



A concept design of the proposed Tesrol development at Ettalong (photomontage by Tesrol)

Tesrol lodges plans with Minister

Tesrol has taken its proposal for an eight-storey beachfront development at Ettalong direct to the Minister of Planning as a "Part 3A" application.

The proposal which is a variation of a design rejected by Gosford Council is now being exhibited by the Department of Planning for public comment.

The Council will have no say in the determining the application.

The \$27.5 million project is described as "a mixed use development over two stages".

Stage 1 includes a seven storey plus mezzanine mixed-use building with 45 residential apartments and basement, ground-level and mezzanine parking.

"Stage 2 includes a two storey retail/commercial building with at grade parking."

The application proposes five one-bedroom apartments, 34 two-bedroom apartments, six three-bedroom apartments, 93 parking spaces and 1421 square metres of retail and commercial space.

The development would have "heights ranging from three storeys adjacent to the shoreline to an eight-storey tower to assist in view-sharing and reducing the bulk

of the development", which was in line with an "urban design and massing strategy".

In a letter to the Director-General of Planning, Tesrol's development director Mr Nigel Fox said: "This project has had a long history, without much success."

He claimed that the Department of Planning accepted the proposed design but "Gosford Council have advised that they have not amended their draft LEP to reflect PUDS, and as such the site continues to be restricted by the same controls that have been in place since 1968".

He also blamed "a Local Member" for correspondence from the Minister's office in 2006 revoking Council's SEPP1 powers, which "took away Council's ability to support our development and as such the matter was on hold until we could seek clarification as to why the powers were revoked".

Mr Fox wrote: "Given that Council are not willing to engage us or the Department of Planning, we are requesting to lodge a Part 3A application."

"It is considered that given the size of the project and the fact that the proposal would be caught under SEPP 71 Coastal Protection (over 13 metres in height and within 100

metres of the coastal shoreline) the consent authority would be the Department of Planning."

Mr Fox said the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy (PUDS), which allowed up to six storeys on the site, should be followed.

However, he argued that the additional two storeys, bringing the building to eight storeys or 27.3 metres, were justified by the public benefit of providing a pedestrian link through the site to Ettalong Beach.

He said that PUDS recommended "providing for additional heights as a reward for specific public benefits".

In its application dated 28 Apr 2009, Tesrol did not disclose any political donations of more than \$1000 in the previous two years.

Public comment may be made until June 4.

Details can be found and submissions made online at http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=3326.

**Website, 8 May 2010
NSW Department of Planning**

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supports proposal**

Climate change policy adopted

Gosford Council has resolved to adopt the Climate Change Policy after an "overwhelming response" from the local community to the draft policy document.

A council staff report stated it had received a total of 29 submissions from local stakeholders, 26 of which it claimed were in support of the policy.

"The challenges that climate change presents to the Gosford Local Government Area are numerous and drive the need to adopt a Climate Change Policy," the report stated.

"Many of the general governance issues raised as lacking from the policy will be dealt with in existing and new strategies and plans which will be reviewed and developed to support the policy implementation in due course."

"The proposed policy amendments are intended to provide greater clarity regarding these climate change objectives and commitments and address the substantiated matters raised in submissions."

However, the report stated that the introduction of a Climate Change Policy did not introduce a new responsibility into the scope of council's work but was merely there to "frame up the extent of existing responsibilities into a coherent set of objectives and commitments".

According to council's report, various submissions were received from the community addressing mitigation, adaptation and general issues with the draft policy.

"In addition to the preparation of new plans and strategies, submissions suggested the need to review existing plans and strategies for consideration to sea level rise, and this suggestion has been supported," the report stated.

"Submissions were in strong support of the policy's commitment to community information/education and suggested strengthening adaptation information/education."

"This suggestion has been supported."

"Biodiversity is captured by the listing of natural systems, however it was specifically added to the list of initial considerations for climate change adaptation risk assessments due to several concerns in submissions that it was not being dealt with in the policy."

The report responded to submissions from the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) Central Coast branch and from the NSW Master Builders' Association.

The ACF branch supported the idea of a climate change policy but raised concerns that the draft document "did not meet their standard".

"Of particular concern to the ACF Central Coast branch was the lack of management strategies and timeframes for actions within the draft policy," the council report stated.

"To address these concerns the policy wording has been amended to strengthen statements of action for council to undertake."

"The inclusion of timeframes, however, is not usually covered in policy but will be addressed in strategy documents that are developed out of the adopted policy."

The NSW Master Builders Association also had concerns.

"There was some confusion that council would also be implementing a sea level rise policy, when in fact all council has done is adopt the State Government level for planning purposes," the council report stated.

"The MBA was mainly concerned about protecting individuals existing property rights and was worried council would remove the right of landowners to defend their property or that council would introduce a 'special climate change risk reduction rate'."

"To address these concerns the policy wording has been amended to clarify these statements."

**Council agenda ENV.25,
4 May 2010**

Protest organised over hospital

A member of the Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance has organised a bus to travel down to State Parliament in Sydney early next month to protest against the removal of Woy Woy Hospital's rehabilitation unit.

Umina activist Mr Edward James is calling on anyone concerned

about the State Government's decision to relocate the hospital's rehabilitation facility to Wyong Hospital to join the protest.

"Woy Woy Public Hospital has had its in-patient rehabilitation ward removed to Kanwal where Wyong Public Hospital is actually located, far from any public transport," Mr James said.

"We have the highest percentage

of people over 65, some 9000 who can be expected in their retirement to need what was an important and long-standing medical amenity in our growing community."

"If you wish to make yourself seen and heard outside our NSW Parliament, make the effort to join a free bus leaving the front of Umina Library on Tuesday, June 1, from 9am.

"We will be dropped off outside NSW Parliament where our presence will be noticed and photographed."

"Those wishing to attend should if possible bring with them placards or a banner expressing their concerns about the removal of such an important medical amenity."

"We expect to be back at Umina Library by 2pm."

"While we will only be at Parliament for perhaps 40 minutes that should be sufficient time to take photos for use in our local paper and make our presence there memorable."

For more information, contact 43419140.

**Email, 4 May 2010
Edward James, Umina**

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garden.

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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 Bay View Brasserie Competition, PO Box 1056, Gosford NSW 2250.

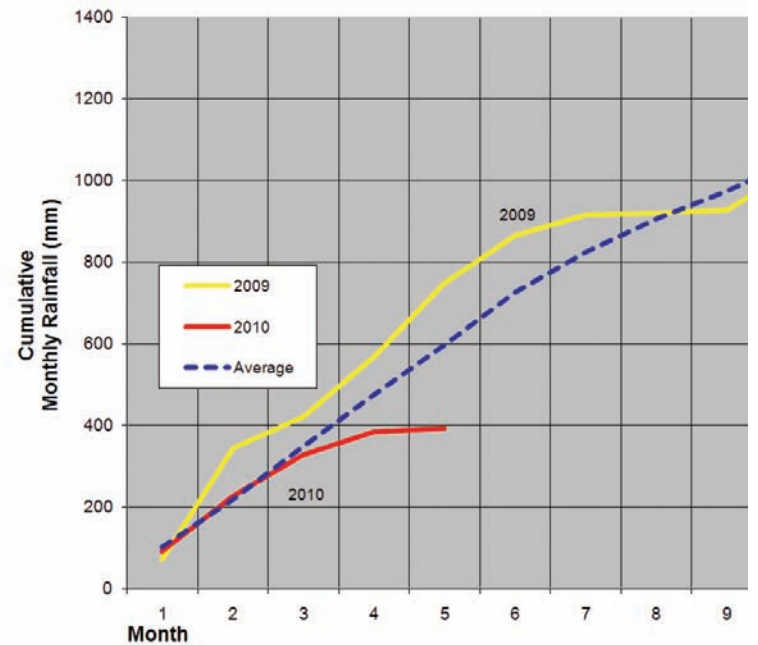
Entries to the competition close at 5pm on Thursday, May 20.

The two winners of the Peninsula News Ronnie Johns Half Hour Live on Stage Competition have been announced.

Ms Joy Hutchins of Umina and Mr Laurie Rogers of Ettalong have each won a double pass to see the comedy performance at Laycock St Theatre on May 25.

Clare Graham, 6 May 2010

Cumulative Monthly Rainfall by Year



Less than half normal rainfall

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April's rainfall on the Peninsula totalled 56.5mm, less than half the April average of 126.4mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The first week in May was no better, with only 8.7mm falling, compared to a May average of 120.7mm.

At the end of April, rainfall for the year to date of 384.8mm was down almost 20 per cent on the average of 475.8mm for the first third of the year.

Temperatures in April ranged from a minimum of 11.7 on April 26 to a maximum of 31.5 recorded on April 23, according to figures from www.peninsulaweather.info.

The highest minimum of 19.7 was recorded on that day, while the lowest maximum of 18.2 was recorded on April 30.

Highest wind gust for the month was 20.5 km/h recorded on April 8.

Spreadsheet, 8 May 2010
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy
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Steep land could be cleared, claims CEN

On the eve of the comment period for Gosford's draft LEP closing on May 5, the Community Environment Network has claimed that "reduced controls on steep land mean that up to 300 hectares could be cleared for residential development at Umina and Pearl Beach alone".

The Pearl Beach Progress Association has also complained that "the zonings proposed for council-owned lands in Pearl Beach significantly increase their development potential".

Meanwhile, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has criticised the absence of future rezoning to accommodate a projected population growth.

The Community Environment Network said most of the changes made in the Draft LEP were not readily obvious to the public.

