

Promise of \$2M for foreshore

The Labor Government has committed \$2 million to completing the next stage of the Ettalong Beach Foreshore redevelopment if re-elected.

The announcement was made by Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Local Government Mr Anthony Albanese and Federal Labor candidate for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill on August 13.

Mr Albanese said the Gillard Labor Government would invest in the "important piece of community infrastructure" which would include seawall improvements and a shared pathway along the Ettalong Beach foreshore.

"Investing in local infrastructure is part of Federal Labor's comprehensive economic plan that

is helping build a stronger regional economy," Mr Albanese said.

Ms O'Neill welcomed the announcement as a boost to local residents and businesses alike.

"The redevelopment of the Ettalong Beach Foreshore will allow both locals and visitors a better chance to share in the unique way of life we enjoy here on the Central Coast," Ms O'Neill said.

"It will help us to showcase the natural beauty of our area.

"I'm proud too that we are building on Federal Labor's already substantial record of investment in community infrastructure on the Peninsula."

Press release, 13 Aug 2010
Deborah O'Neill,
Australian Labor Party



Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales and Gosford councillors Ms Vicki Scott and Mr Jim McFadyen meet with Labor candidate for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill at Ettalong Beach foreshore to envisage the next stage of the redevelopment project

Warning on local shellfish

Industry and Investment NSW has issued a precautionary warning to recreational fishers in Patonga Creek, Brisbane Waters, Broken Bay and surrounding areas after positive results for paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) were detected in some parts of the Lower Hawkesbury River.

"As a precautionary measure people are advised to avoid collecting and eating bivalve molluscs (such as oysters, mussels, cockles, pipis and scallops) in the Patonga Creek, Brisbane Waters, Broken Bay and Hawkesbury River Mouth areas," media spokesperson Ms Alyssa Fitzgerald said.

"Advisory signage will be put up in affected areas.

"People should seek medical advice if they feel unwell after consuming shellfish from these areas.

"Water monitoring in the area by the NSW Food Authority has detected the presence of toxins associated with PSP, however no algal blooms have been sighted and the specific algae responsible has not yet been identified.

"Further water monitoring is being conducted by the NSW Food Authority."

Ms Fitzgerald said paralytic shellfish poisoning affects those who come into contact with the affected shellfish by ingestion.

Symptoms can include nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, and a tingling or burning feeling to the lips, gums, tongue, face, neck, arms, legs and toes.

Shortness of breath, dry mouth, a choking feeling, confused or slurred speech and lack of coordination are also possible.

Ordinary cooking methods do not eliminate the toxin.

"The NSW Food Authority confirms that commercial operators have ceased harvesting shellfish in the affected areas," Ms Fitzgerald said.

"Shellfish sold through market structures are not affected due to the stringent testing guidelines in the shellfish industry."

For further information visit www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/industry/industry-sector-requirements/shellfish

Press release, 30 Jul 2010
Alyssa Fitzgerald, Department of Primary Industries

Work planned on Mt Ettalong culverts

Gosford Council will commence reconstruction works on eight culverts along Mt Ettalong Rd and Patonga Dr following completion of the retaining wall below Mt Ettalong Rd at Umina.

The works are scheduled to commence this month and are anticipated to be completed by mid-October with weather permitting.

"To ensure safety for workers and the public, temporary traffic

control measures and warning signage will be in place while this work is undertaken and a reduced speed limit will continue to be in force," council's coordinator of project implantation Mr Peter Dunn said.

"Traffic Controllers or temporary traffic lights will be on-site during construction operations to direct traffic through the worksite.

"Works will be organised to ensure minimal disruptions during peak hours, that is 7am to 9am and

2.30pm to 5pm.

"Consideration has also been given to the bus timetable.

"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 of up to 15 minutes, and where possible, residents may wish to avoid travel during these hours."

Press release, 4 Aug 2010
Peter Dunn, Gosford Council

Strong support for carbon tax in GetUp poll

Most voters in Robertson would vote for a carbon tax or similar if low-income earners were compensated, according to the Peninsula GetUp group.

In a "snap poll" of Robertson voters, GetUp found that 65 per cent of voters over the age of 25, and an overwhelming 95 per cent of voters under 25, according to local group representative Ms Karin Solondz.

According to poll results, when asked what they felt about climate

change, 41 per cent of voters aged under 25 said they felt either scared, worried, angry, stressed, depressed or sad.

Of those over 25, the number was 69 per cent.

Furthermore 95 per cent of young voters thought that food would go up due to drought and climate change and that old growth forests should be saved.

Eighty per cent felt that we should not be shipping coal to China.

