the DLEP to ensure proper protection is provided for all highly sensitive environmental lands.

It has available all the information needed to do so and has examples from other councils on how this can be done.

The new DLEP is a long-term planning document.

Such planning warrants taking into account up-to-date professional advice and expertise on the matters outlined above.

It is likely that such input will require real changes to a flawed vision.

The DLEP must be withdrawn and the community provided with factual information to allow it to determine a more realistic plan for the future.

Email, 16 Mar 2010
Michael Gillian, Ettalong

Council cuts reflect financial losses

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The library is one of the services council provides which is essential to the whole community. The new round of restricted hours presupposes that people are able to leave work during work hours to use the library.

We need better access outside working and school hours to our libraries, not further restrictions.

Libraries provide essential services for the entire community.

Again, with typical spin, we are told the new hours will "improve existing services".

It's about time we were straight talking about the fact that council assertions claim we "didn't lose a red cent" in council investments, now that realised losses are just beginning to show themselves.

We are experiencing the beginnings of cuts to community services and budgets, compared with last years' expenditures, and increases in costs for community access to such things as hall and theatre rentals and the like (such services already being

heavily subsidised by community volunteers, as evidenced at Laycock St Theatre).

And this is only the beginning of realising losses from massive investment mistakes which council and the mayor would have us believe, from public statements including to the ABC, do not exist.

Pull the other leg.

Let's be frank about what is really happening in cutbacks to "community services" and "development" directorate.

These losses are just starting to be realised!

There are many areas of waste and unnecessary expenditure that council could address before cutting back on community facilities at this time.

Let's have a public and open enquiry, with suggestions as to priorities for council's budget cuts coming from the community.

Email, 24 Mar 2010
Kay Williams, Pearl Beach

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Natural beauty at risk

The appeal of the Peninsula is the wonderful natural beauty which surrounds it.

With the proposed changes that the LEP contain I feel that we run the risk of losing places such as the Pearl Beach Arboretum, Mt Ettalong and Blackwall Mountain, to name a few.

I understand that these areas are to be included in the RE1

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zoning for no other reason but "the LEP template does not contain a Public Natural Areas Zone" (Media statement by Mr Eddie Love, 17 March 2010).

So basically what the decision-makers are saying is that they are willing to run the risk of losing such areas, all because it is too hard to

actually find a proper classification for such areas.

God forbid that council may actually have to do some work.

But then again I should not have expected anything else from our local government.

As a rate payer and local resident, I feel that it is about time that we are heard, after all we are not the ones that stand to make money if these changes are to go ahead.

Correct me if I am wrong but the RE1 zoning opens these areas to potential development.

Email, 5 Apr 2010
Susan Slater, Umina Beach

If you found yourself in the intensive care ward on Kiribati, a Pacific island, you would have sea water around your ankles at every high tide.

Fresh water would be difficult to obtain as the water table has also been inundated by sea.

If you had been a fisherman on Lake Chad in Africa when it dried up, you might have taken up farming, only to find that now you are unable to feed your family as there is no rain.

There are signs everywhere that the climate is hotting up.

I do mean the climate and not the weather.

The climate overall shows an upward trend but the proposed Gosford LEP demonstrates that our local leaders believe in business as usual.

Why else would they propose building on land reclaimed from the sea in Gosford?

Why else would they change the dune area to RE1 which could permit development, when storm surges have already demonstrated their power at Ocean Beach?

Why did they pay a firm to prepare a document about flooding if they were just going to ignore it?

Gosford's LEP seems to date from a past era and it makes

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obvious the fact that each council department works independently and has no idea what is happening in any other department.

There are people who believe that we can do something about the problem, at least to slow the effects down, so that living things can perhaps adapt more easily over time. Surely we should listen and think about their proposals.

We must ensure that we let the authorities know that an LEP which ignores all the research and all the available signs of climate change all over the world today, is unacceptable.

Surely we want them to err on the side of caution not just for our children but for all life on earth.

Email, 1 Apr 2010
Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay



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Restaurants proposed for Empire Bay Dr

Gosford Council is expected to reach a decision on approval of a development application that could see a restaurant complex built along Empire Bay Dr, according to council's acting manager of development Mr Peter Pegg.

The proposed development consists of three separate restaurants including car park and an alfresco dining area located in between Wards Hill Rd and the Liberty service station in Empire Bay.

Mr Pegg said the public

exhibition period for the proposed development recently closed with council receiving 28 submissions, the majority of which objected to the building.

He said that due to the large number of submissions received from the public, council officers would need time to consider all issues brought up by the public before making a recommendation.

"The majority of objections have to do with the impact of the development on the scenic quality of the area," Mr Pegg said.

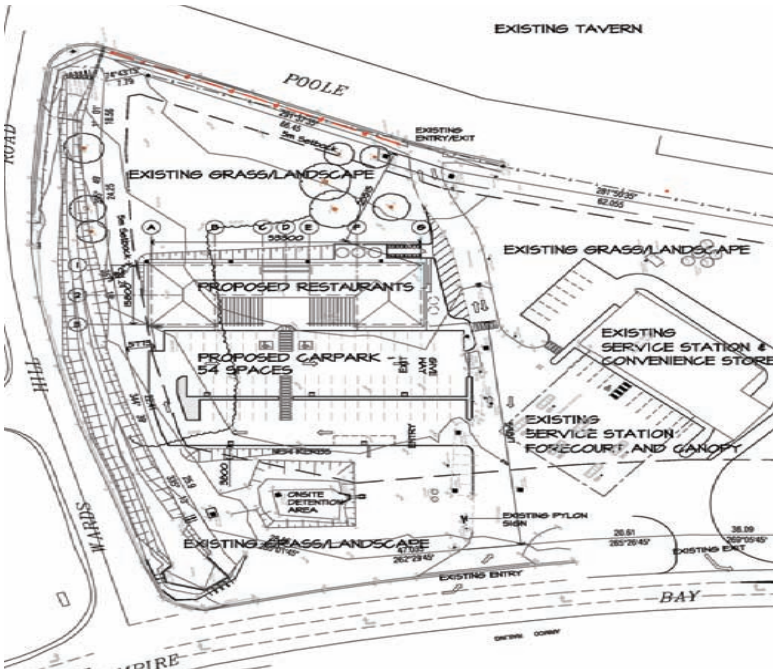
"If council officers approve the DA the issue will be brought to council meeting."

"If the DA is rejected the matter will be dealt with by an independent development review panel."

Greens Cr Ms Terri Latella expressed her concern over the proposal and said she feared the development may bring fast food chains such as McDonald's and KFC to the area.

Mr Pegg said he believed the applicant also owned the Liberty service station which was approved by the Land and Environment Court after council objected the original DA.

Clare Graham, 8 Apr 2010
Peter Pegg, Gosford Council



Chamber welcomes supermarket design

The new Woolworths supermarket in Umina is making a "positive contribution" to the streetscape, according to Umina District Chamber of Commerce president Ms Sharon Martin.

Ms Martin said she had received a number of positive comments from the local community about the design of the building and how it will lift the profile of the town.

"According to a spokesperson for Woolworths, the new complex is on target to open mid-year, weather permitting," Ms Martin said.

"This is good news for local employment as Woolworths will begin to recruit staff for the new store well before it opens.

"Many local contractors are already employed in the construction process.

"It is pleasing to see that the construction has caused minimal disruption to the area around the

building site when the size of the construction and its location are considered.

"Both Woolworths and the builder have been very conscious of how the construction process can affect movement in the vicinity of the project and have been very open in their communication with the chamber."

Press release, 9 Apr 2010
Sharon Martin, Umina District Chamber of Commerce



The new Woolworths supermarket in West St, Umina, starting to take shape

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DLEP comment period extended

Gosford Council has extended the public exhibition period for the Draft Local Environment Plan 2009 by four weeks to give local stakeholders enough time to make submissions and voice their concerns.

Submissions will now be accepted until Wednesday, May 5.

Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein said, to date, community response and engagement with the draft plan had been encouraging and an extension had been granted to allow "as many people as possible" to ask questions or voice their concerns.

"Around 500 people have attended the 12 information sessions held around the region on weekends and evenings," Cr Holstein said.

"Information booths set up at Woy Woy and Erina libraries and at Gosford council's administration building have also been well attended.

"Additionally, hundreds of telephone and email enquiries

have been received by council staff.

"This response shows that our community cares about our city and where we are headed.

"It is encouraging to work together with our community to lay the future foundations for Gosford City.

"In light of this, an extension to the public exhibition and submission period has been granted to provide greater opportunity for as many residents as possible to voice any questions or concerns they may have relating to the plan."

Council's manager for integrated planning Mr Eddie Love said council staff were working with community members to allay any environmental concerns residents may have with the draft plan.

"Gosford Council initiated its Coastal Open Space System (COSS) in 1984, which is unique in NSW.

"Council has been steadily acquiring lands to set the system up ever since.

"COSS land is managed along with other natural reserves

under the Bushland Plan of Management.

"This plan was prepared under the Local Government Act, 1993, and sets out how the land may and may not be used and how it is managed.

"The plan designates COSS land as bushland.

"Under the current planning controls, COSS land (which is in council ownership) is mostly zoned Open Space Recreation 6a, Open Space Special Purposes 6b or Open Space Regional 6d with a small portion being zoned Conservation 7a.

"The 6a and 6b zones permit recreation areas and camping grounds/caravan parks, which has been the case for over 10 years."

Mr Love said the new LEP template does not provide a "natural bushland" type zone for land in council ownership, although this was requested by Gosford and other councils in NSW when the template was in draft form.

"As a result of the LEP template having no provision for natural bushland type zones, Gosford council chose to place the COSS lands into the comparable zone to the current 6a, 6b and 6d Open Space zones, (being RE1 Public Recreation) so these lands will be managed in the same manner which has occurred since 1993," Mr Love said.

"Council's Environment Committee has representation from the Central Coast Environment Network and other environmentally-focused organisations.

"We are working with these organisations to ensure that council continues to enhance and protect our natural environment, while catering for the future growth of our region."

Gosford council will receive submissions on the Draft LEP 2009 until 5pm on Wednesday, May 5.

Submissions can be lodged on council's website at www.gosford.nsw.gov.au or emailed to lep@gosford.nsw.gov.au or posted to Gosford City Council, PO Box 21 Gosford NSW 2250.

Press release, 6 Apr 2010
Cr Chris Holstein, Gosford mayor

Options available for bushland, says department

Gosford Council had a number of options available to it under the standard planning template when it came to possible zones for bushland reserves, the Department of Planning has told Peninsula News.

