

## Rockfall damages Pearl Beach sewer



Rockfall breaks rising sewer main (Photo: Ed James)

**A rockfall from the cliff face at Umina Point below Mt Ettalong has damaged the sewer main that services Pearl Beach.**

Council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen said council was currently seeking geotechnical advice regarding the stability of the escarpment.

"Concern in this area not only relates to the safety of any persons entering this area as the rock fall has also impacted upon a sewer rising main," Mr Glen said.

"Signs have been in place for many years warning the public of the hazards associated with attempting to traverse the informal track and rocks around the headland."

Council's director of water and sewer Mr Rod Williams said the sewer main had been isolated since June 5, after it was damaged in a rock fall caused by recent

heavy rain in the area.

"Geotechnical engineers who inspected the site have advised that another large rock needs to be removed to ensure the cliff is stable before crews can carry out repair works," Mr Williams said.

"The area has been cordoned off for safety reasons and council is asking the community to avoid using the bushwalking track until further notice."

"Tankers will continue to transport sewage from the pump station in Pearl Beach to another in Umina so it can be transferred to the Woy Woy Sewage Treatment Plant."

"Residents in Pearl Beach are advised to continue using their household wastewater systems as per usual."

**Media statement, 17 Jun 2010  
Rod Williams, Gosford Council  
Stephen Glen, Gosford Council**

## State spends on hospital and houses

**The State Government will spend \$500,000 to refurbish Woy Woy Hospital and provide new office and clinic space as part of the NSW Budget.**

Other projects to receive funding include constructing 29 homes for disadvantaged people in Woy Woy at a cost of \$5.62 million.

A new security fence and a \$250,000 stormwater and sewerage upgrade will be built at Woy Woy South Public School,

Recurrent funding has been provided for a civilian PCYC manager at Umina, which will free up local police resources.

A new fire engine, costing \$561,000, will be housed at the NSW Fire Brigades' Umina

Station,

A sum of \$172,000 will go to the Peninsula Community Centre at Woy Woy for problem gambling counselling services.

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews said the Peninsula was a "big winner" in the NSW Budget.

**Press release, 8 Jun 2010  
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford**

## Work starts on recreation project

**Work on the \$4.3 million Peninsula Recreation Precinct at Umina oval has started with the project expected to be completed by December.**

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal and Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein turned the first sod on June 10.

Work will include the redevelopment of the Umina recreation area near Sydney Ave, into a multi-purpose and state-of-the-art recreation facility, according to Ms Neal.

"The Peninsula Recreation Precinct will be a wonderful community asset for families on the Peninsula," Ms Neal said.

Cr Holstein also welcomed the \$3 million funding awarded under the Federal Government's

Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program - Strategic Projects to redevelop some of the major facilities at the site.

"A great deal of work has already been done to rejuvenate this area."

"The commencement of major construction works including construction of a recreation building and associated landscaping will complete the development to offer a superior quality sporting and recreational facility to the people of the Central Coast."

"In conjunction with these major works, council has secured additional funding to enable the construction of a half basketball court, an upgrade to the skate park incorporating the installation of junior skate park equipment and replacement of the tennis court fencing."

The Precinct will incorporate

multiple sports ovals for cricket, rugby league and soccer; innovative playgrounds for children; an upgraded skate park and BMX track; upgraded clubhouse and amenities buildings; cycleways, walking tracks and fitness facilities; five renovated tennis courts; barbecue and picnic facilities and a café/kiosk.

Major construction works including landscaping and external services work and construction of the recreation and amenities building will be carried out by Scape Constructions Pty Ltd.

The construction period is expected to be approximately 24 weeks.

**Press release, 10 Jun 2010  
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson  
Chris Holstein, Gosford mayor**

**The NRMA has suggested the introduction of a dedicated shuttle bus service for the Peninsula as part of an integrated transport plan for the Central Coast.**

NRMA Motoring and Services director Mr Kyle Loades said the plan calls for new and expanded park and ride facilities in the region which would reduce private car travel, congestions and emissions for sites including Woy Woy.

He said dedicated shuttle services would be necessary as the population increases, transporting commuters from one regional centre to another.

"The NRMA would like to see rail and bus services such as a Peninsula Shuttle linking southern locations with Woy Woy," Mr Loades said.

The Get the Central Coast Moving report is a 25-year transport strategy focused on promoting transport choices for Central Coast communities, according to Mr Loades.

"The Central Coast needs more than just road and rail solutions and this fully integrated transport plan will deliver exactly what the Central Coast community needs for getting in and out of and around the region," Mr Loades said.

"Infrastructure including improved interchange facilities, completing missing road links,

transit and bus lanes, cycle paths and walkways all play a necessary part in the NRMA's 25-year transport plan for the Central Coast."

"Commuters using different modes of public transport also need an integrated ticketing system."

"Central Coast residents need one ticket for one journey regardless of whether they are using a bus or train."

"A new railway station at Warnervale and constructing the West Gosford Gateway are some of the infrastructure the Central Coast needs."

"By 2035, the region's population is forecast to swell by one-quarter to over 400,000 and 45,000 extra local jobs are planned."

"The Central Coast will need an increased level of infrastructure spending to cope with the expected increases."

"Up to \$3 billion would be required over 25 years to fulfil this transport plan."

"The region needs to be bold about finding new ways of funding that could include a Central Coast superannuation fund for infrastructure and retaining local taxes and levies such as the NSW Government's car registration tax."

**Press release, 4 Jun 2010  
Daniel Stanton, NRMA  
Motoring and Services**



**News**

# Competitions - Win Win Win

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**Peninsula News is giving readers the chance to win a family pass to visit the Australian Reptile Park in Somersby this July school holidays.**

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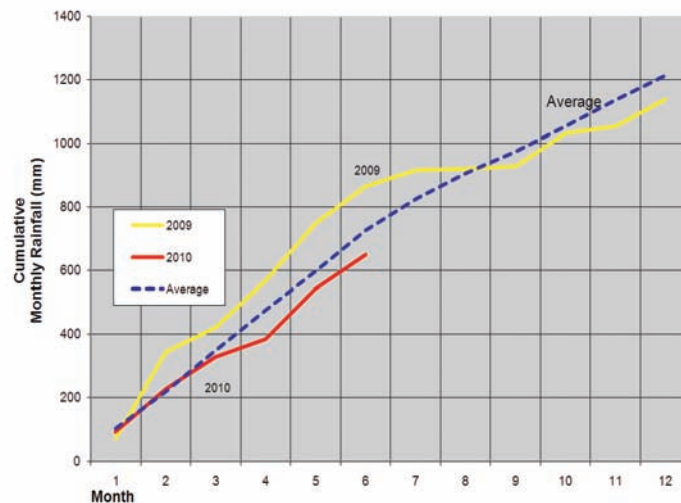
Clare Graham, 16 Jun 2010

## Winner

**The winner of the Peninsula News Peninsula Music Competition has been announced.**

Congratulations to Mr Nathan Makepeace of Booker Bay who has won a gold pass to the Peninsula Music school holiday music workshop series.

Clare Graham, 17 Jun 2010



## Rain falls in first week

**More than 80 per cent of the average rainfall for June has fallen in the first week of this month.**

A total of 104.8mm fell in the first seven days of June, compared to an average of 130.6mm for the whole month, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

However, this was following by a week without rain, and only another fall of 2.4mm was recorded last Friday, when this report was submitted.

Rainfall for the year to date remains below average.

The total for the year at the end of May was 541.6mm, nine per cent below the cumulative average of 596.5mm.

The year-to-date total for seven of the last nine months has been below average.

Meanwhile, temperatures have dropped to their coldest since last winter.

A minimum of 7.6 was recorded June 10, the lowest since August 8 last year when the minimum was 6.9, according to figures from www.peninsulaweather.info.

The highest maximum recorded so far this month was 22.6 degrees, on June 16.

Barometric pressure has ranged between 1009 and 1034 hPa.

Spreadsheet, 18 Jun 2010  
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy  
www.peninsulaweather.info

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# Graduate visits sponsor club

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has hosted two special guests from the Philippines at its dinner meeting earlier this month.

The club has been sponsoring 21-year-old Mr Maurice Gradidez's education in the Philippines for more than 10 years.

In his first trip outside the Philippines, Mr Gradidez had the opportunity to meet with the members of the club who helped pay his way through primary, secondary and tertiary education that would not have been otherwise possible.

Mr Gradidez, who recently graduated from university as a secondary science teacher, was joined on his trip by Bagong Barrio Education Fund programme director Ms Cora Talisayon, an initiative focused on breaking the cycle of poverty through education.

The sponsorship of Mr Gradidez by the Rotary club was made through the Bagong Barrio Education Fund.

"The fund is a not-for-profit sponsorship program that supports the educational needs of the children of Bagong Barrio, the second largest slum village in Manila," Woy Woy Rotary Club president Mr Peter Clark said.

"Although public education in the Philippines is free, the country is still challenged by declining participation rates, with the most commonly cited reason for not attending being associated costs.

"Despite a family's best efforts, the poorest cannot afford even a basic education due to the costs of uniforms, supplies and transportation, not to mention the opportunity costs of foregone income.

"It is these costs that the Rotary club's sponsorship provided for Maurice.

"The visit to Australia is the first time Maurice has been out of the Philippines and has proved



Ms Cora Talisayon and Mr Peter Clarke with Maurice Gradidez

to be an exciting and stimulating experience.

"The Rotary family that he stayed with had to show him how to operate the shower, reticulated water not existing in Bagong Barrio.

"Ms Talisayon also stayed with a Rotary family and told them that their house would accommodate more than 10 families in Bagong

Barrio.

"Now that Maurice has graduated from university, the Rotary Club of Woy Woy has sponsored another deserving student from Bagong Barrio."

Press release, 2 Jun 2010  
Tony Cameron, Rotary Club of Woy Woy

# Social group meets

A multicultural social group is meeting at the Peninsula Community Centre every Thursday from 10am to 2pm.

Northern Settlement Services coordinator Ms Anita Trainor said anyone who was born overseas or living with a disability was welcome to attend.

She said current members of the group were enjoying meeting new people living with similar challenges and situations.

For more information, phone 4334 3877

Email, 27 May 2010  
Anita Trainor, Northern Settlement Services



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## Visual impact will stun many

**The Chamber of Commerce takes an extremely blinkered view of the proposed Tesrol development.**

This development breaks many significant building rules as correctly pointed out by Gosford Council.

It thus creates another monstrosity which will continue the destruction of the character of Ettalong which started with the Outrigger (Mantra) Resort.

The building rules are in place for very good reason and I find it astonishing that the Chamber of Commerce so emphatically supports breaking building 'law'.

Tesrol attempts to do a deal by claiming the two to three floors which exceed rule limits as compensation for sacrificing a small area for a public laneway, about two per cent of the total building area.

