

Neal calls for hospital upgrade

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal has called for an upgrade to Woy Woy Hospital.

Her statement was made after an agreement was reached between the State and Federal governments on delivering a national health and hospitals network.

Ms Neal promised to continue working to improve local public health services including Woy Woy Hospital.

However, she did not say how she would like to see it upgraded.

She said the health agreement would introduce the most significant reforms to the Australian health and hospitals system since the introduction of Medicare.

"Given the structure and scope of these reforms, it is a perfect opportunity to create a dedicated Local Health Network for the Central Coast," Ms Neal said.

"This is an essential part of health reform for the Coast.

"We also need an upgrade to Woy Woy Hospital and an increase

in the number and availability of trained GPs on the Coast.

The new National Health and Hospitals Network meant that doctors and nurses would have more say in the way their local hospital is run, through Local Hospital Networks and new primary health care organisations, according to Ms Neal.

"Under the Network, the Australian Government will become the dominant funder of public hospitals," Ms Neal said.

"This historic health reform means that the Federal Government will fund 60 per cent of public hospital building, equipment, teaching, training and services.

"It will take pressure off our public hospitals by improving the health care provided in the community.

"The Government will also fund all GP and primary care services and all aged care services."

**Press release, 22 Apr 2010
Belinda Neal, Member
for Robertson**



Council faces safety call

Gosford Council is facing a call to do more to improve safety near the Ryans Rd and Turana Cl intersection in Umina.

The council has already agreed to change the right of way rules and linemarking at the intersection.

However, the resident whose concern led to the changes has urged the council to install traffic calming as well.

Ms Loren Savage said she believed the intersection was still a "death trap" despite council's attempts to change the area's traffic conditions.

"There are several young children in the area whose safety is being compromised as a result of the road being used as a speedway for some motorists.

"I am about to start a family myself and it would be tragic to see anyone hurt or killed from something that could have been preventable."

Ms Savage said she believed the road needed some sort of traffic-calming device to slow down

motorists.

"I contacted council following an accident that occurred at the intersection several weeks ago and although it is good to see they have listened to my initial concerns I really think something else needs to be done to slow traffic down," Ms Savage said.

Council agreed to replace the original give way sign and linemarking against Ryans Rd at Turana Cl with a give way sign against Turana Cl to "improve the safety of the area" as well as place a centreline marking around the bend in Ryans Rd near Turana Cl to enhance lane discipline.

As a result of the decision of the Local Traffic Committee, intersection warning signs were installed in Ryans Rd on the westbound approach to Turana Cl and the southbound approach to Lentara Rd.

"The sign configuration does not comply with the standard T-junction rule, and may confuse motorists travelling eastbound along Ryans Rd as it is difficult to see those cars

exiting Turana Cl," a council report stated.

"The four-way intersection in this area has two give way signs and the associated line markings, one on Ryans Rd and one on Lentara Rd.

"The placement of a third give way sign at the four-way intersection could lead to a more confusing and hazardous environment instead of improving safety.

"It is recommended that the give way sign and line marking on Ryans Rd be removed and the give way placed against Turana Cl.

"In this way, standard T-junction regulation of Turana Cl at Ryans Rd would be established.

"The Local Traffic Committee was of the view that lane discipline at the bend in Ryans Rd would be enhanced by the provision of a centreline in the vicinity of Turana Cl."

**Clare Graham, 21 Apr 2010
Interviewee: Loren
Savage, Umina
Council agenda
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Man dies in daredevil ride

A 22-year-old Umina resident has died after what police have described as a "tragic accident" involving a wheelie bin daredevil ride down Lone Pine Ave on April 18.

Popular local surfer and skateboarder Mr John Peake suffered serious injuries along with his friend Mr Sean Gale, 19, also of Umina, when the wheelie bin they shared to joy ride down a steep hill struck the gutter.

It is believed Mr Peake struck a small tree in the accident and suffered massive head injuries while Mr Gale received broken ribs and internal injuries.

The two men were treated initially by a group of their friends until the arrival of emergency services around 3am however Mr Peake could not be revived.

Mr Gale was taken to Gosford Hospital where he remains in a stable condition.

Police have reported that leading up to the accident one man, who rode solo on a wheelie bin, completed the descent down Lone Pine Ave but realised his two mates had not arrived at the bottom of the hill.

"The man ran back up the hill

and found his two friends seriously injured," police said.

"Investigators believe that while one man lay on the bin, the second was on top of him, but they struck the gutter as they continued with their descent."

Following the incident, police closed Lone Pine Ave for some hours while investigators pursued their inquiries.

A report outlining the full circumstances of Mr Peake's death will be prepared for the Coroner.

Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein has described the accident as a "senseless loss of life".

"How do you try to come to terms with such a tragic accident," Cr Holstein said.

"This sends a very strong message out to our children to think twice before doing something that could lead to a loss of life.

"It is also a reminder for young people who are out drinking to look after each other and remind themselves that they aren't invincible."

**Website, 18 Apr 2010
NSW Police Website
Clare Graham, 20 Apr 2010
Interviewee: Cr Chris
Holstein, Gosford Council**

Petrol station is updated

A petrol station at the corner of West St and Ocean Beach Rd in Umina has been temporarily closed due to refurbishment works to update the site.

Shell Australia spokesperson Mr Paul Zennaro said work was

expected to be completed on its petrol station by early June.

"Shell is updating its site at Umina with new tanks, new pumps and an upgrade of the shop," Mr Zennaro said.

"The site has served customers well for many years and this new upgrade will see customers enjoy

an updated and modern service station for years to come."

The upgrade follows the recent opening of a new Woolworths petrol station on the old service station site on the other side of the road.

**Media statement, 19 Apr 2010
Paul Zennaro, Shell Australia**

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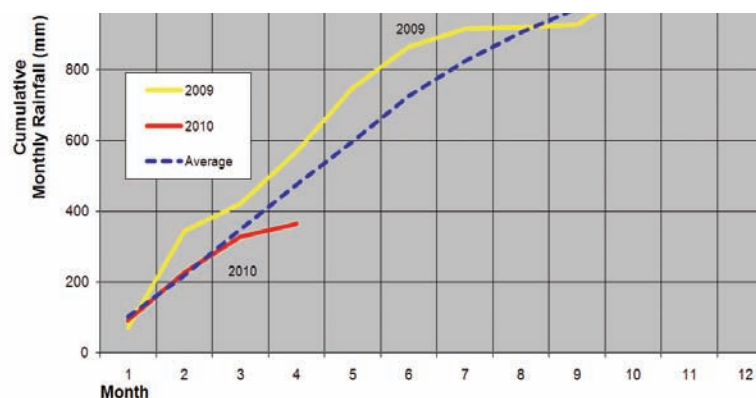
To enter, simply write your name, address and phone number on the back of an envelope and send to Peninsula News Ronnie Johns Half Hour Live On Stage Competition, PO Box 1056,

Gosford NSW 2250.

Entries to the competition close at 5pm on Thursday, May 6.

The winner of the Western Plains Zoo free family pass competition has been announced. Congratulations to E. Lovie of Empire Bay.

Clare Graham, 21 Apr 2010



Rain down to one third

Only 8.3mm of rain have fallen on the Peninsula in the last two weeks, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

This brings rainfall for the month to 37.1mm, less than one third of the average of 126.4mm.

Almost 90mm of rain would be needed in the next week to reach the monthly average.

The Bureau of Meteorology is forecasting mostly fine weather for the coming week and is not forecasting heavy rain.

Temperatures for the month so far have ranged from a minimum of 12.3 degrees on April 13 to a maximum of 30.7 last Friday, April 23, according to figures from www.peninsulaweather.info.

The highest minimum was 18.7 on April 7 and the lowest maximum was 20.7 on April 16.

The highest wind gust was 20.5 km/h on April 8, but the average wind speed was just 1.5 km/h.

Spreadsheet, 23 Apr 2010
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy
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Market day for air conditioner

Umina Uniting Church will host a market day to raise money for a new air conditioning unit in its activity hall on May 8.

Event organiser Ms Annette Strong said the hall was an important venue for parish members as well as community groups.

"Money raised will go towards air conditioning the large activity hall which is used very regularly by community groups including the Active Over 50s exercise classes, playgroup, tai chi for vision impaired folk, Umina Red Cross as well as church groups," Ms Strong said.

"The usual well-stocked stalls will be available, as will Devonshire teas and hot scones."

Email, 20 Apr 2010
Annette Strong, Umina
Uniting Church

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Call for action on foreshore

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal has joined with Peninsula Chamber of Commerce in urging Gosford Council to get on with its Ettalong foreshore management plans.

Earlier this month, Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal met with Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales to review plans for the area's revitalisation.

Ms Neal said she was delighted to see that works on the revitalisation of Ettalong could now progress thanks to a \$150,000 Federal Government grant but criticised the council for its lack of progress.

"The plan of management was commenced more than 10 years ago and Gosford Council has been quite tardy in undertaking the work," Ms Neal said.

"There are further stages of the Ettalong plan of management and the timing of those will be

determined by the allocation of priority and resources by Gosford Council.

"The Ettalong foreshore area is very well utilised by locals and tourists to the area.

"It is important that this work is done and also that the area is regularly maintained by the Council."

Mr Wales said he was also disappointed that it had taken almost a decade to get the management plan in place.

"The process could have been a lot more efficient," Mr Wales said.

"It's important to say that the completion of the foreshore management plan is vital for the long-term revitalisation of the Ettalong Town Centre and that any delay in the works will reflect on development and employment opportunities in the town.

"That is evident from the money that has been spent on Terrigal foreshore by Gosford Council and how it reflects on business activity in the town centre.