"There are a number of options available to council under the standard template," according to a statement issued by the Department.

A departmental practice note suggests the possible use of RE1, E2 and E3 zones, as well as the use of vegetation overlay mapping.

"Of these options, council has chosen the RE1 Public Recreation zone for inclusion in the draft LEP now on exhibition.

"This zone relates to publicly-owned land and enables the use of land for public open space or recreational purposes, which would need to be in accordance with a Plan of Management prepared by the council.

"Council's RE1 zone includes a specific objective in relation to ensuring the long term protection and enhancement of council's Coastal Open Space System."

In authorising the draft plan to be placed on exhibition, the Department also identified a series of further tasks that Gosford Council needed to undertake to bring its plan into line with State planning policy.

"The Department has actively worked with council to help it reach a stage where the draft plan is ready for exhibition.

"To do so, a number of revisions to the draft plan were required.

"One of these tasks is to review the use of environmental zones as soon as practicable, in light of the relevant practice note on this topic, which was issued by the Department subsequent to council lodging the plan with the Department requesting exhibition.

"The Department will be discussing with council the timing of any changes arising from the review of environmental zones.

"There are a number of options available to council to ensure the appropriate identification and protection of the area's important environmental assets.

"It should be noted that a local environmental plan establishes the scope of a landowner's allowable uses on a particular site, whereas Plans of Management serve as an additional layer relating to the

management of public lands.

"In this case, as council is the landowner, consistency with its own Plan of Management when considering future use of these sites would be a matter for the council itself.

"At this stage, it is the community's turn to have their say on the draft LEP, following which council will review submissions and determine whether any amendment is necessary.

"The Department will continue to work with council on implementation of its new LEP including the best way of protecting the values of different types of public land."

The Department's environmental zones practice note suggests the use of E2 or E3 zoning for "bushland reserves with very high conservation value ... where future land use is restricted for conservation reasons".

It also suggests that environmentally-sensitive areas in other zones be managed "through a local provision and associated ('overlay') map".

Website, 9 Apr 2010

Media statement, 9 Apr 2010

Tahria Sheather, NSW

Department of Planning

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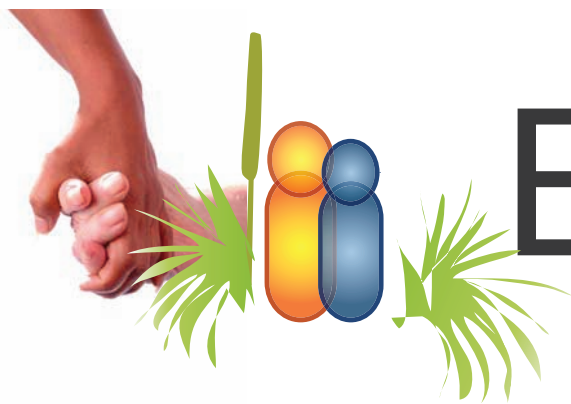
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Certainly, the Ministerial prerogative must get a work out every time a constituent calls for an elected representative or a Minister to intercede, to actually exercise their influence on behalf of their constituent.

Our political entitlements to due process and natural justice are being trampled by a seemingly unrelenting march of paid people abusing their powers, a political process which so many taxpayers who pay for elected representation, just don't get.

I read in the Express Advocate (Wednesday April 7) that the candidates for the Robertson Federal electorate, Labor's Deborah O'Neill and the Liberal's Darren Jameson, will not debate the woeful condition of our health system.

These two are long time members of the two parties not much preferred.

I believe that I saw Jameson being baby walked through a public meeting at Woy Woy, early last year.

He certainly has not engaged directly with Peninsula locals who have been spending money on advertising while seeking support from anyone for the return of our very important rehabilitation ward to Woy Woy Public Hospital and neither has Deborah O'Neill.

I asked O'Neill, outside the CWA Hall at Woy Woy on the day of the pre-selection, to do a Q&A with me so that I could report her answers to some important questions about personal values to my readers.

I would like all politicians who pay rates to a corrupt Gosford City Council to answer the same questions.

The Ministry for Planning and the Ministry for Local Government have accommodated what I have taken to identifying to my readers as sins against the people.

Our elected representatives simply refuse to engage with me because I am identifying members of their respective parties as part of the problem.

Consider the question that Green's Councillor, Peter Freewater asked in open council how it is possible for Mr. James to identify the Mayor, Liberal Party member Chris Holstein and the Deputy Mayor, Independent Craig Doyle as liars in the Peninsula News and nothing comes of it?

Many of you already know that the General Manager of the corrupt Gosford

City Council, Peter Wilson butted in to public political business and before the question was dealt with, he said that this is a legal issue and not something to be discussed in a council meeting.

I am not surprised that my elected representatives have no interest in discussing in open council/public forum why they are comfortable working with fellow councillors who have been often identified as liars.

It is a fact that Darren Jameson and Deborah O'Neill are members of political parties who continue to accommodate elected corporate entities and all of them are populated with fellow party members right across the country doing the wrong thing.

Grass roots party members look bad when they avoid answering legitimate questions about their personal values and how those values fit in with a party line which refuses to expel members who bring their respective parties into public disrepute.

While the corrupt Gosford City Council is my main interest, I am sure that many of my readers, certainly those of you who are paid politicians, are well aware of Cessnock Council's recently being identified as incompetent, not actually corrupt.

They will also be aware that Canterbury City Council was ordered to apologise to Magda Mallone by the assistant State Ombudsman.

Certainly Labor's Linda Burney would be aware of that disgusting, political farce where party members let an out of control, elected, corporate entity set up an elderly lady for a court battle by lying in response to questions and hiding information which may have put the council management in a bad light.

The council has done this for years.

Councillors and senior politicians could not, or would not, see the glaring problem caused when almost thirty years ago a development of sixteen flats was approved in an abandoned rock quarry.

Following is a copy of what readers may wish to accept as an indictment of all their elected representative party members for the most part which I submitted to the Editor of the Valley Times and Council Gripe, on Saturday 3 April, 2010:

"A sad, second hand apology is just another slap in the face for Magda Mallone from her elected representatives on Canterbury City Council.

"The NSW State Ombudsman has recommended the Council make an apology.

"It is unfortunate that your paper, the Valley Times, has allowed one of those councillors, Carlo Favorito onto page four to present a contradiction to the important Fatima Mrad by line on page five on April 1, 2010, a state significant story.



"Clearly, all Canterbury City Councillors, as representatives of ratepayers, have never lifted a finger to assist Magda Mallone.

"She is certainly one of their constituents and more importantly these same Councillors are absolutely responsible for the governance of Canterbury City Council.

"Pursuant to Section 232 of the Local Government Act as regulated during the years, this maladministration took place.

"The Deputy State Ombudsman has effectively identified them for abrogating their responsibilities on that score also.

"Canterbury is another one of so many local governments which refuse to act in the best interest of their own ratepayers.

"The Deputy State Ombudsman's findings should result in our State representatives getting involved.

"Councillors on this Council are certainly members of the two parties not much preferred; the Mayor is a Labor man, and the Greens are represented.

"This sort of maladministration is not a one off.

"Readers of newspapers should consider Hornsby, Gosford, Cessnock, Wollongong, the list is quite long.

"It is not that Councillors do not understand, but that they are refusing to do the job they all stepped up and asked for."

The problems with Corrupt Gosford City Council are mirrored in so many other local councils because they are all populated by members of the two parties not much preferred and some other politicians who are content to do nothing to change the status quo.

Read some of the coverage here: Cooks River Valley Times http://bit.ly/TVT_April1_Pg5 and now the Canterbury Bankstown Torch join in on exposing the incompetent, negligent and unreasonable conduct of Canterbury City Council http://bit.ly/Torch_Pg3.

This is an independent, non partisan statement made by me in the interest of informing the public

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Council delayed DLEP release

Gosford Council failed to place its draft Local Environment Plan on public exhibition in September last year despite strong encouragement from the Department of Planning to do so "as soon as possible".

The Department has released a letter it sent to Gosford general manager Mr Peter Wilson in September last year in response to council staff resistance to making the plan available for public comment.

Council staff had advised that they were unable to support amendments made by the Department without bringing the matter before councillors.

"The department understands that it is now intended that the draft plan will be considered by the council prior to its public exhibition," the letter stated.

"While I appreciate the need to brief councillors on the amended DLEP, the Department strongly encourages council to place the draft LEP on public exhibition as soon as possible to allow the community to have its say and to allow the LEP to progress."

However, it took council over five months to place the draft plan on public exhibition after it had received the amended draft plan back from the Department in September last year.

In the letter, the Department explained that its amendments

were simply to bring the DLEP into line with "the Standard Instrument" – the Statewide LEP template.

"A primary objective of introducing the Standard Instrument is to standardise local environmental plans across the state.

"Most of the amendments to the DLEP have been made for the purpose of complying with the Standard Instrument as the plan submitted by council was not consistent in some respects.

"Amendments have also been made at the request of council such as amendments to the Gosford City Centre provisions and the addition of the Coastal Open Space System clause.

"A number of matters in the

draft LEP and s62 submissions will require council to further consult with government agencies during the exhibition period, and the Department can assist in such discussions where council and/or agencies request," the letter stated.

Also in the letter, the Department highlighted the need for council to address the inconsistency with the "E zone practice note (PN09-002) and amend zones and other planning provisions as required".

"While there are a number of matters still to be resolved, the Department considers that the plan is adequate for the purposes of public exhibition.

"As the DLEP is primarily a conversion of council's

existing planning provisions into Standard Instrument format, it is acknowledged that public exhibition may uncover situations where alternative zones, development standards and permissible land uses are proposed and it is understood that council staff have advised some landowners to make submissions in this regard.

"The Department will need to closely consider how council has assessed such requests when the DLEP is returned and will be supportive of well-founded planning control amendments that avoid the need for future plan amendments."

Letter, 25 Sep 2010

Neil McGaffin, Department of Planning

Freewater receives objections in 'hundreds'

Greens Cr Peter Freewater has reported that he has received hundreds of objections against the draft Local Environment Plan to change the zoning of environmentally sensitive lands in within the Gosford Local Government Area.

Cr Freewater said he would be joined by fellow Greens Cr Terri Latella in fighting to have these lands properly zoned for conservation.

"The community is united in their rejection of the draft Local Environment Plan currently on exhibition.

"I have received hundreds of objections to plans to change the zoning of environmentally sensitive lands to a recreational zoning.

"Objections have been received by all environmental groups as well as hundreds of people in the general community.