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The lane in fact allows them 30 percent increase in shop frontage.

If space was so important why have they not built over the lane?

What they wanted was simply an excuse to add some elevated penthouse units.

This is a multi-storey residential development with a thin veneer of commercial shop frontage on the ground floor.

These shops occupy only 29 per cent of the ground floor with most of the balance devoted to parking.

The rest of the building is parking and residential.

The building as a whole is only a fraction over four per cent commercial with 52 per cent residential and 43 per cent parking and it would appear that there is no provision for public parking.

Tesrol boasts of the stunning

views its residential units would enjoy over Brisbane Water. Stunning for the few.

Unfortunately the reverse view from Broken Bay, Brisbane Water and the Bouddi Peninsula will stun the many.

It puts another nail (first being the Outrigger/Mantra Resort) in the coffin of that reverse view.

Apart from significant objections from Umina/Ettalong residents and Peninsula organisations with more than dollars at heart, this development is opposed by the Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association on grounds headed by negative visual impact and loss of character. Among others, it is opposed by Bruce Lay, heritage architect and town planner, on the grounds also of negative visual impact and non-compliance with development controls.

Email, 10 Jun 2010  
Ian Bull, Killcare

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## Bus ads hinder the aged

**I am writing regarding the overuse of signage on the Busways buses servicing the Peninsula area.**

It is appalling that signage on local buses is allowed to cover passenger windows to the extent that it is totally impossible to see out of the window to ascertain your location.

This is particularly a problem for the mostly aged population of the area, who have no option but to use Busways to get to their destination.

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I cannot understand why Busways cares so little for passenger comfort and safety that they place advertising revenue above the right of customers to be able to see where they are going.

Of particular concern are the buses which are painted over two-thirds of the bus on at least one side.

The advertising (mostly black, for some reason) in many cases covers every window from the first

row of seats up to the rear four or five seats in the bus.

Passengers are forced to stand up and go to the front of the bus to establish where they are. This is particularly a problem for senior citizens, the bulk of their business.

This may be of little concern to the company as they do not produce a great deal of revenue with their \$2.50 pensioner excursion tickets.

However, they are entitled to as much respect as the full fare-paying passengers.

Email, 24 May 2010  
Denise Martin, Ettalong Beach

## No vision or drive

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**Gosford Council has spent thousands of our dollars on their "Gosford Challenge" in yet another attempt to rejuvenate the city.**

Now council is sending a delegation to China "in the hope of attracting a traditional Chinese medicine university campus to the city centre".

What utter nonsense!

Why would anyone want to invest in Gosford after council buried Spurbest's proposed development for the city centre in a deliberate public campaign led by Cr Chris Holstein?

We all recall the demise of the Terrigal Rapedo development and today it is still a vacant block in the middle of Terrigal town centre.

Now we have council's opposition to the Ettalong Tesrol development which will ensure that prime beachfront real estate will remain vacant for another 10 years as no one in their right mind

will want to invest millions only to go broke.

In the Hunter region, we watch with envy the area growing with manufacturing, mining, agriculture, the wine industry, the Newcastle airport, a shipping port, defence industries and developing into one of the largest tourist attractions in the country.

Yet, the Central Coast's only growth is in the NIMBY (not in my back yard) syndrome led by an anti-development, anti-tourism, anti-investment and anti-jobs council.

Many of us lament the fact that this council has absolutely no vision or drive to progress our city. We hear all the rhetoric but see little or no action.

We're kidding ourselves if potential investors will want to ever consider investing in Gosford.

Letter, 11 Jun 2010

Janice Kissane, Umina Beach

## Council tolerates littering

**Gosford Council pays the dominant publisher on the Central Coast to publish and distribute its public notices.**

The publisher pays children to distribute the publication.

They do this by throwing this printed matter on council's public footpaths in breach of environmental protection law.

Council claims the publisher is not the offender because it is the children they employ and not the publisher who commits the offence and council does not take action against the publisher.

Council's rangers are unwilling or unable to enforce the breach by the children.

Council's tolerance of the littering of its footpaths by the powerful publisher gives it an unfair advantage over smaller publishers who distribute advertising material

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lawfully.

Ratepayers remove the litter from the footpaths and pay council for its disposal by a private company.

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Letter, 2 Jun 2010

John Collins, Woy Woy



**Belinda Neal MP**  
Federal Member for Robertson



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# Ettalong group is the model, says council

**Gosford Council has used the Ettalong Beach Business Group as the model it wishes to encourage under its business improvement district (BID) policy.**

A report prepared by council staff stated that a "grass-roots driven" approach to revitalisation of an area was a successful strategy.

"BIDs will only be recognised by council and be eligible for seed funding if commercial property owners and business people within a commercial district establish a formal incorporated member-based non-profit association, similar to ... the Ettalong Beach Business Group Inc," the report stated.

"All commercial property

owners and business operators in the commercial district must be eligible to join the association as full members.

"Council would encourage each association to have an associate member category to enable interested community members and residents to join and help in the revitalisation process.

"Experience at Ettalong Beach, for instance, is that there has been support for 'working bees' cleaning up the town, and that private individuals have participated in them.

"Council would expect that a non-profit association had been in existence for at least one year before it would be eligible for seed funding.

"This would demonstrate stability and commitment of businesses in the commercial centre.

"It will be required of BID proponents that they demonstrate they have meaningfully consulted the local business community and have a broad spread of support within the commercial district."

The report follows criticism of the policy by Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president, Mr Matthew Wales, who said the chamber had not been consulted in the formulation of the policy.

However, business group president Mr Richard Berntsen said the chamber was not consulted about the policy because chambers of commerce were not eligible for funding.

"The reason the chambers of commerce were not consulted about the BID is because they are not eligible for the funding," Mr Berntsen said.

"The local rugby league club is not asked to comment on money that might be given to an arts program.

"So why would an entity that is ineligible, by the fact that they only represent businesses and not the residential population as well, be consulted?"

Mr Berntsen said the village of Ettalong Beach would receive seed funding for three years if the Citywide BID policy is adopted by council.

"Each year they will receive \$25,000, of which they will be able to implement those projects that the community deems to be appropriate, such as flags for main streets, planter boxes, festivals, web pages for the town," Mr Berntsen said.

"At the end of three years if the business community chooses not to support the continuation of the funding, then the town receives an

injection of cash of \$75,000 over three years and that is the end of it.

"If the commercial land owners like what they saw over the three years, then they can choose to continue funding the program through a levy, or possibly a large fete each year, or a series of fundraisers, to get the dollars that are deemed appropriate for Ettalong."

He said that, after the initial three years, funding can be sourced by many means "and certainly not necessarily by a levy and particularly not by a rate levy".

Mr Berntsen said it was up to the Ettalong community to decide how to go ahead.

Email, 8 Jun 2010

Richard Berntsen, Ettalong Beach Business Group

Council agenda ENV.20, 27 Apr 2010

# Helicopter ambulance called to Umina

The CareFlight helicopter ambulance was called to Umina on June 12, after an incident involving a three-year-old boy who had been hit by the side mirror of a car passing along West St.

The family was crossing the road just before 5pm when the accident occurred.

The driver of the vehicle stopped and assisted until medical teams arrived.

The helicopter landed a short

distance from the scene where, on arrival, the CareFlight doctor and ambulance service paramedics found the young boy in a reduced state of consciousness.

The CareFlight doctor gave the boy a general anaesthetic and intubated him at the scene. The child, accompanied by his father, was then airlifted to Westmead Children's Hospital in a serious but stable condition.

Press release, 12 Jun 2010

Cameron Wade, NRMA CareFlight

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East Gosford 15<sup>th</sup> July

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Cost: \$38.20

### Netball Clinic

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When: 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> July  
 Time: 9:00<sup>am</sup> to 3:00<sup>pm</sup>

Where: Peninsula Leisure Centre

Who: Girls and boys 6 -13 yrs

Cost: \$38.20

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When: Week 1: 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> July  
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Where: Peninsula Leisure Centre

Who: Girls and boys 5 -12 yrs (school age)

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## Eroded area is fenced off

Temporary fencing has been installed near an eroded area at the southern end of Umina Beach caused by heavy rainfall and an extended period of ocean swell, according to Gosford Council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen.

Mr Glen said council had taken action at the site to minimise safety risks to beach visitors by erecting a temporary fence and warning signs.

"Over the last month there has been considerable rainfall in the catchment of Mt Ettymalong Creek, coupled with an extended period of heavy swells," Mr Glen said.

"This has resulted both in significant erosion at Mt Ettymalong Creek as it approaches the beach and crosses it.

"The situation has been compounded by the heavy swells removing sand previously accreted on the southern end of Umina Beach.

"This situation is not uncommon and typical of coastal erosion processes where both the area behind the beach as well as the beach are a coastal sand dune."



Erosion at the southern end of Umina Beach

Mr Glen said accretion of sand along the beach should follow over time once the weather and seas settle.

"The natural water course in the area in question as it approaches the rear of the beach has not been modified by council," Mr Glen said.

"It remains a natural water course and any variation to its location by way of erosion or accretion is determined by natural events.

"Council has taken action to minimise risks to beach visitors by erecting temporary fencing together with appropriate signage to warn of the hazard created by the loss of

sand. "Additionally, earthmoving machinery was deployed to flatten the steep sand batter cut by the storm discharge and large sea swells.

"This action is similar to that taken as a matter of routine when in other areas coastal lagoons cut swathes through beaches and council is seeking to protect beach users."

Mr Glen said the safety measures were only temporary and would be removed once the area stabilises.

Media statement, 16 Jun 2010  
Stephen Glen, Gosford Council

## Traffic delays of 15 minutes expected

Gosford Council will undertake road stabilisation works on Mt Ettalong Rd, Umina, over the next six weeks.

Motorists using the road can expect delays of up to 15 minutes and traffic disruptions throughout the course of the work.

A reduced speed limit will also be in force during the project works.

Traffic controllers and/or temporary traffic lights will be on-site during construction operations to direct traffic through the worksite under stop/go arrangements.

The roadworks will take place between the hairpin bend at the end of Mt Ettalong Rd and the toilet block at the southern end of Umina Beach.

The works will involve the construction of a retaining wall and to re-compact and re-enforce the embankment along the roadway, according to council's coordinator of project implementation Mr Peter Dunn.

Mr Dunn said the works were part of a continuing study of the road formation in that area and

was identified as an item of priority in a geotechnical study.

Work is expected to commence on June 21 and continue until July 30, assuming reasonable weather conditions.

To ensure safety for workmen and the public, temporary traffic control measures and warning signage will be in place while this work is undertaken, said Mr Dunn. Works have been organised to ensure minimal disruptions during peak hours between 7am to 9am and 2.30pm to 5pm.