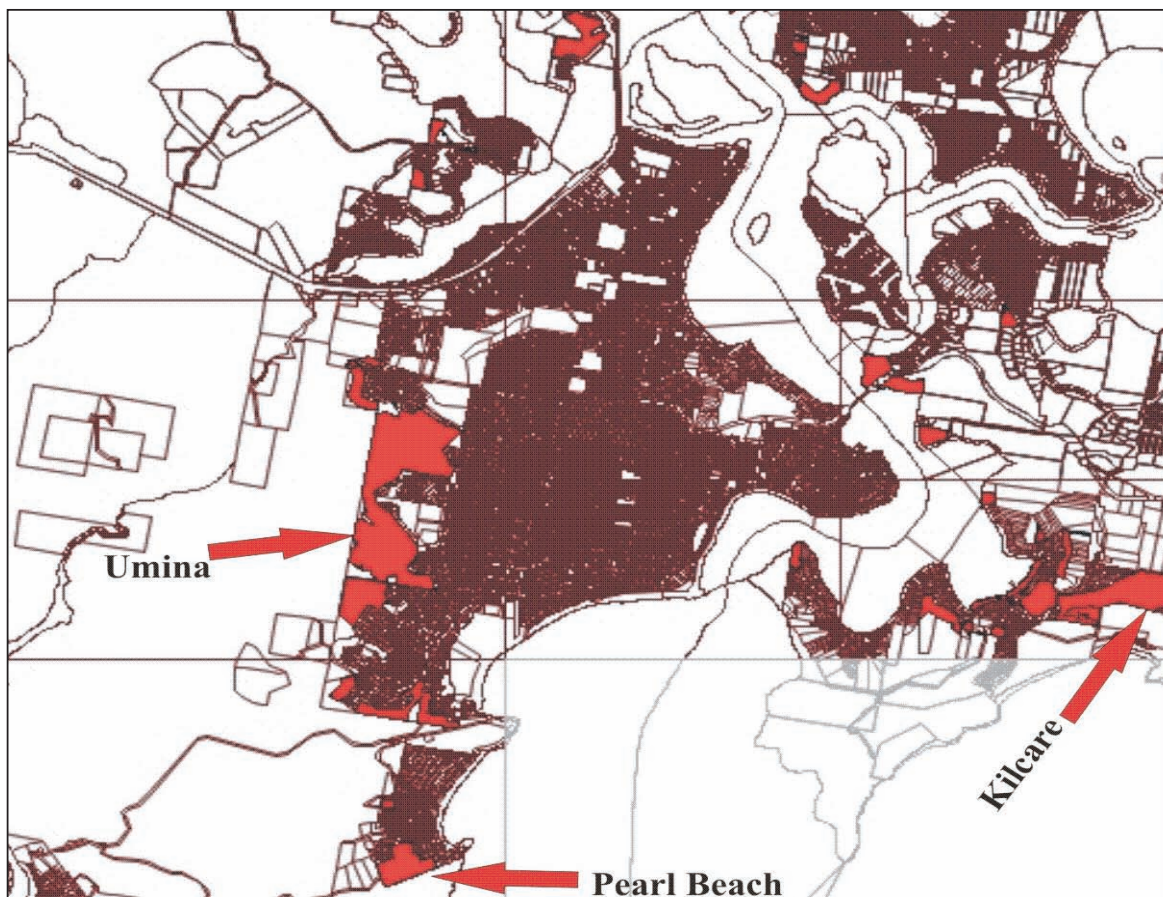
"This includes changes allowing development of housing on steep lands, less restrictions on bed and breakfast accommodation, increased densities in lagoon catchments and limitations on coastal development to protect homes," according to Network chairman Mr John Asquith.

"It appears that council are now required to include in the draft LEP changes that were announced in the 2005 Planning Reforms by the State Government.

"These changes were quite widespread.

"In particular, the reduced controls on steep land mean that up to 300 hectares could be cleared for residential development at Umina and Pearl Beach alone.

"Steep lands are often in scenic locations, may consist of unstable rock or clay and be highly erodible potentially adding sediments to waterways.



The Community Environment Network indicates in red where Gosford's draft LEP proposes to potentially reduce up to 300 hectares of steep land for residential development at Umina and Pearl Beach

"In addition, a fundamental flaw in the LEP is that it does not adequately protect the Coastal Open Space System nor does it protect biodiversity and the many Threatened Species that have been mapped in Gosford."

Mr Asquith said the network wanted council to include existing mapping of high conservation lands in the LEP.

He said that while the Draft LEP would reduce protection on conservation lands it would also unleash residential development on steep lands that had been protected for decades and have other undesired effects.

He called for council to amend

the Draft LEP to protect high value conservation lands and to restore controls which protect catchments, neighborhoods and steep lands and for the LEP to be re-exhibited to the public.

Pearl Beach Progress Association president Mr David Denton said: "We are concerned that the zonings proposed for council-owned lands in Pearl Beach significantly increase their development potential above existing levels in Gosford's Planning Scheme Ordinance.

"At no stage has the Pearl Beach community requested that the development potential of these lands be increased to the level

contemplated in the Draft LEP.

"This increased growth potential is also inconsistent with Gosford Council and NSW Government strategic planning objectives.

"Pearl Beach has not been identified or proposed as a growth area in a regional, sub-regional or municipal plan.

"The people of Pearl Beach are justly proud of their beautiful natural environment and we want to ensure that it is protected from inappropriate development.

"Our association supports the preparation of a new LEP.

"We have a number of concerns, however, about the Draft LEP in its exhibited format.

"We understand that the Draft LEP conforms to a template set down by the State Government, which cannot be changed.

"However, Gosford council has added many clauses to the basic template and in the process seems to have ignored the environment altogether.

"The Pearl Beach community had shown its overwhelming support for our submission with more than 100 people attending a meeting in March to discuss the implications of the Draft LEP."

Meanwhile, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said its submission dealt with its concerns on the projected population growth for the area, the absence of future rezoning and an introduction of unnecessary and unjustified restrictions on residential development.

"The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce recognises the need for the speedy introduction of the new planning controls," Mr Wales said.

"However, the new controls should be carefully reviewed with the view to meeting the objectives of the Central Coast Regional Strategy and ensuring that the most cost effective development controls are implemented.

"Therefore, the Chamber urges Gosford Council to arrange a forum between leading industry and business groups and councillors so that key areas of concern can be discussed and agreement reached on critical areas of the Draft Gosford LEP and Draft Gosford DCP."

Press release, 28 Apr 2010
 John Asquith, Community Environment Network Letter, 29 Mar 2010
 David Denton, Pearl Beach Progress Association Letter, 2 May 2010
 Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Short-term parking for Ferry Rd

Short-term parking will be introduced at the end of Ferry Rd in Ettalong Beach to assist drivers picking up and dropping off ferry passengers.

The decision comes after it was reported to council that traffic congestion was occurring in Ferry St before and after ferry services were due to leave and arrive at the wharf.

"The Palm Beach Ferry service

operates throughout the day from the public wharf at the end of Ferry Rd," a council report stated.

"Traffic congestion increases due to ferry passengers being dropped off and picked up.

"This situation can result in cars illegally double parked while waiting to pick up and drop off passengers.

"Investigation confirmed that there is no short-term parking in Ferry Rd suitable for picking up

and dropping off passengers.

"Any such parking should take into account the fact that the ferry service runs every day of the week for the majority of the day."

Council resolved to change three unrestricted right-angled parking spaces off the end of Ferry Rd adjacent to the wharf to 30 minute parking between 6am and 6pm seven days to provide for short term parking in the area.

Council agenda TR.10.20, 4 May 2010



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A different planet?

When I read the papers, I always decide that I must live on a different planet from most politicians and other people in power.

I feel sure that these people are aware of the implications of climate change particularly on the Peninsula; however they seem to be intent on proceeding with business as usual with now an input of Federal money to re-make yet again the beach at Ettalong.

It is a pity these people did not see the article Paradise Lost by Frank Robson in The Good Weekend a few weeks ago, which dealt with the situation in Noosa.

It was very similar to the story of Ettalong.

In the 1960s, the Noosa business fraternity, together with the council, decided to re-make Noosa.

They even diverted the river. Rock groynes were built.

Property owners were permitted to place rocks at the front of their properties to protect them from the sea until a sea wall was eventually built and sand pumping replaced

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the now lost sand.

Much money was made as land changed hands and mansions were built and Noosa became a famous landmark for the international as well as national tourism industry.

As a result, the highly successful and expensive Hastings St and the surf beach are now under threat.

Holidaymakers lie on a beach next to a sand pipeline which relentlessly pumps sand every Tuesday and Thursday, daily in rough weather; traffic controllers guard the emergency point to stop accidents in the slurry of sand and water; the foreshore is in danger of being swept away; trees have been uprooted; footpaths are suspended and traders have to contribute to the \$500,000 fund each year for beach maintenance.

Tax payers dip in as well. Still there's the cry for the authorities to "fix" the beach.

It would seem an artificial beach is better than no beach, although there are concerns about sourcing the enormous amounts

of sand continually needed for replenishment.

The story of Noosa must ring bells with many local people.

It does with us.

We have been looking at old movie films taken about 35 years ago with our young children on the wide beach, as it was then, at what is now often called Ferry Beach.

There is no beach there now; just sand bags to help prevent erosion. Rats can sometimes be seen foraging amongst the rubbish.

This change was caused by the rocks which council was persuaded to put at the point in the 1970s.

Will man ever learn? Storm surges and sea level rise could inundate the Peninsula.

As Robson says in his article: "It's an endless environmental soap opera."

You may read the full article about Noosa in The Good Weekend of April 10.

It is obtainable at your local library or at Gosford.

Email, 7 May 2010
Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

Misused freedom

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Mum went out Sunday morning to lower the flag to half-mast with only one thing on her mind - the memory in her heart of her loved ones.

Firstly, her father, a World War 1 hero, campaigned in the two World Wars and eventually passed away from the effects of mustard gas.

Her brother Jack fought on the Kadoka Track and his ashes are spread over the Stanley Ranges.

Her brother Bobby fought in Korea and has since passed

away.

And finally her husband fought in every major campaign in World War 2. She nursed him for years before he passed.

The one thing she could do in their honour and memory she couldn't, because someone misused the freedom it represented to steal it from her flagpole

Online submission, 27 Apr 2010
Lesley Dacey, Woy Woy

Shopkeepers take parking

Forum

In Peninsula News ("Chamber criticises traffic blister", April 27), we are told: "The pedestrian refuge will result in the loss of one car space and one taxi space in a town centre that can ill-afford the loss of any kerb-side parking."

No mention is made of the pedestrian benefits.

This loss of shoppers' parking would be easily made up by

freeing up existing spaces used by shopkeepers and staff who park all day, every day in West St and side streets in one hour parking spots.

We may even end up with more than a dozen extra parking spots.

Should more policing, or self-regulation by parking cheats, be too difficult, then parking meters may be the answer.

Email, 2 May 2010
Dean Hartigan, Umina

Combat the alcohol problem

I've worked out why today's politicians are so inept and self-absorbed.

The old-time politicians had real jobs dealing with real problems.

They spoke to real people on street corners and community halls.

Today's crop of polities either work for The Party or another politician, so they are basically bureaucrats.

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And to stay in their little cocoon, they employ little bureaucrats just out of kindergarten-university.

So, they come up with bright ideas like taking the colour out of cigarette packets.

Well, I have a brilliant idea for them to combat the alcohol problem.

Simple.

Take the amber colour out of beer, all colours out of wine and alco-pops.

And the cream, add fish oil to bourbon and coke.

If they can stomach drinking it, it'll be good for them.

Problem solved.

Letter 6 May, 2010
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Mangroves more beneficial

Forum

The planting of a Wollemi Pine in Kibble Park must be for aesthetic reasons and to appease Wollemi Pine Gods.

According to the 2009 Sustainability Report, this is an area that by 2031, will host an additional 6000 jobs with an increased population of 10,000.

Open space will be scarce.