"The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce also strongly supports the ongoing process to upgrade the waterfront between Ettalong and Umina Beach.

"The community clearly wants our beachfront upgraded.

"The current condition of the foreshore is sub-standard and access for the public is poor.

"The local community certainly deserves better."

Gosford Council are expected to begin work on building two new viewing platforms at Ettalong foreshore soon.

The viewing decks will be located along The Esplanade with one situated between Picnic Pde and Memorial Pde and the other between Memorial Ave and Beach St, with construction work expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Media statement, 22 Apr 2010
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Press release, 22 Apr 2010
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson

'Lack of funds' is blamed

Gosford Council has issued a statement defending its lack of progress on the Ettalong Foreshore Plan of Management.

The statement has blamed "lack of funds" for the delay, claiming that the total bill to complete all works outlined in the plan was estimated at more than \$6 million.

"Lack of funds is usually why works don't occur, as well as not having a plan in place and actions to implement," the statement said.

"Funding received in 2005 has been used on consultancy fees and works.

"It is hard to estimate the costs for all of the actions of the Plan of Management.

"However, some estimates for key high priority works include the town beach precinct including the beach facilities building and playground and some landscaping at \$4 million, Ferry Rd amenities at \$100,000, cycleway at \$400,000 and rock revetment construction at

\$1.5 million.

"The plan for Ettalong calls for substantial and costly works.

"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."

The statement also claimed that council had applied for seven grants since 2008 but had only been successful in three of them, totalling \$150,900.

This included a \$60,000 Metropolitan Greenspace Grant in 2008 for pathway works, a Department of Environment and Climate Change grant of \$48,900 through a Coastal Management Program and the recent funding announcement of \$150,000 through the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program for construction of two viewing platforms along Ettalong foreshore.

Media statement, 8 Mar 2010
Alison Hood, Gosford Council



Viewing platform at Ettalong Beach

Police seek witnesses

Police are appealing for witnesses to a motorcycle accident late last month in which a 46-year-old Woy Woy man died.

The accident occurred around 11.40am on Friday, March 19, when the local man's motorcycle collided with a truck at Bucketty.

Police said the collision is believed to have happened when the motorbike performed a U-turn on George Downes Dr.

The road was closed for several hours while police investigated the incident.

A 48-year-old female pillion passenger, also from Woy Woy, was airlifted to John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle, where she remained in a stable condition.

Meanwhile, the 35-year-old truck driver from Hamlyn Terrace was not injured in the accident but was taken to Gosford Hospital for mandatory blood and urine tests.

Investigations are continuing and any witnesses are asked to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Website, 19 Mar 2010
NSW Police Media

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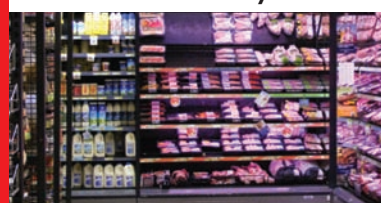
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Paid for solar power

Today I got my first payment totalling \$88 from Energy Australia since the solar panels went on my roof last year.

I expect they'll be paying me every quarter from now on. I'd like to give credit to the Peninsula Environment Group. One of their volunteers, Mark Mann, organised a bulk option to install solar panels and many Peninsula households took up the opportunity. PEG has given me access to

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other resources and information. They hold regular film sessions about topical issues like Peak Oil and food miles. The film this month showed how communities all over the world are making the transition from heavy dependence on fossil fuel towards more resilient practices. PEG's food network has been another great benefit giving me easy access to local, fresh, organic produce at wholesale prices.

I can also obtain a bulk order of dry goods each quarter, again at wholesale prices. Network members do all the organising to make this happen. I've been encouraged to grow food too, and am sprouting lentils, beans and seeds on my kitchen bench. And I enjoyed the PEG picnic last Sunday, the chance to catch up with friends and share ideas. Email, 21 Apr 2010 Shirley Hotchkiss, Umina

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Three issues with immigration

It is great to see the issue of immigration finally moving into the mainstream public discussion and it seems to have moved beyond the xenophobia that was always a hallmark in previous debates.

There are three main issues that should be debated. Firstly, why does the government have a target of 36 million people? It's quite simple, as the population ages and health care becomes a huge burden, there is only one way to pay for it, and that is increase government revenue. There is only one way to increase government revenue and that is increase the tax base. Either the government increases tax collected per capita or increase the number of people that they collect tax from. No government will go to an

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election saying they will increase taxes as Australians are generally very ignorant and don't understand this, so they decide we need a big population. Secondly, the big problem with immigration is the overall quality of our immigration intake. Am I the only person that has noticed a large number of elderly people from nationalities that have not traditionally been part of our immigration mix? In other words, these elderly people have just arrived here on family migration visas, possibly after another family member has come through the skilled visa pathway. What benefit could these elderly people possibly bring to this country? Never having paid taxes they

are now entitled to healthcare and pensions. Has anyone worked out how many unskilled immigrants result from one skilled migrant? Thirdly, is their another option altogether? Of course there is. It's called productivity improvements, large productivity gains during the Hawke/Keating era and also the Howard era gave us the standing of living we have today. Unfortunately, this government who is too afraid to make any sort of minor decision has no intention of making any changes that may improve productivity, so they have fallen on the easiest option of all, increase immigration, who cares what happens in 2050 because the present crop of politicians will all be dead! Email, 11 Apr 2010 Ross Cochrane, Woy Woy

Help find my cat

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My tabby cat, Tigey, has not been home all weekend (near Ocean Beach Surf Club not far from West St, Umina) which is very unusual as she is a very spoilt moggy. Her coat is multi-coloured browns, blacks, ginger and she has black socks on her paws. She is around two-and-a-half years of age, de-sexed, wearing a floral collar and is micro-chipped. Tigey is a very friendly cat who loves cuddles and will meow to be picked up. Her coat is soft and longish. We bought her from the RSPCA last year as a mature cat.

I have walked the streets and laneways in my local area, been in contact with the pound and RSPCA, but still no luck. I have checked local vets and am putting up some posters in the hope that someone has found her and is looking after her. If you can help me locate Tigey, please contact me via email at mummooo@vtown.com.au as soon as possible. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Email, 20 Apr 2010 Vicki White, Umina

F3 scandal highlights Westminster failings

Should the Transport Minister be responsible for the RTA failure resulting in the scandalous traffic delays on the F3 last week? Of course not. However, according to Westminster practice, he should. But this practice is almost never followed in Australia and for very good practical reasons. It rarely makes sense. There are other features with the Westminster system that Australia could happily throw out the window. First of all, ministers have to be "in and of the Parliament", meaning elected. Result: Ministers are functional amateurs because they have to be selected from a very small group of elected politicians instead of from the entire society. That is the way other, non-Westminster systems are organised, in fact, the overwhelming majority. In Tasmania, they hardly have enough politicians to fill the Ministerial positions!

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Secondly, the fusion is between the political executive and the legislature. This is an undesirable feature as it is detrimental to both. The almost total domination of both the Government and the Opposition front bench over the legislature can be witnessed daily on TV. Governance reform is long overdue. Don't expect it from the major parties though. Email, 17 Apr 2010 Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

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Concept design for the proposed EnergyAustralia zone substation at Empire Bay

New electricity plan keeps bush covenant

A bushland preservation and regeneration covenant will not be changed at the proposed Empire Bay zone substation site near Poole Cl, under new plans announced by Energy Australia.

General manager of engineering Mr Geoff Lilliss said Energy Australia had revised the design of the zone substation after receiving community feedback.

He said the design revision meant that the environmental protection covenant could remain unchanged.

"We received good feedback from local residents after sending out 1000 project newsletters last month," Mr Lilliss said.

"We then took initial feedback and suggestions to our planners, who were able to redesign the layout so there was no need to alter the covenant.

"This design was then displayed at three community information sessions, where further feedback on the proposal was received.

"We are now preparing another 1000 newsletters to inform the community of the latest proposal for the substation site."

Mr Lilliss said Energy Australia applied to council in February to amend a covenant on the site to allow a driveway to be built at the eastern boundary that required the

removal of 20 small trees.

He said Energy Australia had plans in place to replace the loss of trees on the site at a rate of five to one.

"Our original plans were guided by input from council and the site's neighbours, and they were designed to keep impacts on immediate neighbours to an absolute minimum," Mr Lilliss said.

"However, we have listened to the wider community's preference to keep the covenant in place."

Mr Lilliss said Energy Australia would still increase the trees on site with additional plantings at the northern, eastern and western boundaries, in line with an existing bushland management plan for the site.

Any trees not protected by the covenant requiring removal would be replaced at a rate of five to one, according to Mr Lilliss.

"We will also invite neighbours closest to the substation to work with us in a consultative group to help shape design aspects including landscaping, screening and the building exterior," Mr Lilliss said.

"The community will continue to be consulted and informed at key stages of the project including planning of the proposed power line routes.

"The Poole Cl site is ideally located because it puts the new

substation at the centre of an area where demand for power is increasing dramatically.

An Energy Australia spokesperson also stated that the covenant protected bushland areas on boundaries to the east (service station), north (Empire Bay Dr) and west (where Poole Cl and Empire Bay Dr converge).

"The covenant does not apply to the centre of the site, nor to a section of the boundary along Poole Cl," the spokesperson said.

"This leaves a defined building envelope on the site.

"We did not seek to have the entire covenant removed for the original design because it affected only one small section of trees.

"The revised footprint of the substation, however, will mean some visual impacts for our immediate neighbours off Poole Cl.

"We have invited these residents to work with us on design aspects such as landscaping, screening and the exterior of the building, in an effort to minimise impacts.

"Once designs have been finalised, we will complete an extensive environmental assessment as required under Part Five of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979."