Consideration has also been given to the bus timetable while emergency vehicles will be granted access at all times.

At various times of the day between 9am and 2.30pm there may be delays to traffic in both directions for up to 15 minutes, and where possible, residents may wish to avoid travel during these hours.

Press release, 10 Jun 2010  
Gosford Council Media  
Clare Graham, 16 Jun 2010  
Interviewee: Peter Dunn,  
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# The NSW Office of Premier and Cabinet accommodates systemic abuse of our due process.

**Premier Keneally, you have been a member of the Labor Party for over eight years and you have held several State portfolios, Planning Minister among them.**

When I read the title, Office of Premier and Cabinet, I understand it to mean that all your party members in this clique are familiar with each other's political duties and those personal values which affect how they represent us.

I expect all of you to work efficiently and effectively together to meet NSW constituent requirements for good government of the people.

With continuing succession in mind, what has gone wrong Premier?

Do you really expect us to accept that the Office of Premier and Cabinet has no idea about anything Labor Party member Ministers get up to?

This particularly relates to activities which may bring the high office of NSW Parliament into disrepute when, as it almost invariably is, exposed for the peoples consideration in the court of public opinion.

I am writing about Labor Party members, who remain notorious.

Premier Keneally, I expect my readers to flinch when I remind them about the Premier's oversight of those alleged "land bribes" accepted by Frank Sartor and perceived as inducements, which became deal breakers, much to the delight of Catherine Hill Bay activists.

You have asked us to judge you, I have and found you wanting.

Labor party politicians, severally and collectively, continue to accommodate political sins against the people, activity, which long since should have been identified as illegal activity.

Gosford City Council, an elected corporate entity and which your party members sit on, has given currency to falsified instruments, published a development application which was misleading in no small way and accommodated rorting of insurance compliance.

Legitimate concerns have been identified in writing to Labor Party councillors, Labor party MPs Marie Andrews, Harry Wood and Andrew Refshauge and Labor party Premiers Bob Carr, Morris Iemma, Nathan Rees, Kristine Keneally, and their/your opposition.

I have a letter from Martin Worthy, Department of Local Government (Ref A210050 dated the 27 May, 2010) which serves to expose why systemic corruption is rife in local councils which your Office of Premier and Cabinet oversight.

For years I have complained about so called friends of Gosford City Council getting special treatment on compliance in relation to the use of our public property.

A Mr. John Attenborough sent me an email telling me to stop sending Statewide Mutual photographs of businesses in the Gosford Local Government Area who have for years been using our public property without complying with the state mandated insurance requirements in the Local Government Act.

The then Minister for the Central Coast and Workcover, John Della Bosca, a Labor Party

member and local resident who pay rates to the corrupt council, ignored concerns about our school children forced to use the road because public footpaths were being used as workplaces.

It appears that our current Mayor's family enjoyed this special benefit of differential enforcement of compliance while others in my community were being fined \$425 for doing the same thing.

The current Minister for Local Government, Barbara Parry, has sullied herself and Labor when she advised the General Manager of Canterbury City Council that she did not want to be written in to the findings of the State Ombudsman.

These turned out to be a finding of malfeasance used to describe Canterbury City Council's conduct in what, I believe, is the political ineptitude relating to Mrs Magda Malone and the fiscal damage she has suffered while defending herself, because politicians collectively, but certainly the Labor party, failed over many years in their duty pursuant to Section 232 of the Local Government Act to ensure the business of council is being conducted within the law and certainly in a manner which could be considered that of a good corporate citizen.

Thinking voters, Federal, State or Local, must consider how, over decades, the flow of their individual mandates up from the grass roots has been destroyed by the two parties not much preferred abusing their positions of trust at every level.

This may be why such a large percentage of the eligible voting population would prefer to exchange punches than engage in any political discussion.

Politicians like those currently occupying our parliaments have robbed us of any effective democratic process by giving currency to lies and deceit as tools of governance.

Those disenfranchised voters should they become motivated by the emergence of honest, independent politicians equipped with their own backbones.

You have the capacity to shake the base of Australian politics.

We have had a gut full of being lied to by our elected political allsorts and their support base!

Right now in the small hours of the morning, I am listening to recordings of our Prime Minister promising voters all sorts of things, while his Federal government is busy picking millions of dollars from taxpayers' pockets to advertise a brighter Federal future, a future which is not apparent in anything Labor has done to us in the last few years.

I am sick of being lied to by politicians whose parties let them do it.

Gosford City Council Mayor, a Liberal Party Member and the Independent Deputy Mayor have used misleading and incorrect statements the same way some tradesmen use tools.

Main stream media has told us that some Penrith voters have difficulty making a distinction between Federal and State politicians and their issues.

I am not surprised.

I know hard working and trusting taxpayers find that Federal, State and Local politicians will blur the lines when it suites them.

Consider what has been done to our Woy Woy Public Hospital, the stealing away of our Public Rehabilitation Hospital by State and Federal Labor governments taking turns quoting faceless clinicians and reports with rubbery figures, sending paid public servants to mislead us on behalf of the NSW Health Minister and Minister for the Central Coast, bullying tens of thousands of very elderly people, some of whom don't have the breath to argue with our disrespectful politicians.

Taxpayers have been hammered but I don't believe we have been defeated.

The Labor candidate for the Federal seat of Robertson, Deborah O'Neil, tells us that she knows nothing about the Woy Woy Rehabilitation Hospital because she lives to the North.

Consider this written-in response to the very poor showing of the Member for Gosford, Marie Andrews when people forced the issue of the theft of our Public Rehabilitation Hospital:

"We are very irate and we are just not willing to put up with the government rubbish being dished up.

"We know what we need, because a very young and numerically small number of Woy Woy community members put it in place.

"Jane, one of around thirty people who made the effort to travel down (to State Parliament) with us on the fifty one seat bus last Tuesday the first of June had a lengthy and forceful exchange with MP Marie Andrews which ended when Jane, on our behalf, asserted herself by insisting; "We want our rehabilitation hospital back" and Marie, obviously very uncomfortable in her slavish role of forcing the Federally generated Labor Party line down the throats of her State constituents growled, "Well you're not getting it back" before turning on her heel and storming off back into the NSW State Parliament.

"For years, Marie Andrews has not been able to function as an elected representative, because she has been told what to do and is clearly following the direction of others who are not her constituents, but political masters.

"I believe that what I and so many others watching and listening outside NSW Parliament in Macquarie Street witnessed on Tuesday the first of June, was Marie Andrews the member for Gosford, committing political suicide.

Nevertheless, we are left wondering what the Liberal Party are going to do to put our Public Rehabilitation Hospital back where it belongs, because on the day, they were too busy to come out and talk with us and they have not made any strong published assertion about returning our Public Rehabilitation Hospital. "

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

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# Work on Hardy's Bay sewer

**Gosford Council has advised local residents living on the Bouddi Peninsula that it will carry out essential upgrade works to the sewer system in Hardy's Bay over the coming weeks.**

Hardy's Bay Residents Group publicity officer Mr Allan Wilson said council confirmed that the work was being undertaken to improve the reliability and capacity of the current system as well as ensuring that the community, its waterways and environment were protected against sewer overflows.

"To enable this significant operation to be carried out, the dirt road section of Araluen Dr, located between the chained vehicle restrictions at Hardy's Bay and Pretty Beach, is being cordoned off as a construction site and is unavailable for public access," Mr Wilson said.

"Signage has been erected at the site alerting the community of the closure.

"This pleasing decision by council to carry out these vital works has been applauded by the local community and is the culmination of a long, and often frustrating, fight to find a solution to a vexing concern."

Mr Wilson said residents and visitors to the area had expressed serious concern over the years to various outside authorities, citing a pungent odour recurring at intervals in the Araluen Dr and Heath Rd vicinities.

"A major anxiety behind a virtual procession of complaints was the health consequences and the threats the drifting smell posed which gradually intensified in its frequency," Mr Wilson said.

**Press release, 14 Jun 2010  
Allan Wilson, Hardy's Bay Resident's Group**



## Morning tea was held

**Despite wet conditions, a Woy Woy hardware store raised more than \$750 for the Cancer Council's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea late last month.**

Campbell's Building Materials joined forces with volunteers from the Bays Community Group to host the event that featured a sausage sizzle, sweet treats as well as plenty of tea and coffee.

"Campbells would like to take

this opportunity to thank the community for their contributions as well as the staff and their families for baking and cooking the cakes, biscuits, scones and cupcakes and assisting on the day to ensure a smooth and successful day," store owner Mark Campbell said.

"A special thank you and mention to Member for Gosford Marie Andrews for attending on the day.

"We were very pleased to

have the Bays volunteers do the sausage sizzle and to provide that service for our customers.

"It was a pity the weather was not the best but customers and staff were grateful of the opportunity to purchase a hot sausage sandwich."

**Press release, 2 Jun 2010  
Mark Campbell, Campbell's Building Materials**

## Track to stay open

**Gosford Council will create a pedestrian thoroughfare near the site of the sewer system upgrade between Hardy's Bay and Pretty Beach at the request of the Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association.**

Association member Mr Ian Bull said residents were now pleased to hear that the proposed six-week closure of the track which skirts the foreshore between Hardys Bay and Pretty Beach, known locally as the dog track, has been averted.

"The track provides the only safe walking route between the two suburbs and is used daily by many residents and by school children attending Pretty Beach Public School," Mr Bull said.

"Gosford Council had proposed

closure during a sewer system upgrade.

"However, following an appeal to council by the Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association, council staff have advised that they would create a pedestrian thoroughfare through the work site.

"While work is in progress they will have someone there to escort people through.

"At certain stages there may be delays of up to 10 minutes.

"The Association and the local community appreciate council's assistance."

**Email, 17 Jun 2010  
Ian Bull, Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association**

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## Suffering the questions

**For eight-year-old Tyler Edwards, one of the hardest things about having cystic fibrosis is answering questions at school from other boys about the number of tablets that he has to take.**

Starting with three or four tablets with breakfast, Tyler needs to take up to 16 enzyme tablets a day as well as antibiotics and regular puffs of Ventolin to help him breathe.

His mother Ms Kirsty Edwards of Umina Beach says that, for her son, life was a continuing round of daily physiotherapy, breathing exercises and large amounts of medication.

Despite these difficulties, she says her son copes really well and attends a regular school where the teachers pay him special attention, ensuring that he takes his medicines on time.

For this young Peninsula mum, coping with the costs of caring for her son is a constant challenge,

particularly when he has to go into hospital for extended periods due to chest infections.

She is grateful that his medication is now available through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, which helps with lowering the costs.

In the past, Ms Edwards has had to place her son in Westmead Children's Hospital rather than Gosford Hospital, due to its superior facilities and this has meant increased travel costs for her.