"This zoning will effectively allow a host of inappropriate developments to occur on lands specifically set aside to protect threatened species in the Gosford Local Government area.

"A recreation zoning will leave

the door wide open for council to clear these lands for sporting venues or other recreational activities.

"Council may not wish to clear the land at this moment but times will change as population growth continues.

"The only way to ensure their ongoing protection is to lock these nature reserves up using the E2 conservation zoning as recommended by the Department of Environment and Climate Change.

"The community is absolutely correct – these lands must be given the highest level of protection possible and zoned E2 for environmental conservation.

"I applaud the community for taking the time to review and understand the DLEP and for rejecting plans to use a recreation zoning for sensitive environmental lands.

"Now that we have been able to extend the community consultation period until May 5, I hope that more people will take the opportunity to have their say."

Press release, 8 Apr 2010

Cr Peter Freewater, Gosford Council

Human remains found

Police say that it may be some time before human remains found in Brisbane Water last month are officially identified and a cause of death determined.

However, it is believed the remains are those of missing Woy Woy teenager Ryan Sainty who went missing while paddling in his kayak on Brisbane Water last June.

It has been reported that wetsuit-type shorts discovered

with the remains were similar to those Ryan Sainty was wearing at the time of his disappearance.

Police were called to Paddy's Channel near Woy Woy around 9.30am on March 28, after human remains were discovered by a boatman.

The remains were taken to Newcastle for identification and a post-mortem examination.

Website, 8 Apr 2010

NSW Police Media

Website, 30 Mar 2010

Dan Proudman, Newcastle Herald

DLEP website misleading, says CEN

The Community Environment Network has described Gosford Council's draft Local Environment Plan website as "incorrect and misleading".

The region's peak environment group has stated that an independent inquiry by the Planning Assessment Commission may be needed if council continues to get its information wrong.

"This DLEP process has been going on for some time and we need to get it right," CEN chairman Mr John Asquith said.

"If council is not going to correct the draft LEP information, then an independent inquiry by the Planning Assessment Commission is needed to conduct public hearings and to publicly resolve these issues.

"Fact Sheet Seven, titled 'What are the changes made by the State Government', states that council was directed to remove a

clause relating to environmentally-sensitive land as these areas could not be mapped due to the scale of mapping, lack of up-to-date information and invalidated data.

"However the Department of Planning in response to a question from the community group has advised that the removal of the clause was initiated by council staff (and not the Department) who did not want to have environmentally-sensitive land mapped in the LEP.

"The CEN is calling on Gosford Council to use its updated vegetation mapping (Bell, 2009) that was commissioned by council for this purpose and include it in the DLEP to protect environmentally-sensitive areas."

Mr Asquith said he was concerned that council had now placed mapping on the web link but had not made it clear that the mapping was not part of the DLEP.

"In addition, council has

suggested that consideration was being given to a forum on the draft LEP after comments close and to amending conservation zones after the draft LEP is approved.

"Forums are of little value if the information given to the public is incorrect and the suggestions that zonings could be reviewed after the LEP is made are disingenuous as the LEP is not intended to be reviewed for five years.

"The public can have no faith that council would revise its zonings – including protecting its

COSS lands with a more appropriate conservation zone – at some later time.

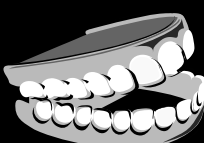
"CEN is requesting the clarifications and corrections to be made as soon as possible and council extend the period for comments by 30 days."

Press release, 30 Mar 2010

John Asquith, Community Environment Network

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First aid volunteers wanted

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Group chairperson Ms Fran Kendall said the hydrotherapy classes were beneficial to sufferers of arthritis.

She said she would hate to see the classes forced to close.

"Any sufferers of arthritis will be aware of the benefits of a few gentle exercises in a warm pool to ease general aches and pains," Ms Kendall said.

"Arthritis prevents much physical activity but simple exercises in a warm pool are relaxing and beneficial.

"Social contact for many 'stay-at-home' people for the hour is also an advantage."

Ms Kendall said the Woy Woy Arthritis Association took part in regular hydrotherapy classes run by trained professionals.

"Classes are well attended but people with a current CPR certificate are urgently needed to assist at sessions in case of emergency," Ms Kendall said.

"Members of the association are willing but, because of their

infirmities, are unable to carry out this important procedure.

"Class members range from 50 to 90 years of age but, unless two lifesavers with certificates are in the pool, the class must be cancelled for safety reasons."

The groups hold classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4.30pm to 6pm and on Saturdays from 12.30 pm to 3pm.

Any certificated volunteers able to help the group should contact coordinator Jill McCleer on 43411808.

**Press release, 31 Mar 2010
Fran Kendall, Woy Woy
Arthritis Association**

Volunteering information

Volunteering Central Coast will hold its next information session in Woy Woy on Wednesday, April 28.

Volunteering coordinator Ms Sharen Page said the session was one way for local residents to get involved with community organisations who were always looking for helpers.

"Whether it's developing new skills or using your existing skills, working in the community, lending a helping hand, volunteering is for you," Ms Page said.

"Many people describe volunteering as the best thing they have ever done with their time. "Volunteering Central Coast continue to present its Bridge to Volunteering General Information session at Woy Woy with bookings

essential.

"Volunteer interviews are also held at Woy Woy by appointment only.

"This outreach service is to assist the people on the Peninsula to access services with ease, saving travel time and money.

"We refer our clients to organisations with available positions, close to home, where possible.

"We have positions available from working outdoors to cooking, receptionist work and much more, there is something for everyone.

"For the full range of volunteering positions, contact us now on 4329 7122."

**Press release, 22 Mar 2010
Sharen Page, Volunteering
Central Coast**

Blood centre extends hours

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service has extended Woy Woy blood donor centre's opening hours to cater for Peninsula commuters heading back from Newcastle and Sydney.

The centre will now be open from 1.30pm to 7.30pm every Tuesday to allow local residents commuting on private or public transport to donate blood regularly.

"We realise that many people work 9am to 5pm and when that work is in Sydney or Newcastle it's very hard to find time for anything else, even for the life saving act of donating blood, so we're shifting the Woy Woy donor centre opening hours to later in the day," area manager Mr Steve Eldridge said.

"The extension of Woy Woy blood donor centre to 7.30pm means those leaving the city as late as 5.30pm or 6pm via train can still get to the Woy Woy donor centre by 7.30pm.

"The Australian Red Cross Blood Service anticipates a doubling in demand for blood in the next 10 years, because of developments in medical science and the ageing population.

The Woy Woy blood donor centre is located at Woy Woy Hospital along Ocean Beach Rd.

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**Press release, 22 Feb 2010
Jacqui Bell, Australian Red
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It does help if you are aware that there is light at the tunnels' end.

Bedwetting happens when a child does not awaken at night and their bladder is full.

Approximately 25% of children are still bedwetting at age 5, 5% at 10 years and 1% at age 15.

From a chiropractors' perspective, it is common to achieve good results with this problem from correcting spinal misalignments (subluxations).

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The nerves that relate to bladder control are found just up from the cocyx or tailbone and also just above low back level and not uncommonly, at the neck level.

Other causes can be hormonal when a small amount of aldosterone is incapable of managing the fluid levels in the body and too much wee is made of a night time.

If a child who is ordinarily dry should wet, then infection is possible and this may require medical attention.

When managing a child who bed wets, please consider the following:

- 1) Have your child assessed by your chiropractor and family medico;
- 2) Share the management with your partner if possible;
- 3) Reassure your child, tell them this is common, often Mum and/or Dad have been bed wetters;
- 4) Don't punish or criticise; your child can't help this;
- 5) Consider an alarm system if over 7 and if other help fails; and
- 6) Use strategies that will allow your child to sleep over or go on school camps, after all they are kids and should enjoy their childhood.

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Relay ends with heavy rain

The Cancer Council has announced it will no longer hold a Relay for Life on the Peninsula.

Cancer Council NSW regional manager Mr Lee Cooper said there had been difficulty in the last few years to continue to grow the event and a decision to end the Peninsula relay was made in consultation with the organising committee.

"It is always sad when something comes to an end but also exciting as we can now look at other opportunities to spread the message, engage the community and help raise much needed funds for cancer research, prevention and support programs," Mr Cooper said.

Since the beginning of the event in 2005, the Peninsula community has raised a total of \$348,483 towards the fight against cancer.

Mr Cooper said the Peninsula community had been great supporters of the cause and had raised an impressive amount over the past five years.

However, bad weather forced the final Brisbane Water Relay for Life charity event for cancer to be cut short on March 13.

Brisbane Water Relay For Life chair Mr Lincoln Poole said it was an unfortunate way to end the success of the past few years.

"We were hoping that we could end this event on a high and encourage the community to support new and future activities, but unfortunately after good attendance in the first few hours the heavens opened up and we had to abandon the day for safety reasons," Mr Poole said.

"While this is the end of one chapter, it isn't the end for the Relay For Life committee.

"They are looking for interested people to come on board and help run a number of local awareness and fundraising events over the next 12 months and explore the potential to launch a new Relay For Life event on the Central Coast, perhaps Gosford.

"Mingara Relay For Life will continue as the leading event for the Central Coast community which is aiming for 2000 participants and \$210,000 for its 10th year to be run in November.

"Ourimbah Relay For Life will continue as the key youth lead event entering its third year.

"If you would like to help support the Relay For Life committee and explore and develop new and exciting activities, contact the Central Coast regional office on 4336 4500."

Press release, 8 Mar 2010
Lee Cooper, Cancer Council NSW

Peninsula women form Lantern club

A group of five women from around the Peninsula have started a fundraising group for the Royal Institute of Deaf and Blind Children.

The five women have formed the inaugural Gosford Lantern Club along with four other Central Coast residents looking to help raise money for the national charity.

Daley's Point resident Ms Maria Bennett has been named president of the club while Ms Faye Austin of Woy Woy will undertake the role of publicity officer.

Fellow Peninsula residents Ms Deirdre Ritchie of Umina, Ms Mandy Harris of Pearl Beach and Ms Helen Riddle of Blackwall have also put their hands up to help out.

The group held its first meeting on March 18 and have agreed to meet regularly on the third Thursday of every month from 10am at the

Henry Kendall Room at the Central Coast Leagues Club.

The ladies' first fundraising project will be to come up with ideas to help the institute celebrate its 150th anniversary later this year.

National lantern club coordinator Ms Erin Adams said the Royal Institute of Deaf and Blind Children relied heavily on the dedication and support of local Lantern clubs.