Press release, 19 Apr 2010
Media statement, 22 Apr 2010
Allyn Hamonet, Energy Australia

Opposition to substation continues

Opposition to the proposed substation at Empire Bay continues despite changes announced by Energy Australia.

"We are still calling for Energy Australia to move the location of the substation further down Empire Bay Dr at South Kincumber," said campaigner Ms Claire Wild.

"They can change the design plans all they like but at the end of the day it is the location of being so close to homes and on a wildlife corridor that is our biggest worry."

More than 60 residents have met with Greens MP Mr John Kaye to discuss their concerns over Energy Australia's plans to build an electricity zone substation at Empire Bay.

Ms Wild said there was an "excellent turn-out of people" who did not want to see the project go ahead along Empire Bay Dr, near Poole Cl.

"It was fantastic to see a cross-section of people come out to meet Mr Kaye including young couples, families and seniors.

"All of us are stakeholders and are set to be affected if the project goes ahead so we have every right to voice our concerns over the location chosen by Energy

Australia.

Mr Kaye said local residents could be assured they have the full support of The Greens party in their campaign against Energy Australia.

"The Empire Bay Drive site is zoned for conservation and protected by the Land and Environment Court with a bushland preservation and regeneration covenant," Mr Kaye said.

"The proximity to homes, pre-schools and the local public school makes this site totally inappropriate for this type of infrastructure.

"Residents on the Killcare area rely on this route for evacuation in the event of bushfire. High voltage powerlines and a substation would create an unacceptable risk.

"The upgrading of the electricity network is an opportunity to place high voltage powerlines underground.

"Right next to the site are areas protected by the federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act and the CAMBA and JAMBA migratory bird treaties."

Clare Graham, 22 Apr 2010
Interviewee: Claire Wild, Empire Bay
Press release, 15 Apr 2010
John Kaye, The Greens

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Substation motion lost in parliament

State Greens MP Mr John Kaye says he will continue to fight against a proposed electricity substation at Empire Bay despite losing a motion in State Parliament on April 22.

The motion demanded Energy Australia abandon its plans to build near Poole Cl in Empire Bay and that it investigate a more appropriate site.

Mr Kaye's motion also called on the Minister for Energy to exercise his powers under section 20P of the State Owned Corporations Act, 1989, and act in the public interest since

Energy Australia had "failed to listen to the community's concerns".

"The coalition voted against the motion and I am quite surprised given Chris Hartcher is MP for the area and also Shadow Minister for the Central Coast," Mr Kaye said.

"Their argument was that the site was already near a petrol station and lights would go out if the substation was not built in that central area.

"That is just all nonsense, not to mention the fact that the community was not consulted about the project at all but merely told what was going on.

"We are not giving up and will continue to put pressure on the government to force a location change that does not compromise local residents and the Land and Environment Court covenant.

"The Greens support the local residents and their demand that Energy Australia investigate

alternative sites, including the Kincumber industrial area, which is a short distance to the north.

"Premier Kristina Keneally and Energy Minister John Robertson should direct Energy Australia to respect the conservation covenants covering the land and look elsewhere for their substation.

"The overwhelming message from residents is not the design of this project, but its location.

"Residents remain alarmed with the impact of a high voltage substation and associated power lines at the Empire Bay site.

"Construction of the proposed substation and overhead lines would compromise foraging areas used by at least three threatened species.

"The glossy black cockatoos, micro-bats and yellow-bellied gliders use the site.

"The development would interfere with the corridor to the Cockle Bay Wetland used by these gliders and bats.

"Electricity infrastructure in Brisbane Water should be designed to ensure cables are underground, and that substations are sited well away from homes, schools and sensitive environmental areas.

"It is disingenuous for Energy Australia to claim that residents will be consulted on the planning of high voltage power lines.

"The energy distributor has repeatedly shown it has a closed mind on the location of the substation."

Clare Graham, 22 Apr 2010

Interviewee: John Kaye, The Greens

Press release, 21 Apr 2010

John Kaye, The Greens



Kathy Smith of Umina (third from left) celebrates with Belinda Neal and fellow campaigners from Cancer Voice NSW on the Federal Government's decision to establish a cancer centre on the Central Coast

Umina campaigner savours success

Umina campaigner Ms Kathy Smith feels she has succeeded in her three-year battle to have a public radiation therapy unit on the Central Coast.

Ms Smith of Cancer Voices NSW said she was overwhelmed with joy when she heard the Federal Government's funding promise of \$28.6 million and the State Government's contribution of \$10 million to establish a Central Coast Regional Cancer Centre at Gosford Hospital.

She said the government's commitment would ensure local cancer patients had access to affordable and convenient cancer treatment.

"It was getting to the stage where cancer patients on the Central Coast were giving up on life-saving treatment because they couldn't afford local private treatment," Ms Smith said.

"Central Coast cancer patients have had two options, to either pay a fortune for private treatment or travel to Sydney or Newcastle for public treatment.

"For patients to access private

treatment locally, they are faced with being out of pocket thousands of dollars and find themselves in debt if they cannot afford the up-front costs.

"Those who can't pay have to travel for public treatment.

"This can mean travelling up to four hours by car every day for several weeks throughout the course of the treatment or even worse still up to five hours using public transport.

"This is long and cruel for local residents to receive treatment."

Ms Smith said she would like to see the Federal Government follow through on its promise and would also like to be considered as a committee member for the planning and development of the proposed facility.

"I spoke to the Prime Minister when he made the announcement at Gosford Hospital recently and he was very encouraging and congratulated me on my dedication to the cause.

"He said it was up to people like me to make government representatives aware of community needs and concerns."

Ms Smith said that although it would be another three years until the facility was in full operation, it was well worth her three-year battle to see local cancer patients receive the treatment and facilities they deserved.

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal said establishment of a regional cancer centre at Gosford Hospital was a great victory for the Central Coast community.

Ms Neal, who has also been a strong campaigner and supporter of the cause, said the proposed facility would provide the full spectrum of cancer services including prevention and screening, treatment, palliative and supportive care.

She said once the Central Coast Regional Cancer Centre was fully operational it was expected to provide treatment for an additional 828 radiotherapy patients per year and 2500 additional chemotherapy treatments per year.

Meanwhile, Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews said the NSW Government would maintain and operate the new facility.

"This is historic: This will be the first time that radiotherapy services at Gosford Hospital are provided within the public sector," Ms Andrews said.

"Local access to radiotherapy and enhanced chemotherapy services has been an ongoing issue for years.

"I am thrilled that the Rudd and Keneally Governments have come together to deliver for the Central Coast."

Clare Graham, 20 Apr 2010

Interviewee: Kathy Smith, Cancer Voices NSW

Press release, 14 Apr 2010

Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson

Press release, 14 Apr 2010

Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford

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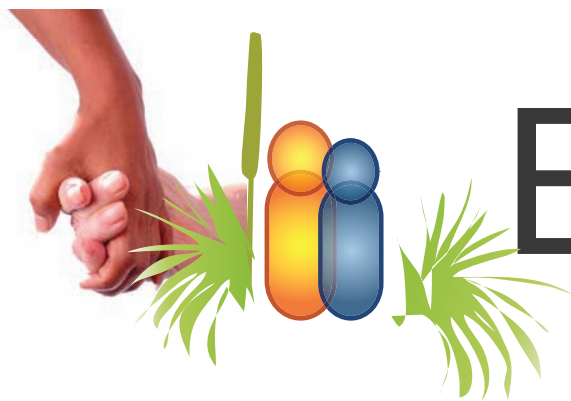
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Politicians are now popping up all over the place.

Some will be perceived as the seeds of unwelcome political weeds, planted and nurtured by the two parties not much preferred.

Many of us understand that these weeds exist to simply direct voter support back to the main parties.

The main players are busy displaying only what advisers and spin doctors tell them is approved as acceptable.

Right from the start, it is obvious that these politicians are incapable of representing their constituents because they won't respond with anything which is not approved by the party machine, a machine which hates independent thought and action conflicting with the party line.

In fact, the Labor party has a history of booting people out if they show signs of independent political action.

The two parties not much preferred have watched and ignored my very public efforts to protect my father from the direct results of actions by my elected representatives and their party members, collectively ignoring council management which had been identified and exposed as abusing our due process.

Those ten politicians, past and present, are required, pursuant to Section 232 of the Local Government Act, to direct the activity of council so that it remains within the law.

When ICAC and the State Ombudsman sniff around allegations of systemic corruption, I am not aware that they ever point out to taxpayers how many party politicians claim a lack of understanding when confronted with public accusations that the council they have governance over is corrupt and is damaging people, both personally and fiscally.

The fact is, Federal and State level politicians from the Prime Minister down, are as guilty of accommodating such poor governance by their party members as ratepayers, perhaps more so!

Consider Canterbury City Council, directed by the State Ombudsman's office to apologise to Mrs. Magda Mallone http://bit.ly/Torch_Pg3.

Council malfeasance meant she finished with a legal bill well over two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, because all sorts of elected representatives/party members on that council sat on their collective hands.

Magda's legitimate concerns were pushed further up to State level politicians, including Premiers Iemma and Rees, who directed those legitimate concerns to the Ministries of Planning and Local Government.

Even the Liberal Party's Chris Hartcher,

as shadow local government minister, was approached without response.

All of these people, in their turn, failed to exercise their influence in the best interest of constituents.

The Member for Canterbury, Linda Burney is another party politician more interested in protecting Labor Party members than her constituents.

One of the Planning Ministers who has accommodated such poor political representation at local and state level, identified as abuses of due process, denial of natural justice, malfeasance and flat out corrupt conduct in so many local councils, Gosford City, Cessnock, Tweed Heads, and Wollongong,,, is now Premier of New South Wales.

