

## Mortgagee sale for Veron Rd seniors site

**A DA-approved seniors living development site on the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd in Umina has been advertised for sale with "mortgagee in possession".**

The Umina property has been at the centre of controversy for several years over the endangered ecological community found on the site.

Real estate firm Jones Lang LaSalle advertised the 1.16 hectare property as a "retirement living investment opportunity" in the Central Coast Express Advocate on May 12.

A spokesperson for Jones Lang LaSalle said the land was being sold on behalf of the mortgagee Dobler Consultants.

"The site at Hillview St, Woy Woy, has development approval for a 52-unit retirement village, basement car park and associated community facilities," he said.

He acknowledged that a number of units had been sold off the plan and "these will be transferred to the new owner".

"I can confirm that the property is being offered for sale via

expressions of interest so I don't believe there is an asking price per se."

The land has been managed by Leasurement, which has been selling units over the past two years.

The company told Peninsula News in February this year that construction work was delayed due to the Global Financial Crisis.

It is believed up to 11 deposits had been secured by the company at that time and building work was expected to commence back in April.

This had increased to 15 by May 10.

It is understood that the information days planned by Leasurement for May 27 and May 29 will not now proceed.

Expressions of interest for the development site close on June 17.

**Press release, 5 May 2010**

**Brendon Wenke, Jones Lang LaSalle**

**Media statement, 17 May 2010**

**Roger Christie, Sefiani Communications Group**



An aerial view of the property that lies on the corner of Hillview St and Veron Rd in Umina (image courtesy of Jones Lang LaSalle)

## Effort for security fence increases

**Woy Woy South Public School P&C Association has stepped up its attempts to have a security fence erected around the school perimeter following attacks by intruders every weekend over a period of five weeks.**

"Groups of youths from the local area have been responsible for a long list of vandalism, graffiti, break-ins and a fire that destroyed a large section of our fixed equipment," school principal Mr Terry Greedy said.

"More recently, we have had damage done to the screens and roof of the refurbished classroom blocks, attacks on the school canteen and library and items stolen from the work site associated with the new classroom block being constructed."

Mr Greedy expressed his thanks to Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews who has thrown her support behind the P&C's efforts to have security upgraded at the school.

"I would like to publicly thank Ms Andrews for the time and support



she has given to the school with this issue," Mr Greedy said.

"Hopefully by raising awareness in these circles, we will be able to gather support to have the fence

erected.

"Following the apprehension of a number of youths on school grounds, police and security patrols will be increased each night as a deterrent for young people who

see the school as an easy target for their anti-social behavior."

**Newsletter, 21 May 2010**  
**Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School**

## Andrews to lobby Minister

**Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews has pledged to lobby State Education and Training Minister Ms Verity Firth for the installation of a security fence at Woy Woy South Public School.**

Ms Andrews said the issue was a matter of urgency after a spate of vandalism attacks over the past month causing damage and additional cleaning at the Ocean Beach Rd school.

"This is a lovely school community at Woy Woy South and it is heartbreaking for the staff and students to see their school treated with such disrespect," Ms Andrews said.

"I would encourage anyone who has witnessed any acts of vandalism at this school or any other school to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000."

Ms Andrews met with staff and members of the school's P&C to discuss the issue and listen to their concerns on May 17.

**Press release, 17 May 2010**  
**Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford**

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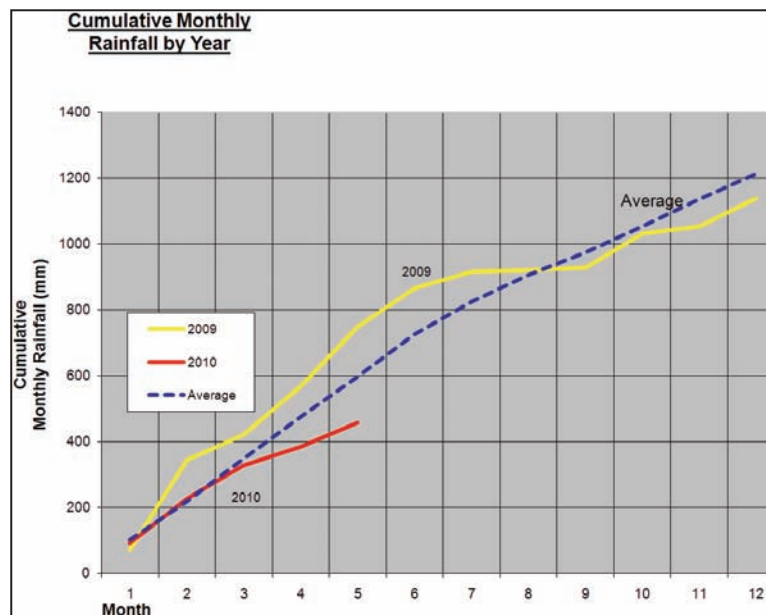
The competition closes on Wednesday, June 2, at 5pm.

Peninsula News has also announced the winner of the Bay View Brasserie Competition as seen in last edition.

The winner was Ms Diane Meliska of St Hubert's Island.

Ms Meliska has won dinner or lunch for four people to the value of \$120 at the Bay View Brasserie in Woy Woy.

Clare Graham, 21 May 2010



## Best rain in months

**A total of 62.8mm of rain fell last week in the biggest four-day rainfall in three months, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.**

The rainfall was close to same as the total that had fallen in the previous six weeks (63.5mm).

May's total rainfall now stands at 72.1mm, just over half the monthly average of 120.7mm.

The total for the year stands at 456.9mm, about 25 per cent below the year-to-date average at the end of May of 596.5mm.

The Peninsula also experienced its coldest day in more than a year last week, according to figures from [www.peninsulaweather.info](http://www.peninsulaweather.info).

A maximum of 15.9 degrees was recorded on May 19, the coldest day this year and colder than any daily maximum last year.

The highest minimum for the month was 15.6, which was recorded on May 1.

The highest temperature for the month to date was 28.5 recorded on May 11 and the lowest temperature of 9.7 was recorded on May 12.

Average top temperature has been 22.9 degrees.

Windiest day was May 11 when wind reached a speed of 24.8km/h.

Spreadsheet, 21 May 2010  
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy  
[www.peninsulaweather.info](http://www.peninsulaweather.info)

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A pylon under Woy Woy Bay Inlet Bridge photographed by Woy Woy Bay resident Mr Steve Lavis

## Bridge 'safe' despite cancer claim

The Roads and Traffic Authority has stated that Woy Woy Bay Inlet Bridge is safe and in good condition despite the concern of a local kayaker.

Woy Woy Bay resident Mr Steve Lavis raised his concerns over the state of the bridge after he discovered what appeared to be concrete cancer within the southern pylons.

Mr Lavis said, as a kayaker

on Brisbane Water, he paddles under the bridge regularly and had noticed for a considerable time what appeared to be the start of concrete cancer on the pylons.

An RTA spokesperson said it would continue to monitor the condition of the bridge, with the next scheduled assessment due next month.

"The Woy Woy Bay Inlet Bridge is a concrete bridge which was built in 1985," the spokesperson said.

"Condition assessments are

done on the Woy Woy Bay Inlet Bridge every two years.

"The last assessment was carried out in February 2008.

"This inspection identified minor concrete flaking on piers near the water level.

"The bridge is in good condition and the flaking poses no risk to the structural capacity of the bridge."

Email, 15 Apr 2010

Steve Lavis, Woy Woy Bay

Media statement, 11 May 2010

Marnie Procter, RTA

## Community hall gets a facelift

The Bays Community Hall has received a \$28,000 facelift with the help of two State Government grants, according to the Bays Community Group president Mr Bob Puffett.

Mr Puffett said the major improvements to the hall could not have been completed without the funding relief.

"The first grant under the Community Building Partnerships for \$9500 enabled the construction and erection of much-needed new

fire stairwell.

"The next grant from the Department of Environment and Climate Change provided \$18,700 for insulation, new heat pump hot water, energy-efficient lighting and a new awning over the entrance to the building.

"Local tradesmen and local small businesses did a great job and were very proud of their work and what was achieved for residents.

"Volunteers from the community assisted where possible with painting and other associated

works.

"There is local pride in The Bays and our hall is the focal point here for events and functions and these improvements really make a difference.

"The works also stand as an example for people wanting to see what can be done to reduce energy consumption and meet targets to assist with the management of energy conservation and the environment."

Press release, 19 May 2010

Bob Puffett, The Bays

Community Group

## Boat owners taken to Woy Woy

Two boat owners were taken back to Woy Woy boat ramp by Volunteer Marine Rescue NSW after running into trouble on May 17.

The first incident occurred when the crew onboard Brisbane Water Lifeboat were called to attend to a boat that had broken down near Iron Ladder Beach.

"Around 11.30am, the Brisbane Water Lifeboat, skippered by Anthony Porter, was sent to Iron Ladder Beach in Broken Bay to assist a five metre runabout with mechanical problems," publicity officer Mr Ron Cole said.

"The boat, with three people aboard was towed to the ramp at Lions Park, Woy Woy.

"While this vessel was under tow, the crew on duty at the Point

Clare Base heard a strange motor noise from a six metre fibreglass runabout passing the base on Brisbane Water.

"In astonishment, they watched as the outboard motor detached from the boat and disappeared.

"The man on board paddled his now motor-less boat to the base jetty.

"One of the Marine Rescue members drove the owner to Woy Woy to his car and trailer.

"He returned to Point Clare where he was assisted to put his boat onto his trailer.

"It was learned that he had recently purchased the boat and this was his first outing."

Press release, 17 May 2010

Ron Cole, Volunteer

Marine Rescue NSW

## Boat hits oyster lease

Eight people were rescued by members of the Volunteer Marine Rescue NSW after a hire boat they were using on Brisbane Water struck a submerged oyster lease on May 9.

Crew onboard Central Coast Lifeboat were conducting a training exercise on the bar at Box Head when they received an urgent call from the radio base, according to public relations officer Mr Ron Cole.

"The crew responded immediately, and with emergency lights flashing they raced to Paddy's Channel where they soon discovered a hire launch near an oyster lease at the northern end of the channel," Mr Cole said.

"The boat had its bow nearly submerged and its stern was raised.

"The three men, three women (one pregnant) and two children on board were bailing frantically.