"She said Australia's oldest charity for deaf and blind children was calling on local residents to join the new Gosford Lantern Club.

"The number of children and families we support in the Gosford area is increasing so we feel it's about time to introduce a new Lantern Club in your Central Coast area," Ms Adams said.

"Lantern Clubs take part in a wide range of fund raising activities

such as cake stalls, coach trips, raffles, opera concerts and much more."

Founding lantern clubs in support of the institute were established in 1964 at Randwick, Ashfield, Parramatta and Auburn and have grown in numbers reaching 23 clubs in total across NSW.

During the past 46 years, membership has grown to 1100 and funds raised have reached more than \$12 million to help support deaf children and blind children and their families.

The Gosford Lantern Club's next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15.

For more information, phone 9872 0326.

Press release, 22 Mar 2010
Bernadette Zebec, Royal Institute of Deaf and Blind Children

Shave raises \$4000

Woy Woy Public School raised \$4000 from hosting a World's Greatest Shave event late last term.

The Shave for a Cure event saw two teachers and a student shave their heads for the Leukaemia

Foundation.

School principal Ms Ona Buckley said the amount of money raised for the cause was incredible.

"Three wonderful souls with huge hearts had their locks shaved off to raise money," Ms Buckley said.

"This was so that others may have a chance of being cured from their illness by our doctors and scientists being funded to do research to find a cure."

Newsletter, 16 Mar 2010
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

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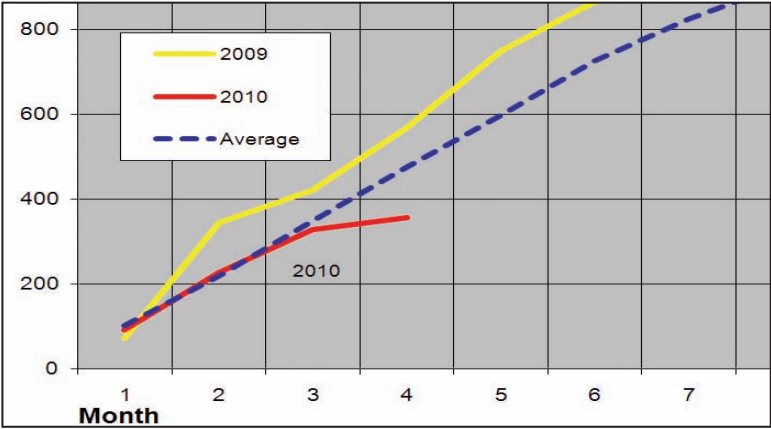


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Rainfall down 21 per cent

Despite 55.3mm rain on the last two days of March, it was not enough to bring the month's rainfall to the March average of 129.4mm.

The month's total of 101.9mm was 27.5mm, or 21 per cent, short of average, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

However, the total for the year of 328.3mm hovers around the cumulative average of 349.4mm.

In the first nine days of April, a total of 28.8mm had fallen

compared to an average for April of 126.4mm.

Temperatures in March varied from a minimum of 14.7 on March 16 to a maximum of 35.2 on March 21, according to figures from www.peninsulaweather.info.

The lowest maximum was 19.8 on March 1 and the highest minimum was 23.0 on March 7.

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Spreadsheet, 9 Apr 2010
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy
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Minister for Ageing Paul Lynch congratulates Ettalong volunteer Ms Pat Slattery at the NSW Seniors Week Achievement Awards

Pat named as State winner

Mary Mac's Place volunteer and steering committee member Ms Pat Slattery has been named as the state winner in this year's NSW Seniors Week Achievement Awards for her community service and volunteering.

Ms Slattery of Ettalong was presented with her award at a special ceremony attended by the Minister for Ageing Mr Paul Lynch in Sydney on March 21.

As well as volunteering with Mary Mac's Place for more than 11 years and at St Vincent de Paul's for nine years, Ms Slattery has also

travelled around the world to help out in AIDS clinics and orphanages including the Dominican Republic, Brazil and South Africa.

Her volunteer work with St Vincent de Paul includes visiting disadvantaged individuals and families while supporting them with a variety of needs including food, clothing, counselling and finance.

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews, along with other Peninsula community members, congratulated Ms Slattery on her achievements.

"It's important that as our population ages, our seniors remain active and engaged in our communities," Ms Andrews said.

"Pat was also locally recognised for receiving the award at my Annual Seniors Concert at Ettalong and was congratulated by the large crowd in attendance."

Mary Mac's Place project coordinator Ms Robyn Schacht described Ms Slattery as a dedicated, tireless worker who readily volunteers for work outside normal duties.

"Pat is highly regarded as

an open, approachable person, completely non-judgemental," Ms Schacht said.

"Pat is a caring, compassionate advocate for the disadvantaged and marginalised and is widely regarded as an outstanding, positive and inspirational role model both within Mary Mac's and in the community.

"She is a lady of great intelligence, wisdom, grace and humility; a person of intrinsic kindness, decency and integrity.

"Her contribution to so many people, young and old is simply outstanding.

"Pat possesses energy, motivation and a strong personal commitment to advocate for the underprivileged.

"Throughout her daily life and activities, Pat maintains a friendly, positive attitude.

"She is a fine role model for her peers and a true inspiration to our older generation."

Press release, 29 Mar 2010
Robyn Schacht, Mary Mac's Place
Press release, 25 Mar 2010
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford

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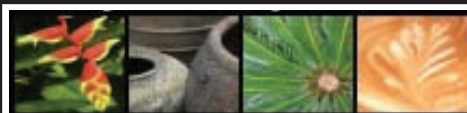
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Art & Entertainment



Del Rutter (left) from Del's Lets Do Lunch cafe in Ettalong with exhibition artist Lisa Simone

Art for autism awareness

An Ettalong cafe will help mark International Autism Awareness month by hosting an exhibition of artworks by two women who were recently diagnosed as being on the autism spectrum.

Del's Let's Do Lunch located in the Rocks Arcade in Ettalong will host the Art 4 Autism exhibition this month to raise awareness about the autism spectrum disorders while showcasing autistic talents.

It is believed that in Australia, one in 160 people are on the autism spectrum.

For former North Avoca resident Ms Lisa Simone, her 2007 diagnosis was an "overwhelming relief".

For 39 years, she had been labeled "weird" and had tried to fix things about herself which were perceived as character flaws.

Ms Simone said the diagnosis also explained why she found her years at Terrigal High School so difficult, leaving school in Year 10.

Shortly after her diagnosis, Ms Simone was inspired to develop a series of cartoons which highlight the health, sensory, learning and social difficulties she experiences in day-to-day life.

The cartoons will form part of the Art 4 Autism exhibition, as well as a selection of Ms Simone's artwork which was produced before her diagnosis, and was the only way she could try and explain her claustrophobic and sometimes

hallucinogenic world to others.

Ms Vicki McMellon will join Ms Simone in showcasing her art at the local cafe.

Ms McMellon is a formally-trained artist who was diagnosed with autism just last month.

Her four-year-old son was diagnosed in January last year, and as she and her husband started to learn more about autism, they noticed that she shared many of the same characteristics.

Ms McMellon's artwork shows her emotional landscape as she struggled to fit in, always acutely aware that she didn't.

The Art 4 Autism exhibition will run until the end of May.

**Press release, 6 Apr 2010
Rachel Scollay, Art 4 Autism**

Little Theatre performs one-act plays

Woy Woy Little Theatre will present A Season of One Act Plays at the Peninsula Theatre from May 7 to 16.

Group marketing manager Ms Patrice Horne said the event would bring theatre-lovers another fun-filled season of one act plays in the style of shoestring theatre.

She said the program would feature four short plays by local playwrights, actors and stage crew.

"Sauce Bearnaise written by Leila Blake and directed by Panos Carranjis tells the story of Jane and Julian, a childless professional couple realise that their marriage is becoming stale," Ms Horne said.

"They take steps to rekindle their love but face certain dilemmas of faith and trust in this witty, thought provoking comedy featuring actors Virginia Skinner and Chris Ashcroft.

"Joining the Club by David Tristram and directed by Marie Sellers is the story of a highly successful career woman who becomes unexpectedly expectant.

"This is the night that Jenny plans to reveal the results of her home pregnancy test to her husband, Tom.

"But he has some startling news of his own.

"War Letters by J. Robert Wilkins and directed by Linda Williams tells the story of a man who is off on a peacekeeping mission overseas.

"The women Jack leaves at home must deal with his absence, each facing the reality of separation privately.

"The only connection with the man they love is via letters.

"The cast includes Marie Sellers, Amanda Benson, Sarah Graham, Kirstie McGlone.

"And finally, Who's on the Couch

by Penny Dilworth and directed by John Hickey reveals a short comedy about Emily, who is in need of psychiatric treatment, but you start to wonder if she came to the right place when she sees the eccentric behaviour of the doctor.

"This play about odd things happening in a psychiatrist's office was written by one of our members and this is the play's first public performance featuring Judi Jones, Brendon Flynn, Tyrone McMaster and Patrice Flynn Horne."

For more information and performance dates, email secretary@woywoylt.com.au or phone 4344 4737.

Tickets go on sale from April 27 and cost \$18 for adults, \$15 for concession and \$6 for children under 15.

**Press release, 6 Apr 2010
Patrice Horne, Woy Woy Little Theatre**

Disabled choirs to be formed

A local music school is looking for expressions of interest from local residents wishing to join a daytime adult choir on Friday afternoons.

Choir organiser Ms Marilyn Russell said the Peninsula School of Music was looking at establishing two choirs specifically targeted at meeting the needs of local disabled adults.

"The first choir will cater for physically disabled adults as well as able bodied adults who are interested in joining a social activity," Ms Russell said.

"The second choir will cater mainly for mentally disabled adults and will also consider adults wishing to join a choir with the view of helping this group achieve their goals.

"Research over many years has proven that music works on stimulating all areas of the brain.

"Learning music helps improve speech, balance, cognitive awareness, visual, auditory senses and in general stimulate the brain.

"The choirs will enable the participants to expand their social and musical abilities as well as giving them confidence in society."

Ms Russell said that once the choirs had been established and a repertoire of songs had been learned, the choirs would perform at various events on the Central Coast.

She said each group would be limited in numbers and a small weekly fee would be charged.

The choirs will be held at the Peninsula School of Music rooms on the corner of Ocean Beach and Rawson Rds, Woy Woy.

For further information, contact Marilyn on 0417 159 540.