Her position as Premier means she still has responsibility through the laws of continuing succession to act with due diligence on those political allegations of systemic corruption.

Premier Keneally should not rely on party political problems being deflected by staff with worthless and dismissive words in official letters which amount to: **"it is not our problem, try something else, go away!"**.

These dismissive words which flow down from the Office of Premier and Cabinet like a viral infection disrupting our proper representation, are possible because party politicians are acting, or not acting, in such a way as to bring their parties and our NSW Parliament into disrepute.

My published allegations identifying our elected representatives as responsible when their constituents' rights are trampled by elected corporate entities, will continue to be promulgated in the court of public opinion.

It is certainly a matter for voters to consider when they look at Liberal Darren Jameson, Greens Peter Freewater, and Labor Deborah O'Neil, all of whom are Party members.

These politicians are not acting independently.

Every card carrying member of any political party carries a burden to ensure that our elected representatives make certain councils and even their own office staff, conduct the people's business within the law.

Certainly the councillors on the corrupt Gosford City Council and their respective political machines should, if they are fair dinkum, have pursued the General Manager when he blocked legitimate public political discussion of the often published allegations that Liberal Party Mayor, Chris Holstein and Independent Deputy Mayor, Craig Doyle are recognised as liars.

It seems working with identified liars is not a problem.

Certainly, I have raised the issue with Liberal Party Leader Barry O Farrell and I raise it again today for my readers to remind him.

Why would the executive of the Liberal Party give preselection and support to a party member who has unresolved political issues directly related to the corrupt Gosford City Council.

Holstein was exposed on ABC radio as

Gosford City Council's Mayor identifying me as a "loon" and telling Scott Levi's ABC listeners: "nobody knows what he is on about".

For the record Mayor, at that time, I was angry that Gosford Council had put a link to the coroner's findings on its web site which, when followed, led visitors to nothing but a piss weak apology to the Bragg and Holt families.

Prior to that outburst from Mayor Holstein on ABC radio, I had caught the corrupt Gosford City Council out in a documented attempt to stand over my father and coerce him into signing an application for change of use on his property, in an attempt to facilitate a nearby million dollar property development.

I intend to continue pursuing and publishing these and other allegations which have been published several times over ten years.

That matter of public record makes the Council's assertion "no one knows what I am on about", as pushed by Mayor Holstein as the councils official spokesperson, a flat out council lie.

I have evidence which I believe shows that the corrupt Gosford City Council and the RTA misled the Coroner about the use and application of concrete to protect the structural integrity of corrugated steel pipes during his inquiry into the deaths of five people in a ditch at the bottom of Piles Creek, Somersby.

While from time to time, politicians will tell you that these are issues for the criminal court, when applying the separation of powers, they are and continue to be political allegations of systemic corruption and abuse of power accommodated by our politicians, all members of political parties.

These are valid allegations which sit alongside hundreds of other allegations made by other disenfranchised constituents, squarely and very publicly on the bench of the people's court of public opinion during the next three elections.

These elections will especially involve voters in the Gosford Local Government area being elections for the Federal seat of Robertson, the State seat of Gosford and Local Council.

These allegations also affect other voters across the country, because the issues are mirrored anywhere that we have politicians seeking voter support.

The pre selection process and card carrying politicians which put up candidates who have consistently failed us, are essentially the same party members each time.

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

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Member for Gosford Marie Andrews at the start of construction at Woy Woy Commuter Car Park

Carpark work starts

Construction work on the expansion of Woy Woy Commuter Car Park has commenced.

The project will bring an additional 300 commuter car parking spaces for local residents and is expected to be completed by early next year.

In the meantime, commuters and shoppers can expect minor disruptions throughout the construction period, according to Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

"Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation has worked closely with Gosford Council to minimise any impacts on commuters and shoppers, including the construction of temporary car parking off Chambers Pl," Ms

Andrews said.

"Commuters can continue to park in the existing multi-storey car park on levels three and above during construction.

"As a section of the Deepwater Plaza single-storey car park off George St will be closed during construction, additional four-hour shopper parking will be available on the ground level and levels one and two of the multi-storey commuter car park."

She said the project would feature three additional storeys above part of the existing Deepwater Plaza single-storey car park located off George St and provide additional disabled spaces, new lifts and CCTV camera surveillance.

Press release, 19 Apr 2010
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford

Chamber criticises traffic 'blisters'

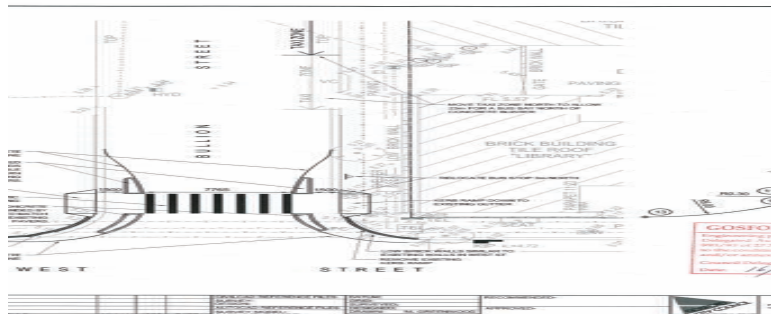
The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has expressed disappointment over the installation of a pedestrian refuge at the southern end of Bullion St in Umina.

Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said the pedestrian refuge would result in the loss of one car parking space and one taxi space in "a town centre that can ill-afford to lose any kerbside parking".

"This may seem a small thing, but when businesses rely on easy parking and quick turnover of spaces, the loss of any parking is something the Peninsula chamber has sought to avoid," Mr Wales said.

"As the Umina Beach town centre becomes increasingly busy, it is our view that council should be preserving as much main-street and side-street parking as possible. "Unfortunately, as a result of each of the main corners in West St being reconstructed with the blister islands, over the years the town centre has lost up to a dozen kerb side parking spaces."

Mr Wales said he has called on



council to advise the community what measures it will implement to increase the number of easily accessible car parking spaces in Umina CBD.

Council's advisor engineer Mr Jim Mahoney said the installation of a pedestrian refuge was set down as a condition of consent for the Woolworths supermarket development.

"The works are for the construction of a pedestrian refuge being constructed to satisfy a condition of consent for

the Woolworths development DA 35906/08," Mr Mahoney said.

"The condition was recommended by the Roads and Traffic Authority for inclusion in the consent as a result of the development application being referred to the authority for consideration as a traffic generating development."

Email, 13 Apr 2010
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Email, 13 Apr 2010
Jim Mahoney, Gosford Council

Salvos want volunteers

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers on the Peninsula to help out at this year's Red Shield Appeal doorknock weekend on May 29 and 30.

Salvation Army volunteer coordinator for the Peninsula Mr Bill Wells said he had already secured a number of local residents and school children but more help was needed.

"We have had a great response from Peninsula residents so far looking to lend a hand next month but we are still looking for more volunteers," Mr Wells said.

"In particular, we need more drivers to help transport our collectors around their designated collection areas and back to a main base point where donations can be counted.

"Volunteering for the Red Shield

Appeal only requires people to give up as little as two hours on one or both days of the weekend.

"It is not only a great way to get out into the community to meet other residents while keeping walking and keeping fit but also a great way to help those disadvantaged people in need.

"It is a good chance for people who have always wanted to start volunteering to give it a go and give something of themselves for nothing in return."

To become a volunteer collector or driver for the Red Shield Appeal on the Peninsula, contact coordinator Bill Wells on 4339 2145.

Clare Graham, Apr 21 2010
Interviewee: Bill Wells,
Salvation Army
Press release, 14 Apr 2010
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Raw Coasties members Shirley Hotchkiss and Sophie Knox

Raw food group holds second course

The Raw Coasties food group will present its second Healthy Living with Raw Food course at Umina from early next month.

Group coordinator Ms Sophie Knox said the first six-week course offered to local residents earlier in the year was booked out.

"Our first course was booked out and we had to turn people away because the venue wasn't big enough for more to attend," Ms Knox said.

"So we are repeating the course at the Umina Anglican Church Hall, starting from Thursday, May 6, and ending on June 10."

"Participants from the first course

rated it very highly and some said they will attend again. "Feedback indicated we covered a good range of topics, with people saying they found the guest speakers, the food demonstrations, sampling and course notes very useful.

"Others said they liked the way my colleague Shirley Hotchkiss and I presented the information.

"Some even liked the homework best, putting into practice what we taught that evening."

Ms Knox said the last class night was a celebration with participants being asked to bring a plate of raw food to share and people enjoyed bringing their favourite dish.

"We also had Grant Campbell

as the guest speaker that evening," Ms Knox said.

"Grant calls himself the raw Aussie athlete because he does ultra-marathons.

"He inspired people by telling how a raw diet has improved his fitness and performance."

The six-week course will run on Thursdays from 6.30pm to 8.30pm for \$10 per session or \$40 for the entire course.

Bookings are required and can be made by contacting Sophie Knox at sophie@rawcoasties.com or Shirley Hotchkiss on 4341 9301.

Press release, 14 Apr 2010
Sophie Knox, Raw Coasties

Early help for autism carers

The Beachside Family Centre will hold an introductory workshop to help families and carers in the early stages of their journey of undergoing assessment or diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Facilitator Ms Debbie Notara said the centre was pleased to have the opportunity to host the workshop on Saturday, May 8, from 9am to 4pm.

She said a range of areas would be covered to assist parents to learn more about the Autism Spectrum Disorder, practical strategies that can make a difference to a child's development as well as how to choose therapies and get the most out of services available.

"The one-day workshop gives people the opportunity to meet other mothers, fathers and family carers and share ideas and experiences," Ms Notara said.