Of the over 25 year olds polled,

89 per cent thought the price of food would go up due to drought and climate change, 100 per cent wanted old growth forests saved, and 21 per cent wanted to stop coal transport to China.

Forty-two per cent of over 25 year olds were undecided on coal shipments and 26 per cent wanted to continue shipping coal to China.

Eleven per cent wanted shipping to be gradually reduced.

Email, 8 Aug 2010
Karin Solondz, Peninsula Getup

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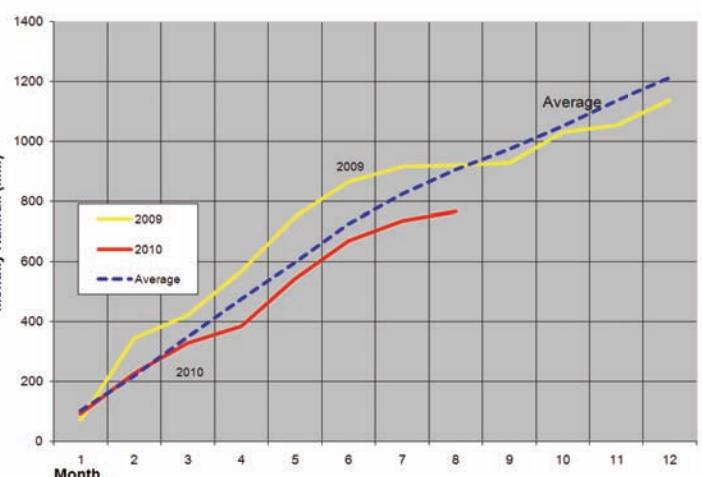
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Clare Graham, 12 Aug 2010



Cumulative Monthly Rainfall by Year



Month starts with little rain

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Only 30.5mm of rain has fallen in the first two weeks of August, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

Another 51.2mm is needed in the remainder of the month if average figures are to be achieved.

A shortfall this month would see a three-month run of below average rainfall, with June being 3.3mm below average and July being 29.3mm below.

The greatest shortfall this year has been in April when the figure was 69.9mm less than average.

Temperatures so far this month have ranged from a low of 6.2 degrees on August 8 to a high of 21.9 on August 1, according to figures from www.peninsulaweather.info.

Average maximum was 18.9 and average minimum was 9.2.

The highest minimum was 12.0 degrees on August 11 and the lowest maximum was 15.8 on August 10.

Atmospheric pressure has ranged from a high of 1025 Hpa on August 7 down to 998 Hpa on August 11, the lowest since September last year.

Highest wind gust was 52.9 km/h recorded at 2.55am on August 3, the strongest wind in more than a year.

Spreadsheet, 13 Aug 2010
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy
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Supermarkets vie for support

The opening of the new Woolworths supermarket Umina has seen a second supermarket offer financial support for community projects in an attempt to retain custom.

The Bi Lo supermarket has started a promotion at Ettalong Public School to help the school raise funds to purchase an interactive whiteboard.

In June, the IGA supermarket in Ettalong announced it had donated \$2300 to local charities through its Token Donation program.

Now Bi Lo Umina store manager Mr David Murray, a former Ettalong student, has written to Ettalong students and their families with a promotion that involves using coupon cards to gain \$2 for the school every time \$50 or more is spent.

School principal Mr Colin Wallis said each family received eight coupons cards that could also be used by friends and neighbours to help support the school.

"If all the cards the school has been allocated are used we would have the funds to purchase another interactive white board so the benefits are considerable," Mr Wallis said.

Newsletter, 10 Aug 2010
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

Bushcare help wanted

Bush regeneration groups on the Bouddi Peninsula are looking for more volunteers to help at a number of sites in the area.

Community bushcare groups carry out regular regeneration work within the Bouddi National Park including at Lobster Beach, Mourawaring Moors, Wagstaffe Point, Maitland Bay, Riley's Bay and Tallow Beach.

Coordinator Ms Deb Holloman said volunteering was a great to

meet new people while helping the local environment.

Ms Holloman said the local bushcare groups were also thankful to have been successful in obtaining two grants for contractor bush regeneration in Bouddi from the Catchment Management Authority under the Engaging NSW Communities in Coastline Conservation program.

"We were successful in obtaining one grant for Riley's Bay in order to continue primary work in the northern section of the bay," Ms Holloman said.

"This grant will work in a Swamp Sclerophyll Forest removing bitou, lantana and blackberry.

"Contractors will cut tracks into

the weeds and the National Parks and Wildlife Service will bring a spray unit in by boat to spray large areas.

"Contractors will then undertake follow up work.

"Meanwhile contractors will work around the base of Box Head and Little Tallow to remove bitou."

"Professional abseilers will be employed to scale the cliffs at Maitland Bay headland and above Bullimah Beach to spray for bitou."