**Press release, 6 Apr 2010
Marilyn Russell, Peninsula School of Music**



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Pearl Beach opera raises \$27,500



Opera singers Tamara Anna Cislowska, Amelia Farrugia and Jacqueline Dark performing at this year's Pearl Beach Opera in the Arboretum

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has raised more than \$27,500 at the fifth annual Opera in the Arboretum on March 21.

Club director of public relations Mr Tony Cameron said funds raised from the event would assist local community transport and other Rotary charities and projects.

"There was great support from both local opera lovers and those from as far away as Young, some 450 kilometres south west of Pearl Beach," Mr Cameron said.

"The main attraction of the event was Amelia Farrugia, one of Australia's best loved sopranos.

"Fresh from her lead role as Manon in Massenet's Manon she dazzled the audience with

O Mio Babbino Caro by Puccini and the Laughing Song from Die Fledermaus.

"Her rendition of Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again from the Phantom of the Opera gave her a standing ovation.

"Baritone David Thelander sang the Toreador Song from Carmen and performed a great duet La Ci Darem la Mano with mezzo soprano Jacqueline Dark.

"Jacqueline's singing of Can't Stop Lovin' dat Man was a real hit.

"David Kidd, formerly of the Ten Tenors, came all the way from Queensland and opened his repertoire with Madamina, il Catalogo e Questro from Don Giovanni.

"The Rotary Club was very also lucky to have Tamara Anna Cislowska as the pianist.

"She is one of the best known and awarded Australian pianists of her generation and thrilled the audience with her exciting performance.

"Meanwhile, the local community was represented by the Central Coast Conservatorium String Orchestra conducted by Chris Bearman.

"This young group of talented musicians was a wonderful asset to the event and greatly appreciated by, not only the stars of the show, but also the audience."

Press release, 7 Apr 2010

Tony Cameron, Woy Woy Rotary Club

Jessica pursues her passion

Umina resident Ms Jessica Hind will pursue her passion for singing, dancing and drama by opening up a performing arts studio from Empire Bay Progress Hall this month.

To celebrate the opening of the new Turning Point Studio, Ms Hind will host a workshop open day which will feature 30 minute classes for age groups three to five years, six to eight years and nine to 11 years.

The second half of the day will see 45 minute classes for groups 12 to 14 years, 15 to 17 years and 18 to adult.

Having performed since the age of six, Ms Hind has achieved several vocal and dance scholarships and championship winners in various Eisteddfods throughout NSW.

Along with this Ms Hind has successfully performed in Youth in



Performing Arts for the past eight years and been seen on television shows and films such as Out There, All Saints, Black Jack and Home and Away.

Over the past 10 years she has been seen locally in many Gosford Musical Society's productions while

completed her schooling at Aim High, an extension of the Australian Institute of Music, and then studied and achieved her Certificate IV in Vocal and Musical Theatre at Ed5 International in 2008.

Last year, Ms Hind returned to Ed5 to complete Certificate IV in Dance studying under renowned choreographer William Forsythe and a stream of highly regarded professionals of performing arts such as, Keith Hawley, John Row, Kim Trainer, Leslie Bell, Craig Illott, Scott Archer and Natasha Crane

Ms Hind said she was thrilled to be fulfilling her dream of opening her own studio to encourage people of all ages to enjoy and embrace the world of performing arts whether it be for fun, exercise, confidence or the start of a budding career.

Press release, 26 Mar 2010
Jessica Hind, Turning Point Studio

'Perfect behaviour' at rock concert

More than 130 young Peninsula residents attended the Rock for Cancer concert at Umina PCYC on March 26, raising a total of \$1500 for the Brisbane Water Relay for Life.

The charity event was organised by Hope Church Umina to give local youth the chance to help Cancer Council NSW in the fight against cancer while enjoying the entertainment on offer.

Event coordinator Ms Melanie de Jager said that, in its second year, the concert raised \$700 more than last year and attracted more people.

"Not only was this a great financial outcome for cancer research, but everyone had an awesome night," Ms de Jager

said.

"The concert was a no alcohol event for high school students.

"The students were extremely well behaved with no trouble at all and at the end of the evening the PCYC was left clean and tidy by the students.

"It is so good to see that there are at least 130 kids on the Peninsula who appreciate a great night out with terrific bands and venue and know how to behave.

"As we hear so many negative things about teenagers today, many people seem to believe they are all troublemakers.

"That is so untrue.

"We did not have any trouble at all, with everyone who attended the night behaving perfectly."

Press release, 31 Mar 2010

Melanie de Jager, Hope Church Umina

Times change

Woy Woy Lions Club has announced it will change the start and finish times of this month's car boot sale to minimise a clash with Anzac Day services on Sunday, April 25.

Club member Mr Elmo Caust said the market will take place from 11am to 3pm instead of the regular times of 8am to 1pm.

"This coincidence occurs about every six years and on each occasion the boot sale timing

is varied as not to clash with the Anzac Day services and march," Mr Caust said.

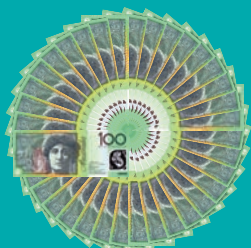
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Press release, 8 Apr 2010
Elmo Caust, Woy Woy Lions Club

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It also discusses the need to upgrade those services to cater for the planned increases to our resident population.

As part of the planned population increase, there are two more retirement villages being built in the area.

That's 300 more over-55s, in addition to other retirees choosing to reside on the Peninsula.

We wish them a happy retirement and good health.

If they don't have reasonably good health, their retirement may not be as happy and satisfying as it should be... unless we get this issue right.

To date, we have been disgracefully ignored by those who have allowed rehabilitation

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services to be relocated to Wyong Hospital in Kanwal.

This is an insulting attitude of those elected and paid to protect the interests of their constituents.

Politics should be more than dollar value for wages.

We would expect some empathy for our ageing population, some capacity to judge a situation and a commitment to do the right thing.

We positively do have the support of Gosford Council.

Members of the council do attend our meetings and have been able to research and pass on useful information relating to the recently released Local Environment Plan.

We also need community support including that from clubs, RSL, Vietnam veterans, schools, real estate agents, shops and other businesses.

Everybody should be interested in better health services located in our own area.

The information released claiming an existing plan to close some 117 local hospital across the

state of NSW including our own Woy Woy Hospital beggars belief.

Most, if not all of these hospitals were part funded by the local communities, many of them as memorial hospitals.

How can it be that the effort and dedication of all those communities, including our own, can be viewed by some persons with such disdain, wiped off the board and the records abandoned?

Don't let this happen, don't even allow a change of name to medical centre in the case of Woy Woy Hospital.

Demand what you are entitled to.

Few will remember the amalgamation of Woy Woy Shire Council with Gosford in 1946.

Bigger doesn't always translate to better.

Put that in the basket with "single point entry" and other recently developed expressions meaning change... to what?

Letter, 18 Mar 2010
Marjory Cleere, Umina

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Take dredged sand ashore

Forty years ago one could walk off the grass onto the beach at Ettalong with no ugly rocks as obstacles.

Also, along the foreshore to the ferry jetty, there were sand banks

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where one could go prawning and catch sea horses.

The beach was regenerated by dredging and pumping sand on shore.

The other time was when the now Mantra resort was built and the sand from the underground car park was dumped on the beach adjacent.

Where has the sand gone?

One has only to look a bit further up Brisbane Water to see where the trouble starts, around the Rip Bridge area.

Over time, the main channel has moved from the north side to the south side and the Hardy's Bay area is silting up due to lack of flow.

At present, the main channel is now located on the south side past the ferry wharf sweeping around close to shore to exit at the Ettalong Point area bypassing Half

Tide Rocks.

The result is no flow over the rock barrage, thus the channel is silting up fast because there isn't enough tide flow to clear it - hence the dredging taking place.

In my opinion, the dredging won't succeed because one good southerly blow and it's back where it started.

Perhaps our council could arrange for the dredged sand to be taken ashore, washed and dried for sale as building supply then we may get something for the money being wasted on the project.

I have witnessed the Half Tide Rocks boat ramp cleared by a front-end loader of sand back to the concrete in the morning.

By afternoon, the sea had recovered it with sand back to where it was before they started.

The same will happen with dredging.

Letter, 25 Mar 2010
Andy Palmer, Umina

Is draft plan local?

Eddie Love's media statements about Gosford's draft Local Environment Plan are telling (Peninsula News, March 22).

The statements are so revealing on management, state planning, community consultation, subjectivity, sustainability and environmental management that I am reluctant to take them seriously.

I can only assume they are genuine.

Perhaps Eddie has been confused by the disputed "local" content in the claimed LEP.

The 2009 Sustainability Report comments, "the proposed draft Gosford LEP 2009 must implement the State Government's Central Coast Regional Strategy (2008) and other various State Government directions.

Is it a local plan or a state plan?

Letter, 29 Mar 2010
Norman Harris, Umina

Dads' day out a success

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The day had something for every member of the family and for those who just wanted to relax and be entertained under the shady trees in Kibble Park.

What a fantastic place to soak up the fun-filled family atmosphere.

I know a lot of people are looking forward to next year's event.

Email, 29 Mar 2010
Darren Maxwell, Umina

Many thanks to our community service providers, news and information outlets, volunteers, entertainers and amusement providers as our Dads Day Out 2010 concluded as an outstanding success for everyone involved.

It was a day filled by dads with painted faces, and kids on parent's laps driving mini jeeps, an obstacle course, petting zoo, rock wall climbing, jumping castle and snow cones.

No better than drug dealers?

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coal exporter and yet both Federal and NSW Governments continue with "business as usual" despite pretending to care.

We do have a moral obligation to accept that our coal mines are contributing to global climate change as record ship loads of coal sail off to be burnt overseas.

One argument is: if we don't sell coal, someone else will.

I've heard the same argument from illegal drug dealers taking no responsibility for the lives they destroy simply to make money.

Email, 4 Apr 2010
David McDougall, Woy Woy

I can't believe the outrageous hypocrisy of the NSW Labor Government in apparently supporting a new coal mine in the Dooralong and Yarralong valleys.

Burning coal is one of the greatest contributors to climate change and is reason enough alone to stop this Korean coal mine from proceeding.

I thought that the ALP cared about the environment but apparently I'm sadly mistaken.

No new coal mines should be approved anywhere in this country until clean coal technology is developed.

I doubt it ever will be.

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interests.

Make no mistake: Vested interests run this state.

The politicians are merely toadies.

Letter, 1 Apr 2010
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

What I find amazing about the Avoca Beach fiasco is that our NSW fascist government has not found a way of overruling the courts as they have done in planning.