"Six were wearing life jackets.

"The marine rescue crew were told that the hire boat had strayed too close to the oyster lease and struck a submerged post holing the hired launch.

"The families were transferred to the rescue boat, and some treated for shock and hyperthermia.

"The families were taken to the hire company marina at Ettalong and were able to retrieve its damaged vessel."

Press release, 10 May 2010

Ron Cole, Volunteer

Marine Rescue NSW

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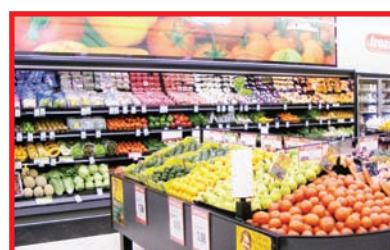
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## Grave fears of added insult

**I have grave fears for the long-term viability of the Ettalong Beachfront if the Tesrol proposal is approved by the Department of Planning or ultimately by the Minister.**

That our elected and compulsorily voted for local council can be over-ridden by the Department of Planning is another issue for another day.

This proposed development is of such an inappropriately large scale that should it be approved will ultimately add to the degradation of the pristine family picnic area that is Ettalong Beach.

From what I have seen, there is little difference in the current plan to that which council rejected previously.

The size and bulk of this proposed building will add to the architectural insult to this beautiful, scenic coastal precinct that is the Ettalong Memorial Club/Mantra Resort.

This building due to its huge size, shape and position, has caused such alarm and dismay in the local community as it is sited on the beachfront in an area of great natural beauty and dominates the views from all directions.

The Tesrol Ettalong Beach proposal will, if approved, form another piece in a wall of buildings along the beachfront and as such is likely to cause serious changes to the wind and wave patterns along the beachfront area and could help to seriously erode the beach sand.

This has been the case in nearby areas of the Northern Beaches

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where similar developments are now the subject of much concern especially with rising sea levels and associated beach erosion which is threatening their viability and will ultimately cause councils, in areas such as these, huge expenditures in a Canute-like effort to keep back the tide.

There have been pleas from residents of these buildings for councils to act to protect their assets and councils have naturally declined.

I trust the Department of Planning will reject this development unless it wants this area to become another area of environmental degradation - the ultimate example of which is Waikiki Beach in Honolulu where sand has to be constantly imported (from NSW apparently) and Noosa Heads where man interfered with nature and built too close to the beachfront.

At Noosa, a huge stone groin has been built into the sea which has affected wave patterns and where now a huge pump needs to operate 24 hours a day to replenish the sand of the beach.

It is now acknowledged as one of Australia's environmental catastrophes.

These examples show that beachfront land must be treated with utmost respect and cannot be interfered with or changed in ways that make money for developers in the relatively short term but which may deplete councils' resources as a result of climate change.

Whatever happens, councils and governments generally are facing huge and unknown but substantial costs in dealing with these issues.

No developments should be allowed that may affect, however slightly, the natural environment - especially critical areas such as the Ettalong Beach front which is at present a bulwark and natural barrier to the sea protecting all of the low lying areas behind such as Ettalong, Umina, Woy Woy and other areas bordering the sea and Brisbane Water.

Email, 12 May 2010  
Lance Dover, Pretty Beach

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## Out of character

**The proposed eight-story high complex at Ettalong Beach front would destroy the wonderful village atmosphere that makes this place so attractive to visitors and locals alike.**

Haven't we learnt anything from the atrocity that is the Mantra Resort building?

These buildings are totally out of character for the area and should be totally rejected.

Online submission, 12 May 2010  
David McDougall, Woy Woy

## Picture not so perfect

**Unfortunate events have taken place at Pretty Beach Public School.**

Much disruption has unsettled the students with changes to staffing, including two new school principals already this year.

Changes to routine, such as the cancellation of the parent-friendly morning assembly, cancellation of one of the usual two days of canteen operation, and the expected disruption caused by BER-funded building upgrades, have further unsettled the children

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and their families.

Meanwhile, there have been barely disguised tensions within the Pretty Beach Public School P&C Association.

Contrary to the report in Peninsula News (New executive at Pretty Beach, April 12), the handover to the new office bearers was anything but smooth.

Sadie Green  
Killcare

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## Woy Woy in 1931

**I suppose I was about five years of age, in 1931, when I first went to Woy Woy.**

I do still remember the single-fronted house we stayed in at Orange Grove.

And we stayed in that house for several years after.

The township of Woy Woy stayed just the same, I suppose, for 20 years ... just the same few shops.

The cake shop always fascinated me with its windows - full of flies crawling over the cakes and pastries.

But it didn't deter the people who went in the shop and bought cakes.

Later, the arcade was built opposite the railway station where the station-boat came in.

I had a giftware shop in that arcade.

Woolworth's was also there about that time.

Then there was the arcade in the centre of town and there, of course, the shopping complex.

Woy Woy was really only a little fishing town for so many years.

What really opened the town up was the electrification of the train line.

People could live in Woy Woy and work in Sydney.

When I was going to work in Sydney from Ashfield, it took me

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an hour.

The bus to the station, then the train to Town Hall and of course neither met the other, normally the bus just missed the train.

So travelling from Woy Woy to Sydney was not much longer.

Letter, 21 May 2010  
Shirley Lawler, Tweed Heads

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## Refused to attend

**Question: Why has my State Government representative Marie Andrews repeatedly refused to accept invitations to attend public meetings of the Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance?**

All other political persuasions have had the courage and initiative to attend, but not so the community-voted political representative, Marie Andrews!

Letter, 21 May 2010  
Zoe Russell, Umina Beach

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The near-completed Woolworths supermarket on the corner of West St and Trafalgar Ave in Umina (photo courtesy of Edward James)

# Chamber welcomes centre opening

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has welcomed confirmation that the new supermarket in Umina will be open for business on June 17.

"This is great news for the Umina Beach town centre," Peninsula Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said.

"We understand that this is several months ahead of schedule and will see the completion of a state-of-the-art Woolworths supermarket that will replace the aging Flemmings across the road.

"Over the last 12 months, the Umina Beach retail centre has undergone a significant resurgence

as the major retailers recognise the growing opportunities on the southern end of the Peninsula.

"The completion of the Woolworths store coincides with the refurbishment of the BiLo supermarket in Oscar St which will be upgraded to a larger footprint Coles supermarket over the next few months."

Mr Wales said it was expected that construction of the Aldi supermarket development in Trafalgar Ave would be commencing early next year.

"Clearly Umina Beach has firmly established itself as the major retailing hub for the southern end of the Gosford LGA and we expect further development

announcements over the next six months," Mr Wales said.

"This is good news for all retailers in the town centre as the major operators will act as draw cards for customers wanting to come to town.

"Importantly, all this new activity coincides with Gosford City Council's new Draft Local Environmental Plan and new Development Control Plan particularly the proposed Umina Village Centre Expansion Area - Structure Plan which came off exhibition on May 5.

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

# Input sought on Council plans

Gosford Council will seek community input on its long-term plans for the region when it holds an information display at Deepwater Plaza in Woy Woy on Thursday, May 27.

The display will be part of council's Community Engagement Strategy, which will form the basis of the Community Strategic Plan Gosford 2025.

Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein said the engagement strategy would influence council's plan for the future and the way its programs and services were delivered to the community.

"Over the next 12 months, council's long-term plans are being renewed to reflect the changing needs of our community and the community is being invited to have its say," Cr Holstein said.

"Gosford 2025 will be council's new long-term plan - our highest level planning document that will take the Gosford Community Vision 2025 to its next stage.

"We are seeking community input to turn this vision into actions."

Council's director of environment and planning Mr Gary Chestnut said council had collected a great deal of information over many years of working with the community that needed to be continually reviewed and updated.

"The information we have collected describes the needs of the community and is used to make decisions on the range of services council provides," Mr Chestnut said.

"However, as our community

changes, new issues emerge and community priorities change.

"Council and the community need to review this information to ensure it is relevant, up to date and representative of everyone in our local society."

Council staff will be at Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, on May 27, from 10am to 7pm for community members to have their say.

Local residents can also keep up-to-date with the project by registering their interest to gosford2025@gosford.nsw.gov.au, visiting www.gosford2025.com.au to participate in an online forum or calling council on 4325 8222 to be added to its mailing list.

Press release, 18 May 2010  
Gary Chestnut, Gosford Council

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The volunteers who gave up their time to help create the Woy Woy Environment Centre native garden (photo courtesy of Mia Hughes)

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## Environment group opens native garden

The Peninsula Environment Group will celebrate the opening of its native garden with a barbecue and bushtucker talk at the Woy Woy Environment Centre on Sunday, June 6.

Group president Mr Mark Mann said members of the community were also welcome to come along and enjoy a free native plant giveaway and information on

using local native plants in home gardens.

"The garden, which was funded with the help of a grant from Gosford Council, has been created by local environmental consultants Equilibrium Eco-Services and volunteers from the Peninsula Environment Group," Mr Mann said.

"It is an example of a low-maintenance, water-wise garden built around native plants well suited to the local area.

"The historically significant Old St Luke's Church building is located on the site and has become the Woy Woy Environment Centre, an important facility that supports the meetings and activities of the Peninsula Environment Group, the local PEG Food Network and other groups and individuals who aim to educate the broader community about environmental issues and local concerns.

"The garden will extend on the education that was already taking place on the site by demonstrating how members of the public may achieve a similar water-saving, attractive garden in their own backyards."

The garden will be officially opened by Gosford Greens Cr Peter Freewater from 11am to 1pm at the cnr of Blackwall and Billabong Rds, Woy Woy.

**Press release, 19 May 2010**  
**Mark Mann, Peninsula Environment Group**

## Parking restriction to be enforced

Gosford Council has enforced a four-hour parking restriction on the lower levels of Woy Woy Commuter Car Park, according to a council report.

The parking restriction will be temporary until construction works to upgrade the commuter car park have been completed.

"The construction of the car park will displace customer parking from both the ground floor and first floor of the Deepwater Plaza car park throughout the period during which this car park is being demolished and a new multi-deck car park is being built on the same site to provide parking for Deepwater Plaza customers on the lower floors and parking for commuters on the upper floors," the council

report stated.