For more information about becoming a bushcare volunteer, contact Deb Holloman on 4320 4224.

Newsletter, 11 Aug 2010
Deb Holloman, Killcare Wagstaffe Trust

Gale cuts power

Hundreds of Peninsula homes were without power on the night of August 2 and the early hours of August 3 after gale force winds brought down powerlines in the area.

Energy Australia reported cuts to electricity supplies in Woy Woy along with other Central Coast suburbs such as Erina, Terrigal and Wamberal.

Energy Australia crews were able to restore power to Woy Woy homes by mid-morning on August 3.

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Peninsula Law in George St, Woy Woy, has installed 56 solar panels on the building's roof

Legal firm installs solar panels

A Woy Woy legal firm has installed 56 solar panels that are connected to the state electricity grid.

The solar panels have been installed in two banks and take up almost half of the roof space of level two of the building in George St.

The 10.36 KW power system is expected to generate more than twice the total electricity consumed within the building, according to Peninsula Law spokesperson Mr Geoff Corah.

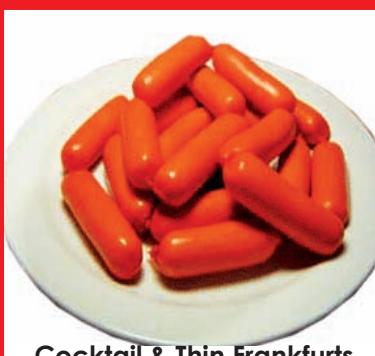
"We are excited that without the use of coal or uranium, we can make a positive contribution to electricity generation in NSW now and for decades to come," Mr Corah said.

"Sydney Electricity has agreed to buy all the electricity produced at a fixed rate for a minimum of six years.

Press release, 5 Aug 2010
Geoffrey Corah, Peninsula Law



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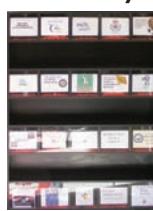


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Election 2010 promises

Jameson promises coastal regeneration

Federal Shadow Minister for the Environment Mr Greg Hunt has joined Liberal candidate for Robertson Mr Darren Jameson in promising \$250,000 for coastal regeneration works around the Peninsula.

Mr Hunt said the funding would see coastal regeneration works at Putty Beach as well as foreshore rejuvenation along Ettalong and Umina Beach foreshores.

He said the Green Army project

would provide teams of 10 young Australians who will work on local community-based environmental projects for six-month periods as part of a new Coalition program.

"This is a really positive program that will deliver significant training and practical experience in the vital area of environmental management," Mr Hunt said.

"This coastline is very precious and we need to look after it."

Mr Jameson said the funding announcement highlighted the Liberal Party's commitment to

protecting Australia's coastline and delivering real action on the environment.

"I've been heavily involved in surf lifesaving for most of my life, so I have a deep passion for looking after our coastline," Mr Jameson said.

"That's why I'm so pleased to have secured this funding for our beaches and wetlands, which will be delivered under a Coalition Government."

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Darren Jameson, Liberal candidate for Robertson

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Share costs on sea level planning, says Freewater

change and there is no reason why this policy cannot be implemented for this situation and in a tripartisan manner.

"Regardless of any individual personal views on climate change and forecast sea level rise, it is important that the wider community is involved.

"Planning at this stage is a risk management process that must be undertaken to address this issue.

"Members of the community cannot afford to be outside this process because the outcomes of the strategic planning will have an impact on everyone."

Cr Freewater said the Greens policy provided for wider community consultation.

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Cr Peter Freewater, The Greens

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Election 2010 promises

Minister for Home Affairs Mr Brendon O'Connor and Cr Vicki Scott meet with local families at Fisherman's Wharf playground in Woy Woy

Woy Woy playground fence promised

A re-elected Gillard Labor Government will contribute \$30,000 to build a fence around the playground at Fisherman's Wharf in Woy Woy.

Labor candidate for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill said the funding would come under the Safer Suburbs plan.

"This is a victory for local residents and traders who have been campaigning for a fence at this park," Ms O'Neill said.

"Children will soon be safer when playing at the park and parents can have greater peace of mind."

Minister for Home Affairs Mr

Brendon O'Connor visited the playground on August 4, alongside Ms O'Neill and said all Australians had the right to feel safe in their local community.

"Federal Labor is committed to building stronger communities and that includes investing in improved security in Robertson," Mr O'Connor said.

"Deborah O'Neill has been working closely with local residents to improve the safety and security of Robertson so that everyone can enjoy a better quality of life."

Press release, 4 Aug 2010
Deborah O'Neill, Australian Labor Party

Seniors' security would get \$150,000 under Labor

The Peninsula Community Centre's Security and Prevention Project for Seniors would receive \$150,000 to help in improve safety for seniors in Woy Woy under a returned Labor Government.