She is hopeful, that, with recent improvements made to Gosford Hospital, she might be able to use their facilities in the future.

Cystic fibrosis is a serious illness that mainly affects the lungs and digestive system.

Patients need constant medical care and daily medications to survive.

For sufferers, a small cold can develop into a life threatening lung infection which can lead to weeks

of care in hospital.

Without a cure, often the only chance they have of surviving is to eventually have a lung transplant.

Sadly, this is not always an option or a solution with many sufferers of cystic fibrosis not living into their teens and the average life expectancy being in their mid-30s.

"There are children and young adults in every state and territory of Australia who suffer this debilitating illness," Cystic Fibrosis Australia's chief executive officer Mr Terry Stewart said.

The organisation held a campaign throughout May which culminated in the annual 65 Roses Day on May 28 to raise funds for research and support.

Donation are still being accepted. Call 1800 635 008 or visit [www.65rosesday.org.au](http://www.65rosesday.org.au) for more information.

**Nitasha Thomson, 31 May 2010**  
**Interviewee: Kirsty Edwards, Umina**  
**Press release, 31 May 2010**  
**Terry Stewart, Cystic Fibrosis Australia**

## Robyn retires from Mary Mac's

**After six years helping struggling Peninsula families and individuals, Ms Robyn Schacht of Mary Mac's Place has retired as project coordinator.**

Ms Schacht of Hardy's Bay said that although she was looking forward to catching up with family and friends and having more time to pursue her interests and hobbies, she would dearly miss the friends she made with Mary Mac's Place volunteers and companions.

"I still hope to stay in touch with everyone at Mary Mac's Place but I know it will be tough now that we do not have the common interest of helping out with the charity," Ms Schacht said.

"My fondest memories of Mary Mac's are of the people - our companions and all our wonderful volunteers."

"I shall miss my Mary Mac's family more than I can say.

"However, retirement will mean that I can spend more time with my other family.

"I certainly aim to keep in touch with all the comings and goings at Mary Mac's."

Prior to joining Mary Mac's Ms Schacht was a family support worker for six years with Centacare Broken Bay's North Shore Family Centre as well as an employee of Centacare Broken Bay for 12 years.

"I hadn't heard of Mary Mac's prior to learning, through Centacare, of the coordinator's position becoming available," Ms Schacht said.

"I had moved up to the Central Coast in October, 2003, and was commuting to Centacare's Naremburn office."

Ms Schacht said she would like to thank everyone involved in

keeping Mary Mac's Place alive and well and would be forever grateful for their steadfast support.

"The challenges Mary Mac's Place face for the future is in keeping pace with the ever-increasing need for our service and in planning for the years ahead," Ms Schacht said.

"I feel very confident that our new coordinator Christine will steer Mary Mac's to great success."

Newly appointed project coordinator Ms Christine Burge said she was looking forward to working and helping out her local community.

Ms Burge of Umina has been living on the Peninsula for 24 years and was aware of Mary Mac's Place and its generosity and support, but not the ever-increasing demand for the service.

"I have been working with youth with disabilities as a community work coordinator and commuting to Sydney," Ms Burge said.

"It's great to be back on the Coast and working within my community.

"I hope to bring compassion and knowledge of the hardships that may be affecting the less privileged members of our community.

"Having worked in community services for a number of years I have knowledge of services that we can refer people to.

"My roll will be to oversee the valuable service the volunteers give to companions who use this service

"I am looking forward to working at Mary Mac's - the volunteers and steering committee have been nothing but supportive.

"The non-judgemental attitude of the volunteers creates a real sense of community.

"I can already see the companions who use the service respond to and benefit from this tremendously."

**Email, 15 Jun 2010**  
**Christine Burge, Mary Mac's Place**  
**Email, 11 Jun 2010**  
**Robyn Schacht, Mary Mac's Place**

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## Cancer test kits

**Umina and Woy Woy Rotary clubs are distributing bowel cancer test kits to pharmacies across the Peninsula.**

Bowelscan program coordinator Mr Walter Leijten from East

Gosford Rotary said bowel cancer killed almost twice as many people as breast cancer and three times more people than skin cancer.

"Bowelscan is a quick and simple test you can do at home."

Bowelscan test kits are available for \$10 at all pharmacies on the Peninsula until July 3, and the cost includes pathology and result notification.

**Press release, 31 May 2010**  
**Scott MacKillop, Brilliant Logic**

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# Men's health discussed

A meeting of community members, leaders and service providers has been held at Umina to discuss ways to improve the wellbeing and health of men of all ages and backgrounds.

The Central Coast Men's Interagency's June meeting was held at the Mingaletta community centre in Sydney Ave to coincide with International Men's Health Week.

Local member of the Australasian Men's Health Forum board, Mr Kim Hopkins, presented a new report from the Federal Government entitled "National Male Health Policy".

He told the meeting that this was the first time a specific strategy had been launched with a focus on the social determinants of men's health and wellbeing.

"This is a significant document that needs to be considered and implemented on the Central Coast for males of all ages," he said

The report stated the life expectancy of males was 78.7 years and females 83.7 years.

It also stated that "good male health is a strength that enables men to enjoy life, fulfil the important roles in families, community, social and economic life."

Mr John Roberts, men's resource worker from the Benevolent Society, told the meeting that recent Dads Day Out projects at Gosford and Wyong were celebrations of the importance of significant positive male role models in the community.

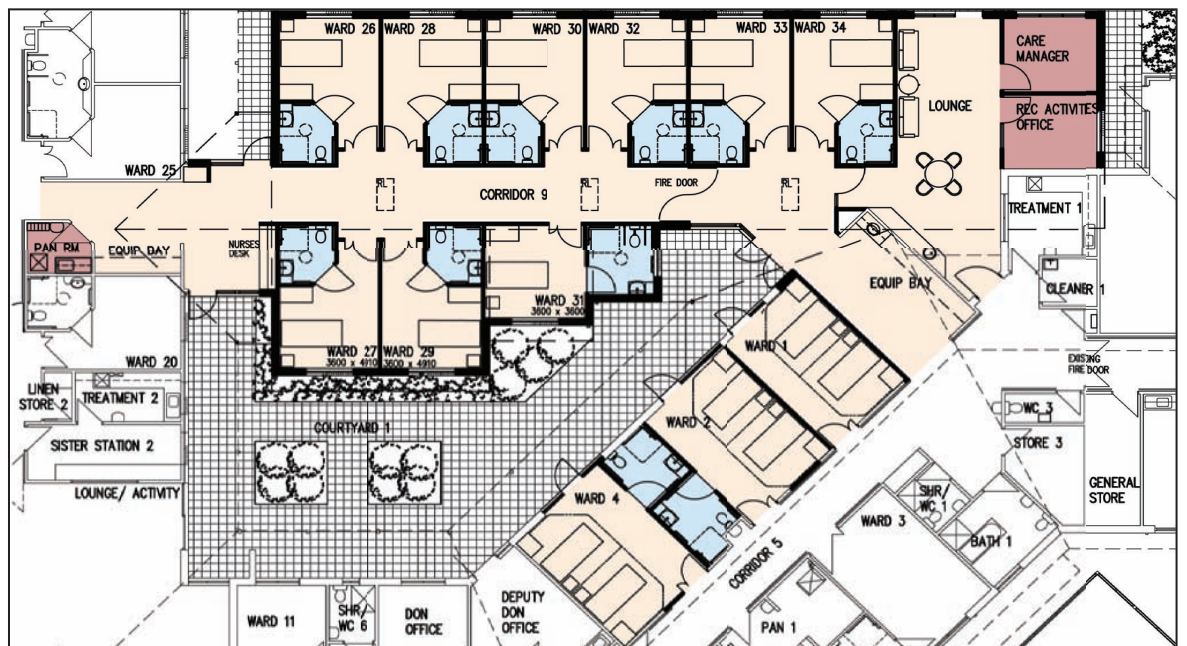
He said plans were already under way for events next year.

Mr Ed McCarthy, regional development officer from the Central Coast Community Council, said that the objective of building a stronger community was enhanced by reinforcing the importance of positive male contributions.

The next meeting of the group will be held at the Tuggerah Lakes Community Centre, Bay Village Rd, Bateau Bay, at 1pm on July 20.

For further information, email [rd0@theccccc.org.au](mailto:rd0@theccccc.org.au).

Press release, 18 Jun 2010  
Darren Maxwell, Central Coast Men's Interagency



# New wing for aged care

**Woy Woy Community Aged Care has lodged a development application with Gosford Council to build a new \$1 million wing onto the existing nursing home.**

The new wing will consist of eight single rooms with ensuites, a sitting room plus landscaped outdoor courtyard, according to Woy Woy Community Aged Care chief executive officer Ms Jennifer Eddy.

"Some of the existing shared rooms will also be converted to single rooms with ensuites," Ms Eddy said.

"This extension will cost around \$1 million and will enhance the quality of nursing home accommodation.

"The plans are on display in our

foyer for interested members of the community.

"Woy Woy Community Aged Care started in 1989 with 40 beds, and it has continued to grow and improve accommodation standards.

"This is the sixth major extension and renovation with care and accommodation now provided to 94 residents."

"Being a not-for-profit community-owned aged care facility, all income and donations are used to improve the quality of life of those in our care.

"Woy Woy Community Aged Care is a fine example of the community working together to care for our frail aged."

Press release, 15 Jun 2010  
Jennifer Eddy, Woy Woy Community Aged Care

# Jewellery party

The Gosford Lantern Club held a fundraising afternoon at the Cove Hall in Daley's Point recently.

The group raised money for the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children by hosting a jewellery party.

Club publicity officer Ms Faye Austin said the newly-formed group had a successful first function and looked forward to holding future events later in the year.

"Everyone enjoyed the friendly afternoon and the chance to buy some lovely jewellery," Ms Austin said.

"A raffle was held and drawn on the day with a beautiful watch as the main prize.


"The watch was promptly donated back for a future raffle prize by the winner.

"This gesture was very much appreciated.

"Gosford Lantern Club has future plans for a big gala day on Saturday, October 9, at the Cove Hall, Daley's Point."

Donations for this function can be made by contacting Maria on 4341 0030."

Fax, 11 Jun 2010  
Faye Austin, Gosford Lantern Club



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## Umina man heads marine rescue

**Umina resident Mr Ian Gallard has been elected unit commander of Marine Rescue Central Coast.**

Marine Rescue Central Coast publicity officer Mr Ron Cole said Mr Gallard was a valuable and dedicated member of the volunteer group.

"Ian Gallard, who lives at Umina Beach, has been a member of the volunteer rescue unit for more than four years," Mr Cole said.