"It is totally free of charge and parent and carers receive lunch, morning and afternoon tea. "Child care is not available so families would need to organise this themselves."

Families wanting to find out more about the Early Days Workshop can visit the website at www.earlydays.net.au/workshops/ or contact 1800 334 155 for bookings.

Beachside Family Centre is located on the grounds of Umina Public School in Sydney Ave, Umina.

Press release, 21 Apr 2010
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre

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Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein said the community was being invited to join with council staff in making the donations.

"Gosford Council is a long-standing supporter of the blood service and is more than happy to encourage our staff to donate blood," Cr Holstein said.

"It's such an easy way to help people in our local community and I would encourage residents who are eligible to give blood to follow our lead and do so."

According to Central Coast Blood Service manager Ms Rochelle Jackson: "On the Central Coast alone the blood service needs to

collect 500 blood donations every week to meet the ongoing demand for blood.

Blood is needed all year round but particularly in the lead-up to winter, when demand increases but many regular donors are unable to donate due to colds and flu.

For further information, call 131 495 or visit www.donateblood.com.au.

**Press release, 15 Apr 2010
Jacqui Bell, Australian Red Cross Blood Service**

Progressive religious network formed

A new progressive religious group, offering support and discussion to those who want to push church and theological boundaries, has been formed on the Central Coast, led by retired Uniting Church Minister, the Reverend Rex Hunt of Empire Bay.

Part of a world-wide grassroots movement, the Progressive Christian Network Central Coast held its inaugural meeting earlier this year in Kincumber.

Mr Hunt said with the "smothering rise" of conservative religious thought many religious followers become exiled from churches because they dared to question what they were hearing.

"These folk are often barred from their local congregation so become members of the growing 'church alumni', as they search for a safe place to explore progressive religion and spirituality," Rev Hunt said.

"PCNCC offers them that safe place."

Mr Hunt was founding director of the Centre for Progressive Religious Thought and chair of the Common Dreams Conference.

He said the group would hold a discussion series commencing in May.


Rev Hunt said the aims of the local network include providing a safe place which encourages open and honest theological exploration; explores the implications of progressive critical biblical scholarship and progressive theology; investigates alternatives to traditional religious beliefs and practices; promotes progressive Christian thought and practice, and offers pastoral conversation and support as appropriate.

"From past experience in other progressive groups, folk who will find most comfort in the network's space will be those who remain in the institutional church but find their progressive theology not reflected in much of the local church's thinking," Mr Hunt said.

"However, many others have also stepped outside the institution and are 'exiles' or members of the 'church alumni', yet looking for an honest environment in which to share discussions and push theological boundaries, as well as discuss a theology for today which is scientifically credible, historically convincing and globally relevant."

The Progressive Christian Network Central Coast can be contacted via email at rexae@optusnet.com.au.

**Press release, 17 Feb 2010
Rex Hunt, Progressive Christian Network Central Coast**



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Council changes Mutu St plan

Gosford Council has resolved to publicly advertise a proposal to prevent all entry into Mutu St from Ocean Beach Rd in Woy Woy at the recommendation of the Local Traffic Committee.

The option of extending the kerb to block half of Mutu St at Ocean Beach Rd and allow left turn only exit from Mutu St onto Ocean Beach Rd would enhance pedestrian and motorist safety, according to a council report.

Council has requested a further report be made to the traffic committee on comments received as part of the proposal process.

The issue of safety concerns at the intersection was previously addressed at a committee meeting in August last year for the enforcement of no right turn movements for motorists travelling southbound from Ocean Beach Rd to Mutu St.

In September last year, council adopted the committee's recommendation of a 29-metre median be installed in Ocean Beach Rd as soon as the work could be scheduled.

"Just prior to the construction, and as the work was being marked out, concerns were expressed by the owners of two adjacent properties (32 and 34 Ocean Beach Rd)," a council report stated.

"In view of all circumstances, it is recommended that kerb extension be constructed to block half of Mutu St at Ocean Beach Rd and allow left turn only exit from Mutu St to Ocean Beach Rd."

**Council agenda TR.10.08,
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Art & Entertainment



Guitarist at Patonga

Folk-rock guitarist Rebecca Moore will perform at the Patonga Beach Hotel on Thursday, April 29.

She has recently returned from a Western Australia tour where she played at the Hope From Ashes bushfire benefit concert.

Currently the coordinator of the Burmese Orphans Concert Series, Ms Moore helps raise funds for

Burmese orphanage Phaung Daw Oo where more than 7000 children attend.

Her national album release tour this year will see money raised from sales go towards awareness for these children.

"Rebecca is a dedicated artist who combines an intelligent commentary on personal, social and global concerns with the high energy of her live shows," Ms

Baiba James from BJ Planet Star Entertainment said.

"She maintains a distinct individuality and an inspiring creative presence."

The Patonga performance will begin from 7pm.

**Press release, 16 Apr 2010
Baiba James, BJ Planet
Star Entertainment**

Resident writes her memoirs

Wagstaffe resident Ms Anne Jackson has finished writing her life's memoirs.

Bits and Pieces of My Life covers more than 140 years of Ms Jackson's family and personal history starting with the birth of her grandfather in 1868 and continuing through to her present life with husband Tom, six children, 14 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Ms Jackson said the book came

out of her participation in two 10-week life-writing courses that are regularly held at Wagstaffe Hall.

"I decided to start the first course because I wanted future generations to know what my life and my era were like, because I never asked either of my grandparents and I've kicked myself ever since," Ms Jackson said.

"Their memories have gone forever now.

"Through the course I learned how to put my thoughts into order, how to make my writing more colourful, interesting, lighter and more descriptive.

"It dragged memories not only out of me but out of my sisters and children.

"It was the means of an excellent connection with them."

**Email, 9 Apr 2010
Helen Menzies, Wagstaffe**

Hollywood songwriter in Ettalong

Hollywood songwriter and music producer Mr Alan Roy Scott will attend this year's third annual Australian Songwriters Conference in Ettalong.

Celine Dion, Cyndi Lauper and Gloria Estefan are among artists to have recorded his songs.

Mr Scott will bring more than 20 years of experience in the music and entertainment industry to the national event.

Conference organiser Ms Lisa Butler said: "Alan's career began with Screen Gems-EMI Music and with a division of Motown, where he was involved with Smokey Robinson, The Temptations and Stevie Wonder.

"His television and film credits include songs used in First Wives Club, Top Gun, Coming To America,

Karate Kid II, Fame, Beverly Hills 90210, among others.

"This is a major coup for organisers of the event and follows on the footsteps of the successful addition of last year's special guest Andrew Farriss of INXS.

"Speakers attending this year's event include Shane Nicholson and Jason Blume."

Held over four days on the June long weekend, the Australian Songwriters Conference involves more than 20 workshops and seminars, on-site recording facilities, song pitching and appraisal of songs from Australian music publishers, networking with industry professionals and writers as well as open mic nights.

**Press release, 15 Apr 2010
Lisa Butler, Australian
Songwriters Conference**

Penguins at folk club

The Troubadour Central Coast folk club has announced the Ball Point Penguins as its next special guest performance at the Woy Woy CWA Hall on Saturday, May 22.

Club president Mr Bill Bekric said the group was "something totally different" from anything the club had seen before.

"I saw them at The Illawarra Festival in Bulli and I can promise you they are rare treat," Mr Bekric said.

"Delivering a delightful three-part a cappella harmony and

impeccable dress sense, the neat musical package of the Ball Point Penguins conceals subversive wit and wordcraft on domestic dysfunctions ranging from Tupperware obsession to interpretive whale song and the aphrodisiac power of the common vacuum cleaner."

Admission starts from \$7 for members, \$8 concession and \$10 general admission.

For more information, phone 4341 4060.

**Press release, 16 Apr 2010
Bill Bekric, Troubadour
Central Coast**



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Cast includes: Virginia Skinner & Chris Ashcroft

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Cast includes: Jen Francis & Steve Killeen

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By J. Robert Wilkins Directed by Linda Williams
A man 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.
Cast includes: Marie Sellers, Amanda Benson, Sarah Graham, Kirstie McGlone

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Work shown at Gosford

Five Peninsula artists displayed their work at the Gosford Regional Art Gallery across the Anzac Day long weekend.

Ms Glenda Morgan of Umina, Ms Kaye McClure of Killcare, Mr Robert Dickson of Phegan's Bay, Mr Bill Brunson of Woy Woy Bay and Ms Sue Young of Empire Bay exhibited their work of contemporary mixed media and drawings with seven other local artists.

Ms Morgan teaches regular art classes to the group of 11 students at the Gosford gallery and said the exhibition was a great opportunity to share the past two years of work with the community.

"It was quite exciting to see the group's hard work and dedication over the past couple of years pay off with an exhibition," Ms Morgan said.

"We concentrated on contemporary mixed media and drawings of everyday life subject matter including still life and landscapes.

"For me personally I explored local landscapes using charcoal and mixed media particular natural settings found in national parks near my home.

"The classes I teach are a great way for people with a passion and



interest in visual art to explore their creative side further.

"It gives them the chance to dedicate a few hours each week to their creative side and express themselves visually.

"We allocate certain projects each session to build individual skills and development while allowing artists free time to work on their own art.

"It is certainly an enjoyable and friendly way to get involved in art."

For more information about joining Exploring, Drawing, Contemporary and Experimental Art Class with Ms Morgan, contact 4344 3456.

Clare Graham, 20 Apr 2010
Interviewee: Glenda Morgan, Umina



Local band makes second

Peninsula band One Minute of Living took out second place in the recent Battle of the Bands competition at the Erina Youth Centre on April 9.

Lead singer and front man Alec Sproule led local boys Liam Johnson (guitarist and vocals), Daniel Harding (rhythm guitar), Declan Sproule (drums) and Jacob Rooks (bass guitar and vocals) will now progress through to the semi finals at the end of the year.