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Three students in exhibition

Three students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus were selected from more than 300 entries from schools across the Central Coast for a special exhibition.

Jessica Pooley, Alana Ryan and Nathan Bawden join around 80 students from across the region for the Gosford Regional Art Gallery exhibition last month.

The event was a part of an annual exhibition entitled A Central Vision that allows local students to showcase their artwork to the broader community.

Deputy principal Mr Warwick Bateman congratulated the students for their achievement and said they were very promising young artists.

**Newsletter, 8 Apr 2010
Warwick Bateman, BWSC Umina**

Charity film night raises \$2000

Pretty Beach Public School P&C reported a "huge success" for its fundraising film night last month raising more than \$2000 for widows and orphans in Afghanistan.

The Garden at the End of the World film night attracted more than 90 members of the school community and wider community to acknowledge International Women's Day and raise funds for Mahboba's Promise.

"After slow ticket sales, we eventually had 94 people turn up," P&C publicity officer Mr Brian O'Heir said.

"Not only were there many members of the community in attendance, but also from Amnesty

International, Rotary, Earth Central, Brisbane Water Soroptimists and Red Cross.

"I especially would like to thank Jane Tryon for donating a beautiful Tunisian tea set, Andrew Hogarth for donating his beautiful photograph and Impact Plants for donating an open order for the raffle.

"My thanks also go to our friends at the Wagstaffe Store, Moochinside and The Bouddi Gallery for selling tickets.

"It was a great night and we raised \$2024 for the widows and orphans of Hope House in Kabul."

**Newsletter, 19 Mar 2010
Brian O'Heir, Pretty Beach Public School P&C**

New executive at Pretty Beach

Pretty Beach Public School P&C elected the new office bearers at its annual meeting last month.

Relieving principal Ms Lorene Alexander said the meeting was well attended by parents who were "keen to be involved" in supporting the school through fundraising and decision-making.

"Our president Brian O'Heir has handed over the reigns to our new president Gabby Greyem while Rose Mackay has handed over all her records to the new secretary Heidi Montanari, both after three years of service.

"Our whole school community

would like to express their sincere thanks to both Brian and Rose who have just completed a massive three years of service working for our school P&C. "They have been through some incredible times in our school's history involved in the transformation of our school buildings and grounds into the wonderful learning environment for our students and survived, to hand over a perfect picture for our new office bearers.

"May you both enjoy your spare time and thank you for your dedicated commitment to help improve learning outcomes in our school."

Outgoing P&C president Mr Brian O'Heir said he welcomed the new members to the P&C team.

"I have stood down as president and would like to thank Gabby Greyem for taking over the role," Mr O'Heir said.

"New to the team is Heidi Montanari as secretary while Justine Sneddon remains as vice president, Zoe Braithwaite remains as treasurer and Cathy Baker remains as fundraising manager assisted by Jenny Nelson.

"I will remain on the executive as the second vice president."

**Newsletter, 5 Mar 2010
Lorene Alexander, Pretty Beach Public School**

School suffers in door-knocking scam

Woy Woy South Public School principal Mr Terry Greedy has warned local residents to be aware of young people door knocking to collect money for the school under false pretences.

Mr Greedy said he was extremely disappointed to hear about the scam after receiving a number of phone calls from concerned Peninsula residents.

"The scam involves homeowners being offered recipe cards for purchase or an opportunity to sponsor the student in a fun run for the school," Mr Greedy said.

"Please be advised these children are not acting on behalf of the school.

"We do not have any fundraising activities at the moment.

"The only sponsorship we have planned is the P&C sanctioned 'Wipe Out' being organised for

November where children will gather sponsorship for completing laps of the water activities that will make up the Woy Woy South wipe-out course.

"It would be appreciated if residents who are approached by these students obtaining funds under false pretences would make contact with the school."

**Newsletter, 30 Mar 2010
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School**

Vandals tag classrooms

Vandals have sprayed graffiti tags on classroom windows near the covered outdoor learning area at Woy Woy Public School.

Principal Ms Ona Buckley said the school cleaner had been busy cleaning off the graffiti to ensure the school looked its "normal and attractive self".

"It is sad to think that some people have nothing better to do

than to mess up our school which we are so proud of and where children are the victims of their offence," Ms Buckley said.

"Police and our security unit have been informed.

"Pictures of the tags have been recorded for easy identification by police."

**Newsletter, 29 Mar 2010
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School**

A new op shop has opened in Umina to assist in funding a religious education program at Brisbane Water Secondary College.

The Op Shop was officially opened on March 22, in front of a large crowd of local residents and supporters of the program.

The Religious Education Ministries is a joint venture by the Combined Churches of the Peninsula and has been operating for more than 23 years, according to REM board member Mr Gary Beitsch.

"The purpose of the program is to provide Christian education teachers to the local high school who currently employs four religious teachers," Mr Beitsch said.

"The teachers are young, gifted people who in their teaching provide our young people with a

solid foundation in which to build their lives on.

"The program has been very successful for the 23 years of its existence.

"The Op Shop will provide a further opportunity to raise much necessary funds to keep this work going as the program receives no

government funding.

"The shop is open five-and-a-half days per week."

The Op Shop is located in Berith St, Umina, next door to Stephensons Real Estate.

**Press release, 8 Apr 2010
Gary Beitsch, Religious Education Ministries**

Parent named as support worker

Ettalong Public School has successfully appointed its new Aboriginal Education Community Support Worker.

The position was awarded to a parent of the school Ms Lisa Finney who will work fulltime in the new role five days per week.

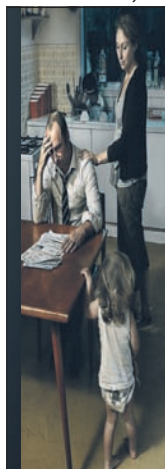
"I have much pleasure in announcing that our own Lisa Finney has been successful in being appointed as our new Aboriginal Education Community Support Worker," school principal Mr Colin Wallis said.

"Lisa is a parent in the school and has been a valuable volunteer helper as well as an outstanding learning support officer for our

school over a number of years.

"Lisa will be assisted in this role by Ray Stewart who will commence duties next term."

**Newsletter, 23 Mar 2010
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**



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Riding to school

More than 75 students from Pretty Beach Public School took part in national Ride2School Day on March 17.

The national initiative was held to increase the number of students riding or walking to and from school each day.

The day also encouraged students to lead a healthy and active lifestyle, according to relieving principal Ms Lorene Alexander.

"It was rewarding to see so many parents accompanying the younger students also," Ms Alexander said.

"Each student will be given a certificate for taking part in this

national event."

Ms Alexander said several students from the school also entered the Helmet Artwork Design Competition run by Ride2School Day organisers.

Newsletter, 19 Mar 2010
Lorene Alexander, Pretty Beach Public School

New buildings to be opened this year

Pretty Beach Public School will hold an official opening ceremony when its new buildings are completed later this year.

Acting principal Ms Lorene Alexander said the project was continuing "at a good pace" with two stages of the project expected

to be finished later this month.

"There is certainly much to celebrate as our school is transformed into the very pleasant learning environment everyone has looked forward to for so long," Ms Alexander said.

"We're expecting our double timber K-2 classrooms to be completed this month and hopeful that the builders will be able to keep to schedule.

"They have been fortunate with the weather and so busy remodelling the classrooms.

"Mr McInerney should be congratulated for his incredible

patience in setting up his classroom in the library waiting for the final move into the new classroom.

"Meanwhile, the special purpose room (old Kindy room) should be available about the third week of next term and will be the centre for Connected Classrooms, a program that will allow video linkage of lessons with other sources, including other schools.

"This room will be supplied with a Smartboard and video technology."

Newsletter, 19 Mar 2010
Lorene Alexander, Pretty Beach Public School

Mufti day raises \$500

Ettalong Public School raised almost \$500 towards charity through a mufti day late last term, according to school principal Mr Colin Wallis.

"We were able to raise \$480," Mr Wallis said.

"The money raised is going towards the World's Greatest Shave and Brisbane Water Relay

for Life.

"It is fantastic to see our students and community working so unselfishly to assist others in need.

"This is a great value for all our students to learn."

Newsletter, 9 Mar 2010
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

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Community readers wanted

Umina Beachside Family Centre's reading group are putting calls out for community members who would like to read to children five years and under as part of its new Community Reader Program.

The Start Reading Project Group is looking for volunteers to dedicate just 10 minutes as a reading role model for young children on the Peninsula.

"Business people, currently working or retired, and community workers on the Peninsula are asked to donate time to go to local Peninsula preschools and playgroups once a month or a few times a year," facilitator Ms Debbie Notara said.

"They can come dressed in their work attire and maybe bring a tool

of their trade.

"They will then read a story to the children that may relate to their work or it might be their own favourite story they bring along.

"The community reader would choose days and times that suit them, be registered on a data base and would then be contacted by a preschool or playgroup to organise a visit for them to read to the children.

"You don't have to be an expert reader to be a part of this project.

"The idea is to demonstrate to very young children that adults in the community value reading."

Anyone interested can contact Debbie Notara at Beachside Family Centre on 4343 1929.

Press release, 31 Mar 2010
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre

Young leaders go to Sydney

Ettalong Public School principal Mr Colin Wallis accompanied a group of students to the National Young Leaders Day in Sydney recently.

Mr Wallis said it was an honour to travel down to the Sydney Entertainment Centre with the students.

"It was an excellent day with our young leaders hearing from and meeting well known and inspiring Australian leaders and personalities including Melissa Doyle, Nikkii Bart, Bill Harrigan and Michael Milton," Mr Wallis said.

"I am sure that our young leaders learnt a great deal from this opportunity.

"I must thank them all for their excellent behaviour and cooperation throughout the day.

"They were fine ambassadors for our school and conducted themselves admirably.

"It was a pleasure to be in their company."

Newsletter, 16 Mar 2010
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

New principal starts

Pretty Beach Public School will welcome new principal Ms Deborah Callender when school resumes from holidays later this month.

Relieving principal Ms Lorene Alexander said Ms Callender was looking forward to starting her new role.

"Ms Callender has been appointed as the new principal and she is very keen to begin next term," Ms Alexander said.

"I'm sure the staff and students will make her feel welcome and the transition of leadership will be smooth.

"Deborah comes highly recommended for the position and will have a great deal to contribute to this school."

Newsletter, 1 Apr 2010
Lorene Alexander, Pretty Beach Public School

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Ettalong records bowls pairs win

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club has recorded a comfortable win over The Entrance Bowling Club in the final of the Central Coast President's Pairs.