Does anyone know whether the

Wollemi Pine is claustrophobic?

It would be more beneficial to plant mangroves along the Dane Dr waterfront but then will the mangroves disrupt grandiose redevelopment of the waterfront.

Letter, 6 May 2010
Norman Harris, Umina



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The parcel of land (highlighted in red) that Everglades Country Club is in the process of purchasing off the Land and Property Management Authority

Club buys Crown land

The Land and Property Management Authority has confirmed that a section of land within the Everglades Country Club's golf course has been purchased by the club.

A spokesperson for the Land and Property Management Authority said the sale was initiated by Everglades.

"Sale of the land to Everglades Country Club Ltd is proceeding but

not yet finalised," the spokesperson said.

"The land has been used by the country club as part of its golf course for close to 40 years.

"Purchase price at this stage is commercial in confidence as the sale has not been completed and will be market value.

"It will be by private treaty, converting the land to freehold.

"Everglades Country Club Limited has told the Land and

Property Management Authority that they are working with relevant authorities, including the Catchment Management Authority, to develop management strategies for environmental protection of the lagoons."

It is understood that less \$100,000 is likely to be paid for the parcel of land.

**Email, 23 Apr 2010
John McClymont, Land and Property Management Authority**

Chamber supports Tesrol proposal

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has backed the proposed Tesrol development planned for Ettalong Beach following the advertising of the Part 3A application by the NSW Department of Planning.

Peninsula Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said the development was critical for Ettalong Beach.

"The development comes at an ideal time and offers a new level of building design and architectural standard," Mr Wales said.

"Tesrol are proposing a staged redevelopment of old waterside site on the corner of Memorial Ave and The Esplanade.

"The first stage consists of 512 metres square of retail space and 45 apartments over seven levels with basement parking for 81 cars.

"The second two level stage includes another 338 metres

square of retail, 571 metres square commercial office and parking for a further 12 cars.

"Public domain improvements include the creation of a new mid block public laneway from the rear of the Rocks Arcade through to The Esplanade.

"This is a key site and deserves a building of high quality.

"We think that Tesrol has delivered an exciting result that will act as a much needed catalyst for the Ettalong Beach town centre.

"It has taken years for the project to get to this stage and we certainly encourage the Department of Planning to complete its assessment quickly and give the project the nod."

The current proposal was lodged with the NSW Department of Planning under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and is classified as a major project.

"Being a key site on the Ettalong beach front, we can appreciate the highly sensitive nature of the application," Mr Wales said.

"However, the proposed design with its stepped facades and generous forecourt areas is exactly what the town needs to activate the precinct.

"The proposal is accompanied by a detailed Urban Design and Massing Strategy prepared for the wider Ettalong Beach retail precinct which demonstrates the synergies of the proposal within the overall context of the town and its immediate surroundings.

"In order for Ettalong Beach to compete in the tourism and visitor market, the town desperately needs development of this standard with its mix of uses and high level of architectural finish."

**Press release, 5 May 2010
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**

Council loses another \$2.79M

Gosford Council has reported another investment loss totalling \$2.79 million from two of its structured securities.

Council's director of corporate services Mr Nic Pasternatsky has told the council that Parkes Junior reported a principal loss of \$1.29 million and Torquay reported a principal loss \$1.5 million.

Mr Pasternatsky maintained that the losses reported would not affect the service levels or works completed within the Gosford Local Government Area.

He said that the council could not have predicted the loss on the investments.

"How can anyone have predicted the Global Financial Crisis?" Mr Pasternatsky said.

"Council is no different from any other council in Australia who did not see this coming.

"Gosford followed guidelines in accordance with the Local Government Act, as per the Minister's Order, the Local Government Regulation and council's investment policy, when making its investment decisions.

"No council did anything wrong, so to speak, when they followed the appropriate guidelines and used the advice they were given at

the time."

Mr Pasternatsky claimed: "Gosford is not in any detrimental position and provisions have been built into council's current budget totalling \$10 million."

He said council had suffered a total net loss of \$8 million on investments and said it was too hard to predict council's total projected loss on investments by the end of this financial year.

"To project this would be like gazing into a crystal ball," Mr Pasternatsky said.

"There is just no guarantee.

Mr Pasternatsky said Gosford council was in a financially viable position, claiming an investment portfolio of more than \$118 million at the end of March and a cash flow return of around \$33 million.

He said the net return on investments for council's investment portfolio since 2002 was \$52 million, representing an average return of 5.93 per cent.

"If we didn't have this net return then we would be in trouble," Mr Pasternatsky said.

"But we are still in front."

**Clare Graham, 6 May 2010
Media statement, 27 Apr 2010
Nic Pasternatsky, Gosford Council
Council agenda COR.37,
27 Apr 2010**

Correction

The article "Police seek witnesses" published in the last edition of Peninsula News contained an error.

The report stated that the collision was believed to be a result of the motorbike performing

a U-turn on the roadway.

The article should have read that police believed the truck was conducting a U-turn across the roadway when the motorbike ran into it.

Clare Graham, 5 May 2010



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Attorney General Mr John Hatzistergoes (second from left) and Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews (third from left) at Woy Woy Local Court on May 4 announcing the new MERIT program

A program that aims to reduce drug-related crime and re-offending will be offered at Woy Woy Local Court for non-violent offenders who have a drug problem.

The Magistrates Early Referral Into Treatment (MERIT) program offers drug treatment prior to sentencing, as a voluntary option for people coming before the courts.

The program was announced by Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews and Attorney General Mr John Hatzistergoes at Woy Woy on May 4.

"MERIT will be available at Woy Woy Local Court for non-violent defendants who have a drug problem, are suitable for release into the community on bail and are motivated to engage in treatment and rehabilitation," Ms Andrews said.

"By addressing their drug problem, the program is also addressing what is often the primary motivation behind their offending behaviour.

"The program makes use of a comprehensive range of health and welfare services, detoxification, treatment and rehabilitation.

"Participants are closely case-managed and the magistrate receives regular reports on their progress."

The program is now available at 64 courts across NSW and has operated successfully at Gosford Local Court since 2002 and at Wyong since 2003, according to Ms Andrews.

Ms Andrews said more than 500 defendants at the two courts on the Central Coast had successfully completed the three-month intensive treatment program.

Press release, 4 May 2010
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford

Ettalong group may get money and rates levy

The Ettalong Beach Business Group Inc (EBBGI) has secured \$75,000 in seed funding as part of Gosford Council's Business Improvement District Policy.

However, the group will have to wait until the public exhibition period for the policy is completed and adopted by council.

Once the policy has been finalised, council will issue the group three yearly instalments of \$25,000.

Ettalong Beach Business Group member Mr Ray Dearlove said the funding assistance was a "great step toward the renewal of Ettalong Beach".

"Ever since the inception of the Ettalong Beach Business Group

in late 2007, the group has been working towards the establishment of a Business Improvement District," Mr Dearlove said.

"The purpose of a BID is to improve conditions for business in a specific area, attract and retain businesses, generate jobs and improve the quality of life for those who use the district. "It enables stakeholders to decide which services to provide to meet the district's unique needs."

Mr Dearlove said the group would announce an Ettalong Beach Business Forum once the public exhibition period for the policy was finished.

He said this would give local business owners in the area the opportunity to have their say on what the money should be used

for.

"We will let local business owners know about the forum and eventually the community will be closely consulted with," Mr Dearlove said.

"We need the local business community's ongoing support, but we also need their opinions and suggestions on how this funding should be applied so that we gain the maximum benefit for Ettalong Beach.

"As we all know, it is very, very difficult to make things happen without funding.

"With the confirmation that the other two viewing platforms will be built on the foreshore in the next six months and ongoing work to restore Ettalong Beach, there are exciting times ahead."

Council also resolved to support the future introduction of a special levy on commercial properties in Ettalong Beach, dependent on achieving demonstrated endorsement from at least 75 per cent of the owners of commercial properties determined to be applicable and from owners paying 75 per cent of the total aggregated levy.

A council report stated: "Should EBBGI decide to seek a special rate levy applied to all commercial properties, as is the usual way of funding a BID, it will require formal council support".

"In preliminary discussions, EBBGI has been informed that council would need evidence of strong local support for any such levy," the report stated.

According to the council report, the group has proposed to reduce street level commercial vacancy rates in the medium term, increase the occupancy of the three main hotels/motels in Ettalong Beach, increase, on an annual basis, the number of hits on the Ettalong Beach Business Group website and development of a marketing brochure for Ettalong Beach this year.

Council has stated the proposals will be used as key performance indicators and would require further negotiations to determine a methodology for measurement and clear targets.

Clare Graham, 6 May 2010
Interviewee: Ray Dearlove,
Ettalong Beach Business Group
Council agenda ENV.21, 27 Apr 2010

Parking limit at Pretty Beach

Gosford Council will impose a 24-hour parking limit at the Pretty Beach boat launching ramp car park.

The decision follows a report from council's Open Space and Leisure Services unit that boat trailers uncoupled from cars were being left for extended periods in the boat ramp car park.

"This semi-permanent storage is seen as reducing the parking available for usage of the ramp and is hence contrary to the purpose for which the parking spaces were provided," a council report stated.

"In order to reinstate the purpose of providing parking at the boat launching ramp, it is proposed that a 24-hour parking limit be imposed at the boat launching ramp car park."

The cost for the installation of required signage will be accommodated in council's existing recurrent budgets, according to the report.

Council agenda TR.10.19,
4 May 2010

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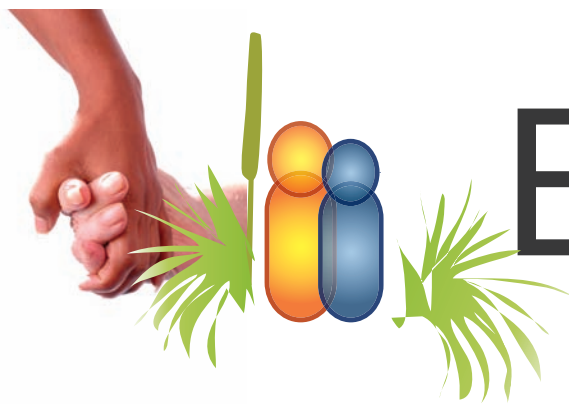
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If they are out there, they are not engaging with me.

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This is worthless because these people, Jameson, O'Neil and Freewater have done bugger all to address the years of published allegations backed up with public documents identifying Gosford City Council as abusing due process with their accepting and promotion of D/A 11923 /2001 and related issues. The council they pay their rates to, Gosford City Council, is thereby corrupt!

Their local council is populated by party politicians just like them.

These party politicians may feel comfortable asking potential constituents for support at the ballot box, but what about me?

I have and continue to publish political allegations pointing out that Political Parties have accommodated sins against the people, sins that in another place and time, may be identified as criminal acts.