Minister for Home Affairs Mr

Brendan O'Connor met with Labor candidate for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill in Woy Woy on August 4, for the announcement.

"This project will provide information sessions to seniors and offer support to address the fear of crime that some older people

experience," Mr O'Connor said.

"Home assessments will be completed and help will be given to seniors to modify their homes with security doors, improved lighting and smoke detectors."

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Election 2010 reaction**ACF branch favours road upgrade**

Political candidates should be looking at upgrading Woy Woy Rd in preference to building a new link to the Peninsula from the F3 freeway, according to the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation.

An upgrade of Woy Woy Rd would be more cost-effective and would have a much lower impact on the National Park, according to branch secretary Mr John Wiggin.

"Woy Woy Rd gives adequate access for the Peninsula providing it is kept well maintained and a speed of 80km/h is possible," he said.

Mr Wiggin said that Peninsula residents had been understandably frustrated by lack of access during

repair work to the Bull's Hill section of Woy Woy Rd and then by speed limits of 60km/h and less being imposed for the last six months at the Kariong end of the road.

He said plans considered by Gosford Council which would bypass The Bays area near the Bulls Hill quarry and provide a railway underpass were more feasible, and less environmentally damaging, than a link directly to the F3 freeway.

Mr Wiggin said that, while the ACF branch favoured a localised economy with increased public transport, it recognised that the Peninsula's population of more than 30,000 people needed adequate road infrastructure, including access to the freeway.

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Bays group supports direct F3 link**The Bays Community Group has come out in support of a link from the F3 to the Peninsula.**

President Mr Bob Puffett said that the collapse of the roadway at Bulls Hill, Woy Woy Rd, was proof the area needed an additional road.

"The Bulls Hill road collapse forced thousands of residents trying to get to work via the freeway to travel via Brisbane Water Dr to West Gosford and up to Kariong to get on the F3," Mr Puffett said.

"Several residents' meetings were held during that time and calls were made to all levels of government requesting improvements to provide the much-needed road access for residents, businesses and tourists

who bring much needed money and business to the district which helps employment.

"Not only would a link road reduce the strain on residents having to travel north or south to get to work it would reduce the vehicle hours and carbon pollution generated by additional road use and would be a much safer option for drivers travelling to work from the Peninsula.

"Yes we should be looking for alternative ways to travel and yes we are proud of and love our National Park but we have a responsibility to care for residents and businesses now.

"A new linkage road would generate jobs and futures."

Liberal candidate for Robertson Mr Darren Jameson has said a

Peninsula link to F3 was long overdue.

"This much discussed piece of infrastructure would provide a direct link that will not only provide greater access to tourism and commuters but will take traffic away from the busy intersections along Central Coast Hwy such as those at Brisbane Water Dr at West Gosford and Woy Woy Rd at Kariong," Mr Jameson said.

"While there is no doubt that this would be difficult and expensive it is something that I believe we owe to the people of the Peninsula."

Press release, 11 Aug 2010

Bob Puffett, The Bays

Community Group

Media statement, 11 Aug 2010

Darren Jameson, Liberal

candidate for Robertson

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Gosford Council determined on the 1st December 2009 information will be placed on Section 149 Planning Certificates stating that properties are potentially affected by forecast sea level rises for the year 2100.

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Alliance calls for Labor commitment

The Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance has called on Labor candidate for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill to make a commitment on the return of a rehabilitation unit to Woy Woy Hospital.

"At this point, Ms O'Neill has made no commitment on her or the Labor Party's position in support of the return of the rehab unit to Woy Woy Hospital," group liaison officer Mr Ivan Kinny said.

He said she had promised to make \$47 million available for a GP Super clinic, \$12 million for local health services, and \$5 million for 16 new acute care beds and equipment at Gosford Hospital.

"These commitments, while welcome in themselves, will not re-establish the rehabilitation unit at Woy Woy.

"The community will not tolerate the transfer of the hospital complex either to the private sector, which was contemplated, or misappropriated as a clinic-outpatient facility."

"Any assurances the State health bureaucracy or State Government might give that this is a done deal is being most vigorously opposed by Peninsula residents who are distressed and angered at the way the Labor party is treating this issue thus far."

"Both the Liberal and Greens candidates have been vocal in their support of the return of the rehab unit, as they are aware of the depth of feeling of local constituents about a hospital they fought to establish."

"This informed opposition will not go away, and any political representative needs to be aware of the strength of public anger over this issue and the current impacts," he said.

The group has requested a meeting with Ms O'Neill on the issue.