"Agreement reached with the Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation and Deepwater Plaza is for the ground floor and for the first floor of the existing multi-deck to be altered from commuter parking to shopper parking for the period of construction of the car park expansion.

"It is intended that the shopper parking be established on the same basis as for the displaced Deepwater Plaza parking with four-hour parking restriction enforced through agreement by council rangers."

The signage was installed by TIDC on April 19, at no cost to council.

**Council agenda TR.10.22, 4 May 2010**

## Help wanted with assault

Police are appealing for public assistance after a man was critically injured in an assault in Woy Woy on May 16.

The 25-year-old assault victim and a friend were confronted by two unknown men outside a bottle shop on Chambers Pl, Woy Woy, around 4.45pm.

According to police, the victim's friend was assaulted by the pair before being chased to the intersection of Chambers Pl and The Boulevard.

The friend became involved in another altercation with the men before running to a nearby taxi rank and leaving the scene.

The victim was then surrounded by a large group of people and was punched by an unknown offender, causing him to fall backwards and strike his head on the ground.

He was treated by NSW Ambulance paramedics at the scene before being taken to Sydney's Royal North Shore Hospital where he remains in a critical condition.

Investigations are continuing and anyone who witnessed the incident or has any information that might be of assistance is urged to contact Gosford Police Station via Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

**Website, 18 May 2010**  
**NSW Police Media**

## Man stabbed at Umina

A 44-year-old man was stabbed during an incident at Umina Beach on May 9, according to local police.

The man was found at around 7am along Ocean Beach Rd suffering stab and slash wounds to his left upper arm and forehead.

Police and NSW Ambulance Paramedics were called to the scene and the man was taken to Gosford Hospital where he received treatment to his injuries.

Police later attended a nearby home in Umina and spoke to a 31-year-old woman.

She was taken to Gosford Police Station and spoken to about the matter before being released from police custody without charge pending further investigations.

Investigations into the

circumstances surrounding the stabbing are continuing and Gosford detectives are appealing for anyone who witnessed the incident to contact Gosford Police via Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

**Website, 10 May 2010**  
**NSW Police Media**

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School for Seniors 21st birthday celebration (pictured l-r) Rona Nelson, Deborah O'Neill, Rhonda Mitchell and Andrew Tuck

## School for Seniors celebrates

**More than 60 people came together to celebrate 21 years of Woy Woy School for Seniors earlier this month.**

Members and guests enjoyed a luncheon at the Ocean Beach Surf Club to commemorate the milestone event.

Coordinator Ms Rhonda Mitchell who has been with the School for Seniors for the past 18 years on a voluntary basis said she was continually amazed and overwhelmed at the community support for the program each year.

Ms Mitchell thanked her dedicated team of volunteers who have organised outings, classes

and guest speakers for local seniors to enjoy.

Woy Woy School for Seniors operates on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (except school holidays) at the Peninsula Community Centre.

Federal Labor candidate for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill attended the event on behalf of Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews who was in State Parliament.

Ms O'Neill took the opportunity to congratulate members of the school for its enthusiasm and contribution to the community.

Clare Graham, 18 May 2010

## LETS trade day

**The Central Coast Local Exchange Trading System group will hold a trade day at Woy Woy Environment Centre on Saturday, June 19.**

Group member Ms Caroline Bohlson said the event was a great way for Peninsula residents to find out more about the advantages of trading goods and services with other people in the area without the use of money.

Ms Bohlson said Central Coast LETS allowed members to provide services to other members.

"This can be anything from fixing a fence, to baking a cake, or walking the dog.

"Goods such as children's toys and clothing can also be traded.

"The group has businesses involved, including printers,

counsellors and training organisations.

"Members are given a 1000 debit and credit limit of the local currency (called shells) and can begin trading straight away.

"There are regular market days to allow members to meet face-to-face and promote trading.

"There are hundreds of offerings online at [www.centralcoastlets.org](http://www.centralcoastlets.org).

"The group is also a contributor to [www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org) to help alleviate poverty."

The trade day will start from 11am to 1pm at 267 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Press release, 16 May 2010  
Caroline Bohlson,  
Central Coast LETS

**A Woy Woy hairdresser is expected to save \$1770 a year after replacing downlights with more energy-efficient models.**

Passion Hair and Beauty in Woy Woy has taken part in a campaign to switch "energy guzzling" downlights over to energy-efficient halogens.

The local salon has joined more than 2000 hairdressers across the state in a bid to slash electricity bills by hundreds of dollars.

It is estimated that a total of 24,000 down lights will be replaced, saving each hairdresser an average of \$350 a year on their electricity bills.

Around 100 downlights have been replaced at Passion Hair and Beauty salons at Woy Woy, Kincumber and West Gosford, according to salon chain owner Ms Tracey Maryska.

Ms Maryska said she registered for the downlight program because she wanted to make her salons more environmentally focused.

"The average energy bill for our salons is about \$3400 so anything I can do to reduce energy bills is important," Mrs Maryska said.

"Lighting is so important for colouring and precision cutting and immediately we found the lighting much clearer.

## Hairdresser saves with efficient lights

"The replacement is done free of charge.

"It will save money and cut carbon emissions.

"It was a really easy process."

In addition to cutting her lighting costs, Ms Maryska received further energy efficiency advice like turning off her hot water system and air-conditioning units when salons are unoccupied.

Energy Australia's energy efficiency expert Mr Paul Myers estimated that Ms Maryska would save more than 5800 kWh, cut more than \$1170 a year from energy bills and save more than six tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions.

"More than 90 per cent of hairdressers have downlights which can add hundreds to an annual energy bill," Mr Myers said.

"Small business owners, including hairdressers, can save hundreds of dollars every year by making simple changes to their

electrical fittings and energy use."

Mr Myers said research showed an average hairdressing salon had about 20 downlights, adding about \$800 to an annual energy bill.

"Energy efficient downlights shine just as brightly as traditional downlights, use around 30 per cent less energy and last two-and-a-half times longer," Mr Myers said.

"This program will not only replace energy guzzling downlights with more energy efficient options but will also help salon owners identify other ways to cut their energy bills even further."

The hairdressing downlight replacement program is partly funded from the NSW Government's Energy Efficiency for Small Business Program.

Hairdressing salons interested in taking part in the program have until June 30, to register.

Press release, 7 May 2010  
Jessica Bardetta, Energy Australia

## Council works

**Gosford Council will undertake works near Brickwharf Rd in Woy Woy from May 24 to 31.**

Council officers are expected

to continue with construction of the soft fall edging around Pelican Park playground near Fisherman's Wharf.

Council workers will also continue with work to complete the cycleway along Brickwharf Rd.

Email, 20 May 2010  
Lisa Beeke, Gosford Council



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# IS THE NSW LABOR GOVERNMENT BUGGERED?

**Failed MP for Keira, David Campbell, is yet another Labor Party MP exposed as deceptive, not that different from others recently exposed as failed representatives including John Della Bosca, Milton Orkopoulos and Karyn Paluzzano.**

Perhaps David is not as bad as Milton "the horrible" Orkopoulos, former Labor member for Swansea.

When politicians remark, "he (David Campbell) has finally come out of the closet", am I the only one wanting to know if these are the same politicians who should have know of Milton "the horrible" Orkopoulos' penchant for illegal drugs and adulterous affairs with young Labor men and boys from his electorate, exposed by the court, as an offensive part of his taxpayer funded, double life?

Because of the extraordinary number of scandals, some involving criminal acts, the Office of Premier and Cabinet itself has a bad smell about it, which will not go away until the rat's nest within is thrown into the street, where it belongs.

Times have changed and politicians being what they are, the personal values of our elected

representatives are now part and parcel of the deal they broker with their constituents when they stand up and ask us to give our votes to them in trust.

Most of them, just like MP David Campbell, are pushing their family and community values to the front of their political campaign.

I believe that many of the current crop of politicians are, without doubt, living double lives.

Certainly, the occasional one may, at any time, be exposed as two faced.

Consider Labor's Karyn Paluzzano from Penrith, self confessed and by definition a liar, but not until the day after her pension was secure.

I have had a gut full of lying, two faced politicians.

I resent the fact that main stream political parties, which make up the majority of NSW Parliamentary members, insist on accommodating our politicians' sinning against the people.

We can see by Parliament's inaction, that party members are comfortable with their party leaders' team mates' constantly bringing NSW Parliament, the oldest in this country, into

disrepute.

When exposed, these worthless products of a dysfunctional democratic process are often permitted to take their taxpayer funded pensions and entitlements, often in excess of millions of dollars and move back into private life, leaving the long suffering taxpayer the poorer for having trusted them.

Liberal, Labor, Greens, Nationals, Democrats, on and on, are not bothering to exercise due diligence in oversighting the activities of their party members.

The problems being exposed at the top have, in every case, come up through the ranks.

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

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## Why is the Labor Party so dead set on ignoring the closure of our Rehabilitation Hospital at Woy Woy Public Hospital?

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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 with a few words of message written in a large font or on a banner expressing concerns about the loss of our important medical amenity.

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

While we will only be at Parliament for perhaps forty minutes, that should be sufficient time to take photos for use in the media and to make our presence there memorable and effective.

I may be too old to continue beating a public drum of dissent, but with this free bus, I offer others the opportunity to make themselves heard.

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Rod and Pat Radford

## Long life celebrated

**The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has celebrated the life of one of its "most treasured members", Rod Radford, on the occasion of his 90th birthday.**

Rod has had a long association with Rotary and an even longer one with the local area.

The Radford family arrived on the Central Coast on holidays in 1932.

Later they purchased land at Wagstaffe Point where Rod and his wife Pat eventually settled.

Rod operated a pharmacy in Ettalong and used to make the journey from home to work in an amphibious car.

This was one of the first in Australia and it was also used to deliver urgent medicines to outlying areas such as Empire Bay, St Huberts Island and Daleys Point.

With around 60 years of service

to Rotary, community service has also remained a central pillar in Rod's life as an active member of the Rotary Club of Umina Beach and a former member and past president of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy.

Rod is a Paul Harris Fellow and received a Sapphire pin to commemorate his 50th year in Rotary.

"Ten years on, we very much appreciate his honour, deftness as a raconteur, his choral skills, and above all we value his sense of humour," said long-time club member Mr Geoff Melville.