The bad politics indulged in by the two parties not much preferred and other political parties including independents, is unravelling the fabric of our society.

Why only last week, MP Karyn Paluzzano confessed, while giving evidence to ICAC, to some party political sins.

She was confessing to betraying the people's trust and to bringing the Labor Party and the Parliament into disrepute.

Later, in the law courts, those sins against the people may be identified as fraud.

I am making a distinction here for the smarties who no doubt will insist that I take my concerns to the Police, ICAC and the State Ombudsman.

What I am doing, is pointing out to my readers, how party members are once again asking for your vote while at the same time refusing to involve themselves in this very public political business.

The fact that they have all turned their backs on a fellow taxpayer, a constituent, shows they are lacking something important in a representative.

Tell me how it is possible to look at yourself in the mirror when your Mayor and Deputy Mayor have been identified as liars.



When there are substantiated allegations out there that the council misled the State Coroner when they allowed him to understand they (Council) had no knowledge or experience in the use or application of concrete to protect the structural integrity of those steel pipes in the culvert at Piles Creek, Somersby.

From the top down, the political parties are all sullied by the same bad politics.

My father, Louis Phillip Verdun JAMES was stood over and bullied by the corrupt Gosford City Council.

I have approached everyone from the NSW Premier down to the politicians sitting on the corrupt council.

It is more than just bad politics. The court of public opinion is the place where the people's public business should be considered.

For years I have heard our elected representatives say "if you don't like the way we do things, make your opinion known at the ballot box".

Labor, Liberal Coalition, Greens, Independents, an almost endless list of politicians who will stand and ask us to give our votes in trust, all have accommodated the bad politics which has resulted in falsified instruments, lies and bullying, being part of a systemic abuse of due process.

The malfeasance political parties are a part of, reached its climax when five people died wrongful deaths in a ditch at the bottom of Piles Creek, Somersby

NSW.

Don't forget Darren Jameson, it was the Prime Minister John Howard, leader of the Federal Liberal Party at the time, who was identified on the front page of the Gosford City SUN WEEKLY on November 8, 2007, engaging in what was perceived as a most offensive act of political pork barrelling.

At the time, I publicly identified John Howard's front page pledge as reaching over the bodies of five dead to buy votes for Jim Lloyd.

I hope people reading this start asking all political party members why they will not correct the corrupt process which has been identified and see that those responsible are removed from their positions of public trust.

There is no doubt that those standing for election, asking for our votes to be given in trust, must be able to show they have done everything within their power to have these identified wrongs, these political sins against the people, exposed in public political forums such as our council and State Parliament.

They must have shown that they were willing to expose their party members as wrong footed, when those party members refused to exercise their influence in the best interest of constituents.

There must be evidence of a willingness to uphold the aim of the Westminster system of government, an idea that we the people have a right to honest open government.

I see no evidence of party members being willing to exercise their civic duty on my behalf and I understand that if a party member is willing to turn away when the rights of one constituent are being obviously trampled, then they are clearly willing to turn away when their party tramples on the rights of everyone.

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

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Guide dogs walk to Woy Woy

Guide dog users walked from Gosford to Woy Woy late last month to get better treatment for their dogs.

They walked in support of a call by Guide Dogs NSW not to feed or pat guide dogs and to keep other dogs on a lead.

The 12-kilometre Brisbane Water Challenge walk coincided with International Guide Dog Day on April 28 and was used to suggest the public admire guide dogs from a distance and not distract them when they were working.

The appeal follows new research that shows nine out of 10 guide dog users say their dogs have been distracted in the past

year by people attempting to feed or pat them.

The same proportion report having had their dogs disturbed, and even attacked, by pet dogs that are not on leads, according to Guide Dogs regional manager Mr John Payne.

He said the new data was used during Guide Dog Week (April 26 to May 2) in a move to better educate the general public on guide dog etiquette.

More than 30 people with impaired vision from the Central Coast, Hunter Valley and Sydney participated in the walk to mark the independence of guide dog users in the community.

"The challenge served to

remind local residents that when in harness, guide dogs are working to orientate their handlers safely and independently throughout the community," Mr Payne said.

"Guide dog users understand that people have the best intentions when they pat or acknowledge their guide dogs but this distracts the guide dog from doing its job, and the safety and independence is put at risk.

"It costs approximately \$30,000 to raise and train a guide dog.

"All it takes is one unfortunate encounter, especially with domestic dogs, and this may cut short the working life of a guide dog."

**Press release, 5 May 2010
Sally Edgar, Guide Dogs NSW/ACT**



Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal at one of the dangerous hairpin bends on Wards Hill Rd that has been identified as a black spot

Upgrade for Wards Hill Rd

Wards Hill Rd at Empire Bay will receive \$82,000 in black spot funding to install a non-skid seal and upgrade curve and speed advisory signs for the road's two hair-pin turns.

The announcement was made by Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal who said the project was recommended by a panel of independent road safety experts and would be delivered during the course of the coming financial year.

"This investment is helping to make our local roads even safer for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians," Ms Neal said.

"Anyone can suggest an intersection or section of road they believe should be considered for a safety upgrade," she said.

"Nomination forms are available from my office or alternatively, they can be downloaded from: www.nationbuildingprogram.gov.au."

**Press release, 27 Apr 2010
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson**

Help wanted with green festival

The Peninsula Environment Group is looking for volunteers to help make the inaugural "Woytopia" sustainable living festival a successful and memorable event.

Woytopia is planned for later this year and aims to help local people move towards a low-impact and cost-effective way of living, according to one of the organisers, Mr Ian Garrard.

"Woytopia is a festival looking to help everyday people live smarter,

live cheaper and make it enjoyable along the way," Mr Garrard said.

"It will be an expose of all things related to energy including solar energy production, energy savings advice, organic foods, local food production, gardening, local entertainment, sustainable building, low energy lighting and whole host of other things.

"We are at early stages of planning at the moment, and while we have a number of enthusiastic volunteers making preparations, we would really love to have more help with organising the event.

"Volunteers have a choice to assist in preparation, and/or assist with making the festival day itself a success.

"Roles include arranging for


healthy food to be available on the day, waste management, stall holder contact, media, school liaison, children's activities entertainment and range of other tasks.

"The more helpers there are, the easier it becomes to make the day a success."

The festival will take place on the Peninsula on October 31.

Anyone interested in volunteering, exhibiting a stall or performing on the day should contact Ian Garrard on 0439 664 443, or email at inagarradd@gmail.com

**Press release, 6 May 2010
Ian Garrard, Peninsula Environment Group**



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Fairhaven clients receive job training

A partnership between Fairhaven Services and a local cleaning company will see local people with an intellectual disability receive employment training.

The partnership is expected

to provide more opportunities for meaningful employment to local people with intellectual disabilities, according to Fairhaven Services CEO Mr Jim Buultjens said.

Mr Jason Martin of Umina is one local resident who will benefit from the program.

Mr Martin will join other local residents with an intellectual disability and be trained in areas such as housekeeping, maintenance and cleaning in Gosford Council sites and at the Imperial Centre in Gosford.

Mr Buultjens said Mr Martin, 25, would participate in the six-week long program that would provide him with more skills and knowledge.

ACS managing director Mr Warren Hughes said the company was proud to be supporting the local community in this way.

The new program includes training in areas such as maintenance and cleaning.

Changing the bins, picking up rubbish and ensuring public areas remain rubbish free, clean and visually appealing will be part of their job, according to Mr Buultjens.

Press release, 6 May 2010
Katey Small, Brilliant Logic

Free spine assessments

A local chiropractic centre will provide free posture and spine assessments this month as part of National Chiropractic Care Week from May 24 to 30.

Chiropractors from the Umina Chiropractic Centre will use a recently purchased Spinal Assessment Machine worth \$5000 to conduct the tests at Deepwater Plaza on Tuesday, May 25.

Umina chiropractor Mr Peter Grieve will be joined by fellow chiropractor Ms Ursula Buckham while university student Mr Michael Grieve will also be assisting.

Mr Grieve said the aim of the assessment was to check people for potential issues that may affect their health as a result of their posture and spine alignment.

He said they would be targeting four postural groups including the office workers, carrying children, sitting for a living as well as kids and backpacks.

"The Spinal Analysis Machine is mainly used to assist people to visualise the effects of gravity upon their individual physical structure," Mr Grieve said.

"There is a set of scales upon which one is to stand and this measures the variance in weight taken through each limb.

"Degenerative arthritis of the spine and joints mostly begins early in life and is commonly associated with faulty mechanics of the joints related to poor posture.

"This, in turn, is associated with other lifestyle factors as well as genetic and hereditary tendencies.

"The Umina Chiropractic Centre purchased this unit with the specific goal of informing the public of the importance of spinal care."

Mr Grieve said a colouring competition would also be run for children on the day.

Email, 6 May 2010
Peter Grieve, Umina Chiropractic Centre



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Raw food meal

After being inspired by raw food classes at Umina in March, former Umina residents Philip and Neroli Page have offered to host a Raw Coasties food meal.

Mr and Mrs Page said they were looking to host other Raw Coasties' members for a raw food potluck get together at their new Wyee Point home on Saturday, May 15.

"We used to live in Umina and I know there are people all over the Central Coast and not just the Peninsula who have come to previous Raw Coasties potlucks," Mr Page said.

For more information about

attending the event or becoming a Raw Coastie member, contact Sophie Knox on 0428 108 723 or email sophie@rawcoasties.com

Email, 5 May 2010
Sophie Knox, Umina

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Biggest Morning Tea planned

A Woy Woy hardware store will host a morning tea for the Cancer Council on Tuesday, May 25.

Campbell's Building Materials will host the Biggest Morning Tea event, which will include a barbecue breakfast along with cakes, biscuits, scones and muffins donated by staff from 7am to 11am.

Staff member Mr Noel Annand said the local hardware and building materials supplier had been supporting the Cancer Council for the past five years and raised several thousand dollars in the process.

"We hold a Biggest Morning Tea event because we endeavor to support the community through donations, fundraising and promotion of such events," Mr Annand said.

"We all know someone that has

been affected by cancer or has lost a loved one and we believe that involving the community will promote awareness to raising funds for this important cause.

"People should come along on the day, not only to help raise money.

"It will be a great opportunity to mingle with supplier representatives, Campbell's staff and other members of the community.

"We are currently holding a raffle to raise funds and customers have the opportunity to win a Hitachi drill as well as a tool and household prize pack valued at \$308.

"Tickets are available for \$1 each, \$2 for 3 or \$5 for 10 with all proceeds going to the Cancer Council."

**Press release, 7 May 2010
Belinda Campbell, Campbell's Building Materials**

Film about healthy eating

Peninsula residents Ms Jenny Taylor and Ms Sue Shaw will join to promote healthy food choices by hosting monthly health film screenings at Ettalong.