Band promotions manager Mr Kevan Harding said the band did well against some stiff competition on the night including Sons of Alamo, First Aid Emergency and Kill Crotty.

"The boys knew on the night it was not going to be easy to progress through to the semi finals with such high quality talent on the Central Coast," Mr Harding said.

Mr Harding said One Minute Of Living was starting to build up a strong following, with crowds at venues including Lizotte's, Beef and Barramundi, Laycock St Theatre, Australia Day celebrations at Woy Woy waterfront as well as Umina PCYC's Rock For Cancer fundraiser.

"All the boys are local to the Peninsula and most have grown up here," Mr Harding said.

"They got together and formed the band through the local music school, the Peninsula Skewl of Music, who have taught and

nurtured them from their early beginnings before moving into the garage as most bands do and building their own unique style of pop-rock music and lyrics.

"They practice every Sunday night and any other available opportunity.

"It is very hard work and especially before a gig with endless hours of practice but the rewards at the end of the day is getting up

and playing in front of the crowd and watch the enjoyment they get from the band's energy."

One Minute of Living will next perform at the Chilli Lounge in Wyong on Saturday, May 22.

For more information visit, www.myspace.com/1minuteofliving

Press release, 19 Apr 2010
Kevan Harding, One Minute of Living

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Comic poet draws crowd

More than 60 folk club enthusiasts turned out for the Troubadour Central Coast's latest concert featuring British poet Les Barker on April 11.

Considered as "one of the funniest acts on the scene", audience members enjoyed a fun and entertaining evening, according to folk club president Mr Bill Bekric.

"What an amazing man is Les Barker," Mr Bekric said.

"A quiet and unassuming man, his delivery is spot on, his blatant disregard for the rhyme of the

English language is hilarious, and being up close and personal with him, we saw every facial expression, smile and look of anticipation as we joined in (on cue) with the correct lines.

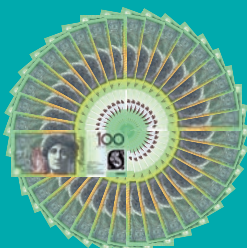
"I saw Les some six years ago in Canberra at the National Folk Festival and while he was good, I was so far away I only saw him on the screen and it was nothing like the excellent performance we saw on April 11.

"It was one of my all time high spots at the Troubadour."

Press release, 16 Apr 2010
Bill Bekric, Troubadour Central Coast

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Playgroup sings on Harmony Day

Members of the Latino Playgroup celebrated World Harmony Day at Woy Woy South Public School with songs and dances from Spanish-speaking cultures recently.

Since starting in February at Beachside Family Centre with coordinator Ms Susan Mostraj, the group has been well-received by the Peninsula Latino community.

"Our playgroup has been well-attended and every week we have a range of activities including story-telling, singing and dancing," Ms Mostraj said.

"We were invited to perform by one of the teachers where four of us did a folk dance from southern Spain and a song from Bolivia.

"Performers were Solange Hanna from Chile, Gibran Selman



from the Dominican Republic, Arlene Selman from Australia, and me, also from Chile.

"Gibran and Arlene's daughter Rhiana were dressed in traditional

Chilean costume.

"All the students watched us, and were interested in the things I told them about our different cultures.

"And while we were practising for the performance, we got to know each other much better, about our different cultures, and our children got to play together more."

Ms Mostraj said Spanish-speaking residents were welcome to attend the playgroup each Monday from 9.30am to 11am during school terms along with their children aged up to six years.

For more information, contact Debbie Notara at Beachside Family Centre on 4343 1929.

Press release, 21 Apr 2010
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre

Major changes at Woy Woy

Staff and students at Woy Woy Public School have seen some major changes since arriving back from school holidays last week.

School principal Ms Ona Buckley said: "Things have certainly changed over the holidays.

"The demountable classrooms have been relocated and the site has been levelled and prepared for the new permanent classrooms to go up.

"The relocation site for the existing classrooms makes a tightly knit little hub of classes and connects all classes nicely to the rest of the school.

"Students have settled in well in their new surroundings and this has caused little disruption in our school.

"Power and security have been

re-linked and all is working as it should.

"These rooms will be on wireless connections for computers over the next few months."

Ms Buckley said minimal space had been taken out of the student's playground area.

She said work was expected to be completed within six months given good weather.

"The timeframe is over six months but with our level site and if rain does not hold up progress too often it will be all finished well within this timeframe," Ms Buckley said.

"We will also have an upgrade done on our broadband service which allows us more capacity for internet space and use."

Newsletter, 20 Apr 2010
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

Funding announced for hospitality facilities

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus will be given Federal Government funding to refurbish kitchen facilities to professional standard and to provide an outdoor cafe for a hospitality course.

College principal Mr Stephen Harris, officers from the Department

of Education and their consultant architects met with Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal on April 21, to plan the refurbishment of the kitchen facilities at the Woy Woy campus.

"Once operational, this will allow the students to be trained up to a Certificate III in Hospitality while they are still attending school," Ms Neal said.

"The cafe will serve staff and students and operate as a commercial venture during the college's excellent performing arts productions.

"This will provide students with real hospitality skills and increase their employment prospects after they graduate.

"The kitchen refurbishments build on the trade training already provided at Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus for nursing training in allied health and aged care and automotive trades."

"The funding will help expand access for young people in the region to a high-quality senior secondary certificate and trade training pathway, and benefit those students who might otherwise have left school before the completion of Year 12," Ms Neal said.

Press release, 21 Apr 2010
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson

Smartboard training

Teaching staff from Woy Woy Public School recently attended a local training session on using new interactive white boards in classrooms.

"The new technology, known as Smartboards, is making a difference in our school and our

students are thoroughly enjoying this type of lesson delivery," school principal Ms Ona Buckley said.

"More training will be available to staff to support them with this technology and later on in the year we will hold a parent session for your information as well."

Newsletter, 9 Mar 2010
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

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Fire message for children

Firefighters from Umina Fire Station will visit a Woy Woy fast food store to teach children about fire safety and reducing fire risks at home.

The day will be held at Woy Woy McDonald's for Fire Prevention Week on Sunday, May 2.

Umina firefighters will give away free Brigade Kids CDs which include interactive challenges, quizzes, games, videos and songs that are full of fire safety messages.

Families can also visit the newly launched Brigade Kids website (www.brigadekids.com), which includes everything you

can find on the Brigade Kids CD as well as virtual tours, interviews with firefighters and the story of the NSW Fire Brigade.

McDonald's staff will also be collecting donations on the day for the Burns Units at Westmead Children's Hospital.

Fire Prevention Week will also see fire stations across NSW open their doors to the public providing information about the work of firefighters while giving the community the chance to learn what they can do to prevent a fire in the home this winter.

Press release, 21 Apr 2010
Ginni Ryan, Professional Public Relations

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Floorball games start

A new indoor hockey competition, known as floorball, has been started at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

"Floorball is a fast paced indoor sport that blends the greatest elements of ice hockey with some characteristics also found in soccer and basketball," according to organiser Mr Alan Clay.

Mr Clay said the sport started in Sweden in the 1970s as an alternative to ice hockey.

"Floorball is an indoor sport with five field players and one goalie on each team," he said.

"Each field player usually has a light carbon graphite stick, which is about three feet long.

"The ball is three inches in diameter, white, made from plastic and weighs on 23 grams.

"Matches are divided into three 20 minute periods.

"The combination of these elements makes floorball not only fast, but also safe."

Mr Clay said the game was easy to learn and play.

"It's said that floorball takes minutes to learn but years to master," Mr Clay said.

"It's suitable for people of all ages and abilities.

"It is also an inexpensive sport compared to others.

"Essentially all that you need to start playing are some sports clothes and a floorball stick."

Mr Clay said anyone interested in giving floorball a try was welcome to come along to the Peninsula Leisure Centre on Sundays from 10am to 11.30am.

"Sticks and balls are supplied and \$5 is required of each participant to cover court costs," Mr Clay said.

"All you need is a pair of court shoes and a few of your friends if you want.

"We give instruction on how to play and cater for all levels of abilities."

For more information, contact Alan or Julie Clay on 0401 001 472 or at al_clay@hotmail.com for any information

Press release, 22 Apr 2010
Alan Clay, Peninsula Leisure Centre



First annual meeting for Guides group

Blackwall District Girl Guides held its inaugural annual meeting in the presence of its patron Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews on March 24.

The meeting was also attended by acting district leader Ms Trish Renton and Brisbane Water Division leader from Guides Australia Ms Cynthia Murphy.

Leader of the Blackwall Junior Guides Ms Ronnie Joyce reported to the meeting on the various activities and camping trips the

girls had enjoyed during the past year and the growth in the unit since its inception in mid-2008.

"Ronnie advised that later this year a Girl Guide unit would be established in Blackwall for girls 10 years of age and upwards who are interested in participating in the more senior levels of the guiding movement," said group media liaison officer Ms Leonie Newson.

"Thanks were extended to the parents and friends who supported the Blackwall unit and who, this year, will establish a support group.

"One of the group's first efforts will be the sale of Girl Guide biscuits during May.

"Plans are also underway for a District Party when girls and their families will celebrate 100 years of Guiding this month.

"Anyone with a daughter six years or over who might be interested in joining the Guides should contact Ronnie Joyce on 0412 773 623 or Cynthia Murphy on 0438 283 247."

Press release, 25 Mar 2010
Leonie Newson, Blackwall District Girl Guides

Sporties raises \$1550

Sporties at Woy Woy has raised \$1550 through the support of more than 80 bowlers for its charity event late last month.