The Ettalong team of Mike Braham and Allan Quinn won their second president's title in a month having been members of the successful Ettalong's Fours team.

Central Coast District Bowling Association president Mr Kevin Dring said the competition for pennant players grade five and below traditionally provided good competition for players of a similar standard.

"This year's event was no exception for the 48 teams that contested this championship with many up and coming new faces to look out for," Mr Dring said.

"In recent years, Davistown RSL has performed well in this competition and Chris Jones and Mike Fletcher maintained this track record with good sectional round wins and then defeating Halekulani's Bernie Young and Ray Ham in the final (17 to 12) to gain a semi-final berth.

"David Denniss and Warwick Becroft (The Greens) stormed into the sectional final with big sectional round wins of 13, 10 and 21 shots respectively to play out a nail-biter of a final for a one shot win over

another well performed Davistown team in Bill Sonter and Ken Morris (22 to 21).

"Ettalong's Mike Braham and Allan Quinn showed some good form in the sectional rounds and then recorded their most convincing win over Avoca's Gary Allenby and David Richards in the final (25 to nine) for a berth into the semi-final.

"Max Clancy and Phil Clark upheld Avoca's competitive spirit with a comfortable win in the section final over the Toukley District Pair of Tony Gribbin and Alan Carpenter (17 to nine).

"The semi-finals of the president pairs produced two extreme results.

"The Greens David Dennis and Warwick Becroft had a convincing win over Davistown's Chris Jones and Mike Fletcher (27 to seven) whilst Ettalong's Mike Braham and Allan Quinn had the closest of tussles against Avoca's Max Clancy and Phil Clark for a one shot victory (16 to 15).

"Mike Braham and Allan Quinn who were members of the Zone 15 president fours championship were always in control of the final to record their second Zone 15 president's title (25 to seven) in just one month."

**Publication, 8 Apr 2010
Kevin Dring, Bowls
News Central Coast**

Strong trials wins for Roosters

The Woy Woy Roosters Rugby League Football Club recorded three strong wins in all its first grade pre-season trial games, according to club president Mr Greg Staunton.

Mr Staunton said the result was pleasing for the club.

"The Roosters go into the start of the season with confidence, having recorded strong wins over Toukley, Terrigal and Berkeley Vale in the pre-season competition," Mr Staunton said.

"With so many new players the

effort from everyone has been great, but it really all starts again when we play Berkeley Vale in the first round."

The club's first home game for the season will kick off at Woy Woy Oval against Kincumber on Sunday, April 18.

Meanwhile, Woy Woy players Adam Tippet, Matt Riddle, Glenn McLellan, Ryan Drew and

Jared Smith were selected to represent the Central Coast against Group 21 with Matt

Riddle gaining selection for the Central Hunter Power.

Woy Woy Under-19s player Jason Hayward has also been selected to represent the Power Under-18s side.

**Newsletter, 31 Mar 2010
Greg Staunton, Woy Woy
Rugby League Football Club**



Competitors at round two of the Inflatable Rescue Boat Premiership

Photo: Bill Sheridan

Rescue boats compete at Ocean Beach

More than 250 competitors from 21 surf clubs across the state turned out at Ocean Beach for the second round of the Inflatable Rescue Boat Premiership on March 28.

The local venue was chosen to host round two of competition due to the beach's favourable conditions, central location and Ocean Beach Surf Clubs hospitality and success in holding previous events, according to Surf Life Saving NSW spokesperson Mr Donna Wishart.

Ms Wishart said Ocean Beach had held several events in the previous times with competitors and spectators alike enjoying the area and its surroundings.

Thirroul surf club finished on

top of the point score ladder with 20 points, after round two of the premiership event.

Meanwhile, Kiama Downs and South Maroubra remain in second and third positions respectively going into round three of competition to take place in Windang on May 8.

Local clubs Terrigal and Soldiers Beach are also likely contenders for the overall competition.

"The importance of inflatable rescue boat competition is that crews up and down the coast develop vital skills for use in real rescue situations," Ms Wishart said.

"Many of the crews had these skills tested to the limit at the

recent Australian Surf Life Saving Championships where they were hailed as the real heroes, after plucking competitor after competitor from the cyclone-ravaged surf off Kurrawa on the Gold Coast.

"Putting themselves on the line for up to eight hours a day, they battled the treacherous conditions to ensure the safety of competitors, every one of whom was grateful for their tireless vigilance and determination."

Ms Wishart said competitors were now gearing up for the Australian IRB Championships in Tasmania from April 17.

**Press release, 30 Mar 2010
Donna Wishart, Surf
Life Saving NSW**

Umina hosted pairs final

Umina Beach Bowling Club hosted the final of the Central Coast District Women's Bowling Association pairs championship recently.

The event saw two Peninsula bowling clubs, Ettalong Memorial and Everglades, compete against each other for the championship trophy.

Association publicity officer Ms Edna Murray said the final was played out on a near perfect day for bowling with no sun and a slight breeze.

"Ettalong's Tracey Ward and

Lauren Williams held the lead until the 12th end with the Everglades pair of Sue O'Connor and Judy King squaring the ledger on 12," Ms Murray said.

"They then broke away to finish strongly with a 22 to 13 victory.

"The quarter and semi-finals were played at Everglades."

Quarter-final results:

J. Hiron, D. Dorrington (The Entrance) defeated M. Stokes, F. Larken (Bateau Bay).

M. Thompson, S. Fugle (Munmorah United) defeated P. Walsh, J. Vigar (Everglades).

S. O'Connor, J. King (Everglades) defeated M. Edwards, P. Massey (Bateau Bay).

T. Ward, L. Williams (Ettalong Memorial) defeated E. Vincent, L. Morton (Everglades).

Semi-finals results:

T. Ward, L. Williams (Ettalong Memorial) defeated J. Hiron, D. Dorrington (The Entrance).

S. O'Connor, J. King (Everglades) defeated M. Thompson, S. Fugle (Munmorah United).

**Publication, 8 Apr 2010
Edna Murray, Bowls
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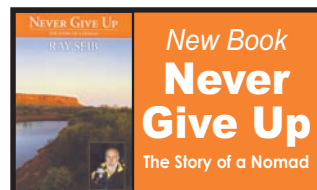
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Ph: 4341 8344
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**Central Coast Art
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Brings together artists
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(Ph: 4369 5860),
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of each month at Gosford
City Art Centre and Social
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publicity@artcentralcoast.asn.au
PO Box 4168
East Gosford 2250

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A school-based
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Sydney Ave, Umina

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⁽²⁵⁶⁾

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bonds

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2257 Tel: 4360 2945
info@wagstaffetokillcare.org.au

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and Peacemakers'
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Inc, Gosford Sub-
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vietvetsgosford@bigpond.com
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Beach NSW 2257

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Central Coast Centre**
⁽²⁵⁷⁾

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⁽²⁵⁴⁾
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Club - 10.30am
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As a community access newspaper, Peninsula News has
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While this information has been provided free of charge to the community,
unfortunately it has not remained current and many changes have not
been provided to the newspaper.

Starting with the first edition of Peninsula News in 2010, this information
will be presented in an easier to use format where activities and like
organisations will be grouped to make them easier to find and their
contact information will be included.

It will now also be possible to add specific one off events with information
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All Not for Profit Community Organisations that would like to be included
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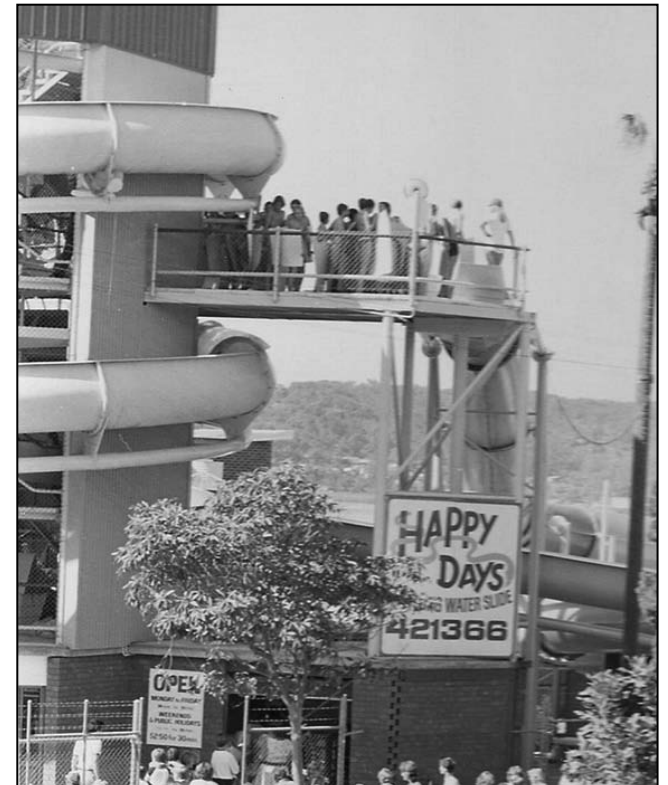
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⁽²⁵⁷⁾
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Water slide at Ettalong

I can't believe I am doing this!

Perspiration is running down my face and chest in rivulets.

Heart rate is way up to 120 and blood pressure a dangerous 150/80.

Breathing is short and laboured and I really want to be anywhere but here.

The noise of fast running water almost drowns the screams and shouts from dozens of youngsters and if it wasn't for the sympathetic but impatient urging of the kids behind me, I would never have released my white knuckled grip on the safety rail and taken the plunge.

Yes, you guessed it.

I was on the very top of the waterslide at Ettalong at the invitation of the owners, Ray and Dawn Johansson.

Down I went, carried along with a massive rush of water pumped up from down below.

Legs and arms everywhere, with my poor body being buffeted from side to side like the Olympic Luge, gaining speed all the time until I was finally expelled with an almighty splash in a most undignified manner in a pool which seemed no bigger than a bathtub (in reality, it was the size of a backyard pool).

It was fabulous!

It was fantastic!

I had to try the other tube, pushing kids out of the way as I dashed up the stairs to have another go!

This was the opening day of the Happy Days waterside on the corner of Memorial Ave and The Esplanade, Ettalong, in the early 1980s.

With the disappearance of three cinemas, there was a dearth of entertainment for young people on the Peninsula and Ettalong Beach was considered to be the ideal site for a waterslide.

There was already a waterslide operating successfully at The Entrance, and with a large youthful population, the proposed development received an enthusiastic response.

However, not everyone was happy.