After hosting a number of Disease Proof Your Life classes in Umina over the past couple of years, the pair decided to get the message to the wider community in an entertaining and innovative way.

The first film night will feature the film The Gerson Miracle at Cinema Paradiso Ettalong on Monday, May 24 from 7pm.

"Since losing my dad to cancer 16 years ago, I have discovered diseases don't just happen, and that just about all chronic diseases are preventable," Ms Taylor said. "But sadly most of us have been brainwashed into believing unhealthy foods are adequate.

"There are a lot of sick people in the world, and yet it doesn't have to be that way.

"The secret to health isn't complicated.

"It is affordable to all, and is as

simple as eating nature's foods."

Ms Taylor said this month's film provided a clear introduction to the diet therapy devised by Max Gerson, and showed how it could be useful for many kinds of diseases, particularly cancer.

"The film offers a pathway to a healthier life, in tune with our bodies and environment, not in

conflict with them," Ms Taylor said.

The cost of the evening will be \$10 per person and bookings are essential.

For more information, contact Jenny Taylor on 0417 206 935 or Sue Shaw on 0434 018 836.

**Press release, 3 May 2010
Jenny Taylor, Umina**

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Friends evening at Mary Mac's

The Mary Mac's Place Steering Committee hosted a friends evening attended by 80 supporters from St John the Baptist Parish and the wider community on May 3.

Among those present were representatives from Everglades Country Club, Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches, St Luke's Anglican Church, Newcastle Permanent, Lodge Morning Star, Rotary Club of Umina Beach, CWA Woy Woy, and Umina Beach Surf Club.

"Betty Hagarty and her team of volunteers created sumptuous food for the occasion," project coordinator Ms Robyn Schacht said.

"Gabriel Roffe from the Event

Decorators transformed the Ethel Cox Centre with elegant black and white décor.

"The Party Hire Company generously donated the glassware.

"Fr John Hill gave a welcome address and update on activities.

"As Fr Hill pointed out in his address, statistics alone cannot convey the most important aspect at Mary Mac's – the welcome given by all our companions in the spirit of Blessed Mary of the Cross."

For more information about Mary Mac's Place and how you can become involved, please phone Robyn on 4341 0584 or 0417 671 973.

Press release, 5 May 2010
Robyn Schacht, Mary Mac's Place



Brian Healey, Bill Cook and Marty Smith wearing the Umina surf club cap atop of the Kokoda track

Surf group walks Kokoda trail

Three members of the Umina Surf Life Saving Club have returned after completing the Kokoda trail in Papua New Guinea recently.

Club president Mr Bill Cook joined fellow club members Mr Brian Healey and Mr Marty Smith for the 96 kilometre trek where they arrived at the top of the Kokoda valley for the Anzac Day dawn service.

Club secretary Ms Christine Lavers said the men's stories and photos would be conveyed to Umina club members for years to come.

"Brian Healey was the team leader for this trek and where he has led more than seven groups through the jungles of Kokoda previously," Ms Lavers said.

"On this occasion, the group consisted of six people and because of Brian's experience he instructed Bill and Marty on the necessary requirements for fitness levels required.

"Many months before the actual journey, they had walked and

climbed the hills of the Peninsula but had no idea on how much less of a challenge this was going to be when they came to the mountains of New Guinea

"The aim of the trek was to be at the top of the Kokoda valley for the dawn service on Anzac Day, April 25.

"This had a special meaning to Bill as his father Stan Cook served in the Australian Infantry Forces during WWII and had also been on the Kokoda trail.

"The 96 kilometre Kokoda trail passes through rugged mountainous country of rainforest, jungles of fern, orchids, birds and clean mountain streams which tumble into steep valleys. "The journey was to take some eight days of uphill mountain climbing.

"Carrying of the baggage was limited so they had to make useful resources of what they had available.

"The group crossed over a 100 waterways and had sunk into mud 250 millimetres deep at times in-between tree roots and other jungle foliage.

"En route they had met one of the original fuzzy wuzzy angels that had helped many Australian Diggers back in WW11.

"Brian had said that he told them he was 100 years old but Brian also mentioned he had said this to him four years ago on another trek.

"Arriving at the top of Isurava for the dawn service was very emotional for everyone especially Bill as he shared the memories of his father being here some many years ago. "To watch the sunrise over the valley was a once in a lifetime experience for some.

"The rugged beauty and the thought of many of our forefathers giving up their lives on Kokoda will be remembered for ever.

"After the completion of the journey, Bill, Brian and Marty flew in a nine-seater plane from a grassy airstrip in-between the high mountains back to Port Moresby.

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Press release, 7 May 2010
Christine Lavers, Umina Surf Life Saving Club



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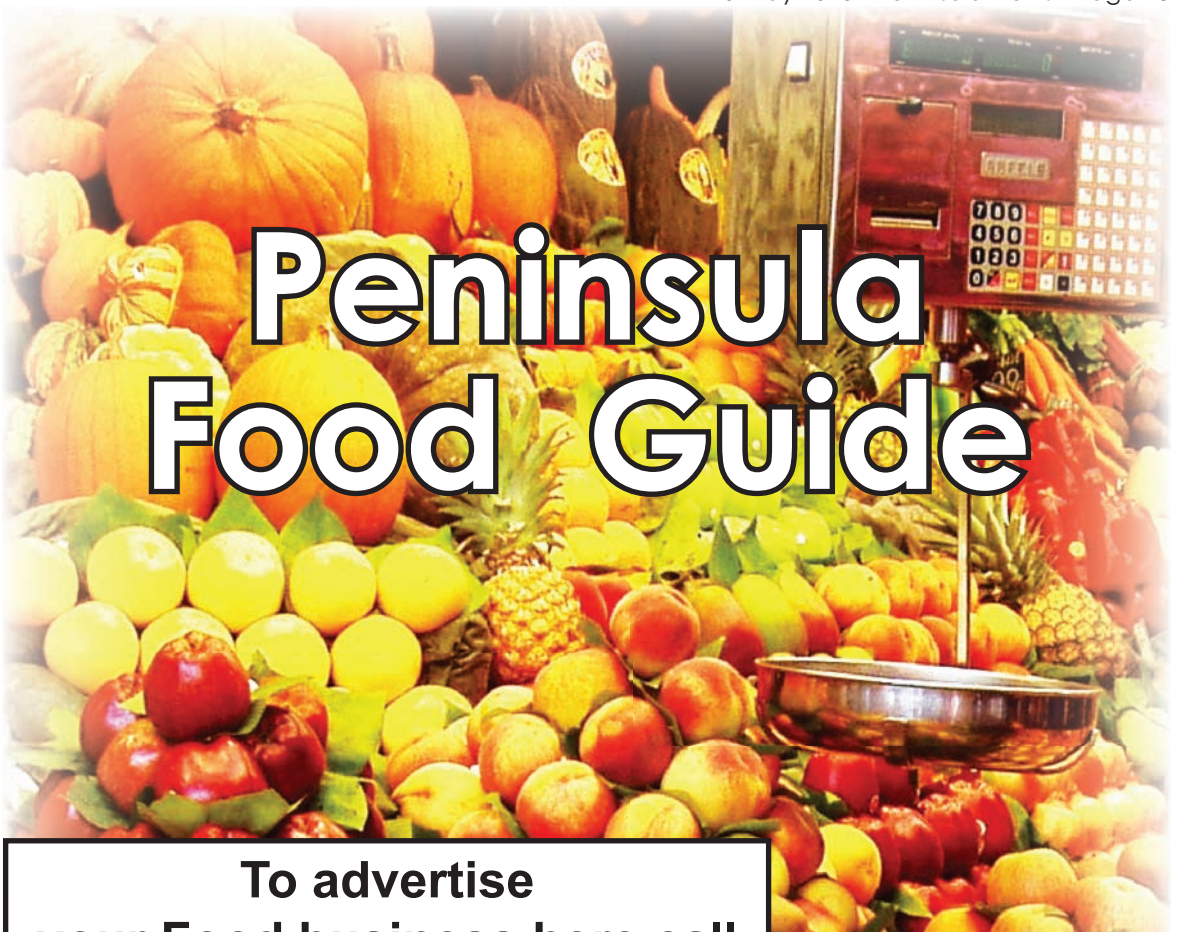
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Art & Entertainment



Students form dance group

More than 60 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus have formed a successful dance group.

The students, ranging in age from 12 to 15 years, are preparing for a series of performances over the next two months.

Dance coordinator Ms Nerrida Lewis said the group had been working hard in rehearsals.

She said the group had been selected for Star Struck and will perform two items and a finale dance next month.

She said dancers were also selected for the Hunter Schools Dance Festival and hoped to qualify for the local Schools Spectacular event later this year.

"All items are contemporary modern pieces and, for the first time, we have four teachers working on specific groups.

"Being involved in dance provides excellent opportunities for the students and we are excited to see the students perform," she said.

**Email, 7 May 2010
Nerrida Lewis, BWSC Umina**

Musicians compete for scholarship

Young musicians from the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music will perform at the Pearl Beach Music Scholarship Concert on Sunday, May 16.

Pearl Beach Memorial Hall will be the venue for the concert that will see a number of talented musicians contend for their chance to receive one of three scholarships.

Two scholarships of \$500 and \$250 sponsored by the Pearl Beach Progress Association will be on offer as well as a piano scholarship to the value of \$500 sponsored by the Irvine family.

The Pearl Beach Progress Association Scholarships are for musical excellence, and not

restricted to a particular instrument, and reflect the wish of the Pearl Beach community to "foster a love of music amongst young people on the Central Coast", according to Pearl Beach Progress Association spokesperson Ms Lynne Lillico said.

"The winner of the most recent Irvine Family Scholarship, Henry Chan, will be featured as part of the concert recital.

"The sixth Irvine Family Scholarship for piano follows on from the Irvine family's gift to the people of Pearl Beach of a concert grade piano in memory of their parents, Alex and Helen Irvine, who were among the earliest Pearl Beach settlers.

"The director of the Central

Coast Conservatorium of Music, Mr Chris Bearman, will introduce the students taking part in the competition and recital.

"Allyne Brislan will be the accompanist.

"The adjudicator will be Felicity Tsai, currently a member of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, and a member of staff at Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

"The scholarship concert provides an afternoon of fine music performed by talented young musicians and will begin from 2.30pm."

Ms Lillico said all members of the public were welcome to attend.

**Press release, 4 May 2010
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association**

Authors to talk at library

A number of well-known authors will talk about their books at Woy Woy library in coming months.

Former police officer Glen McNamara is the first and will talk about his book called Dirty Work which describes his experiences in inner Sydney in the 1980s.

The talks are being organised by Umina bookshop owner Ms Mandi McIntosh.