Email, 12 Aug 2010
Ivan Kinny, Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance

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Labor and Liberal 'good for business', says Chamber

The Peninsula business community is "guaranteed to have good local representation" whoever wins the Federal election, according to Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales.

Mr Wales' statement comes after Federal Treasurer Mr Wayne Swan and Shadow Treasurer Mr Joe Hockey paid separate visits to the Peninsula earlier this month.

Both senior politicians met with members of the Chamber to discuss the importance of small business to the national economy and election commitments.

Mr Wales said that it was clear

that both sides of Federal politics saw the Peninsula as an "important part of the electorate" and a "key battleground" leading up to the election.

"The Chamber was honoured to have the Federal Treasurer Wayne Swan and the Labour candidate for Robertson Deborah O'Neill as our guests at a morning tea at the Ettalong Beach Club on August 2, where he met with around 50 prominent business people," Mr Wales said.

"Mr Swan came to Ettalong in part to honour an early commitment to meet local business people.

"The Treasurer's focus was the importance of small business to the national economy and the

measures he proposes to support business growth if they are re-elected later this month.

"Following Mr Swan's visit, the chamber had the pleasure of hosting a luncheon at the Aqua Vista Restaurant at Ocean Beach for the Shadow Treasurer Mr Joe Hockey and Liberal candidate for Robertson Darren Jameson.

"The lunch was attended by 70 business leaders who came to meet the Shadow Treasurer. "Mr Hockey set out the Coalition Government's plan for the economy should they be successful at the election.

"There is no doubt that both Mr Swan and Mr Hockey are capable and passionate politicians who clearly see the Peninsula area

as a key litmus test for the wider electorate.

"It was also pleasing to see two local candidates who have close community ties and a firm understanding of the local issues.

"Whoever wins the upcoming election, the local business community is guaranteed to have good local representation with two highly credible candidates.

"The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to continuing to work with both sides of politics."

Press release, 11 Aug 2010
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

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Deborah O'Neill – On our side



Authorised by Jamie Clements, 66 Digby Road, Springfield for the Labor Party

Election 2010 forum

Vote for a minor party

There are 10 candidates in my Federal electorate of Robertson: one Labor, one Liberal, one Green, three independents and five representing minor parties.

Normally only the Labor or Liberal candidate can win, possibly on a primary vote of around 40 per cent, not even a majority.

As this scene is repeated right around the country, given that voters are compelled to vote and mark all the preferences, we'll end up again with Tweedledee or Tweedledum, unable to secure progress on climate change, refugees, the Republic or electoral reform.

The illusion provided by preferential voting is that we have a democratic, representative electoral system ensuring diversity.

Demonstrably, this is nonsense.

Of the eight non-major party candidates only the Greens would get over four per cent and the others may well all lose their deposit, as usual.

Of the 1198 candidates nationally, including the Senate, well over 1000 will bite the dust in this fashion.

This fraudulent form of

Forum

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democracy can be overthrown of course by the voters themselves.

It is both their right and, I would say, under the circumstances, their duty to vote for non-major party candidates.

The newly-elected MPs can then devise a new electoral model, one that is democratic, representative and reflects the diversity of ideas and interests of the population.

The model should also represent a common purpose instead of the meaningless adversarialism that characterises the current electoral and political systems.

I will vote for a minor party and place the major parties at the very bottom.

Join me please.

This election could bring a sea change if the voters so decide.

Email, 1 Aug 2010

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Woy Woy off-ramp is needed

Forum

Cr Peter Freewater's comments regarding the off-ramp at Mt White to Woy Woy are some of the most outrageous words I have ever read.

Those commuters still come down Woy Woy Rd through one of the state's worst black spots and onto our Peninsula roads as they navigate to Empire Bay and Kincumber.

The only difference is it takes 30

to 40 minutes extra time and more fuel.

In this day and age of carbon emissions, any saving of petrol let alone time on fatigued F3 commuters along with less traffic on Woy Woy Rd can only lead to a better environment and more importantly less accidents.

Peninsula roads are already clogged in peak hour.

A Woy Woy on and off ramp will only help to save congestion and frustration at Kariong and lives.

This should have been done years ago and I am sure if it went to a public referendum the ramps would win in a landslide.

I was going to vote Labor but now I will definitely be voting Liberal if they are to pursue this most excellent and overdue venture.

Email, 3 Aug 2010

Marc Convery, Umina Beach

Freeway link, no thanks

Forum

I've just received my brochure from the Liberal candidate Darren Jameson in the mail and I am astonished at the promises he makes without any consultation with our Peninsula community.

Mr Jameson is planning for us unsuspecting residents a major road construction from the Mt White exit on the freeway which

will cut through our Brisbane Water National Park direct to Woy Woy communities.