"In fact, since he and his wife Lyn came to reside on the Central Coast, Ian has been an active member, not only with boat and radio duties but also with the administration responsibilities that are necessary to maintain a viable 24/7 operational unit.

"Ian has senior business



management experience with Qantas, P&O and RailCorp. "Supported by wife Lyn, Ian promises continuity within the unit while managing the inevitable

changes that are occurring as Marine Rescue NSW develops."

Mr Cole said first commander of Marine Rescue Central Coast Ms Patricia Fayers stood down after almost four years in the top position.

"Under Pat's command the unit has maintained its proud tradition of service to the boating public and has significantly improved the infrastructure of the unit," Ms Cole said.

"The members moved a motion of thanks for her dedication.

"Meanwhile, Tony Long was elected as deputy unit commander. He has been a member of the unit for just over two years."

**Press release, 3 Jun 2010  
Ron Cole, Marine Rescue NSW**

## Information about energy saving

**The Peninsula Environment Group will hold an information session on energy saving and government rebates on Tuesday, July 7.**

Green homes assessor Mr Ian Garrard will be there to offer advice on how people can reduce their energy bills to beat electricity price rises, as well as providing information on available rebates for solar power and other energy saving measures.

"The recent electricity price rises are likely to be just the beginning," PEG president Mr Mark Mann said.

"All the experts predict more price rises ahead.

"And we are certainly going to get some sort of tax on greenhouse gases during the next few years, which will push up prices further.

"But Ian will be explaining how you can cut your electricity use with just a few simple changes and

low-cost investments.

"He'll also have information about getting solar panels.

"With the Federal Government rebate plus the NSW government's generous 'feed-in tariff', solar panels are currently one of the best investments you can possibly

make."

The session will be held at the Woy Woy Environment Centre located at 267 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, from 8pm.

**Press release, 17 Jun 2010  
Mark Mann, Peninsula Environment Centre**

## Flagpole unveiled

**Members of the Woy Woy-Ettalong-Hardy's Bay RSL Sub-branch unveiled a new community flagpole at Empire Bay waterfront on June 7.**

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal joined RSL sub-branch secretary Mr Ian Corbett at the unveiling ceremony.

Funding for the project was approved by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs Mr Alan Griffin as part of the Department of Veterans' Affairs' Saluting Their Service commemorations program.

"I am pleased the Australian Government has been able to support this project and I

congratulate Ian Corbett for its efforts in ensuring the contribution of our servicemen and women is honoured and remembered," Ms Neal said.

"Community and ex-service organisations can apply for funding to support a range of activities including building a memorial where none exists or a remembrance garden, improving security at existing memorials or repairing vandalism, and even recording the experiences of local veterans."

**Press release, 7 Jun 2010  
Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson**

## Injured

**A policeman has been injured during a foot pursuit at Woy Woy on June 9.**

Around 4pm, two senior constables attached to the Brisbane Water Commuter Crime Unit were patrolling the Woy Woy Railway Station when they allegedly spotted a male exit the barriers without processing a ticket.

One of the officers called out to the male and gave chase as he ran towards the exit stairs leading to a bus interchange below, according to police.

The male slipped over as the officer caught up with him.

As the senior constable tried to grab the male, the officer fell heavily to the ground, injuring his left shoulder as the male ran off.

The policeman was treated at Gosford Hospital for ligament damage to his shoulder and allowed to leave.

**Press release, 10 Jun 2010  
NSW Police Media**

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## Business group supports Tesrol

**Another local business group has come out in support of the proposed Tesrol development at Ettalong.**

The Tesrol development would create work opportunities now and in the future, according to Ettalong Beach Business Group president Mr Richard Berntsen.

Mr Berntsen said the proposed development would not only create construction and building jobs in Ettalong but also employment opportunities for shop keepers and businesses in the long term.

"Short and long term employment is positive for any

town," Mr Berntsen said.

"With so many people forced to work off of the Peninsula, and even off of the Central Coast, this development could be a step in providing some with more local employment.

"The current site has been sitting as only a fairly maintained parking lot for as long as I have been living in Ettalong, and a development that will utilise the site, take advantage of the beautiful views, and create a retail hub is of huge benefit to the town and the greater community."

**Email, 1 Jun 2010  
Richard Berntsen, Ettalong Beach Business Group**

## No timeframe for Tesrol decision

**The NSW Department of Planning has received 37 submissions in response to the Tesrol development proposal at Ettalong Beach.**

A Department spokesperson said that once it had received the proponent's response to submissions it would assess the Ettalong Beach mixed-use proposal in a "timely manner".

The Department spokesperson would not speculate on a timeframe for a final decision to be made.

"The Minister for Planning is the consent authority for this project," the spokesperson stated.

"The proposed development, when lodged, met the relevant criteria to be assessed by the

Department of Planning – mainly that it is a building along the coast which is proposed to be more than 13 metres in height.

"As part of the requirements for environmental assessment, the proponent was required to address all relevant planning instruments and guidelines applicable to the site, including the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy.

"These planning instruments, and the council's draft, or, if applicable, final LEP will be considered as part of the Department's assessment."

**Media statement, 15 Jun 2010  
Tahria Sheather, NSW Department of Planning**

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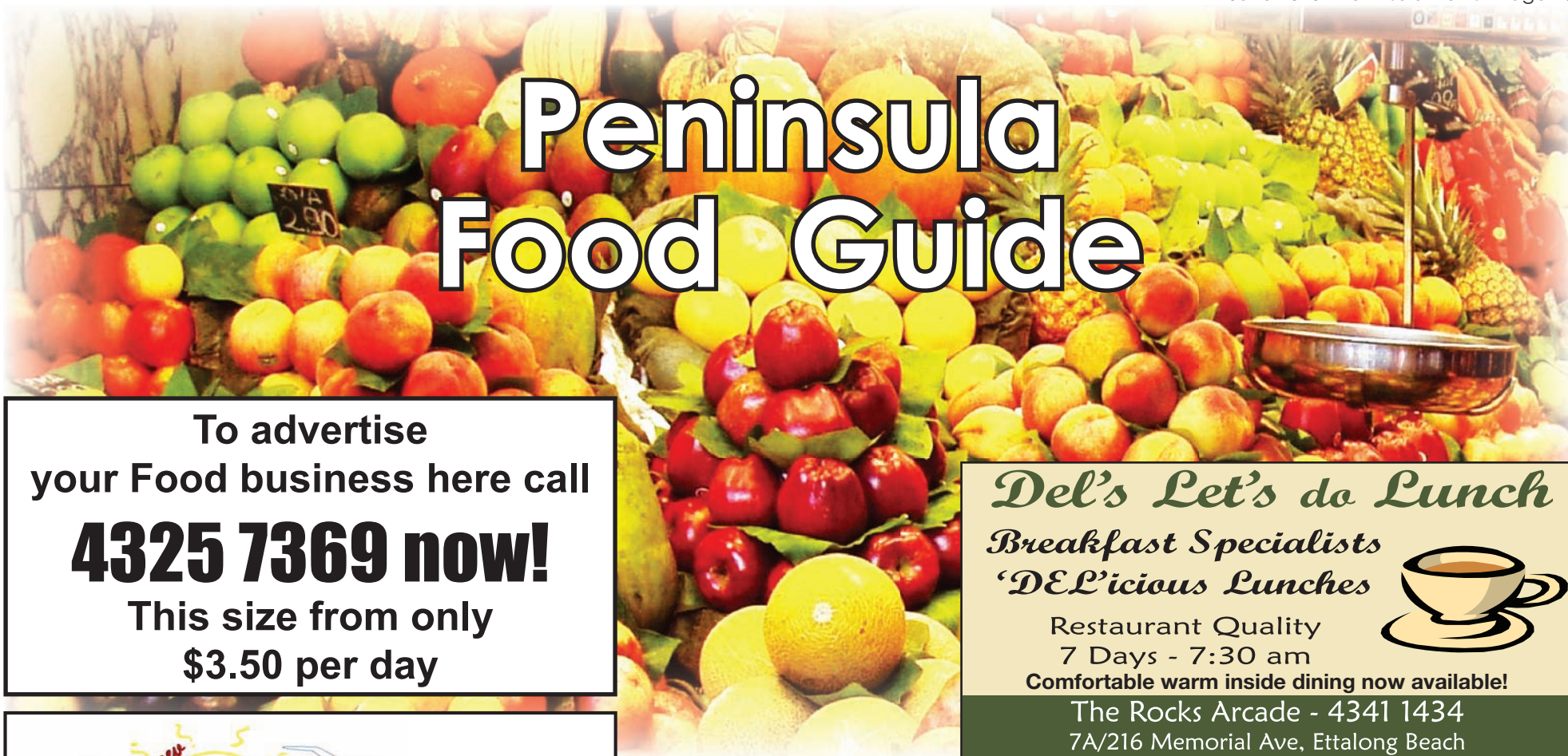
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## Music group for pre-schoolers

**A music group for young families is being offered at the Beachside Family Centre in Umina to improve and encourage children's cognitive, physical, social and emotional development.**

"Parents and carers may not

## Variety night at folk club

**The Troubadour Central Coast folk club will host a variety night of music and entertainment at the Woy Woy CWA Hall on Saturday, June 26.**

The evening will feature a pirate, sailor and nautical theme, according to club president Mr Bill Bekric.

"These ever-popular nights are always well received and I am sure our talented floor spots will rise to the occasion with a wave of marine related material," Mr Bekric said.

"If you want to do a spot, try to get there a little early so I can put together a program.

"Please come along and join in the fun."

General admission is \$10, concession \$8, members \$7 and performers \$5.

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**Email, 27 May 2010  
Bill Bekric, Central Coast Troubadour**

realise that singing with their children and moving to music can make a huge difference to their child's development," centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara said.

"If they take part in small group musical activities, this also adds to their experience.

"Practising listening skills and concentration can start the brain developing well which will help with all of the child's future learning.

"Children develop physical skills such as a sense of rhythm, gross motor co-ordination skills and also their listening and speaking skills.

"Socially children learn to co-operate with others, practise self-discipline and to appreciate respect for others.

"Emotionally children become confident through their singing, movement and playing musical

instruments.

"Their happy experience of success translates to increased self-esteem.

"And of course it is just great for parents and carers to share in the fun with their children, bringing them closer together.

"We have not only mothers and fathers but grandparents who also bring their grandchildren along."

Lollipop Music Playgroup runs at Beachside Family Centre on Fridays for one to four year olds and on Wednesday morning for one to two year olds.

For more information, call 4343 1929.

**Press release, 11 Jun 2010  
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre**

## Theatre company seeks 11 actors

**Woy Woy Little Theatre is looking for 11 actors to form the cast of an Agatha Christie classic, Spider's Web, to be staged at the Peninsula Theatre towards the end of the year.**

Director Ms Denise Main is looking for seven men and four women to suit diverse roles and a variety of ages, according to theatre group publicity officer Ms Patrice Horne.