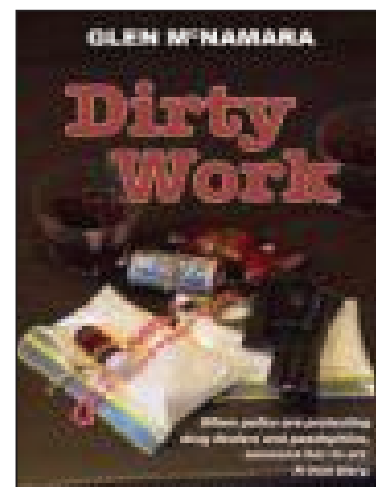
"Glen McNamara joined the NSW Police Force when he was 17 and was sworn in as a constable at 19," she said.

"A career as a detective beckoned and soon Glen was tracking down the notorious Warren Lanfranchi who was dealing drugs with Neddy Smith, and disgraced cop Roger Rogerson who was making deals in Redfern.

"He will be coming to speak about the crooks, the cops and the corruption.

"This true story of police corruption and undercover assignments will have you reeling.

"This is Inner Sydney in the heat of the 1980s and the cash and



drugs are flowing freely."

The author event will be held on Friday, June 25, from 10.30am at Woy Woy Library.

"We are hoping that this will be the first of a series of events, as partnering with the library will allow more great authors to visit us here on the Peninsula at very low cost," Ms McIntosh said.

**Press release, 5 May 2010
Mandi McIntosh, Book Bazaar**



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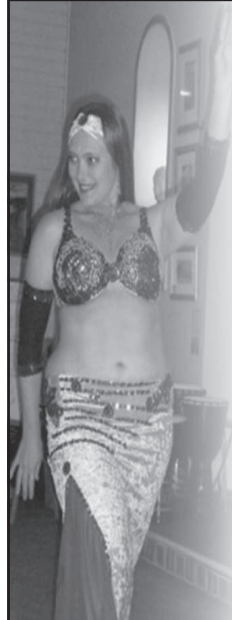


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The Umina fire truck and firefighters visited a Woy Woy fast-food store, handing out Brigade Kids CDs.

McDonald's Woy Woy licensee Mr John Ursino said he was proud to offer his restaurant for the day so that families could learn more

about fire safety.

McDonald's staff also collected donations from the community

"McDonald's and NSW Fire Brigades place families and the community at the core of everything we do and the McDonald's Fire Brigades Kids Day a great way to support and give back to the local community," Mr Ursino said.

**Press release, 3 May 2010
Sarah Hockey, Professional
Public Relations**

Mural painted at skate park

A mural was designed and painted at Umina Beach Skate Park as part of Graffiti Action Day on May 2.

Clean Up Australia organised the national Graffiti Action Day event that enabled people across the country to show pride in their community and help remove graffiti in areas identified by local councils.

"Young skate park users told us that they would really like the area cleaned up, and on the day some of them pitched in to help" said Gosford Council community development worker Ms Sue Verhoek.

"Council provided a free sausage sizzle during the clean up and this was well received.

"Local artist Tony Garland was

responsible for organising a design for a mural to go on the skate park wall.

"He also organised for the mural to be painted and some of the skate park users helped out."

"The Peninsula Community Drug Action Team participated in the clean up and provided the funds to pay for the artist and the paint for the mural.

"The Umina beach Skatepark now has an impressive mural on the wall facing Umina Oval.

"It is intended that this mural will be renewed on a regular basis with the assistance of the skate park users."

**Press release, 7 May 2010
Sue Verhoek, Gosford Council**



Locals and visitors of the Pearl Beach Food and Wine Fair enjoy produce from Hunter Olives

Food fair raises \$4000

The Pearl Beach Food and Wine Fair attracted crowds from across Sydney and the Central Coast on April 10.

The event raised more than \$4000 that will go towards repair and upgrade works to the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

"Crowds crammed into the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall to taste and purchase a selection of gourmet foods from a variety of suppliers including Cheese Please Crooked Creek, Hunter Olives, Little Black Duck and Simon Hoft Sauces," Pearl Beach Progress Association

spokesperson Ms Lynne Lillico said.

"On sale was a range of cheeses from boutique cheesemakers, delicious handmade cookies, homemade jams, pickles, preserves, olive products and wood fired bread.

"In addition, Laguna Lavender showcased a delightful range of essential oils, craft and beauty and body products.

"Once again Wollombi Wines, from the Lower Hunter, participated and attracted crowds to sample and purchase from a selection their boutique wines."

Ms Lillico said the feedback from suppliers had been positive.

"Each one of the participants have indicated that they would love to return and showcase their produce to such enthusiastic and appreciative customers," Ms Lillico said.

"Following the success of last year's Save the Rock Pool fundraising activities, we are now raising funds to upgrade facilities in the Memorial Hall."

**Press release, 3 May 2010
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach
Progress Association**

Acoustic concert at The Bays

Music-lovers and musicians have been invited to join a concert and jam session at The Bays Community Hall in Woy Woy Bay this month.

The event will include live entertainment, refreshments and plenty of fun, according to event organiser Mr Michael Magro.

He said the evening would be "an acoustic concert and jam session afterwards, with Troubadour Central Coast folk club presenting live music".

"After the concert, all are invited to join in a jam session with the Troubadour group," Mr Magro.

The night will start from 6pm on Saturday, May 15, at the the Bays

Community Hall located at 19 Woy Woy Bay Rd, Woy Woy Bay.

Entry is by gold coin with a barbecue dinner and soft drinks available for sale on the night.

For more information, contact Michael Magro on 43412719.

**Email, 6 May 2010
Michael Magro, The Bays
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Education



Student interviews Minister for Youth

A Year 9 student with an intellectual disability from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus has undertaken work experience with Youth Connections radio.

During her work experience Ms Olivia Eiffie was able to interview the Minister for Youth Mr Peter Primose and asked him a range of questions including how he copes

under pressure, his plans for youth unemployment and his relationship with teenagers.

Ms Eiffie's teacher Ms Lesley Leaver said the young student had gone from being a quiet person who had trouble fitting in with her peers to a more confident young girl.

"The amazing changes in Olivia have been so fantastic to watch," Ms Leaver said.

"She speaks more clearly and

more confidently and comes to school regularly and on time now."

Olivia has learnt sound engineering, music timing and how to make commercials for radio.

"If Olivia can find a future for a career or even feel better within herself with more confidence by doing this work experience, then this has been a really positive outcome for her."

Email, 23 May 2010
Lesley Leaver, BWSC Umina

Walking to school

Pretty Beach Public School participated in this year's National Walk Safely to School Day on May 7.

"Walk Safely to School Day asked that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around," school principal Mrs Deborah Callender said.

"Although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

"Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes, it also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic."

Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein

said it was important for parents to walk their children to school as often as possible.

"This is promoting a very important message in that we need our kids to be safe on the way to and from school," Cr Holstein said.

"It's a great day for the kids and they get to have a lot of fun.

"It is an excellent initiative in getting kids active as well as teaching them things about the environment and public transport.

"I walked my granddaughter to school on National Walk Safely to School Day and am glad to be getting involved in a day which teaches children so many valuable life lessons."

Newsletter, 29 April, 2010
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School
Press release, 7 May 2010
Cr Chris Holstein, Gosford mayor

Remembrance ceremony

Students from Woy Woy South Public School participated in a remembrance ceremony on Friday, April 23, "to honour all soldiers, from all wars, who have fought and died for Australia to allow us to live in a country that is free".

School principal Mr Terry Greedy spoke to students about the Anzac spirit, the idea of friendship and mateship, courage and sacrifice.

"This spirit lives on today and

it is up to us to make sure that it continues to be seen in our schools, on the sports fields and in our community for years to come" Mr Greedy said.

"In this way, we are helping to create a better world for a better future and we are demonstrating that we have not forgotten them – we will remember them."

Newsletter 27 April 2010
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School

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Peer support lessons start

Peer Support lessons have started at Pretty Beach Public School.

They have been designed to enable the students to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others, according to school principal Ms Deborah Callender.

"Students also begin to think about what is a value and something they value in themselves.

"During Peer Support, the children look at the notion that what they choose to spend their time doing often reflects the values they possess.

"The activities also assist them in identifying ways they care for themselves and others," Ms Callender said.

"We will be working on a module called Promoting Harmony helping us define individual and community values, build relationships and improve decision making skills."

Ms Callender is encouraging parents to talk to their children about peer support every week, to help reinforce the concepts learned in each lesson.

Newsletter, 29 April, 2010
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School

Students in harmony

Four Year 9 students from the Umina Campus of Brisbane Waters Secondary College attended Harmony Day at the Japanese Gardens in East Gosford on March 23, along with other students from around the Central Coast.

According to school principal Mr Frank Gasper, the day allowed students to share information about the various cultural backgrounds in their schools.

They were entertained by the Aboriginal Dance and Music groups from Gorokan High School

and were able to learn about and participate in Capoeira (Afro-Brazilian Dance/Martial Arts) with a group from Newcastle and Taiko Drumming (Japanese/Indonesian Drumming) with the Rhythm Hunters.

They also talked with some University students about Islam.

"The activities gave the students a better understanding of these various cultures, and many were keen to learn more about them," Mr Gasper said.

Newsletter, 7 May 2010
Frank Gasper, BWSC Umina

Four lead for Anzac Day

Four school leaders from Pretty Beach Public School organised and led the school's Anzac Day service on April 23.

School principal Ms Deborah Callender said the service emphasised a strong student team capacity which is evident at the school.

"The school leaders were

supported by their peers, who each presented poems they had created," Ms Callender said.

"Each class also presented a wreath, which they had assembled as a class activity.

"We were all inspired by an informative talk delivered by Mr Darryl Ford - a war veteran."

Newsletter, 29 April 2010
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School

Warning after copy-cat incident

Woy Woy Public School principal Ms Ona Buckley has issued a warning to parents about monitoring what their children watch at the movies and on DVD.

Ms Buckley said she issued the warning after the school had to deal with student misbehavior copied from the movie Mean Girls.

"The school does not allow our students to be exposed to movies of such a nature at school but we

are often faced with dealing with alarming problems which result from children being exposed to these movies at home," Ms Buckley said.

"Children around 10, 11 and 12 are extremely vulnerable and easily influenced by media about proposed or perceived teenage culture which is so often depicted in these movies.

"Some children then copy what they hear and see on these fantasy flicks and this then can cause great

angst and hurt for others.

"Intimidation and hostile behaviour towards other students of verbal or written abuse either by hand or electronically will incur a short suspension under the guidelines of the Department of Education and Training, Suspension and Expulsion of School Students Procedures."

Newsletter, 29 April, 2010
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

Cattle club has success

Brisbane Water Secondary College Cattle Club students competed successfully at the Maitland Show on February 16, placing consistently in every age group parading the show cattle.