One can only imagine the thousands of cars that will use the Peninsula as a short cut through the Peninsula road system to head to the northern beaches.

Did Darren Jameson consider

for one minute that we Peninsula residents enjoy our tranquil lifestyle and do not want the Peninsula to become a highway just so he can get home quickly to Terrigal.

No thank you Mr Jameson, I for one will be fighting to protect the beautiful national park and our community.

Email, 10 Aug 2010

Katie Smith, Woy Woy

Rehab issue may unseat Labor

Forum

I welcome the announcement by the Shadow Minister Peter Dutton and local Liberal candidate Darren Jameson of their pledge of \$2.7 million to re-open Woy Woy Rehab Unit and expand it to 30 beds.

That was consistent with internal health report made shortly before the then Minister for Central Coast and Health Minister John Della Bosca closed the facility without any local consultation.

This course is also supported by Greens candidate Peter Freewater and includes re-establishing hospital facilities at Woy Woy, a local hospital opened in 1970 after years of lobbying.

It also has significant impacts on State and Federal health policy directions.

Currently Gosford and Woy Woy are without rehab services and the

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Liberal Democrats: Nicole Beiger

Nicole has been active in the entertainment and media fields from an early age.

As a professional musician, she has performed in many well-known venues throughout Australia.

When she was just 21, using her experience and skills learned in the industry, she established her own entertainment and events management company.

Nicole holds a private employment agents licence and has extended her coverage to now include managing newspapers and media consulting.

Nicole has been a long-time member of the Liberal Democrats and supports all their policies on individual freedom, low tax and small government.

She is keen to encourage initiative and private enterprise among young people and would push to cut through all the red tape and reduce taxes for those involved in small business.

Nicole has a great love of the Australian bush and would push for greater access for all to National Parks, many of which are locked away and have become overgrown with noxious weeds or used as



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MEDIA RELEASE



Dr Peter Freewater Greens Councillor and Candidate for the Federal Seat of Robertson

Freewater plans to assist residents defend against sea-level rise

Property planning certificates in Gosford City were recently encoded with information that states certain properties are potentially affected by forecast sea level rise in the year 2100. This is a Local, State & Federal Government issue. People who have been affected by this decision should not stand alone in carrying the burden that it imposes.

- Candidates for the Federal Seat of Robertson, State MPs for Terrigal & Gosford & Gosford Councillors must support the local community
 - A three way strategic planning & funding model is needed - Gosford Council, NSW State Government & Federal Government
 - Commence consultation now that involves all interested members of the community

Written and authorised by Terry Jones, 3 Baden Street Killcare NSW 2257 for The Greens

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 - ✗ New taxes introduced, more to come
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 - ✗ Leaders dumped. factional fighting

Labor doesn't deserve your vote on **21 August.**

Election 2010 candidates**Independent: Melissa Batten**

We need tax incentives for small business, assistance with Workcover and insurances with employees, more incentives for taking on apprentices.

Along with my husband, we run a small business in Gosford.

Our parents have run local small business for the past 50 years and have trained 15 young local youth.

We want our hard work to be rewarded. We want to expand to provide further employment and to service our community.

Small business is important to me.

We need Gosford Hospital to have more staff, more resources, more beds and shorter shifts for the overworked doctors and nurses.

We need more doctors trained.

We need to focus on assisting mental health issues.

My four children were born at Gosford Hospital, from my first child being born in 1991 to my fourth child being born in 2009.

I have firsthand experience with the changes to Gosford Hospital over the years.

My youngest son had meningococcal disease in 2007, treated by the wonderful staff at Gosford Hospital.

I know what it is like to be a desperate parent in need of our health professionals, in a life or



death situation.

My parents, now retired, were both employed by Gosford Hospital.

Health is important to me.

We need all youth to leave school with an OHS Green-White card qualification to ensure that work is always available to them on a jobsites - hands-on work, learning skills that are now obsolete to our young.

We need children to be encouraged to leave in Year 10 to take up trades and work with their hands, understanding the opportunity of the pre-apprenticeship training available to them.

We need all youth to take home those baby dolls for a week minimum to understand what it is like to commit to something for seven days, 24 hours a day.

We need all schools to have a vegetable garden, used for their school canteen, tended by the children from Kindergarten to Year 12 to encourage sustainability, health, and the enjoyment of time spent gardening and the well being this brings.

I have two sons, now in the workforce.

They have both attended local public and local private schools.

I now have a daughter in kindergarten, another daughter who needs childcare.

This again is real life experience that I am living, education is important to me.

We need youth clubs all over Robertson electorate, run by the local police force and community, demanding respect, responsibility and teaching the importance of physical health for mind and body.