The local club responded to the call from Cancer Council NSW to "Bowl over Cancer" by hosting a special fundraising competition to raise money for cancer research and awareness.

Participants joined for breakfast before taking to the green in pink to compete for numerous mystery prizes.

Prizes were also given away to raffle ticket holders donated by the local business community and individuals looking to support the worthy cause.

Publication, 20 Apr 2010
Sporties at Woy Woy, Bowls News Central Coast

Sea Scouts join Narara

The First Woy Woy Sea Scouts cub group joined the First Narara cub pack for a special weekend late last month.

Group publicity officer Ms Julie Crowhurst said the weekend started with the cub packs weekly meeting that saw several members awarded with a badge.

"Joee Crowhurst and Alex Schofield both received their bronze boomerang badge which is the first part of their journey through the Cub Scout Award Scheme," Ms Crowhurst said.

"To achieve the bronze boomerang award they needed to complete 10 out of 14 set tasks.

"James Johnson received his one year service badge for being invested in the cub section for a full year.

"While the following cub's received their swimmer level one badge: Alex Schofield, Adam Gowrie, Jack Gowrie, Luke Board, Daniel Stables, Ben Naim, James Johnson, Holly Gaunt, Brandon Holland, Liam Fletcher, Finn O'Brien, and Zane Fernandez.

"To obtain their swimmer level one badge the cub's had to explain the buddy system and basic rules for safe swimming, jump feet first into water over their head, swim 25 metres, turn and swim back, swim on their backs for 25 metres, tread water for one minute and float on their back for one minute.

"We also held a going up ceremony for Holly Gaunt from passing from joeys to cubs.

"Also Brandon Holland, Liam

Fletcher, Zane Fernandez and Finn O'Brien were invested into the First Woy Woy Sea Scouts cub pack."

Ms Crowhurst said the Woy Woy cubs joined Narara cub pack the following day to begin a fun-filled weekend at the Summer Inter Pack Cub Camp.

"Because it was the Summer Inter pack Cub Camp, the main theme for the camp was to do with water," Ms

Crowhurst said.

"The cub's did canoeing, had sock wrestling, played with water pistols, had free time to swim and play in the water, and many other activities."

For information on joining the First Woy Woy Sea Scouts Group, contact Robert Morgan on 4325 7001.

Press release, 3 Mar 2010
Julie Crowhurst, First Woy Woy Sea Scouts Group

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New carpark will doom Woy Woy

I was recently called a grumpy old man by my dearest, to which I responded with barely suppressed malevolence.

It wasn't so much the "grumpy" part that upset me but the hurtful reference to "old".

Be that as it may, I do honestly admit having a grumpy moment after reading in the local press that a few more storeys will be added to that ugly monument to the motor car, namely the carpark at Woy Woy.

This monstrous monolithic carbuncle occupies what is undoubtedly the most valuable piece of real estate in Woy Woy.

It is a blight on the landscape and will forever doom Woy Woy to a second rate town.

Wherever you travel in Australia or overseas, you will notice that the centre of any town or village is usually defined by a town hall, a civic building, a cathedral or other place of worship and, in most cases, there will be a park or open space providing a spatial aspect highlighting the buildings' architectural or heritage features.

Imagine if you will that a park had been created linking Deepwater Plaza with the rear of the commercial premises situated along Blackwall Rd.

Access could have been provided by attractive walkways

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linking both areas.

A playground for children, an amphitheatre or rotunda for entertainment, and plenty of trees, shrubs and seating for weary shoppers would have provided a wonderful amenity for the public.

Let me put it this way.

Sydney is regarded as one of the finest cities in the world.

Not just because of its harbour but because of its achingly beautiful gardens and parks that surround and bisect the city.

Think of Hyde Park, the Domain, the Botanical Gardens and Centennial Park.

If our present day municipal fathers had been in charge at the time the colony was being established instead of Governor Phillip, Lachlan Macquarie and Francis Greenway, in all likelihood there would have been parking

stations for horse-drawn carriages and landaus instead of gardens or, worse still, the land would have been zoned medium density housing and lost to the public forever.

Regrettably it is all too late and the car park will serve as a lasting reminder of the lack of proper planning and lack of foresight by our city fathers.

Parking stations should either be on the fringes of towns (park and ride) or integrated and form part of shopping centres.

While I am in the mood, I might also mention the disgraceful state of the approaches to the Rip Bridge.

Sadly the bridge is never mentioned or seen in any tourist brochure, yet it is in fact a great tourist attraction.

It is superbly designed with a single high span.

The view from the bridge is exquisite whether you are looking south towards Hardy's Bay or north towards Woy Woy and beyond.

You frequently see visitors taking photos in both directions.

At this time of year in particular, with an autumn sunset turning both sky and water brilliant hues of colour, the view simply takes your breath away.

Yet access to the bridge is an absolute nightmare for anyone on foot.

On the western side, the provision of a footpath across the bridge spanning Orange Grove Rd has rather inconveniently been overlooked in the design, so you either have to walk along a narrow ledge or take your chances with traffic zooming past at 70 km/h.

However, it is the eastern side where years of neglect are so clearly evident.

The footpath is almost completely covered with weeds, pine needles and rubbish and has now subsided to such an alarming degree it is almost impassable except for those people with one leg significantly shorter than the other.

When one considers the total rates revenue extracted by council from residents of St Hubert's Island and surrounding areas, there is absolutely no excuse for council not to fix the footpath and generally clean up the area.

Well, I got that off my chest and I haven't even mentioned leaf blowers, jet skis, call centres or, my latest nemesis, self-service checkouts.

Perhaps next time!

Email, 18 Apr 2010

Fred Landman, Daley's Point

Unanswered Questions

For reasons better left unsaid, this year I did not march, I chose to go and stand instead beside the cenotaph and there beside me on the pavement, stood an old man and his wife, the lines upon their faces betraying a sadness in their life.

I couldn't help but notice the sad tears fill each old eye as they watched the veterans go proudly marching by; I thought of sons or daughters, of brothers, perhaps a mate, of a burden grown so heavy it had bent them with its weight.

But when the old man took his lady gently by the hand and they turned to speak to me, I began to understand. The old man's voice was tired, worn through years of pain, as he said, "Son, could you tell us, would you do it all again?"

"You see, Mum and I recognise those medals that you wear for on our lounge room wall at home there hangs a similar pair, the Army sent them to us with a lovely telegram - instead of sending back our son from that war in Vietnam."

"Oh, we know we're old and foolish and it was long ago, but we think it might ease our pain if somehow we could know, just what the men like yourself think about that war today; was it worth our Jimmy's life and the price we've had to pay?"

Silently, I cursed the politicians and all their evil kind; I cursed their precious Jimmy for the pain he'd left behind; I cursed the Vietnam war for robbing me of youth (and God forgive me) I cursed these poor old wretches now asking for the truth!

Thoughts and sounds and faces came rushing to my mind as I struggled with their question to find an answer that was kind. How often had I sought that answer - searched night and day - but the hope I saw in their eyes, told me what I must say.

So I mouthed those words I'd often heard fools pronounce before: about sacrifice and courage and the glory to be found in war; I told them how their Jimmy now slept in a hero's grave because he'd offered up his life so others he might save.

And to those of you who hold the truth sacred in your heart, I'd ask you to reflect upon the pain it can impart, for I've no doubt they knew the truth, perhaps better than did I, but they'd chosen long ago to seek sanctuary in a lie.

Then the old man shook my hand and his wife's smile was sweet as I watched them shuffle off on their old and weary feet, but when they stopped another, my heart nearly burst with pain as I heard, "Son, could you tell us, would you do it all again?"

Email, 24 Mar 2010

Vic Jefferies, St Hubert's Island
Vietnam RAAF 9Sqn

Post office store was home

Friends from Umina sent me two clippings from your paper regarding the Blackwall Post Office Store and Mrs Hamilton's missing papers.

I am the youngest of Mrs Hamilton's daughters, Helen.

The Post Office Store was my home until I was 12 when we moved to Sydney.

I have many fond memories of Blackwall and growing up in a very carefree environment.

My sister and I have many photos of both inside and outside of the store from the mid-1940s to the late 1950s and lots of stories we would be delighted to pass on.

Neither of us can remember the old cedar counter and would love

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to see it so we can place it correctly in the shop or post office.

We believe it may have come from the post office but unfortunately don't have photos of it. We would also be very happy to be reunited with mother's old papers, the annual Fancy Dress Frolic at Ettalong was the major event of the school year (I went to Ettalong Primary School) and we spent many hours at school learning the dances.

They really were gala events for me in the 1950s.

Email, 23 Mar 2010

Helen Besestri (formally Hamilton), Jindabyne

Hotels in the water

The proposal to build a luxury hotel actually in Darling Harbour opens up new vistas for development on the Central Coast.

The Coast could have a series of luxury hotels in all our waterways.

This would be a big boost for tourism and jobs as pier, construction building, hospitality and water taxis.

The ugliness of the modern

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architecture could be offset by having pelican roosts on the top of the hotels.

The whiteness of the pelicans would, no doubt, have a softening affect upon the drab starkness of the glass and steel.

Letter, 2 Mar 2010

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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Roosters hold season launch

More than 120 players, sponsors and supporters have joined together for the season launch of the Woy Woy Roosters Rugby League Football Club.

Canterbury-Bankstown, NSW and Australian rugby league "legend" Steve Mortimer, Bears great Greg Florimo and "Irrikin" jockey Allan "Robbo" Robinson were also on hand to help the Woy Woy Roosters kick off its season in style.

Club marketing and promotions manager Mr Peter Read thanked the club committee and all players and supporters who made the night a great success.

"Mortimer assisted with the MC duties after entertaining everyone with some great anecdotes of his years in rugby league," Mr Read said.