Two students also qualified for the Sydney Royal Easter Show, winning the steer judging competition award of champion steer, a "very exciting and rewarding result", according to campus principal Mr Franck Gasper.

Students also competed at the

Canberra Royal Show on February 26, achieving a placing in a strong field.

Outstanding results were also achieved at the Gresford Show in the upper Hunter Valley shortly thereafter, with four of the five cattle receiving ribbons, including Champion, while four students were called up to speak in the judging finals.

This year has seen the Cattle Club grow as new Year 7 students get involved in the farm activities, said Mr Gasper.

"The farm continues to be a

hive of activity and attracts a large, dedicated group of students to many diverse activities including cattle work, vegetable production, horticulture pursuits, sheep, pig and poultry production and general farm duties," he said.

Long standing relationships and sponsorship with well-respected breeders had provided the campus with the opportunity to prepare elite Limousin stud cattle that place at national level, he said.

Newsletter, 7 May 2010
Frank Gasper, BWSC Umina Campus

Public speaking hosted at Ettalong

A local public speaking group has been chosen to host an interclub competition at the Ettalong Beach Club on Saturday, May 29.

After winning the Inter RSL Club Competition for the past three years, the local Toastmasters Club has been chosen to host the event which will attract several Toastmaster clubs from across the state.

"Ettalong Toastmasters Club have members from all walks of life," club coordinator Ms Robyn Reid said.

"We are a not-for-profit organisation which promotes

confidence and well-being through speechcraft courses and regular meetings.

"The event has been run for the last 40 years by Cronulla RSL who founded the event and will be looking forward to winning it back this year.

"We would love the community to attend as it will be an entertainment event with fantastic speakers from each club trying to win the trophy for their club.

"We are charging \$15 per head to cover the cost of the afternoon tea and the hiring of the venue."

The event will be held at the club from 1pm.

Formed in 1986, the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Toastmasters Club meets on the second Tuesday of every month to teach and inspire people who are not confident in public speaking.

For more information about the event or to become a member of the Toastmasters club, contact Robyn Reid on 4342 3382.

Press release, 4 May 2010
Robyn Reid, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Toastmasters Club



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Juniors play 100 games

Two players from Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club reached their 100-game milestones at Rogers Park Oval on April 24.

Under-13s players Josh Richardson and Dean Sullivan have attended 100 games with

the club and hope to continue their efforts, according to club secretary Mr Russell Downey.

"Josh Richardson joined the Woy Woy Roosters in 2003 and in his career has scored 30 tries and kicked 16 goals," Mr Russell said.

"Dean Sullivan joined the Roosters in 2002 and has scored

52 tries and kicked 18 goals.

"He suffered a season ending broken ankle in 2009 playing school football but is back for the red and white this year."

**Newsletter, 26 Apr 2010
Russell Downey, Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club**

David and Goliath at Umina bowls

It was a "David and Goliath battle" when Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club came together for its Club Singles competition late last month, according to club publicity officer Mr Bob Penson.

"On one side of the mat was Brian Burrows, with a long and accomplished record of championship play," said Mr Penson.

"On the other side was Mark Hogden, an inductee to bowls only three years ago with no championship wins and never having played higher than grade

five pennants.

"Both combatants had impressed with strong performances in their lead-up encounters, yet the pundits doubted Mark's ability to go the distance with the undisputed giant of Umina Beach bowling.

"When play got underway, it was according to script with Brian delivering a king hit early and establishing a five-shot lead.

"Mark recovered quickly and, with a steady flow of short sharp blows, he got under his opponent's guard and took the lead at nine to seven after nine ends.

"From that time on, Mark determined to lead Brian a merry

chase from the front establishing a 10-shot lead."

As the end of the game approached, Brian made his move shortening up his opponent to only a three-shot lead (21 to 18).

"Mark was not done, however, and, stiffening the sinews, answered with inspired play to re-establish his lead at 25 to 18."

Brian recovered to even the score at 25-all.

"The crowd were on their toes and then became suddenly silent as the club president signalled that Mark had again taken the lead (26 to 25).

"This quick blow registered hard and the following end saw Brian cede a mind-numbing four. With two more ends, Brian again levelled the scores, 30-all.

"As the last end drew to a close, it was Mark who gained the winning shot.

"Brian gave it one last thrust but watched his missile miss its target leaving the match decided in favour of the underdog."

**Publication, 5 May 2010
Bob Penson, Bowls News Central Coast**

James named as captain

Under-16s player James Affleck was named as the inaugural club captain for Woy Woy Juniors Rugby League Football Club.

The announcement was made at a special club get-together on April 17.

"James has played for the Roosters since Under-6s and is

playing his 11th season this year in the Under-16s," club secretary Mr Russell Downey said.

"James has also played more than 150 games in the red and white jumper - a proud achievement for any player."

**Website, 18 Apr 2010
Russell Downey, Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club**

Boardriders hold comp

Umina Boardriders' April competition proved to be a good morning with "fun little waves", according to club secretary Ms Verity Roser.

Winner for the masters division was Luke Gehrels while Glenn Alston, Paul Brandham, and Brain Cook took out second, third and fourth place respectively.

In the open division, Darrin Stapleton won first place, Jason Ralph came second, Mark Wrice in third place and Shane Roser in fourth.

B grade results saw Zach Makepeace take out the top honour before Billy Davis in second, Tony Wilson in third, Maddie Cook in fourth and Sam Keenan in fifth.

Ms Roser said local photographer Di Greenhaw attended the contest and took more than 500 photos for members to enjoy.

The club will also hold a raffle over the next few months as a fundraiser for its end-of-year presentation night.

**Newsletter, 5 May 2010
Verity Roser, Umina Boardriders**



Drew Courtney

Photo: Kirstin Scholtz

Surfer finishes 33rd

Umina surfer Drew Courtney competed in the fourth event of the Association of Surfing Professionals world tour in Brazil late last month.

Finishing in 33rd place at the Santa Catarina Pro, Courtney did not manage to make it through to the second round after being defeated by USA's Taylor Knox and Hawaii's Dusty Payne in the first round.

In the end, Courtney could only manage a 5.97 which was far from enough to beat Knox's score of

13.93 and Payne's 12.67.

Fellow Australia surfer Owen Wright managed to qualify for the semi-final round but USA's Kelly Slater proved to be the better surfer on the day securing his place in the final against Brazil's Jadson Andre.

Courtney will now travel to Jeffrey's Bay, South Africa, where he will compete for \$400,000 prize money from July 15.

**Website, 5 May 2010
ASP World Tour**



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Union player dies on field

A 40-year-old rugby union player died while playing a second grade match at Woy Woy Oval on May 1.

Mr Joe Fakateli collapsed in front of more than 200 players, club officials and spectators 20 minutes before the end of the match, according to Central Coast Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson.

Mr Thomson said autopsy results had revealed Mr Fakateli died from a heart attack.

"This is a tragic incident for Mr Fakateli's family, friends and the local rugby union community," Mr Thomson said.

"Medical teams from both Woy Woy and North Lakes were quick to assist Joe when he collapsed in

the middle of the field.

"But unfortunately there was nothing they could do even after paramedics arrived."

Mr Thomson said Mr Fakateli was a well-loved player.

"Joe was a representative in the prime of his career and played some great first grade football with The Entrance and Southern Lakes.

"His age did not stop his passion for the game and he happily continued playing in second grade with North Lakes."

Mr Thomson said the first grade match between North Lakes and Woy Woy would be replayed at a later date.

**Clare Graham, 5 May 2010
Interviewee: Larry Thomson,
Central Coast Rugby Union**

Three in Adelaide for Special Olympics

Three Peninsula residents took part in the Special Olympics titles in Adelaide last month.

Chris McClean of Ettalong Beach, Phillip Welsh of Umina and Carley Chapman of Umina competed along with hundreds of other people with an intellectual disability.

Chris McClean and Phillip Welsh played as teammates in the NSW soccer team while Carley Chapman competed in athletics events.

"They thoroughly enjoyed the friendly atmosphere of the games, as well as catching up with friends from past games," Special Olympics Central Coast publicity officer Ms Jenni Chapman said.

"Chris, who is usually a striker, and Phillip filled in for their injured goalkeeper and shared the demanding role between them.

"Chris saved an astonishing 20 shots on goal in one of their games.

"Phillip played out on the field and did his best for the team during all their games.

"He slept for about 13 hours on his return home and said how all his muscles were sore from playing so much soccer.

"Although their team came fourth, both Chris and Phillip played



well and were thrilled to represent NSW and the Central Coast.

"Both players are hoping to be selected for the Special Olympics Australian soccer team to play in Athens, Greece, in 2011.

"Meanwhile, Carley Chapman was more than up for the challenge of representing NSW at the Special Olympics.

"Competing in athletics she has overcome a nagging foot injury that has plagued her training efforts, and won the women's 100 metre race and shot put in her division.

"Although she was placed fourth in long jump, she said that her sore foot stopped her from jumping properly.

"As the final runner in her division for the women's 100 metre relay, she ran a good time to bring her team home for fourth place.

"The Special Olympics is a not-for-profit organisation that is able to transform the lives of people with an intellectual disability, through regular sports participation and competition.

"Special Olympics Central Coast currently offers the following athletics, aquatics, golf, soccer, tennis and tenpin bowling, with the sport of Bocce commencing in the near future."

**Email, 6 May 2010
Jenni Chapman, Special
Olympics Central Coast**

Under-7s rugby

Round two of the Under-7s Green competition saw Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Club take on The Entrance at Edsacc Oval on April 24.

The team played like "champion Roosters" despite going down 24 to 18 at full time, according to club secretary Mr Russell Downey.

"Our boys took the field against a determined The Entrance side that opened the scoring early," Mr Downey said.

"Not to be put off by this our boys muscled up and tackled and attacked with true Rooster spirit.

"Great tries went to Scott Mateer (and a goal), Ethan Walsh and Bailey Murphy.

"Bailey Wolfe made some beautiful runs including one classic down the side line.

"Our two big boys Bailey Murphy and Jake Kay were strong through the middle in their first official game

in the Red and White, showing they will be a force to be reckoned with.

"Aidan Downey demonstrated that he's got what it takes with some strong tackling and a beautiful off-load to Nathan Redhead.

"Captain for the day Ethan Walsh showed he is a strong rangy runner making some classic breaks and scoring a great try.

"And as always, Nathan Redhead tackled all day looking for more work all the time.

"Under-6s Green coach James Cooper made the dash from Rogers Park to Edsacc with troops Jordan Cooper, Cooper Wilesmith and Brayden Angell to back up for us with some great support by all three boys.

"Rick Redhead stood in for coach Pete Duggan."