"Rod may have turned 90 years of age but he is still young at heart and has lost none of his ability to make connection with youth and their endeavours, an ability that has endured over the years."

Email, 28 May 2010  
Geoff Melville, Rotary Club of Umina

## Seminars by US speaker and Newcastle life coach

**A US motivational speaker and Newcastle life coach will team together to bring local residents a series of free seminars at the Peninsula Community Centre next month.**

The Woy Woy All Power Seminar will run across four sessions and will "take participants on a journey of living a life of personal power", according to motivational speaker Mr Leo Schreven.

All Power Seminars are designed to show "Bible principles that will help you master every area of your life".

Mr Schreven said most people had money worries, relationship difficulties or were a health hazard waiting to become a statistic.

"In fact, 95 per cent of us will retire dead broke.

"One in three of us will die of one of seven diseases.

"One in eight of us are on antidepressants, while stress, taxes, mobiles, computer games and TV are all taking their toll on our mental health.

"If the future is looking bleak, there is an answer."

Mr Schreven will join life coach Mr Justin Lawman in helping people discover how to master their life physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually and financially.

"We will take you through the positive pleasure of improving your life in every area," Mr Schreven said.

Mr Lawman has been training, coaching and speaking to large

audiences around the world for the last 13 years.

He said audience members would be invited to "become part of our world-wide family of optimistic, results driven, high achievers who are ordinary people performing at extraordinary levels".

To register, visit [www.trybooking.com/EZW](http://www.trybooking.com/EZW), email [allpower@adsl.on.net](mailto:allpower@adsl.on.net) or phone 1300 486 683.

The seminars will be held at the Peninsula Community Centre from June 17 to 20, starting on the Thursday night, continuing Friday night, all day Saturday and finishing Sunday afternoon.

Press release, 19 May 2010  
Carol Sickle, All Power Seminars

## Guides sell biscuits

**Blackwall Girl Guides will be selling Girl Guide Biscuits over the next two weeks.**

The local guide group will be selling packets of biscuits outside Flemings supermarket in West St, Umina, from 9am to 12pm on Saturday, May 29.

The group have also planned to set up a stall outside the IGA supermarket in Ettalong from 9am to 12pm on Saturday, June 5.

"Supporting this important campaign is about much more than buying biscuits," Girl Guides Australia's chief commissioner Ms Lynne Price said.

"With every biscuit sold, another generation of girls learns to set goals, grow in confidence, work in teams, make business decisions, develop business ethics and manage money.

Blackwall Girl Guides publicity officer Ms Leonie Newson said

Girl Guide members would also be accepting donations of corks in order to recycle into cork products such as tiles and boards.

"The funds raised from both biscuit sales and recycled corks enable the girls to continue enjoying the various programs run by the Guides Australia at minimum cost to their family," Ms Newson said.

Email, 20 May 2010  
Leonie Newson, Blackwall Girl Guides

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## Special birthday

**Blackwall Girl Guides celebrated 100 years of Girl Guides in Australia with a special birthday party for members and their families recently.**

Group publicity officer Ms Leonie Newson said families enjoyed a birthday cake to celebrate the milestone.  
“At the same meeting two young girls became Blackwall Girl Guides’ newest members when they made

their promise in the company of other Guides and their parents,” Ms Newson said.

**Email, 20 May 2010  
Leonie Newson, Blackwall Girl Guides**

## Social day

**Northern Settlement Services has invited local residents from a non-English speaking background to join a weekly social day at the Peninsula**

**Community Centre.**  
Representative Ms Anita Trainor said the day was a great opportunity to meet people in similar situations and enjoy time with others.  
“Come and meet up with old

friends, or make new friends, chat, drink coffee, play games, go out for picnics,” Ms Trainor said.

“The social day will be held every Thursday at the Peninsula Community Centre located at 93 McMasters Road, Woy Woy.

“If you are over 65 years of age, younger and have a disability, or are a carer for someone, and have come to Australia from a non-English speaking country, you are welcome to attend these days.

For more information or to attend a social day, contact Trudy on 4334 3877.

**Press release, 28 Apr 2010  
Anita Trainor, Northern Settlement Services**

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## How to grow food locally

**Guest speaker Ms Kate McCarthy will discuss how to design and grow a food garden for local conditions at a Healthy Living and Raw Food course in Umina on Thursday, May 27.**

Ms McCarthy of Point Clare has many years experience in growing food for her family as well as many private and public gardens and is looking forward to passing on her knowledge to keen participants.

“While I’m keen to involve family and community in growing food, starting at your own place is easy whether it’s in the garden, on the patio or kitchen bench,” Ms McCarthy said.

“At my place, I grow food in any spare space, and use a recycled bathtub as a worm farm in the front yard.

“I get my seedlings going upstairs as there’s lots of winter sun there.

“It’s great that you’ve got a

hub of Peninsula people who are interested in growing and eating fresh organic produce, and I’ve been a strong supporter of the Peninsula Environment Group food network.

“I’ve grown organic food as a supplier, and I’ve bought produce that comes from the Mangrove Mountain farmers.

“My great-grandparents also used to have a market garden on the Peninsula, so I’m pleased to be part of a long tradition of food-growing.

“Currently I’m working as the urban food farmer, teaching organic food-growing principles to adults and children at Wyong Public School Community Gardens.”

Ms McCarthy will speak at Umina Anglican Church Hall at 6.30pm on May 27.

For bookings contact Sophie Knox on 4341 9301 or via email at [sophie@rawcoasties.com](mailto:sophie@rawcoasties.com)

**Press release, 18 May 2010  
Sophie Knox, Raw Coasties**



Guest speaker Kate McCarthy with her family

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## Morning tea in Ettalong

**An Australia's Biggest Morning Tea event will be held in Ettalong on Thursday, May 27, in support of cancer research.**

The owner of Surf Sun Sand Cafe in Ettalong, Ms Amanda Delalat, said she would donate profits from her business on the

morning and encourage customers donations as part of the event hosted at the cafe.

"I lost my father to lung cancer 11 years ago," Ms Delalat said.

"Before losing my father to cancer, my uncle passed away from the disease too.

"I have always wanted to do something where I could help in some way and now I have the opportunity to do so on a regular basis and with the support of the local community.

"Cancer is not prejudiced and strikes anyone at any age.

"To fight this dreadful disease, more must be known and every dollar counts."

Ms Delalat said she was looking forward to hosting future events for cancer research and awareness including breast cancer awareness month and November.

She also thanked local businesses for their support in the event.

Discounted movie passes would be sold and a raffle for a trip to Europe will also raise money for the cause.

Email, 18 May 2010  
Amanda Delalat, Surf Sun Sand Cafe

### Cancer Council NSW has planned a cancer awareness information session on the Peninsula next month.

The Cancer News and Lifestyle Challenges information session will provide local residents with information to enhance their wellbeing and to provide information on cancer, according to Cancer Council NSW community network coordinator Ms Sandra Shorrock.

"The Cancer Council endeavours to provide information sessions at various locations across the Central Coast.

"The sessions will also assist the community to have a greater understanding of challenges that affect cancer patients their family and their carers.

"We will be kicking the session off with Don Parish, ex-Magpies footballer, Australian rep and now the president of Men of League.

"Don will deliver a short session on Men of League followed by presentations from guest speakers to deliver News on Cancer advances and current research.

"Tracey Cusack from Gosford

Financial Counselling Service will present a segment on Running your Finances, looking at how to access your superannuation, how to approach finance lenders, assistance with mortgage stress, extended leave entitlement and more. "Then Sue Jordan from Legal Aid will cover topics such as will, power of attorney, enduring guardianship and much more."

The information session will be held on Thursday, June 10, from

10am to 12.30pm at the Ocean Beach Surf Club in Umina.

Ms Shorrock said everyone was welcome to attend and a complimentary lunch would be provided.

For bookings, contact Sandra Shorrock on 4336 4500.

Press release, 17 May 2010  
Sandra Shorrock, Cancer Council NSW

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## Health

# Group supplies local produce

The Peninsula Environment Group Food Network is encouraging more local residents to take advantage of locally-grown and affordable organic produce.

Group member Ms Zainem Ibrahim said organic food was healthy and environmentally friendly but the extra costs often stopped people from "going organic".

"If you're passing the Woy Woy Environment Centre on Blackwall Rd, every second Tuesday afternoon, you'll find it bustling with activity as members of the local Peninsula Environment Group food co-operative sort and pack

their fortnightly delivery of organic fruit and vegetables," Ms Ibrahim said.

Ms Ibrahim said the non-profit community group was looking to make organic and chemical-free food available at similar prices to non-organic food.

"Buying direct from Mangrove Mountain farms means the farmers can still get a fair price but we pay less," Ms Ibrahim said.

"What's more, the produce is normally much fresher than in the shops, which means it tastes better and has far more nutrients.

"And there's less unnecessary packaging and less food miles and greenhouse gas emissions getting

it to your plate."

The food network group also organises quarterly orders of organic dried foods (such as rice, flour, beans, nuts and so on) at wholesale prices.

Members of the food co-operative pay a small annual fee of \$25.

"Everyone is also expected to take on a small task to make the group work, such as a couple of hours a fortnight helping sort the food delivery," Ms Ibrahim said.

For more information about becoming a member, visit [www.peg.org.au](http://www.peg.org.au) or call 4342 6589.

Press release, 14 May 2010  
Rhiannon Lovell, PEG Food Network

# Fundraising starts for quest

Queen of the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival entrant Ms Rachael Scoins has set a target of \$20,000 to raise for the fund-raising quest in November.

To kick off her fundraising campaign, Ms Scoins of North Gosford will host two exclusive screenings of the new Sex and the City 2 movie early next month with the help of local businesses.

All proceeds from the events will go to Cancer Council NSW to support the research and prevention of breast and ovarian cancers.

"I chose this initiative as cancer is so prevalent in our society today and we have been able to see the result that the Cancer Council can do, including the cervical cancer vaccination, with the support from fundraisers," Ms Scoins said.

The screenings will take place at Erina and in Sydney.

Donations to Ms Scoins fundraising campaign can also be made online at <http://nsw.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/personalPage.aspx?SID=213316>.

Press release, 16 May 2010  
Rachael Scoins, Brisbane Water Oyster Festival

# New bed for aged care

Woy Woy Community Aged Care will purchase a new electric bed thanks to the support of Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club.