"Central Coast Bears CEO Greg Florimo gave a great insight into the Bears prospects for inclusion in the NRL before Robbo brought the house down in his usual irreverent manner, with some great yarns of

the mischief he is known for.

"Plenty of Roosters greats were also on hand including John Monie, Steve McKenzie, Brad Berry, Greg Hillard, Dave Warwick, Hayden Berry, Garry Nissen and Harry Overton along with current stars Jade Mason, Dave Maryska, Troy McLellan, Glenn McLellan and Scott Wilesmith.

"Following the unveiling of Woy Woy Sponsors for 2010, new coach Les Lowe had the opportunity to talk about his hopes for the season, while new signings Matt Riddle, Aaron Hardman and Adam Tippet were introduced to the gathering and all gave their thoughts on the season ahead.

"The night was capped off with an impressive memorabilia auction which was well supported, with guests leaving with items such as a signed and framed Micheal Hussey jumper, signed Danny Green and Roy Jones Jnr boxing gloves and a framed Australian jumper."

Press release, 4 Apr 2010
Peter Read, Woy Woy
Rugby League Club



Three in torch run

Three Peninsula residents took part in the Special Olympics "flame of hope" torch run through Gosford late last month.

Carley Chapman and Phillip Welsh of Umina and Chris McClean from Ettalong were joined by fellow local Special Olympic athletes as well as members of the local police

force for the event.

The torch run was part of local celebrations in the lead-up to the Special Olympics Australia that was held in Adelaide earlier this month.

Ms Chapman was chosen to light the cauldron at Blue Tongue Stadium at the end of the Gosford leg of the torch run.

Every four years the Special Olympics hold its national games and the "flame of hope" torch is run by police officers from the Law Enforcement Torch Run in conjunction with athletes from the local Special Olympics group.

The torch was escorted by police officers along its route from Queensland to the next national games location in Adelaide,

passing through regional towns as well as metropolitan areas.

The Gosford leg of the run saw the torch begin its journey at Showground Rd, travelling down Mann St and finishing at Bluetongue Stadium.

"Special Olympics is a not-for-profit association, run by volunteers, parents and carers, which provides sporting activities for people with an intellectual disability," publicity officer Ms Jenni Chapman said.

Ms Chapman said the 15 local athletes from the Central Coast would compete in athletics, aquatics, basketball, golf, soccer, tennis and ten-pin bowling.

Press release, 30 Mar 2010
Jenni Chapman, Umina

Juniors in winning bowls team

Three Ettalong Bowling Club juniors have been part of a winning Major Fours side.

The Major Fours title also marked the first championship win this year for the local bowling club.

Lead Zac Robertson, 15, second Nathan Malloy, 17, third Harley McDonald, 16, combined with skip and mentor John Roberts to win the title after a hard-fought 25 to 22 win over Brett Jacobson, Tony Leslie, Karl Foster and Paul Butler in the final.

"Both sides earned the right to play in the decider with impressive performances throughout the early rounds and the semi-finals where Butler's side accounted for Danny McNeilly's team 23 to 16 while Roberts' team defeated Lindsay Adamson's side 24-14," Central Coast zone president Mr Kevin Dring said.

"The final was of a high standard

considering the strong blustery conditions that prevailed making it most difficult for consistent bowling and a real test of skill and resolve.

"The winners got away to a solid start leading four to nil but a burst of scoring from Butler's side shot them away to an ominous looking 12 to four lead after seven ends.

"Roberts' side hit back scoring a three then a six, following a Harley McDonald super trail of the jack, and two further singles gave them a 15 shots to 12 lead after 11 ends.

"The second half of the game then proved a real arm wrestle with some outstanding heads and the spoils being evenly shared which saw the winners maintain their three-shot margin until the end of the match."

Publication, 20 Apr 2010
Kevin Dring, Bowls
News Central Coast

Juniors bowl it out

Two Peninsula junior bowlers competed for the Central Coast zone junior singles title recently.

Michael Connelly from Everglades and Harley McDonald from Ettalong Memorial played a "very entertaining" final, according to zone president Mr Kevin Dring.

"Harley's experience showed as he jumped away to an early lead and while Michael made a valiant effort to catch up.

"Harley was too strong and had a comfortable win," Mr Dring said.

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Roosters run out of luck



Woy Woy second rower Tim Bovis continued his great form with another man of the match performance against Kincumber

After scraping home against Berkeley Vale in round one, the Woy Woy Roosters first grade side's luck ran out suffering a 32 to 28 defeat against Kincumber at Woy Woy Oval on April 18.

The Roosters problems of the previous week surfaced again, with poor ball control and discipline contributing to the loss.

Even so, midway through the second half it looked like Woy Woy would prevail when Adam Tippet

scored to give the home side a lead of 28 to 16.

The Colts were not to be denied with their enthusiasm and commitment allowing them to claw back the lead and gain two valuable competition points.

Once again for the Roosters, back rower Tim Bovis was outstanding, gaining both the three points and players player award in consecutive weeks.

Reserve grade turned up to play, blowing the Colts away by the tune of 44 to nil and in doing so it

on top of the reserve grade ladder.

The Neist brothers were brilliant scoring three tries between them, and generally creating havoc, but it was Dane Budd who was named man of the match, scoring a try and kicking four goals in a solid all-around game.

Captain-coach Ian Willis returned from injury for the open age side, and with 15 minutes remaining it look like back to back wins for the Roosters.

However some ill discipline cost dearly, allowing Central Wyong to cross for two late tries to record a 32 to 28 win.

Woy Woy halfback Joel Weeks continued his great form, cutting the Bulldogs apart with a haul of 14 points from two tries and three goals.

The Under-19s got the day underway, mixing some solid football with some scrappy play to record their first win for the season with a 24 to 18 win over the Colts.

Fullback Brendan Neal scored right on half-time to give Woy Woy the advantage, with second half three pointers to Danny Leslie and young halfback Mitchell Manson sealing the deal.

Newcomer James Murphy made his debut for Woy Woy in style being named man of the match and players player for a great all around effort.

Website, 20 Apr 2010
Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club

Night pairs attracts 48 teams

The Ettalong Major/Minor Night Pairs tournament proved popular with 48 teams facing the starter vying for a share of the lucrative prize money on offer, according to club publicity officer Mr John Roberts.

"Played over a two week period on some balmy nights under the Ettalong lights, the tournament provided some fascinating games with many of the Minors displaying great skills and revelling in the opportunity of teaming up with the more experienced higher grade Majors," Mr Roberts said.

"Those who witnessed many of the matches agreed that this was one of the most intriguing and high standard major and minors played for several years with results often being decided on the last end or indeed the last bowl.

"After eight nights of intense but

sporting competition the finalists were decided with two local teams in Jason Williams and Darren Morrison doing battle with junior bowler John Hannan leading for John Roberts.

"At six-all after seven ends, the final looked to be headed for another cliff hanger, however Williams and Morrison lifted their game and surged ahead to run out victors 22 shots to 10.

"Overall results included outright winners Jason Williams, Darren Morrison with runners-up John Hannan and John Roberts.

"Equal third place went to Shane Robertson and Graham Maier and to Ken Smith and Danny McNeilly while fifth place went to Eddie McDermott and Harley McDonald."

Publication, 20 Apr 2010
John Roberts, Bowls
News Central Coast

Events for cancer research

Umina Beach Rugby League Football Club will hosting a charity auction night and fundraising day to support the National Breast Cancer Foundation next month.

Players, supporters and the general public are invited to the Sporties at Woy Woy on the evening of Friday, May 7, to auction off a number of items in support of raising money for breast cancer research.

The charity auction night will be followed by a fundraising day at Umina Oval for round five of the local rugby league competition that will see the Umina Bunnies take on North Lakes on Sunday, May 9.

The first game of the day will

kick off from 10.15am with the Under-19s followed by the open grade at 11.30am, second grade at 1pm and first grade from 2.30pm.

Club president Mr Matthew Harvey said the main aim of the two events was to raise money for breast cancer research with the added bonus of bringing together the community spirit of the club and its sponsors and supporters.

"This can only be a good thing for our area and the game," Mr Harvey said.

"It would be fantastic to see all our supporters come along and support this very worthy cause and help us raise money for the National Breast Cancer Foundation."

Press release, 21 Apr 2010
Matthew Harvey, Umina Beach RLFC

Bunnies open strongly

The Umina Bunnies had a strong opening performance in its first game for the season against the Kincumber Colts on April 11.

Umina first grade recorded a 32 to 12 win while second grade defeated the Colts 32 to 16.

"From the outset the first grade game was always going to be a battle and the first half was just that with the Bunnies having to make four changes inside the first 15 minutes due to injury," club secretary Ian Sonter said.

"However, the forced changes did not hamper the boys in attack

or defence as they posted the first try thanks to Reece Paget calling on an old team mate to pass him the ball as Kincumber hit the halfway line.

"Reece gratefully accepted it to turn defence into attack and strolled 50 metres to score the first try.

"Kincumber hit back shortly after for a six-all score line at half-time.

"In the second half, Brett Sonter crossed after five minutes, converted by Ben Brooks to lead 12 to six which was quickly followed by a John Hickey converted try.

"Dean Knott's first try of the day saw the Bunnies lead 22 to six.

"The Colts hit back with a try to trail 22 to 12, but another try to Dean Knott and one to Rhys Ryan converted by Ben Brooks saw the final score 32 to 12 in favour of the Bunnies."

This was the debut first grade game for Ben Brooks, Joel Johnson, Mick McManus and Jason Allwood.

Marc "Dodge" Matthews, a Bunnies former first grade skipper, also made his debut in the senior coaching rank.

Website, 20 Apr 2010
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