**Newsletter, 26 Apr 2010
Russell Downey, Woy
Woy Junior RLFC**

Woy Woy causes upset

Woy Woy Rugby Union Club caused an upset when they defeated Terrigal in round three of competition at Woy Woy Oval on April 24.

Central Coast Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson said there was "nothing in the game" that saw Woy Woy win 22 points

to 20.

"Woy Woy led by nine points to six at the half time break and the game could have gone either way," Mr Thomson said.

"Terrigal did score two tries to one but good goal kicking by Woy Woy's Jordan Nikora gained the home side the victory.

"Best players for Woy Woy were hooker Danny May, halfback Mitch Hyde and winger Matt Bishop.

"Woy Woy secured the last minute victory with a try to prop Steve Hopley in the final minutes of the game.

"Terrigal were always in with a real chance.

"Best for Terrigal were lock Alex Brewin and flanker Ryan Metcalfe.

"The win certainly does open up the competition this year and makes for one of the more interesting starts to the year for quite a few years."

**Email, 25 Apr 2010
Larry Thomson, Central
Coast Rugby Union**

Surfers mourn loss

Members of the Peninsula surfing community are mourning the loss of Mr Shaun Moy on April 21.

Affectionately nicknamed "Mojo", it is believed Mr Moy, 44, died after complications from a clogged artery, according to Umina Boardriders secretary Ms Verity Roser.

"Shaun did a lot of judging for both professional and amateur comps throughout NSW and spent some time in the 1990s as secretary of the Ocean Beach Malibu Club," Ms Roser said.

"He was a prominent member

of the Central Coast surfing community.

"He was a top bloke and will be greatly missed."

Umina Boardriders will host a special night to auction off Mr Moy's surfboard collection following the completion of this month's competition on May 16.

Money raised from the auction will go towards funeral costs for Mr Moy's family.

For more information, contact the club via email at info@uminaboardriders.org.au

**Email, 5 May 2010
Verity Roser, Umina Boardriders**

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As a community access newspaper, Peninsula News has published details of not for profit community events on and around the Peninsula in a What's On format for over ten years.

While this information has been provided free of charge to the community, unfortunately it has not remained current and many changes have not been provided to the newspaper.

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

It will now also be possible to add specific one off events with information that applies only to that event.

All Not for Profit Community Organisations that would like to be included will need to complete the following form and return it to Peninsula News by mail, fax or email together with the nominal payment amount shown where appropriate.

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Sydney Ave, Umina

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Enquiries 4341 3222

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info@wagstaffetokillcare.org.au

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Alessandra Gasparotto at Ocean Beach

Photo: Bill Sheridan

Lifesaving season ends

Volunteer lifesavers from Umina and Ocean Beach surf life saving clubs took down the red and yellow flags for the last time when the 2009-2010 patrol season officially ended on April 26.

Both clubs have reported strong membership and volunteer patrol hours as well as high attendance figures over the season, according to Surf Lifesaving NSW spokesperson Ms Donna Wishart.

Umina Beach reported 99,863 visitors attend the beach over the season while Ocean Beach reported 46,897 people.

Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club saw 188 patrol members volunteer a total of almost 7000 hours patrolling the beach.

Although rescue statistics are still to be collected and will not be known until the end of the month, Ms Wishart said that Umina performed 25 rescues, 96 first aid cases and 3352 preventable actions.

With a total club membership of almost 900 members, Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club saw "a very successful year", particularly in the

area of surf sports competition.

"We ran a nippers surf camp run over two weekends in January which paid big dividends," club secretary Ms Christine Lavers said.

"The club experienced its most successful medal haul in years at the NSW State Championships at Swansea with Unima youngsters coming home with nine medals from the competition.

"The new clubhouse has also played a part in attracting additional members this season. "The function centre facilities are being regularly accessed by the council, Rotary and school groups for meetings and other community-based activities."

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club saw 115 patrol members volunteer a total of almost 5500 hours patrolling the beach that included 12 rescues and 69 first aid cases.

Patrol members from Ocean Beach also carried out 779 preventable actions while on duty.

Ocean Beach reported having 390 members throughout the season including 198 nippers.

Ocean Beach president Mr Scott Hannell said the club had seen a great year in many aspects of operation with Alessandra and Elyssia Gasparotto both bringing back medals from the State Championships and Keelan Bridge and Wade Hannell displaying standout performances.

"We are still getting used to the new clubhouse and have been focusing on getting the equipment storage areas set up correctly," Mr Hannell said.

"We were successful in getting a government grant to install a 100,000 litre water tank, so we're now fully self-sufficient.

"The function centre is being utilised for weddings and mid-week conferences and is an area of revenue the club hopes will grow, so we can continue to provide quality lifesaving services to the local community and visitors to the beach."

The 2010-2011 patrol season will commence later this year on September 25.

**Email, 6 May 2010
Donna Wishart, Surf Life Saving NSW**

Everglades team wins charity day

Four members of the Everglades Country Club won the Red Cross Charity Golf Day at Tuggerah Lakes Golf Club on May 3.

Scott Cook, Karryn Flynn, Ken Powell and Dave Rooney won the 18-hole mixed fours Ambrose competition against more than 80 competitors.

"My son has haemophilia and I have always supported the Red Cross for what they do for the haemophilia community," said team member Ms Flynn.

"The clotting factor that is required by all those with haemophilia is taken from the donations of blood donors.

"I heard about the golf day through local radio and was able to organise a day off to play. "The

others in our team were keen to support the Red Cross along with enjoying a day on the golf course.

"This is the first year our team has played in the Red Cross Charity Golf Day organised by the Avoca branch of the Red Cross and we plan to play again next year and bring along a lot more members of the Everglades Country Club."

Ms Flynn said fellow team mate Mr Dave Rooney also won the major raffle prize on the day donated by various local businesses and individuals.

She said Everglades Country Club members also took out the men's division at the charity golf event.

**Email, 5 May 2010
Karryn Flynn, Everglades Country Club**

Pool hosts national water polo titles

The Peninsula Leisure Centre has been chosen to host the Water Polo National Championships later this month bringing more than 150 competitors and officials to the Peninsula for the event.

Gosford Council's leisure and lifestyle marketing officer Mr Andrew Stuart said to host the event was a great honour since it had been held at Homebush and Ryde in previous years.

"This is great news for council and the Peninsula community because the event will no doubt attract a large number of competitors and their families as well as competition officials to the area," Mr Stuart said.

"We are very much looking forward to staging this event."

The national championships will take place from May 17 to 21 and include competitors from five states including boys and girls aged 15 to 17, according to Mr Stuart.

He said competitors would stay with host families living in the area throughout the duration of the event while officials had secured accommodation at Terrigal.

"The Peninsula Leisure Centre held a similar water polo competition and due to its success it seems we have secured the national championships," Mr Stuart said.

"The five-day competition will be free to all spectators to encourage as many locals and visitors to come along and enjoy the event.

"Access to the 50 metre pool will be restricted throughout the competition however other facilities in the centre will operate as normal.

"The winning team at the end of the competition will participate in a four-day training camp at the centre as part of their prize."

**Clare Graham, 6 May 2010
Interviewee: Andrew Stuart,
Gosford Council**

Umina takes women's pennant

Umina has taken out the Grade One Central Coast Women's Bowling Association Pennants Final against Everglades at Bateau Bay on April 14.

The event was held at Bateau Bay Bowling Club.

Members of the winning team

for Umina were Susan Clark, Leila Gilmour, Betty Cusack, Dawn Burrows (skip), Elaine Gould (skip), Yvonne Gordon, Lyn Kennedy and Jean Boardman.

The runners-up team from Everglades consisted of Jeannine Vigar, Lyn Morton, Judy King, Suzanne O'Connor (skip), Audrey Tucker (skip), Patricia Walsh,

Penelope McLeod and Loraine Cross.

Association president Lesley Swales made the presentation on the green and congratulated all the players.

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Memorial trophy

Players from Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Club contended for the Barry Howlett Memorial Day Trophy at Rogers Park Oval on April 24.

The club's mini league and mod league teams played for the honour of winning the inaugural trophy, according to club secretary

Mr Russell Downey.

"The winner of the day was the Under-12/2s, judged as the best performing team on the day," Mr Downey said.

"Mrs Val Howlett came to present the trophy in Barry's memory."

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Russell Downey, Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Club



Photo: Loren Savage

Girls to play rugby league

Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Club is encouraging girls interested in the sport to consider joining a special competition being organised by the Central Coast Division of Junior Rugby League.

"Chris Warwick, president of the CCDJRL, is looking to form a girls competition on the Central Coast to cater for girls from the Under-13s through to Under-16s," said Woy Woy club secretary Mr Russell Downey.

"It's a good opportunity for girls to pursue a passion in the sport."

Mr Warwick said meetings would be held throughout May at Central

Coast Rugby League headquarters in Mt Penang for those interested in taking part.

"The girls will be gathering at Mt Penang on May 10, 17 and 24 from 6pm," Mr Warwick said.

"Less experienced girls will be shown safe techniques in tackling and falling, as well as ball skills and passing.

"These sessions will be run by John Jewiss and Laurie Taylor along with our representative coaching staff.

"We hope to play the first game on June 5."

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Russell Downey, Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club

Close match for Bunnies

The Umina Beach Rugby League Football Club finished with a close match against The Entrance at Edsacc Oval on April 25.

Club secretary Ian Sonter said Umina first grade side fought a well-played match.

"Even though losing 28 to 24 to a try in the final 30 seconds of the match, they walked away with heads held high.

"Every player gave their utmost while gaining the knowledge that the 50-50 decisions and bounce of the ball may even out over a season, it doesn't necessarily mean it is even after every game.

"The pick of the Bunnies were captain Dave Murray, Josh Foley and Tyson Medlyn who led the team's defence in a great first

grade debut."

Mr Sonter said second grade for Umina set the tone for a "cliff hanger" going down after the siren 26 to 24, with a sideline conversion to the Tigers.

"From the outset the smaller Bunnies forwards launched themselves into the fray against the much bigger Tigers forwards while the backs capitalised on the momentum," Mr Sonter said.

"As the Bunnies lead built, lapses of concentration allowed the Tigers back into the match and consequently them taking the win.

"Steve Campagna, Tom Reid and Dean Young led the Bunnies from the front all day in an absorbing battle.

"Meanwhile our open grade continued its improvement once again to run out very comfortable

winners 36 to 10.

"After conceding early points, the boys tightened the middle of the ruck then proceeded to take the handbrake off in attack for a good display.

"Luke Hurst, Scott Hummelstad and James Sharpe had fine all round performances for the Bunnies."

The Umina Under-19s suffered a 60 to four defeat against another of the competitions leading teams in the Tigers, according to Mr Sonter.

"The opposition certainly will have the bruises for a while to remind them that the battle against the Bunnies was not as easy as the score line indicated," Mr Sonter said.

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Ian Sonter, Umina Beach RLFC

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