Rehearsals will be held two nights each week from July to October, Ms Horne said.

Auditions will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, June 30, and Thursday, July 1, at the Peninsula Theatre, McMasters Rd. Woy Woy.

The actors will need to be available for the production dates from October 29 to November 14.

For more information, contact Denise Main 4342 2897 or visit [www.woywoylt.com.au](http://www.woywoylt.com.au)

**Press release, 15 Jun 2010  
Patrice Horne, Woy Woy Little Theatre**

## Third exhibition at Artspace

**St Luke's Anglican Church Artspace in Woy Woy will launch its third exhibition entitled Young at Art to celebrate the talent and passion of young Peninsula artists.**

The exhibition opening will take place on Saturday, June 26, from 3pm to 5pm.

St Luke's Anglican Church Rev Penny Jones said previous exhibitions had included the works of many local artists, but this exhibition was something special.

"It will feature works by students of the Brisbane Water Secondary College and a number of local primary schools, providing our young people with a chance to see their work displayed to a wider audience," Rev Jones said.

"The exhibition will be opened at

3pm by Rev Bruce Perry, Chaplain at Newcastle University, and the afternoon will include music by young local band One Minute of Living.

"Everyone is welcome to come to the opening and to encourage the young people of the Peninsula in the development of their artistic skills.

"Light refreshments will be served, and there will be plenty of time to chat and interact with some of the young artists.

"The exhibition is open Monday to Friday, from 9am to 4pm, with access via the Parish Office through whom booking can be made for groups."

For more information, contact 4344 1347.

**Press release, 4 Jun 2010  
Susie O'Donnell, St Luke's Artspace**

## Ukelele anyone?

**A Peninsula resident is looking to start a musical group practicing with the tin whistle and ukulele.**

Ms Shirley Drake of Woy Woy said she was interested in getting a group of people together on a regular basis for a fun and social way to learn a musical instrument.

"Being a senior person without musical experience, it is a bit

difficult, but was thinking if a few enthusiastic learners got together it could be fun and helpful for all," Ms Drake said.

"The other reason I started to learn was that its good memory training as we get older."

For more information, contact 4342 0333.

**Email, 14 Jun 2010  
Shirley Drake, Woy Woy**

## Supermarket raises money for local groups

**A local supermarket has raised more than \$2300 for Peninsula charities, sports groups and community organisations through its Token Donation program.**

The program was launched by IGA Ettalong Beach at the start of the year and in its 14-weeks of operation has raised \$2360, according to store owner Mr Jim Bohle.

"The purpose of the program is to assist local charities, sports clubs and not-for-profit organisations which benefit the local community," Mr Bohle said.

"The success of the program depends on each organisation getting their members and supporters to participate in the

program.

"We are extremely pleased with the result so far and hope the community can continue to support the program."

Mr Bohle said that with every \$20 spent in store (excluding cigarettes) a token is issued to the value of 10 cents for the customer to place in the box of their chosen charity/organisation.

Mr Bohle said the end of the month was a great time to get involved in the program since between June 28 and July 4, the store would run "double token week" where every \$20 spent, two tokens would be issued instead of one.

**Press release, 16 Jun 2010  
Jim Bohle, IGA Ettalong Beach**

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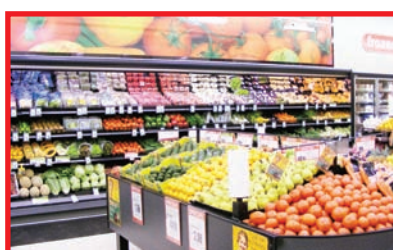
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## Council surveys theatre use

Gosford Council has commissioned a research company to conduct a survey of the entertainment needs of residents at venues such as the Peninsula Theatre in Woy Woy.

The survey will also help to identify ways in which both venues and their entertainment programs can be enhanced, according to council's manager for arts and culture Mr John Moulard.

Mr Moulard said this was the first time that such an extensive, independent survey into council's local arts and culture venues had been conducted.

"Some residents may not be aware that Laycock St Theatre, the Peninsula Theatre and Gosford Regional Gallery are owned and operated by council," Mr Moulard

said. "The data from this survey will be invaluable to help us understand exactly who our customers are and how we can better meet their needs and expectations.

"We very much welcome the community's input and are grateful to everyone who takes the time to assist us with this project."

Mr Moulard said the survey would be conducted by telephone and email questionnaires. Those interested in participating can access and complete an online survey at council's website at [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au)

The survey is expected to take less than 10 minutes to complete and all responses will remain anonymous.

Press release, 11 Jun 2010  
John Moulard, Gosford Council

## Coastlink classes held at South Woy Woy

Coastlink Respite Care is preparing to celebrate its 25th birthday with a Concert Spectacular later this year.

Members of the group have been attending drama and singing classes fortnightly at the Woy Woy South Progress Hall in preparation for the show at Laycock St Theatre on October 1, according to Coastlink chief executive officer Ms Lynne Rainford.

"People who come to our services have been attending drama and singing classes so they are ready for the show which is going to be a wonderful showcase of their talents," Ms Rainford said.

"There will be singing, dancing and acting and everybody is looking forward to it very much indeed.

"The theatre will be full of families and friends of Coastlink coming together to celebrate our 25th birthday as well as to enjoy the special talents of our clients as they put on a great show for us all to enjoy."

Ms Rainford said Coastlink Respite Care was one of the first organisations to provide respite to people caring at home for a person with a disability for people living on the Woy Woy Peninsula.

"Coastlink is a not-for-profit organisation which started providing support to families in October 1985 through host family and other respite services at a time when there were very few



such services on the Coast," Ms Rainford said.

"Over the past quarter century, we have grown from two support workers and a part-time coordinator to currently having 63 employees providing a range of services all aimed at assisting people with disabilities to live with their families and providing regular breaks from caring responsibilities for their carers.

"For 25 years Coastlink has provided quality services to people with disabilities and their families and as we have grown over the years we have been able to expand our services to include 24/7 service, day programs, holidays, specialist children's programs including after school and vacation care,

peer support and social support, programs for people who are 60 and over and caring for a son or daughter at home and services for people who are frail aged.

"Having a disability or being frail aged no longer means that people can't access their community.

"Our fleet of 13 buses is used 24/7 to help people get out to enjoy community facilities like gyms, pools, movies, clubs, dancing, shows, sporting events and so on.

"The world for people with disabilities and older people is very different now than it was 25 years ago and we want to celebrate that with our Concert Spectacular in October this year."

Press release, 9 Jun 2010  
Lynne Rainford, Coastlink Respite Care

## Author to talk

Award-winning Central Coast author Ms Pam McGlenn will give a talk about her latest book at Woy Woy Library on Thursday, June 24.

The How I Published talk led by Ms McGlenn will be aimed at aspiring writers to give them practical tips on how to get their work published.

A lifelong interest in her family history combined with a talent for the written word, led to the Budgewoi resident to writing a book which she describes as "a fictional work based on historical fact".

Written two years ago, A Distant Dream documents the true story of her ancestors and their pioneering days in Australia in the second half of the 19th century.

It depicts events that occurred to two branches of her family who eventually come together through marriage.

Throughout the entire story, actual Australian history as it happens is incorporated into the

narrative.

The book is the first of a trilogy called The Dream Series, the last of which was published just before Christmas 2009.

A self-published work, the book was very successful, winning first prize for fiction from the Sydney Writers Centre in 2007 and being displayed at the Australian Publishers and Authors book show, also in 2007.

According to Ms McGlenn, the first book was only ever intended as a "one off" but, as she says, "so great was the interest it generated in people who read it, all wishing to know what happened to the characters in the story, that I followed it with a second book, entirely fictional, as it no longer related to my family history, and then eventually, a third."

The author event will take place from 2pm in the Spike Milligan room at Woy Woy Library.

Nitasha Thomson, 16 Jun 2010  
Interviewee: Pam McGlenn, Budgewoi

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

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

It will now also be possible to add specific one off events with information 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

Umina Public School  
Sydney Ave, Umina

## Peninsula Community Centre (256c)

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

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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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manymacs@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)

Members required for radio duty & boat crews.  
Point Clare  
Public courses for Boat Licence and VHF Radio Licences, Boat Licence Safety Course  
4325 7929  
www.coastalpatrol.org.au  
info@coastalpatrol.org.au

## Migrant Assistance Northern Settlement Services LTD (257)

NSS Provides socialisation for migrants. Volunteers assist with home visits, shopping and social days where clients from all over the world enjoy time together. Every Thursday at the Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Road, Woy Woy  
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)

Judo is a full contact sport for males & females aged from 7 years to senior. Learn self discipline, self esteem & fitness  
Every Tuesday and Friday  
5.30 to 7.30pm  
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)

Not-for-profit, community owned, retirement centre caring for aged residents on the Peninsula in self care hostel and nursing home accommodation  
4344 9199

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

Rescues and cares for native wildlife in distress.

www.wildlife-arc.org.au  
Free training provided.  
Meetings 3rd Saturday each month 1pm  
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  
1st and 2nd  
Wednesday 10am  
Monthly Meetings 4th  
Wednesday 12.30pm  
4324 2621

## Peninsula Women's Health Centre (2605)

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A crowd of 300 attended the auction

## Killcare store sells for \$1.6M

A local landmark on the Bouddi Peninsula was sold at auction for \$1.6 million on June 13.

Killcare Cellars and General Store was sold as a mortgagee in possession auction by local real estate Ray White of Killcare, according to Hardy's Bay Resident's Group publicity officer Mr Alan Wilson.

Mr Wilson said: "The auction attracted strong community interest with a crowd estimated at almost 300 in attendance.

"The bidding for the 1972 property, rich in sentimental value,

opened at \$800,000 and the 69 bidders set a new high in numbers for East Coast Auctions, who were engaged by the local real estate company to handle the auction," Mr Wilson said.

"It is understood that the business will be family-owned and will continue to operate as a bottle shop and general store in meeting the needs of the community,

"Settlement is expected at the end of July."

Press release, 15 Jun 2010  
Alan Wilson, Hardy's Bay Resident's Group

**Woy Woy resident Ms Mollie Vernon was honoured with a special presentation for her 50 years membership with View Clubs Australia.**

The presentation was made by national councillor of View Clubs Australia, Ms Chris Newell, at the Endeavour View Club's 22nd birthday luncheon recently.

Ms Vernon said she recalls her very first day she was invited to attend a meeting to start a club at

Pennant Hills.

"I was cleaning floors and a lady where I was working mentioned that she was going to start up a women's club that helped raise money for the Smith Family Charity," Ms Vernon said.

"At the inaugural meeting there were a lot of professional ladies and at first I thought that it might not be for me.