The club raised more than \$2600 through its annual charity bowls day on April 29, according to publicity officer Ms Brenda Smith.

"We had a wonderful time on

the day and are very pleased with the result that will see Woy Woy Community Aged Care benefit," Ms Smith said.

"Winners on the day from Umina were L. Chenoweth, L. Kennedy, P. Neal and B. Cusack, and the runners up from Woy Woy were P. Toohey, M. Cotton, D. Elsom and G. Payne.

"The final cheque, boosted by raffles, tombola prizes and a money tree, was presented to Community Aged Care chief executive officer Jennifer Eddy."

Press release, 7 May 2010  
Brenda Smith, Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club

# Market day

Woy Woy Seventh Day Adventist Church will hold a market day on Thursday, May 27.

The market stalls will feature a wide range of clothing, plants, cakes, books and bri-a-brac.

Sale starts from 9am on the front lawn of the church at 83

Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy (opposite the Woolworths car park, next to Wilson's Real Estate).

Proceeds from the event will go towards next month's seminar with US motivational speaker Mr Leo Schreven.

Press release, 11 May 2010  
Carol Sickle, Woy Woy SDA Church




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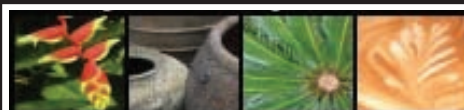
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## Art & Entertainment



Pearl Beach Glee Club Picnic, 1951

# Grand Concert for 60 years

**The Pearl Beach Progress Association will host a Grand Concert to commemorate 60 years since the official opening of the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.**

The evening of entertainment will feature a range of musical and artistic acts that reflect past concerts seen at the hall, according to Pearl Beach Progress Association communications officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

"In the late 1940s, the Pearl Beach Progress Association had begun building a community hall which was dedicated in 1950 as a war memorial to the sons of several local families who had died during World War II and in Korea,"

Ms Lillico said.

"To raise funds toward the village hall a number of Pearl Beach residents formed a Glee Club and put on a series of Grand Concerts.

"Many of the community had no previous theatrical experience however at their first concert in June 1950, they presented an exciting night of musical entertainment which includes skits, comedy items, and musical renditions concluding with a number of popular melodies which the capacity audience joined in.

"To commemorate the 60th anniversary this year, some local people have got together to present a commemorative evening

of similar items – some of which were on the original programs.

"The accent on the forthcoming concert will be fun for this fundraising event, with barbershop quartet, humorous part-songs, vocal and instrumental solos, recitation, sketches and a special guest artist."

The Pearl Beach Grand Concert will be held at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on Friday, June 4, from 7.30pm.

Tickets are available starting at \$10 for children and \$15 for adults that includes a welcome drink.

For bookings, contact 4344 2319.

**Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association**  
Press release, 19 May 2010

## Art fair at Wagstaffe

**Artists living in the Killcare to Wagstaffe area will join for an art fair next month.**

The event will be held across the June long weekend at the Wagstaffe Hall and feature a variety of traditional and contemporary paintings, drawings, ceramics and sculpture.

"Previous art fairs in Wagstaffe Hall have been popular with a large attendance from locals and visitors, with good sales and the

added bonus of collecting money for a local community group," event publicity officer Ms Jean Scott said.

"This year all money raised, as a gold coin entry fee, will benefit Walsingham Community Pre School."

Ms Scott said the art fair would be open from 10am to 4pm from Saturday, June 12, through to Sunday, June 14.

**Email, 23 Apr 2010**  
**Jean Scott, Wagstaffe Hall Art Fair**

## Poet features in festival

**Pearl Beach poet Ms Gillian Telford featured as a guest artist when the Gosford Regional Gallery took part in the Sydney Writers' Festival earlier this month.**

The event titled Poetica: Five Arrivals encompassed two performances on May 21 and 23 exploring issues of voyage, displacement and migration.

The performances included digital installations, live music and poetry readings in several languages.

Ms Telford featured with fellow

artists Solange Kershaw, Erik Gunzel, Francoise Angenieux and Kevin Duncan.

Ms Telford began writing poetry in 2001 and since then has become a sensation amongst all poetry enthusiasts.

Her work has been published regularly in literary journals such as Blue Dog, Five Bells, Island and Poetrix among many others and short listed in national competitions including the 2004 Henry Kendall Award and the 2007 Tom Collins Poetry Prize.

**Press release, 17 May 2010**  
**Alexandra Hornby, Gosford Council**

## Peninsula youth perform at Laycock

**Around 20 young people from the Peninsula will perform in this year's Youth In Performing Arts concert series at Laycock St Theatre from May 31.**

The show will feature some of the best young Central Coast dancers, actors, bands, vocalists and instrumentalists aged 12 to 21 years, according to event coordinator Mr Chris Cox.

Mr Cox said with more than 400 auditions for a place in the concert, 168 performers were selected, making it one of the toughest years of competition in the show's history.

Six scholarships will also be awarded to eligible performers participating this year.

"This year saw a vast number of quality performers and the strongest level of competition for positions we had seen for a very long time," Mr Cox said.

"The Brisbane Water Secondary

College Woy Woy Campus are performing a great acrobatic act along with other individuals including Naomie Jones and Elissa Kopen from the Peninsula.

"Since its inception in 1992, YIPA has sought to provide an opportunity for the best young performers on the Central Coast to showcase their talent in a professional venue.

"Former Australian Idol top 12 performers Ashleigh Toole and Ben Mackenzie will be performing amongst a host of other talented Central Coast youngsters.

"In previous years, the show has been the platform for performers to move onto bigger things on both a national and international stage, with Amy Edwards and Joshua Horner performing on London's West End and Nathan Foley featuring in popular children's band Hi-5."

**Press release, 14 Jun 2010**  
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Irvine Family Piano Scholarship recipient Henry Chan with the Irvine brothers

## Three win music scholarships

Three young musicians from the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music were awarded scholarships at a special concert held at Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on May 16.

The hall was filled to a capacity crowd as pianist Henry Chan, guitarist Ben Mellor and saxophonist Chris Higgins were each recognised for their outstanding music talents.

Other participants, aged from 13 to 16 years of age, performed an exciting and varied program under the direction of Mr Christopher Bearman, principal of the conservatorium, while accomplished pianist Allyne Brislan provided a brilliant and sensitive

accompaniment to the young instrumentalists.

Henry Chan, 13, was awarded the Irvine Family Piano Scholarship.

He delighted the audience with his beautiful playing (from memory) Schubert's Impromptus No. 4 in A Major.

In presenting the award on behalf of his family, Mr Jim Irvine said that "he had never heard the piano played so lovingly and sensitively.

According to Pearl Beach Progress Association communications officer Ms Lynne Lillico, the piano was a gift from the family in memory of their parents Alex and Helen Irvine who were among the earliest Pearl Beach

settlers.

"Ben Mellor won the Pearl Beach Scholarship with his virtuosity with sensitive playing (from memory) of pieces by Stanley Myers and Villa-Lobos.

"The second place Pearl Beach Scholarship went to Chris Higgins who played with confidence and a flair performance items by Villa-Lobos and Matthew Hindson.

"The adjudicator for the competition and member of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra Felicity Tsai said that the standard was extremely high, making it difficult to choose a winner and runner-up."

Press release, 20 May 2010  
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

## Busk-a-thon to be held at Ettalong

Ettalong Beach's main street will come alive with the sound of music for an acoustic busk-a-thon on Saturday, June 12.

The inaugural event promises to be a wonderful day of music and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy, according to ASC Songwriter Assist president and founder of the Australian Songwriters Conference Ms Lisa Butler.

Ms Butler said she first entertained the idea of holding a busking competition in conjunction with the Australian Songwriters Conference a couple of years ago. Since putting the idea forward this year Ms Butler said she was pleased to receive a high level of support for the event.

"Gosford Council and RAW Music and Media were the first to come on board, closely followed by the Ettalong Beach Business

Group, and Star 104.5 FM," Ms Butler said.

"Ettalong retailers are right behind the event.

"We are hopeful of a great turnout by musicians, singers and songwriters, whether they are seasoned buskers or not."

"The Peninsula is a beautiful, friendly, relaxed environment and perfect for a winter getaway so we are working hard to bring Australian and international visitors here each June long weekend to be immersed in the beauty of the waterways and the music being created here."

Details and entry forms for the Ettalong Beach Acoustic Busk-a-thon are available at [www.buskathon.com](http://www.buskathon.com) or visit the Gosford Council website at [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au)

Press release, 20 May 2010  
Lisa Butler, ASC Songwriter Assist Inc

## Raku firing at Ettalong

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre will hold its annual Raku Firing Day on the June long weekend.

Group member Ms Marg O'Connell said members of the public could come along to the centre in Kitchener Park, purchase a pot and glaze it themselves.

"While it's being fired, grab a sausage sandwich and have a look around."

She said there would be a display of the crafts taught at the centre and student works would be on sale.

Ms O'Connell said the 350-year-old tradition of raku began in Japan and is named after the family who initiated such firings.

She said the long tradition of raku firing was fascinating to all ages.

"Raku pieces became prized for use in Japanese tea ceremonies,"

Ms O'Connell said.

"In Raku, a ceramic piece is quickly heated to approximately 1800 degrees Fahrenheit.

"Raku firings are most often created in a gas or propane kiln.

"The gas flame is enhanced by an electric blower, which provides more oxygen to the flame making it burn hotter.

"After being heated to a red-hot 1800 degrees, the piece is removed with metal tongs.

"The Raku artist must wear leather protective gloves and light, cotton clothing to protect from the intense heat from the kiln."

The Raku Firing Day will take place on Sunday, June 13, from 10am to 3pm at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre located on the cnr of Picnic Pde and Maitland Bay Dr in Ettalong Beach.

Press release, 11 May 2010  
Marg O'Connell, EBACC

## Helping with mosaic

A bare wall in Gosford that has been constantly tagged with graffiti will have a mosaic installed with the help of Peninsula community groups, Mingaletta and The Web Youth Service.

They have teamed up with members of the Gosford Business Improvement District community for a special project to tackle graffiti.

Project spokesperson Ms

Deborah Lowndes said several local community groups and businesses would work together over the coming months to create a mosaic tile artwork in Gosford.