Several councillors were apoplectic in voicing their disapproval with the local progress association, with the Australian Democrats joining the protesters.

Noel Hewitt, the chief town planner, was obliged to remind council that revocation of consent would have had serious legal implications for council and, soon after, construction was well under way.

The waterslide comprised dual slides with a 14.5 metre tower and a kiosk.

It proved immensely popular with both locals and tourists alike.

Some 20 youngsters were employed at peak times and for many years the water slide provided lots of thrills and spills for those willing to live dangerously for a few hours.

Ray and Dawn Johansson were also the principals of Coastal Luxury Pools and Coastal Billiards.

They are now comfortably living in retirement on the Gold Coast.

Email, 26 Mar 2010
Fred Landman, Daley's Point



Woy Woy Judo Club members Jordan Smith, Mike Griffith and Dan Simmons

Three play judo in Queensland

Three senior members of Woy Woy Judo Club took part in the Queensland International Open in South Brisbane on March 27 and 28.

All three competitors progressed well into the competition showing outstanding sportsmanship and representation for the Peninsula, according to club publicity officer Ms Lindy Simmons.

Ms Simmons said the Queensland competition was a good opportunity to be selected for the National Training and Identification Program run by the Australian Institute of Sport in

Canberra.

"Sixteen-year-old Woy Woy member Jordan Smith will now attend the AIS this month after his great performance at the competition last month," Ms Simmons said.

"Jordan Smith, who holds a blue belt, entered in the junior men's Under-81kg division on the Saturday of competition in a field of 20.

"Unfortunately, he was defeated in his first fight but came back to win the bronze medal after two more bouts.

"Jordan backed up on the Sunday and entered the men's

division along with club member Dan Simmons (brown belt) also in the Under-81kg category.

"Again there was a field of 20 competitors, where Jordan and Dan had drawn a bye in the first round.

"Jordan first defeated Aaron Kelly from Queensland.

"His next two bouts against older and more experienced black belts saw Jordan get some points on the board and, even though he didn't win, he did last the distance.

"Meanwhile, Dan showed dominance in his fight and was clearly in control when he initiated a strong sasae-tsuri-komi-ashi (drawing prop ankle throw) that spun his opponent toward the mat.

"The referee's decision on the landing was not to be in Dan's favour though and within the final minute Dan was thrown.

"Our third competitor Mike Griffith (black belt) competed in the Under-73kg veterans to take home the silver medal in a group of five players from Queensland and New Zealand.

"Mike defeated his first opponent inside the first two minutes with an ippon-seonage (shoulder throw) and was then then held down in his next bout in the gold medal playoff."

Lindy Simmons, Woy Woy Judo Club
Press release, 8 Apr 2010

Woy Woy hosts union finals

Central Coast opened up this season's campaign in the NSW Country Rugby Championships with a resounding win against Central North at Woy Woy Oval on March 20.

The final score was 27 points to seven, after the halftime score was only seven points to nil in favour of the home side, according to Central Coast Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson.

"The first 40 minutes was a quite even affair," Mr Thomson said.

"Both teams had their chances to score and each side dominated certain periods of that half.

"The opening 20 minutes saw both teams try to gain the ascendancy in the forward exchanges but to no avail.

"The Central Coast set pieces however were very good.

"The line-outs were excellent with locks Peter Steele and Adam Winter both winning their own ball as well as on several occasions winning the opposition throw.

"The further the game went on the stronger the Central Coast scrum became. "Several tightheads were taken and this certainly aided the home side's cause. "Twenty minutes into the first half the first points were scored.

"A good break saw prop Shannon Beavan cross under the posts to make an easy conversion for fullback Jono Hirst.

"This made the score seven points to nil and that remained the halftime score.

Mr Thomson said he believed the best players for Central Coast were the two locks Adam Winter and Peter Steele, while five-eight Adam Carlisle proved very strong both in his organisational skills and defence.

"Carlisle was certainly getting his backline into action," Mr Thomson said.

"He worked in great combination with halfback Justin Staben.

"Central Coast started strongly in the second half and began to assert their dominance on the scoreboard.

"Winger Declan Shepherd crossed for a try within the first 10 minutes of the start of the second half, and this try was quickly followed by another to outside centre Ben Shine.

"Declan Shepherd and Ben Shine scored another try each to increase the lead further so that Central Coast led by 27 to Central North nil with only a few minutes to go.

"Fullback Jono Hirst had an excellent game both with his general running as well his long clearing kicks in general play.

"He did only convert one of the five tries but there were no easy conversions for him in the second half.

"Central North scored a consolation converted try in the final few minutes."

However, despite a convincing win against Illawarra in the semi-final on March 27, Central Coast qualified for the final only to be defeated by a strong Newcastle side 13 to nil.

The Central Coast Colts also had a great win at Woy Woy Oval, according to Mr Thomson.

"Despite being down 13 points to three at the half time break, the home side put on a blistering second half," Mr Thomson said.

"They scored 27 unanswered points in the second half to run out winners by 30 points 13.

"The team really did put it altogether in the second half and scored four great tries in the second stanza.

"The further the game went on the stronger they got."

However, the young Central Coast side were defeated by 36 points to 12 in the playoff for third and fourth positions against Central West.

"The Coast team was never really in the match although they did surge midway through the second half and got close," Mr Thomson said.

"But Central West finished the game stronger.

"The Colts had finished fourth in the championships.

"The team (Illawarra) that defeated them in a close fixture the day before won the championship so the Central Coast was not far behind the top teams despite the two losses over the final weekend."

Press release, 21 Mar 2010
Larry Thomson, Central Coast Rugby Union

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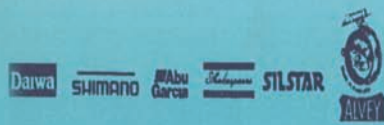


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Malibu contest

After almost a week of showers and a howling easterly wind, conditions for the Ocean Beach Malibu Club's March contest "weren't looking too promising", according to contest director Mr Craig Coulton.

"But again we were looked after, as the wind eased as daylight arrived, the sun shone brightly for the first time in several days and two sand banks provided us with some nicely shaped three to four foot wave faces," Mr Coulton said.

"Usually after such a prolonged onshore wind, bluebottles become something of a problem but luckily even they were scarce.

"Our junior ranks were given another boost with five new signings thanks to a recruitment drive by John and Tom Payne who spread the word about the club around the Killcare area and came along with four new members.

"The battle for the junior club championship looks like being a beauty with four of this season's new members having heat wins.

"This month's new members are Mitch Cassidy from Woy Woy and the Killcare connection, brothers Blake and Kayd Donkin, along with Sam and Ben Orman.

"All featured prominently in the round two heats, along with Jack Wildman.

"Maximum points for the day went to Mark (Jack) Williams who surfed brilliantly, even with injury time-out to defeat Hayden Emery

with newcomer Scott Arena placing third.

"Cyndi Zoranovic was the surprise packet of the day, winning the battle of the fourths by a mere 0.1 of a point on a first wave count back over Richie McClelland while Angie Smith managed a third in her round one heat.

"The Ocean Beach Malibu Club is keen to increase the number of women participating in long boarding."

For further information, phone 4344 5842 or 0412 616 368.

Results:

Round one winners were: Calyn Wilkinson from Glen Bible and Sam Orman, Mark Williams from John Payne and Tom Payne, Scott Arena from Cody Fleming and Angie Smith, Hayden Emery from Garry Halliday and Craig Coulton, Blake Donkin from Darrell Young and Brent Olsson, Ron Stockings from Mitch Bolton and Luke Cousins.

Round two results were: (firsts) Mark Williams from Hayden Emery and Scott Arena, (seconds) Garry Halliday from Mitch Bolton and Glen Bible, (thirds) Sam Orman from Luke Cousins and Craig Coulton, (fourths) Cyndi Zoranovic from Richie McClelland and Chris Irwin, (fifths) Jack Wildman from Ben Orman and Kayd Donkin and in the final heat of the day (sixths) in his very first contest Mitch Cassidy won from Mick Day and Andre Blunden.

Press release, 22 Mar 2010
Craig Coulton, Ocean Beach Malibu Club

Bunnies field five sides



photo: Ian Sonter

With the three trial games completed, Umina Beach Rugby League Football Club will field five sides in this year's competition including an Under 17s and 19s division as well as first, reserve and open grades.

Club president Mr Matthew Harvey said the Bunnies' trial form was "impressive" considering the team is still bonding with some eight players from last year's Under-20s playing at some stage in the first grade trials.

"We ran out convincing winners in first grade against Muswellbrook and Toukley while Denman with all their new signings available was a torrid affair and only a try separated us at full time," Mr Harvey said.

"In our latest trial, new signing Jason Allwood led the way against Toukley while Reece Padget scored five tries in an impressive debut at half back.

"Marc 'Dodge' Matthews certainly has the boys fit and whatever they do now they will improve on as the season gets into gear."

Mr Harvey will coach the reserve grade side which he said was "young and fit" while the first grade team was up for big things with several young players coming through.

"Opens are coached by Umina stalwart Shannon Sharpe and they

had their first hit out recently, and with quite a few players still to come into the side, it's great to see we can cater for our guys who still want a run but are unable for one reason or another to fully commit to grade football," Mr Harvey said.

"Our Under-19s coached by junior development officer Frank 'Junior' Johnson and our Under-17s coached by former Bunnies player Paul Hickey both are looking good and barring injury should be semi final bound as there really is some talented youths coming through our club with Zane Ricket and Jake Harvey being selected for the Central Coast Under-18s rep side.

"Talented players Bennett Leslie and Brayden Williams have made their debuts with the Melbourne Storm.

"Both were Umina Bunnies in 2009 and Bennett has been with

the club since Under-8s."

Mr Harvey said a highlight for the club in this year's season would include its major charity day in support of breast cancer research.

He said all first grade players would take to the field in pink jumpers for the special event.

"We hope to raise quite a few thousand dollars from the sale of the jumpers for this extremely worthy cause and it will have considerable media exposure to maximise our fund raising opportunities for the charity," Mr Harvey said.

"This year Umina Beach will also circulate a basic resuscitation chart with our sponsors details attached."

For more information, visit www.2257bunnies.com.au

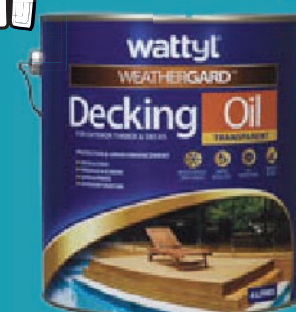
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Matthew Harvey, Umina Beach Rugby League Football Club

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