"I had bought a new dress and to my surprise another lady that I didn't know, sat down beside me in exactly the same dress.

"Everyone called us twins and that was the beginning of a long friendship, with my twin as well as meeting many other ladies and making new friends over the next 50 years.

"The View Club was a good outlet for me, as at the time I was nursing my husband with polio and I needed some special time for myself, around other women, with different interests.

"Over the years I held committee positions of secretary, programmer

and delegate.

"I learnt a lot from the guest speakers at the luncheons and had fun dressing up in fancy dress for special celebrations.

"I have great memories of the coach trips and various activities we had on Friendship Days.

"I was with the Pennant Hills club for around 40 years then moved to Woy Woy and joined the Woy Woy View Club.

"When that club closed I joined the Endeavour View Club where I am now."

View Clubs Australia are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year and have had a special rose cultivated for the occasion.

Press release, 8 Jun 2010  
Viv Donovan, Endeavour View Club

## Motor industry training

**A 22-year-old Peninsula resident has graduated from an indigenous employment project which has prepared her for a job in the automotive industry.**

Libby Copplin of Umina joined 11 other automotive students as they graduated from the 12-week Jumpstart course on June 1.

Ms Copplin undertook six weeks of training at a registered training organisation on the Central Coast to achieve a Certificate I in

Automotive.

This practical training was supported by the completion of modules for a Certificate II in Business and work preparation training through an online learning program.

Jobfind regional manager Mr Stewart Williams said the project was designed to assist local young people seek training and employment as well as fill a shortage of qualified mechanics on the Central Coast.

"As well as developing skills for the automotive industry, these people have participated in workshops about physical health, nutrition and self esteem."

Mr Williams said as part of their practical training the graduates fixed up two cars and a motorbike which have been donated back to the community.

Press release, 7 Jun 2010  
Claudia Fahey, Jobfind Centres Australia

## Hospital spin does not deceive

**Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford, wishes to introduce other medical services into the Woy Woy Public Hospital Rehabilitation building "in order to improve services to our community" (Peninsula News, June 7, 2010).**

This language is a tired old "spin", the same as used by banks and other institutions when they

close branches.

Sadly, it is the same "spin" used recently by our Council when it closed libraries on the weekend, thus robbing the community of services.

Further, our rehabilitation service has not been "relocated" as Ms Andrews claims.

It has been shut down.

Attempts to combine our service with Wyong have proved futile.

Substitute arrangements are cumbersome, impractical and inhumane, and have provoked widespread complaint.

A modern educated community is not deceived or placated by the language of "spin".

Our local member would be well advised to cease mouthing the health department's platitudes, to dispute the matter with the

### Forum

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Minister and support those of her constituents who will not rest until Woy Woy Hospital is treated as a hospital and not a cluster of ancillary services.

Fax, 16 Jun 2010  
Ivan Kinny, Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance

**Animal Welfare League - Central Coast Branch**

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## Lost cat back home

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I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the Peninsula News and the very kind and helpful people of the Peninsula who responded to help me find my lost cat Tigey who is now back at home, pampered and well.

The kindness and generosity of our small local community is always refreshing and inspiring and the response to my call for help has been overwhelming.

I have witnessed firsthand the Peninsula's wonderful community spirit many times in my various

voluntary roles with regards to cancer support, raising cancer awareness and cancer fundraising endeavours and it has come to the fore once again.

The Peninsula News was wonderful in passing on information received to me from their readers so that I could look into it further.

Such a personal touch that I never expected.

Thank you all.

Email, 26 May 2010  
Vicki White, Umina

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## Reunion for Woy Woy High

**Former students of Woy Woy High School will join together for a school reunion celebration next month.**

The event will involve a tour of the school, now known as Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus, followed by a get together over dinner at Everglades Country Club in Woy Woy.

Event coordinator Ms Julie Loane-Brown said anyone who attended Woy Woy High School since its humble beginnings in 1962 was welcome to attend.

"Forty years ago, Woy Woy High School was a relatively young school," Ms Loane-Brown said.

"Less than a decade before, secondary students would travel to Gosford or further.

"For a short period of two or three years, Woy Woy primary school became a central school until Woy Woy High was built.

"It is hard to believe that Woy Woy primary is over 120 years old but our first high school is not quite 50.

"Although the years have passed many of us still have vivid memories of attending that young high school.

"Some of us want to remember those days in a special get together.

"In 1968, only about a sixth of

us continued to go from fourth form onto sixth form but many kept their friendships whether leaving for work or staying on at school.

"Some of us made friends with those a year or so above or behind our class.

"In 1970, approximately 50 of us finally graduated."

The event will be held on Thursday, July 17, with the school tour kicking off from 2pm at the school followed by the dinner from 6.30pm.

For more information, contact Julie Loane-Brown on 4341 3820 or email reunion@wboz.com

Email, 16 Jun 2010

Julie Loane-Brown, Woy Woy

## Workshop for bilingual parents

**The Beachside Family Centre in Umina will host a workshop to encourage local bilingual parents to become involved in their child's learning and understanding of a native language.**

Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara said with more and more families from different backgrounds living on the Peninsula, it was important to nurture and preserve language and culture.

"We have a fantastic mix of cultures and languages on the Peninsula," Ms Notara said.

"Parents don't always realise how valuable it is to read to children in their native language as well as English."

"There are myths that two languages will overload a child when in fact we only use about 20 per cent of our brain capacity.

"Or another myth is that it will stop children learning English properly if they learn another language.

"Again while language development may sometimes take a little longer, children will have no problems with English at the end of the day."

Ms Notara said teaching children a second language not only gives them an intellectual boost – it even helps their brain to function better for later learning.

"A Make-a-Book Family Workshop is being held for bilingual parents and carers to encourage exposure to other languages through making and reading your own book," Ms Notara said.

"Reading to babies from birth is vital for all children and if a parent is able to read in their native language then that is just a bonus.

"At the Make-a-Book Family Workshop you and your kids can make a book in your native language that your child will love to read again and again."

The Make-a-Book family workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 30, from 10am to 11.30am.

Participants are asked to provide a gold coin donation and call 4343 1929 to reserve a place.

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

Press release, 26 May 2010  
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre

## Kyle went to Sydney

**Year 3 student Kyle McLean from Woy Woy South Public School represented Sydney North at the NSWPSSA Rugby League Championships at St Mary's recently.**

Sydney North PSSA was

undefeated until they met Polding (Combined Northern Catholic Schools) in the final round.

"Overall, Kyle's team finished in the top four and had to play Sydney West for a shot at the state final," school principal Mr Terry Greedy said.

"Unfortunately, they were defeated and finished fourth overall."

Newsletter, 8 Jun 2010  
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School

## Teacher training

**Year 3 and 4 teachers at Ettalong Public School have been training in an innovative and practical approach to the explicit teaching of literacy known as Accelerated Literacy.**

"It is destined to have a significant impact on our students' literacy learning outcomes," school principal Mr Colin Wallis said.

"A most valuable and effective program for all students."

Newsletter, 15 Jun 2010  
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

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## Activities for school holidays

**Indoor soccer and swimming activities will be held for families at the Peninsula Leisure Centre for the July school holidays.**

The centre will hold two indoor soccer clinics led by qualified coaches for six hours each session. The first session will take place on July 6 and the second session on July 13, from 9am to 3pm both days.

The clinic is for boys and girls aged five to 13 years old and will cost \$38.20 per child.

Back by popular demand the centre will host two netball clinics for boys and girls aged six to 13 years.

The clinic days will be held on July 8 and 15, from 9am to 3pm both days at a cost of \$38.20 per child.

The Funnel Tunnel water slide will be back for families to enjoy at various times throughout the holidays while the Learn to Swim intensive program is being offered

to girls and boys of all ages to get ahead with their swimming abilities.

Lessons are 30 minutes long between 9am and 12pm weekdays with children required to complete five lessons in a week-long period for \$55 per child.

The PLC Kids Club will provide a program of indoor and outdoor activities for children.

The Kids Club will be available on July 7, 9, 14 and 16 between 8am and 4pm daily at a cost of \$38 per day for children aged five to 12 years of age.

There will also be a Super Kids educational program being offered for children aged two to five years designed to promote core areas of development and cognitive skills.

The program is 10 weeks in duration and begins from July 20.

For more information, contact the Peninsula Leisure Centre on 4325 8123.

Email, 8 Jun 2010  
Andrew Stuart, Gosford Council



## Worm farm at Little School

**Ettalong Public School's Little School House has established its own worm farm and veggie patch, according to P&C publicity officer Ms Rowena Newton.**

The Little School House holds a playgroup every Friday.

Ms Newton said that while the children may not be ready for "big school", the pre-schoolers show that no one is too small to help look after the environment.

"The children just love the worms," said parent Ms Mia Hughes.

"We feed them our fruit peelings from morning tea and shredded paper from the office.

"A number of our playgroup families also have worm farms at home.

"Every little bit we can do for

the environment helps make a difference."

Ms Hughes said pre-schooler Amelia, aged four, might love pink and dressing up but she also loves the worms and doesn't mind getting her hands dirty.

"The worms are wiggly. They wiggle on my hand and eat people food," Amelia said.

Families from the school have helped Amelia's family to set up their own worm farm at home and Amelia has since introduced big brother Jonathon, aged six, to worm farming.

"The veggie patch is in its early stages still but, come spring, we are looking forward to a lovely garden salad, all grown on school grounds," Ms Hughes said.

"We've used straw to make a little path for the children to walk through so they can really get up

close to the plants."

The playgroup is held every Friday from 9.15am to 11am and focuses on the four to five age group starting school, although younger children also attend.

Little School House also provides facilities for volunteers at the school with young children at other times.

"The playgroup helps the children feel more comfortable in the school setting, easing the transition from pre-school to Big School," Little Schoolhouse coordinator Ms Cara Phillips said.

"They also like going to school just like their older brothers and sisters."

Press release, 11 Jun 2010  
Rowena Newton, Ettalong Public School

## Fair share of grants

**Ettalong Public School has received a "fair share" of grants and other State and Federal funding to assist in the education of all students, according to school principal Mr Colin Wallis**

Mr Wallis said this included money from the Priority Schools Program and the Schools in Partnership funding.

"Although Schools in Partnership is specifically designed to help

us bridge the gap between the learning outcomes of indigenous and non indigenous students, it also is having a tremendous impact upon all students learning in our school," Mr Wallis said.

"It has facilitated the advantage of having a specialist literacy and numeracy teacher to assist all classes and to up-skill our teachers."

Newsletter 15 June 2010  
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

## Money for sports facilities

**Woy Woy and Woy Woy South public schools have received State Government funding as part of a two-year initiative to upgrade NSW school sports facilities.**

Woy Woy Public School will have its two cricket nets replaced while Woy Woy South Public School will be provided with a rubberised surface for its sports area.