"The mosaic project has been developed to create a sense of place in Gosford for the community, provide another beautification project for the city and act as a deterrent to the graffiti frequently appearing on the wall of the

building," Ms Lowndes said.

"The groups will base their design around the theme Reflecting the Past, looking to the Future which is about Gosford's history and how we see the city in the future."

Ms Lowndes said a series of workshops would see the completion of the project.

Press release, 7 May 2010  
Deborah Lowndes, Gosford Business Improvement District

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Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Spike Milligan Room of Woy Woy Library, Blackwall Road, Woy Woy, commencing at 10:00am. Visitors always welcome.

Debra 4344 4435.  
awlcentralcoast@virginbroadband.com.au  
Postal: P.O. Box 376, WOY WOY. NSW. 2256.

## ABC Support Friends of the ABC - Central Coast (257)

a support group for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. Aims: safeguard ABC's political independence, adequate funding and high standards.

Meetings throughout the year + social coffee afternoons  
Guest speakers  
4333 8107  
jhale@tac.com.au;

## Art

### Ettalong Beach Art & Crafts Centre Inc (256)

Adult Classes in Patchwork & Quilting, Pottery, Folk Art, Silk Dyeing, Oils, Acrylics, Pastels, Drawing, Watercolour, Silvercraft and Children's Art & Pottery Classes  
Monday to Saturday during School Terms  
Ph: 4341 8344  
info@ebacc.com.au

### Central Coast Art Society (257)

Brings together artists and interested people for lectures, demonstrations and discussion, with weekly paint-outs each Tuesday at varying Central Coast locations (Ph: 4369 5860), workshops 9.30am - 12.30pm (Ph: 4363 1820) on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at Gosford City Art Centre and Social Meetings at 1.30PM on the 4th Wednesday of each month, for demonstration by guest artist. (Enq. 4325 1420)  
publicity@artcentralcoast.asn.au  
PO Box 4168  
East Gosford 2250

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 10 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 form available online or by contacting Ducks Crossing Publications and return it to Peninsula News by mail, fax or email (Details available on page 2) together with the nominal payment amount shown where appropriate.

## Community Centre Beachside Family Centre (257)

A school-based community centre for families with children from birth to 8 years old. Offering a range of group programs and community activities to promote healthy and happy families  
4343 1929

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Sydney Ave, Umina

## Ettalong 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre (262)

(formerly Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre)  
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Enquiries 4341 3222

## Community Group Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association (256)

The Association works to protect and preserve the beautiful environment and low density residential nature of the Bouddi Peninsula area and to strengthen community bonds

Monthly Meeting - 3rd Monday, 7.30pm at Wagstaffe Hall  
PO Box 4069, Wagstaffe  
2257 Tel: 4360 2945  
info@wagstaffetokillcare.org.au

## Vietnam Veterans', Peacekeepers' and Peacemakers' Association Of Australia Inc, Gosford Sub-Branch (259)

The VPPAA assist all Veterans and their families with pension & welfare matters.  
Drop in for a chat.  
Cnr Broken Bay Road & Beach Street Ettalong.

Monday & Wednesday  
Between 9am to 1pm  
Phone 4344 4760

vietvetsgosford@bigpond.com  
PO Box 505, Ettalong Beach NSW 2257

## Community Restaurant

### Mary Mac's Place (262)

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marymacs@woywoycatholic.org.au  
PO Box 264  
Woy Woy 2256  
4341 0584

## Disabled Services Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW) - Central Coast Centre (257)

Horse Riding as a therapy for those with intellectual or physical disabilities  
Monday to Saturday  
4340 0388  
stateoffice@rdansw.org.au

## Environment

### Peninsula Environment Group (260)

Talks, films, social events, workshops, renewable energy and recycling projects, organic food buying group  
www.peg.org.au

## Friendship

### Endeavour View Club (254)

1st Monday of the Month at Woy Woy Leagues Club - 10.30am  
4344 3825

## History

### Fellowship of First Fleeters Central Coast Chapter (259c)

To create a greater awareness of the part played by those pioneers who arrived in Sydney with the first fleet on 26th January 1788  
Every second Saturday of the month at Wyong RSL Club 10am  
roy.kable@bigpond.com  
4344 3876

### Marine Rescue NSW Central Coast Unit (256)

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4325 7929  
www.coastalpatrol.org.au  
info@coastalpatrol.org.au

### Migrant Assistance Northern Settlement Services LTD (257)

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4334 3877

## Service Clubs

### Rotary Club of Woy Woy Inc. (259)

A fellowship of business, professional and community leaders through which the club provides service to others, promotes integrity and advances world understanding, goodwill and peace.

Everglades Country Club Woy Woy, each Tuesday  
Jayne Mote  
4342 8183  
jayne\_mote@bigpond.com  
PO Box 175, Woy Woy NSW 2256

## Sport

### Woy Woy Judo Club (259)

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ferryman57@hotmail.com  
0434 000 170

### Music Activities ASC Songwriter Assist Inc. (258)

Regular activities and events for anyone interested in the craft and business of song writing  
0412 149 094  
www.ascsa.org.au  
info@ascsa.org.au

### Retirement Centre Peninsula Village (257)

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4344 9199

## Animal Care

### Wildlife Animal Rescue and Care Society (ARC) (258)

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www.wildlife-arc.org.au  
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Wyoming Community Centre, Maidens  
Brush Rd Wyoming  
4325 0666  
arc@wildlife-arc.org.au

### Women's Group Country Women's Association Woy Woy (257)

Friendship Mornings  
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Wednesday 10am  
Monthly Meetings 4th  
Wednesday 12.30pm  
4324 2624

### Peninsula Women's Health Centre (2605)

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4342 5905  
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# Recollections of Patonga

Quite some time ago, I was sitting in a waiting room somewhere, and picked up an ancient copy of a women's magazine and read an article referring to "ruins" where "hippies" and so-called "drop-outs" resided or camped on the Hawkesbury River, below the road to the now established look-out at West Head.

Such a road did not exist when I was a small boy, but I well remember the origin of these so-called "ruins" and the tenacity and sheer guts of the man that built them.

I have since pondered on why this, and the efforts of many other early settlers of the lower Hawkesbury, should go into oblivion without some record of their achievements.

The good lord, that great architect of the universe, gave me a brain for which I am grateful, and I now document my recollections to the best of my ability.

As a small boy on holidays at Patonga, I vividly remember old Bob Robinson telling my parents of the time when he was much younger, coming with his nets and boats to fish the beach and creek that was eventually to be called Patonga.

He said that one day, he saw a man with a large ginger beard, looking at him from the scrub above the beach, and in a friendly gesture, gave him a supply of fresh fish.

This gentleman was Mr EW Williams, and one could debate forever, who was the first settler at Patonga, but it was certainly one of these two.

Ernie Williams established a thriving business there and had two daughters and one son, Betty, Helen and Dick.

Bob Robinson was not only a very successful fisherman, but nature's gentleman in every word.

As far as I can recall, he had three sons and one daughter: Bob junior, Jack, Henry and the daughter, Tippy.

The Robinsons founded a dynasty and their grandchildren reside there today, and hopefully, they always will.

In those days, fish were in abundance, schools of mullet, as well as flathead, whiting, flounder, jewfish, to name a few, and netting them was very hard work.

The nets were extremely long, weighted with lead on the lower bottom rope and cork floats on the

## Roy Ewar's Memoirs

An internet blogger from Washington DC, Matt Hall, has published his ancestor's memoirs of growing up in Patonga prior to World War II.

In 2005, Roy Ewar began writing a pre-war history of Patonga, where he spent holidays playing with local children.

With permission from Mr Hall and Mr Ewar, these memoirs of Patonga will be published across several editions of Peninsula News.



*Dark Corner Cottages*

top.

When it was decided to "shoot", two-end ropes would be held on the beach, then one party would row the boat in a large semi-circle enclosing the fish, and come ashore further along the beach when the net was expired in the water.

The rower would then take the other two end ropes, and together both fishermen would wrap these ropes around their waists and walk up the beach and slowly drag the net ashore.

The centre of the net had a large bag in it called a "bunt", and as the net came out of the water, the captured fish would recede to remain in water and eventually be caught in the "bunt" which would be hauled manually up on to the beach, untied and the fish selected into boxes.

Once loosely packed in the boxes, these fish were placed onto fishing craft, loaded to the gunwales, and up to four or five of these would be towed by launch (also loaded) to Brooklyn where there was located the only available ice works.

The fish would be re-packed in ice, boxed again and nailed down and then carried manually to the Hawkesbury River Railway Station for eventual forwarding to the Sydney fish markets.

Such was the life of a fisherman then.

Today, a similar netting procedure exists, but the nets and ropes are light nylon, the floats plastic and they are slowly hauled on to the beach by diesel tractors, with snap-freezing techniques available, then immediately placed in refrigerated road transport.

The Robinsons were not the only fishing family in those early years

as they had friendly competition with the Witchard family.

Frank "Pop" Witchard was more diverse.

Not only was he a very successful fisherman, but he farmed all the oysters in Patonga Creek.

He, and his wonderful wife Jess, reared five sons, Clarrie, Charles (Chica), Ken, Keith and Frank.

The Witchards' home fronted the beach and their back yard fronted on to the road near where the war memorial now stands.

Eventually, as Patonga settled with residents and holiday makers, they established a fresh fish and oyster shop.

Between their home and the shop was located the "oyster room" where these succulent delicacies were bagged up for the Sydney markets as well as individual customers and also bottled for local sale.

As a youngster, I used to help opening them and one day, I deeply penetrated the palm of my left hand with an oyster opener.

Mrs Witchard quickly took my hand, cleaned it out and drenched it with kerosene.

The bleeding stopped, the pain receded and I still bear the scar to this day.

Like the Robinsons, hard work was the everyday life of the Witchards.

The fishing nets were heavy and cumbersome.

They were made of thin cord and without protection, rotted very quickly due to salt water.

To avoid this, both families, at least twice a year, required these nets to be "stewed" in a solution of water and tanning bark, which was harvested from trees located in the bush.

the nearest loading point to his business.

The oysters would be bagged in three bushel jute bags, and he would carry these on his back for at least half a kilometre to the oyster room.

It was not possible for him to use a wheel barrow as the unsealed roads (tracks) were too sandy and the barrow would just sink in and bog.