I know from my own experience of being a single parent for too long, that our children need our help.

Fifty per cent of families are blended families.

This is not good enough for our children, and how are they to learn structure and stability, without the core of where life all starts?

Our children and youth deserve better.

I want all children to know that there is always a safe place for them to fall within their community, a community that cares.

**Independent:
Jake Cassar**

I am a local resident and grew up around the Peninsula,

I am standing for election to further my community work to the next level and provide real representation for all the constituents of Robertson.

When the politicians stop listening, the community needs to step up and fight for better services that bind our community together.

As society is made up of many and varied aspects and services, four of the most important factors for this community are health, education, sustainable development and job creation.

If the correct social policy is adopted, all four benefit and flow from each other.

If elected as your community representative to Canberra, I will push for a re-invigoration of Woy Woy Hospital which includes 24 hour accident and emergency department, better mental and allied health facilities and reinstatement of the rehabilitation unit.

I would implement the national male health policy recommendations and provide funding for MARs (Men Accessing Resources).

I would assist programs such as the Peninsula men's group MATES (Men Acting To Evolve Spirit) whose mission is to positively impact lives by helping males strengthen themselves.

I would increase funding and enhance the emergency housing protocols for single men, women and children on the Peninsula and

throughout Robertson.

I would push for funding for a homeless outreach centre on the Peninsula.

I would advocate funding for programs of self-empowerment of homeless and disadvantaged members of society.

I would promote more funding for early intervention and disability services in all schools.

Sustainable transport solutions are required to reduce the traffic gridlock of the Peninsula.

A solution could include a light rail connection between Woy Woy and Umina with a closed Loop Bus service accessing Ettalong and beyond.

I would advocate for a Bull's Hill Bypass rather than the environmentally damaging F3-Peninsula Link.

I would promote sustainable tourism business in and around the Peninsula.

I would push for funding for a headland walkway connecting Umina and Pearl Beach.

I would advocate for sustainable management of water within urban areas through intelligent and integrated design – looking at the urban water cycle as a whole, taking into account all three urban water sources: potable water, wastewater, and stormwater.

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Election 2010 candidates

Christian Democrats: Graham Freemantle

I have been campaigning on the fact that "I care for families, the community, lifestyle and environment".

I firmly believe that "strong families build strong communities".

If I am elected as the Member for Robertson, I make a firm commitment that I will endeavour to assist families in the Peninsula area who are struggling with overwhelming issues.

My top priority would be to tackle the issues with young people in the Peninsula area.

I will personally discuss any problems that young people may have.

I would make arrangements with the person and their families to provide any necessary assistance from local churches, community organisations and professionals.

Last week was National Homeless week.

Homelessness Australia has urged all political parties to sign up to the target of reducing homelessness by 50 per cent in 2020.

They recommend an increase in housing and financial assistance.

However, the homeless are generally disconnected from their community and family and this needs to be addressed.

CDP supports the Oasis program by the Salvation Army at Surry Hills which provides support, job training and provision of suitable accommodation.

I would have discussions with Oasis about extending their work to the Central Coast.

Reforms are necessary in mental health care.

Local churches currently provide personal care for people with mental illnesses.

I would discuss with local churches and community organisations for this personal care to be extended.

I would also investigate the provision of mental health services without the use of psychiatric drugs.

I would vigorously undertake aged care reform.

Areas of reform would include expansion of emergency respite

provisions for carers.

The Carer's Payment is currently income-tested.

Legislation would be presented to Parliament for a minimum Carer's Payment of, say, \$400 per fortnight.

Our taxes rise every year due to "bracket creep".

I would make representations to the new Treasurer that the Income Tax minimum threshold be increased from the current \$6000 per annum to at least \$10,000 per annum.

Reductions should be made in Individual Income Taxation Rates.

Current taxation rates of 45 per cent, 38 per cent, 30 per cent and 15 per cent would be reduced to 42 per cent, 35 per cent, 28 per cent and 14 per cent.

These measures would reduce the income tax of low income earners on the Central Coast.

There should be income splitting for single-income families.

As an example, if the husband earns \$60,000 per annum then the husband and wife both be taxed on \$30,000 per annum.

This reform provides each mother with a real choice on whether to provide additional income for the family or to stay at home to be a full-time mother for her children.

A four-lane link should be constructed by 2015 between the F3 Freeway and Central Coast Hwy at Erina with the route passing through Brady's Gully.

All environmental issues, particularly flora and fauna protection and noise would be thoroughly evaluated.

This would ease the major traffic problems at West Gosford and improve the access to the Central Coast.

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Road stabilised

Gosford Council carried out minor road stabilisation works on Woy Woy Bay Rd, Phegans Bay, earlier this month.