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews said the two Peninsula

primary schools joined three other local schools in gaining financial support under the Premier's Sporting Challenge \$20 million initiative.

"This money is targeting sports facilities that require upgrading and the funds will allow schools to resurface sporting amenities such as basketball and tennis courts, repair existing facilities like cricket nets and netball posts and upgrade sporting fields."

Press release, 11 Jun 2010

**Ettalong Beach Public School is calling for "trivia buffs" to take part in its trivia fundraising night from 6.30pm on Friday, June 25.**

"Prizes include dinner for eight people at La Fiamma, meat trays, movie tickets and a lucky door

prize," Ettalong P&C president, Mr John Tily said.

The money raised will be put towards additional interactive whiteboards for the school.

"These are really enhancing the learning opportunities for our students and we would like to see

one in every classroom," school principal Mr Colin Wallis said.

Tickets to the event are available from the school office or by calling 4341 3550.

Press release, 15 Jun 2010  
Rowena Newton, Ettalong Public School

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## Peninsula dominates in bowls pennants

**Three Peninsula bowling clubs excelled in taking out four of the seven grade pennant titles on offer recently.**

Ettalong Memorial captured grade two and grade seven, Umina Beach claimed grade three and Sporties at Woy Woy took out grade five, according to Bowls News Central Coast reporter Mr Bob Penson.

The titles were contested by 106 teams from 24 clubs in seven pennant grades.

"Close to 1300 lawn bowlers from the ages of 16 to 75 plus played their part in bringing the competition to a close on the first weekend of June.

"Forty-eight bowlers from three Peninsula clubs excelled in taking out four of the seven grade titles.

"All teams won their respective

finals comfortably with perhaps the Umina boys achieving the biggest result in a 91-44 drubbing of Toukley RSL.

"Next years' competition promises some interesting local match-ups with Umina certain to be upgraded to play against Ettalong's grade two competition winners."

**Publication, 15 Jun 2010  
Bob Penson, Bowls  
News Central Coast**

## Close match goes to Woy Woy

**Woy Woy defeated Ourimbah in a closely fought Rugby Union match that saw a catch-up game from round eight played out in fine and sunny conditions on June 12.**

Described by Central Coast Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson as the match of the day, Woy Woy kicked a penalty goal in the dying minutes of the game to defeat Ourimbah by 22 points to 20 at Ourimbah.

"It was a close game throughout with both teams having their chances of victory," Mr Thomson said.

"The opening stages of the match were a real arm wrestle.

"Both teams had periods of attack then had to follow up with sustained defence.

"Several quite easy shots at penalty goal were missed by both teams so neither team was able to gain the ascendancy.

"Ourimbah did open the scoring in the 10th minute when Ourimbah five-eight Leigh Manu kicked a penalty goal for Ourimbah to take a three-points to nil lead.

"This was squared up soon after when Woy Woy halfback and kicker Marlon Counsell slotted a penalty goal to make the score three-all.

"This remained the score for much of the first half.

"It was a very physical game and the soft conditions were certainly sapping the energy of the players.

"Both teams went close to scoring but nothing was to happen on the scoreboard until the latter stages of the half.

"Ourimbah were on attack and their forwards were in control when the team was awarded a penalty try under the posts.

"The conversion of this try made the score 10 points to three and that was to remain the score at half time.

"Both teams had several good players in the first 40 minutes.

"Best for Ourimbah were five-eight Leigh Manu who directed play well and also kicked well. "He was well supported by flanker Conan Hill who made some very telling tackles and was all over the paddock.

"A feature also of this half, and of the game as a whole, was the strength of the Ourimbah tight five.

"They were very strong in the set pieces and their scrum was on the go forward all day. "Hooker Matt Ropoama was most effective, and he was well supported by prop Brett Cunningham.

"Woy Woy played well but was getting limited supplies of good ball.

"Their best players during the first half were five-eight Eddie Malo, who kicked for position very well in the half, and he was very well assisted by both flankers, Nick Garnett and Kane Burns."

Mr Thomson said both these players covered a lot of territory and made several effective tackles in the first half of the match.

"The opening stages of the second half saw Woy Woy on the attack," Mr Thomson said.

"They kicked a penalty goal to reduce the score to 10 points to six, however Ourimbah hit back strongly.

"Their scrum once again took charge and created a pushover try for their number eight Matt Tisdell.

"The Ourimbah scrum was certainly creating havoc and this try and conversion had increased Ourimbah's lead to 17 points to six and things were looking bad for the visitors.

"A further penalty goal to Woy Woy kept them in touch and had reduced the lead to 17 points to nine.

"However in was in the middle sections of the second half that things certainly changed.

"Woy Woy were able to cross for two very quick tries.

"Within about five minutes, Woy Woy had jumped from a 17 to nine deficit to a 19 to 17 lead. "Two great individual runs by winger Jack Riley and then by lock Junior Qata resulted in the two tries.

"Not too much had changed in the general flow of the game but these two tries had certainly changed the scoreboard.

"Ourimbah took lead the lead with less than 10 minutes to go with a penalty goal to Leigh Manu, but Woy Woy sealed the game in the dying stages when their five-eight Edmond Malo slotted a penalty goal to make the final score 22 points to 20.

"Either team could have won this game, but the result leaves these two teams separated by only one point on the competition ladder, but Woy Woy do have a game in hand.

"Both teams are certainly looking as top four hopefuls this year in what is a very close competition."

Mr Thomson said the postponed Woy Woy vs. Northlakes game will be played on August 11.

**Press release, 13 Jun 2010  
Larry Thomson, Central  
Coast Rugby Union**

## Swimmers make qualifying times

**Woy Woy Swim Club swimmers achieved qualifying times at the Coast and Valley Winter Short Course Championships held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre, according to club publicity officer Ms Sandra Wood.**

Ms Wood said the two-day event was successfully hosted by Woy Woy Swim Club that saw several local members achieve country and state qualifying times.

"Medals went to Ethan Dodds in the Under-10s 100m back stroke where he took five seconds off to qualify for state," Ms Wood said.

"Indigo Verhoeven medalled

with a state qualifying time in the Under-13s 200m breast stroke.

"Rachel Wood broke records in the Under-11s 100m freestyle and butterfly, first place and a state qualifying time in the Under-12s 200m freestyle, second place in Under-11s 100m backstroke and qualified for the Under-14s 400m freestyle at country level.

"The 11 to 12 years freestyle relay team that consisted of Claire Gaffney, Priya Johnson, Ebony Millgate and Rachel medaled also qualified for country.

"Teigan Miller stripped nine seconds off her 100m backstroke making a state qualifying time within her reach."

Ms Wood said two Woy Woy

club members Elyssia Gasparotto and Keelan Bridge represented their schools in Brisbane for the Australian School Sport Championships recently.

"Elyssia came second in 200m butterfly and third in 100m butterfly while Keelan got gold for his 400m race," Ms Wood said.

Ms Wood said that several Woy Woy members would compete in its own Winter Short Course Qualifying Meet at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on June 20, to get qualifying times for Country and State level championships to be held in July and August.

**Press release, 15 Jun 2010  
Sandra Wood Woy Woy Swim Club**

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## Medal for bowls man

Umina resident Mr Alan Johnson has received an Order of Australia medal in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List for his 45 years of service to lawn bowls.

What began as a fun game of lawn bowls with his grandfather's encouragement, soon found Mr Johnson joining Young Bowling Club as its youngest member in 1965 at the age of 27.

"I fell in love with the game straight away," Mr Johnson said.

"My grandfather had been playing for years so I decided to give it a go and have been playing ever since.

"Everything about the sport is wonderful.

"Anyone can give it a go really since it is an easy game to follow with the added enjoyment of meeting new people and playing with old friends time and time again."

Mr Johnson went on to be a part of the match committee, selection committee and umpires committee before becoming president of Young Bowling Club between 1978 and 1981.

This led Mr Johnson to become the senior vice president of South West District Bowling Association for six years as well as chairman of the umpires committee and district selector.

Mr Johnson also served six years as a councillor on Burrigong Shire Council between 1971 and 1977.

Having lived in Young as a cherry farmer most of his life, Mr

Johnson and his wife decided to make the sea change and retire to the Peninsula 22 years ago where he became a member of Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club not long after.

Mr Johnson said the Peninsula was a great spot to retire to and enjoyed all the area had to offer.

"Umina and the surrounding area is a great place to live," Mr Johnson said.

"We are close to the beach, shops, medical services and public transport, not to mention most importantly the bowling club."

Mr Johnson served as president of Ettalong Memorial for 10 years from 1990 to 2000, was made a life member in 1998, served as president of the Central Coast District Bowling Association for three years and treasurer of the Royal NSW Bowling Association for one term.

Mr Johnson said he was looking forward to celebrating his achievement with a special dinner amongst family and friends at Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club.

"One of my greatest memories of the past 45 years in the game is my first major club singles win and district singles win with South West district," Mr Johnson said.

"Now one of my greatest achievements would have to be receiving the Order of Australia medal.

"It is hard to believe that I have been recognised in this way for something I love doing."

Clare Graham, 16 Jun 2010

Interviewee: Alan Johnson, Umina



## Success at touch finals

The Peninsula Touch Association capped off a successful weekend at the NSW Touch Association Country Championships held at Dubbo late last month by taking out the prestigious Mixed Open division title.

The second of the two Peninsula Piranhas touch football teams that made the trek to Dubbo were also successful with the Men's Over-45s division finishing the tournament as runners-up.

Playing nine games over the two-day event, the Peninsula Mixed Open team went through the round games undefeated with the closest game being a three-all draw against Orange in their final

round-game.

An easy nine to one victory over Wallsend in the quarter final saw the Piranhas take on last year's Mixed Open Country Champions Wollongong in the semi final.

In much tougher assignment Peninsula disposed of Wollongong nine to six to set up a grand final show-down with Orange.

Able led by young guns Dylan Hennessy and Joel Weekes and emerging new female talent Danielle Harris, Orange could not repeat their earlier efforts and were no match for the Piranhas who claimed their third Mixed Open Country Championship title with a comfortable nine to two victory.

"It was a satisfying win in wet and muddy conditions that hampered

free-flowing touch across the whole weekend," Piranhas Mixed Open team captain Mr Jeff Smith said.

"But with a great mix of age and experience together with youth and flamboyance were able to win the title in pretty convincing fashion."

The Peninsula Men's Over-45s team had a successful weekend and also went through their round games undefeated.

Unfortunately though the Wollongong team that went down to the Piranhas two to one in their round game clash turned the tables and took the final three to one against the gallant Peninsula Men's Over-45s outfit.

Press release, 11 Jun 2010  
Anthony McVicker, Peninsula Touch Association

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