"Pop" did this many times a day, and then joined his sons who would be netting fish on the front beach.

I guess it was inevitable that these two wonderful families would interrelate as they did when Clarrie Witchard married Tippy Robinson.

They always were an integral part of the Patonga community, and I deeply regret as I compile these memoirs in 2006 that I was recently informed by my niece, Lyn Partridge, of Clarrie's demise.

He would have been well into his 90s.

He was one of the kindest and most respected persons one could ever have the pleasure to know.

As Patonga commenced to develop into a residential and holiday community, building materials were required.

Such things as water tanks, fibro sheeting, timber and plumbing equipment, as well as basic furniture were needed.

The up-river town of Brooklyn also needed many items too cumbersome to be delivered by the railway.

At that time, settlements on Brisbane Water such as Saratoga, Empire Bay, Kincumber and Wagstaffe were also in need of the same goods, as roads from Gosford were non-existent. To meet these requirements, the North Coast Steam Navigation Company serviced these areas from Sydney with three coal-fired cargo boats, the "Erina", the "Eringai" and the "Gosford".

All these supplies were delivered to the public wharfs.

From there the goods were man-handled to their destination.

**Roy Ewar, 2006**

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## Volunteers at fete and market day

A group of Year 11 and 12 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College volunteered their time to help out at the Fairhaven Services fete and market day on May 8.

The students were involved in the annual event as part of a Technical Entertainment Production Academy Entertainment course they are currently undertaking at school.

The purpose of the day was to raise money for the local community organisation, according

to Year 11 TEPA student Courtney McDonald.

She said students helped out on market stalls, selling raffle tickets and dressing up as clowns for the children's entertainment.

"The clowns walked around giving balloons to children and doing tricks to entertain and make the children laugh," Ms McDonald said.

"Other students helped out by operating audio systems, customer service, as well as marketing and publicity under the supervision and guidance from the technical manager, one of the Year

12 entertainment students, Beau Robinson.

"There was a great range of entertainment throughout the day."

Event organiser Ms Sue Chidgey said the day was a huge success with an even "bigger and better" event planned for next year.

"The vital funds raised from the fete will be directed to provide vocational and residential services for over 160 local people with disabilities."

Press release, 12 May 2010  
Courtney McDonald,  
BWSC Woy Woy

## Elected to SRC

Ettalong Public School recently elected students from Years 2 to 6 for its Student Representative Council.

"This is a wonderful initiative that will give our students a real say in the running of the school and

introduce them to governance in a real life setting," school principal Colin Wallis said.

"The potential is enormous.

"The elected students will be involved in some training at school in the near future."

Newsletter, 21 May 2010  
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

## Special swimmers

Students with special needs from Woy Woy Public School are participating in a Swimming Scheme at the Peninsula Leisure Centre to promote water safety, according to school principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"This is a very important requirement in our country of Australia, where we are so lucky to be able to enjoy beautiful weather and water," Ms Buckley said.

Newsletter, 21 May 2010  
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

## Trivia night

Woy Woy South Public School P&C Association will hold a trivia night for its next major fundraising event.

The event will be held at Ettalong Bowling Club on Saturday, July 31.

The cost of the evening will be \$10 per head with tables of 10.

More details as well as ticket order forms will be sent home with students over the next few weeks.

Newsletter, 21 May 2010  
Woy Woy South Public School

## Walking safely

Staff and students at Woy Woy South Public School participated in National Walk Safely to School Day on May 7.

"It was great to see an increase in the number of people walking to school," said principal Mr Terry

Greedy.

"A large contingent of staff took the opportunity to walk from Empire Bay to school to raise funds for Stewart House, an alternative accommodation centre situated on the northern beaches of Sydney which caters for disadvantaged

primary school students from across the state.

"Their efforts raised a considerable amount of funds to be passed on to Stewart House."

Newsletter, 21 May 2010  
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School

## Selected by Swans

Marc Gleisner from Woy Woy Public School was recently selected to join the Sydney Swans Junior AFL Academy's Advanced Squad.

More than 150 boys, from as far away as Coffs Harbour on the Mid-North Coast, trialled for the squad and only 60 were selected.

The squad will train for four

weeks in May and June this year, and will have the opportunity to work with the Sydney Swans playing and coaching staff.

Marc now also has a chance of making the Elite Squad of the best 30 junior players from the Advanced Squad.

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## Student responds to treatment

**Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club has reported that a student it has sponsored has turned a corner in her battle against Hodgkin's Lymphoma.**

The club has published a letter on its website from Ms Kelly Drewe, the mother of Year 8 student Aimee Bliss, advising that cancer treatment appears to have worked.

Ms Drewe described a recent visit to Aimee's specialist.

"We were told that Aimee's treatment had worked.

"Her scans have come back all clear and showing her glands to be at only one centimetre, which is normal for her.

"These were very large, some at over eight centimetres around five months ago," Ms Drewe said.

"Aimee is presently on three-monthly scans and, if free for two years, may well be free of

Hodgkin's Lymphoma."

According to her proud mum, Aimee has bounced back brilliantly following her prolonged battle.

"She is looking great and putting on weight and is making a huge come back to her school life," Ms Drewe said.

"Just this last week I received a phone call from her head teacher telling me that the teachers are more than impressed with her, and they are asking her to slow down and to take a breath."

The Brisbane Water Secondary College student made the news earlier this year when she received support from the local community, along with the support of a number of NRL stars including Parramatta and Australian rugby league player Jarryd Hayne.

His boots were auctioned to help meet the cost of Aimee's treatment.

**Website, 4 May 2010**

**Geoff Staunton, Woy Woy RLFC**

## Soccer players raise cancer funds

**Over-35 men's soccer teams at Woy Woy FC raised more than \$2500 through the club's Cancer Council Call to Arms campaign recently.**

The initiative, targeted specifically to sporting clubs, raises awareness and funds to fight men's cancer, according to club president Mr David Cornwell.

"With half of all men facing a cancer diagnosis, it could be your club mates, community and family who benefit from Call to Arms," Mr Cornwell said.

"The \$2500 plus result on the day far exceeded our expectations.

"We knew that the generosity of the football community and the Peninsula in general could be relied upon but this amount of money really shows just how good the community spirit of the area is."

Mr Cornwell said funds were raised principally from Woy Woy players buying yellow socks to wear on the day as well as raffles

which included a signed Central Coast Mariners jersey.

Other raffle prizes were also donated by several local businesses and individuals in the community.

In addition, cash donations were made by opposition teams Southern and Ettalong United FC

as well as East Gosford FC that played at Woy Woy on the day.

Mr Cornwell said the result has encouraged organisers to make the charity day an annual event.

**Press release, 12 May 2010**

**David Wood, Woy Woy FC**

## Major singles

**Ettalong Memorial Women's Bowling Club conducted its Major Singles Final on May 14.**

The final clash was played out between Tracy Ward and Pam Donnelly in sunny but windy conditions, according to club publicity officer Maureen Kerr.

"Tracy took an early, if short-lived, lead seven to two," Ms Kerr said.

"But it was not long before it was seven-all.

"Tracy again took a good lead 19 to nine, but Pam fought back to an 18 to 19 deficit.

"Tracy once again took the lead 26 to 20 and from then on she did not look back.

"Final score saw Tracy defeat Pam 31 to 20."

**Email, 14 May 2010**

**Maureen Kerr, EMWBC**

## Knock-outs

**School teams from Ettalong Public School competed in various rounds of the State knock-outs in a range of sports recently.**

"All teams excelled in skill, team work and behavior," according to

school principal Mr Colin Wallis.

"Although none of our teams proceed any further, there was great victory in the manner in which our children played the game and behaved and cooperated."

**Newsletter, 21 May 2010**

**Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**

## Simultaneous storytime

**Gosford Council's Long Day Care Centre in Umina will take part in National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday, May 26.**

The annual event is orchestrated by the Australian Library and Information Association that features one book written and illustrated by Australians, read simultaneously to children in a variety of venues nationally.

Gosford Council's director of community services Mr Terry Thirlwell said the campaign promoted the value of books and encouraged young people to read, share books and become involved in other fun and engaging literary-based activities.

This year's event will feature Little White Dogs Can't Jump written by Bruce Whatley and illustrated by Rosie Smith.

"National Simultaneous Storytime provides a wonderful opportunity for parents,

grandparents and other relatives to get involved in the day which demonstrates the significant positive effects that reading has in a child's development," Mr Thirlwell said.

The Peninsula event will take place from 11am at 10 Australia Ave, Umina.

**Press release, 19 May 2010**

**Terry Thirlwell, Gosford Council**

## Netball win

**Woy Woy Public School's netball team has won its first round of the PSSA Netball competition.**

The team played against Ettalong Public School and won their game by 17 points, said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

In the second round, they played Point Clare Public School winning by 10 points.

"They will now proceed to the third round."

**Newsletter, 21 May 2010**

**Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School**

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# Parents feature in New Zealand

The Woy Woy parents of Australian and New Zealand netballer Megan Dehn have featured in a local New Zealand newspaper.

Ken and Elaine Anderson of Woy Woy travelled to New Zealand earlier this month for a holiday and to catch up with their 35-year-old daughter who is currently captain of the Southern Steel kiwi netball squad.

Megan Dehn plays in the ANZ Championship that sees her travel between Australia and New Zealand week-to-week.

Her parents told The Southern Times newspaper that it was wonderful to catch up with their daughter and fit in one of her local games but were yet to witness a Steel win at the home stadium in three years of trying.

"We haven't got a good record down here," Mr Anderson said.

"That's our third loss at Stadium Southland."

However, the Peninsula couple did manage to see their daughter in a winning effort when they caught a Steel's win over Tactix in Christchurch on May 1.

Megan Dehn played 20 tests for Australia between 2000 and 2006 and Mrs

Anderson said it was always a proud moment seeing her daughter represent her country.

"It was great seeing her run out on court for Australia," Ms Anderson said.

"It was a bit nerve-racking.

"Australia and New Zealand games are always close.

"There's only a few points in it."

Ms Anderson said one of her first memories of Megan on the netball court was when she was seven.

"I remember she played a game at school and came home and said she really enjoyed it and would like to play," Ms Anderson said.

"She's been hooked ever since."

Dehn said her parents had been extremely supportive throughout her career and was thankful for the numerous times they had taken her from her Woy Woy home to Sydney for games and practices when she was growing up.

"They've been massive," Ms Dehn said.

"I wouldn't be where I am today without them."

Website, 12 May 2010

Brendon Egan, The Southern Times

# Places in malibu finals

Six long boarders from the Ocean Beach Malibu Club progressed to the finals of this year's Magoo Charity Classic held at Soldiers Beach earlier this month.

Club members Kai Ellice-Flint and Angela Smith were the standouts for the club with Kai winning the cadet Under-16s final, while Angela placed second in the

woman's final.

"Calyn Wilkinson, surfing in the final of the open nine-foot division, was unfortunately given a paddling interference which relegated him to sixth place, while in the men's over-45 final, Mark Williams battled a knee injury to take out third place," Ocean Beach contest director Mr Craig Coulton said.

"Bryce Williams and Cyndi Zoranovic were the other finalists, with Cyndi placing fifth in the woman's final and Bryce fourth in the cadets."

Press release, 18 May 2010

Craig Coulton, Ocean Beach Malibu Club

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Ocean Beach Malibu Club - Blake Donkin, Kayd Donkin, Tom Payne, Ben Orman and Mitch Cassidy

## Surf confusion was avoided

**A day of confusion was avoided when both the Ocean Beach Malibu Club and Umina Boardriders held competitions on the same day at Ocean Beach recently.**

Both clubs enjoyed breaks far enough apart to not inconvenience either party, according to Ocean Beach Malibu Club contest director Mr Craig Coulton.

"The huge swell from the previous two days had settled down, producing consistent four foot sets with just the occasional bomb coming through.

"A beautiful sunny autumn day along with a light offshore breeze made conditions just great for competition and to top it off, stayed the same throughout the contest until just near the end of the final heat when the wind turned onshore.

"Hayden Emery further extended his lead in the club championship, scoring maximum points for the day.

"Round one winners on the day were Hayden Emery from Kayd Donkin and Ron Stockings, Scott Arena from Matt Sing and Darrell Young, Brent Thoroughgood from Craig Palmer and Bill Burke, Garry Halliday from Richie McClelland and Mick Day, Mitch Bolton from Mark Williams and Ben Orman and in the final round one heat, Calyn Wilkinson outpointed Kai Ellice-

Flint and Craig Coulton.

"Round two saw some exciting surfing in the excellent conditions but, as had been the case in all but one contest this year, Hayden Emery was too good for the other first placegetters, with Garry Halliday claiming second and Calyn Wilkinson taking third spot.

"In the seconds, Mark Williams surfed brilliantly even with an injured knee to get the points ahead of Richie McClelland and Matt Sing.

"The thirds saw one of the new up and coming juniors, Ben Orman knock off two old timers in Craig Coulton and Darrell Young, while

Bill Ballard was successful over Brent Olsson and Mitch Cassidy in the fourths.

"The fifths was won by Mark Rylands from John Payne and Glen Bible while in the sixths, another newcomer, Paul Donkin, beat Chris Irwin and Jason McKay who was surfing in his very first contest with the club."

The next Ocean Beach Malibu Club contest is scheduled for Sunday, June 13, at Umina Beach, commencing at 7am.

**Press release, 16 May 2010  
Craig Coulton, Ocean Beach Malibu Club**

## Centre offers new competition

**The Peninsula Leisure Centre will offer a new mixed multi-sport competition from May 26.**

The competition provides participating teams with the opportunity to try five different sports - netball, basketball, indoor soccer, volleyball and European handball.

Competition organiser Mr Phil Wishart said the interest in the competition from the community had been strong.

"We have received a great

response to this inaugural competition with spots filling fast to the mixed competition."

Gosford Council's coordinator of leisure and lifestyle Mr Simon Clarke said the competition was sure to involve a number of exciting matches with European handball expected to provide a steep learning curve for most teams.

For more information on the Peninsula Leisure Centre sports competitions, contact Phil Wishart on 4325 8123.

**Press release, 19 May 2010  
Simon Clarke, Gosford Council**

## Bunnies find a difference

**The Umina Bunnies Under-19s found what a difference a week can make with five players missing from the previous week's win and going down 28-14 against Northern Lakes on May 9.**

"Lack of discipline with and without the ball proved costly," club secretary Mr Ian Sonter said.

Meanwhile the Umina open grade side continued on its way to record a 28-12 win over previous year's nemesis in the Central Wyong Razorbacks, according to Mr Sonter.

"Dictating from the outset, the Bunnies played a controlled and organised game," Mr Sonter said.

Former Bunnies players Adam King and Phil Cappell returned to join Steve Little in providing added enthusiasm to the team, he said.

"Umina second grade put the previous weeks' effort in the history

pages as they set about restoring their season with a comfortable 30-6 win over Northern Lakes.

"Nathan Shanks led the way in the forwards with some bruising defence, closely followed by Ben Paget and Dan Johnson in attack in a fine display of rugby league from the Bunnies.

"In the final game of the day, our first graders went down gallantly 24-22 to Northern Lakes Warriors, who many pundits pick as one of 2010 grand finalists already.

"The game was played without fear or favour as the young Bunnies in their National Breast Cancer Foundation pink jerseys stood tall.

"Time and again the 50/50 results slowed the Bunnies' progress but never at any stage did they consider throwing the towel in, which pleased coach Marc Matthews."

**Press release, 9 May 2010  
Ian Sonter, Umina Beach RLFC**



## Two minutes of judo in Budapest

**A member of Woy Woy Judo Club will travel to Budapest this week to compete for two minutes in the European Judo Unions Grand Masters World Judo Championships in Hungary.**

Having competed in the same contest in Germany last year, Woy Woy judo assistant coach Mr Mike Griffiths is looking forward to travelling to compete internationally once again.

"I was the only Australian competitor amongst a heavily contested group of Europeans while the announcer kept calling 'Michael Griffiths of Austria... Sorry that's Australia'," Mr Griffiths said.

"It was a fantastic competition, with judo running second to soccer as the most popular sport in Europe."

With a Sho Dan First Degree Black Belt, Mr Griffiths will not be the only Australian attending this year's event.

Travelling in the company of two

officials from Judo Australia.

International kata referee Rob Ivers and Ivor Endicott-Davies will be officiating kata judges.

Mr Griffiths said that, while he was looking forward to the games, it would be a challenge against tough competitors from Russia and Germany.

"There are 22 players in my 50 to 54 years division this time," Mr Griffiths said.

"We will be placed in three or four pools.

"The bout time is two minutes with the rules that use an elimination system with double repechage.

"So you must win your first match in order to continue through."

"It seems like a long way to travel for a two-minute bout, but I'm passionate about my sport and very excited to represent Australia.

"Judo is a life-long activity and you're never too old to be involved."

**Press release, 20 May 2010  
Lindy Simmons, Woy Woy Judo Club**

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## Bunnies had hard-fought win

**The Umina Bunnies claimed a "hard-fought" win over the Woy Woy Roosters in the first local derby at Woy Woy Oval on May 16.**

Umina club secretary Mr Ian Sonter said the local game had "much in common" to the Bunnies first grade win in June 2004.

"Both games saw the Bunnies skip away to an 18-nil lead over their more fancied opponents and both established match winning leads before the oppositions fight back," Mr Sonter said.

"The boys led 42 to 26 (40 to 14 in 2004) before easing off the throttle and letting the opposition to run in two late converted tries for a final score of 42 to 38.

"Meanwhile, after being down 10-nil, the Woy Woy second grade recovered just after halftime to 10-all.

Mr Sonter said the open graders

learnt a "valuable lesson" about the need to concentrate on the game for its entire time.

"The Bunnies were well in control but the opposition never gave up and with under five minutes to go, the Roosters hit the front 24 to 20.

"The way the Bunnies were playing, it was game over.

"But the Bunny spirit rose and, with one final attacking raid, a try to Adam King converted by Shannon Sharpe after the siren gave the Bunnies a lucky 26 to 24 win to take them to equal top of the table.

"Copybook tackling displays from Paul Casey, Mick Byrnes and Scott Young were a highlight of the game.

"The old saying, 'they can't run without legs' was never better demonstrated than by these three."

**Website, 18 May 2010  
Ian Sonter, Umina Beach RLFC**



## Swans juniors play at Swans game

**A group of young members from the Peninsula Swans AFL Club travelled to Sydney Cricket Ground to play at half time during the Sydney Swans and Brisbane Lions clash on May 1.**

Club publicity officer Ms Rowena Newton said the trip was a dream come true for the local junior players.

"Most of us only ever dream about playing on the hallowed grounds of the Sydney Cricket Ground...the sacred stomping ground of cricket legends like Lillee, Chappel and Marsh," Ms Newton said.

"However, early this month the youngest members of the Peninsula Swans AFL team headed down to the SCG to play at half time during the mighty clash between the Sydney Swans and the Brisbane Lions.

Coach Ms Tanya Ferguson said she was very impressed with how well the kids played. "They love it," Ms Ferguson said.

"It is such a fantastic opportunity to play at the SCG as a five or six year-old.

"Two of my own kids are in the team and it has really developed their confidence."

Meanwhile, local youngster Jonathon Newton, aged six, had

been looking forward to the big game all week and was pleased to score a goal."

Ms Ferguson said he was also pleased to see that he'd made it onto TV, even if he was the size of an ant.

Peninsula Swans junior players participate in the AFL Auskick program, an introductory initiative for primary school-aged boys and girls and their families where players learn the skills and rules of the game through appropriately modified activities in a fun and safe environment.

**Press release, 10 May 2010  
Rowena Newton, Peninsula Swans AFL Club**

## Comfortable win

**Woy Woy Rugby Union Club recorded a comfortable win over Warnervale at Woy Woy Oval on May 15.**

"The 61 to 10 result was never in doubt but Warnervale gave it their all against a good team who put in a fine performance," Central Coast Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson said.

"Woy Woy were able to run in

nine tries to demonstrate their superiority in the game.

"Best for Woy Woy were winger Matt Bishop and centre Orisi Ranavua who both scored two tries.

"Best for Warnervale was Ketoni Tautau who scored their sole try."

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Larry Thomson, Central Coast Rugby Union**

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