The work took place from August 10 to 13 and involved the construction of a retaining wall above the escarpment area at the location where a section of the rock

face has fallen away.

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Press release, 6 Aug 2010
Peter Dunn, Gosford Council

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Graham is married to Merilyn and they have 5 happily married children and 11 grandchildren. Graham was a Chemical Engineer prior to taking up his position as NSW State Manager of the CDP.

If elected, he would seek to:

- Promote families by supporting all parents, and providing pregnancy support.
- Protect our environment without neglecting business interests.
- Promote local hospital boards that know our local needs.
- Improve our local infrastructure, particularly our road system.

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Election 2010 candidates

My name is Peter Freewater and I want your help to win the seat of Robertson and become the first Green in Australian history to be elected to the House of Representatives.

If elected I will fight to make the region a focus for the renewable energy industries; to retrain coal workers and provide new long-term jobs for locals.

I will fight for more rail freight to take trucks off our roads; to stop Liberal party plans to carve up Brisbane Water National Park and turn the Peninsula into a new off-ramp for the F3; I'll fight for better bus services and reliable train

services for commuters.

I'll fight for better hospital facilities, more doctors, more nurses, more beds and particularly more services for Woy Woy Hospital with a return of our rehabilitation unit.

I also intend to fight to get real action on climate change, to protect people rather than just confuse and tax them.

I have a unique vision for Gosford and the Peninsula: Brisbane Water National Park

has the highest concentration of indigenous carvings to be found anywhere in the world and I want it declared a World Heritage Area.

I believe that we have a prosperous future as the ideal destination for nature-based tourism.

The Peninsula is surrounded by beautiful forests full of rare and endangered animals and plants.

We are surrounded by clean and sparkling waterways, complete with whales surfing beaches.

We also have a proud shipbuilding heritage.

The area should be developed using best-practice sustainable development, public transport and water sensitive urban design to create a truly beautiful place to live and work.

We should embrace our maritime heritage together with our natural and aboriginal heritage and create unique world-class tourist attractions on and around our waterways.

These are the kinds of developments that will create and sustain thousands of long-term jobs well into the future, especially for our young people, which so desperately need and deserve a brighter future, in contrast to the chronically high unemployment levels that they are currently suffering.

I believe in the public education system and believe that it should be supported by the government not undermined in favour of private schools.

I want to see an end to HECS

and make higher education free so that our kids can have just as much hope for a brighter future as wealthier kids do.

As a councillor, I have already fought and won many battles for the Peninsula.

I continue to punch above my weight against inappropriate mining proposals, against dodgy development proposals and against the heavyweight politicians that would support them.

I am running as the Green's Candidate in Robertson because the Greens do not accept corporate donations; because of their strong track record fighting for the environment and for social justice issues.

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Liberal: Darren Jameson

I have been serving the Central Coast community for over two decades through surf life saving, policing and commerce.

I am your Liberal candidate for Robertson because I believe that our community deserves a representative with first-hand experience of serving the local community, and someone committed to focus and represent the issues that matter – regardless of how big or small.

The big issues I am hearing across the electorate are cost of living, health, seniors and community safety.

People are telling me of how their bills are going up but their wages aren't keeping pace.

The Liberal Party's Paid Parental Leave Scheme and Child Care Rebate will ease the burden on families who are juggling many demands.

These will help bring families closer together by providing 26 weeks of paid parental leave and will make child care more affordable.

I remind the Peninsula community that the Rudd-Gillard Government promised to control the cost of living – and have delivered nothing.

All talk and no action.

And Labor, working with the Greens, has now promised an emissions trading scheme which will push electricity prices up even further, hurting the hip-pockets of

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Regarding health I have pledged \$2.7 million to reopen and expand the Woy Woy Rehab Centre to 30 beds.

I have also pledged \$11 million for a public-private partnership with Central Coast Radiotherapy Oncology Centre.

We are also creating 2800 more hospital beds nationwide.

These actions on health will serve the people of the Coast by bringing much needed health services closer to home.

Unlike Labor's track record of broken health promises: like 33 of 36 Super Clinics promised in 2007 that are not operating, and the failed cancer clinic for the Coast.

The Coalition also recognises the contribution that seniors make to our society and economy.

We have announced a plan for real action to support seniors including a Seniors' Employment Incentive Payment to help seniors who are out of the workforce and who want to find a job.

We have also committed to retain the existing rules for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card, and establish a national 'Safer Seniors' program to improve the safety of seniors in their homes and communities.

As a former Detective Sergeant, I have first-hand experience of concerns about community safety.

People should feel safe in their neighbourhoods, and I am committed to doing more.

In fact, I have developed a Five Point Direct Action Plan to address community crime in specific areas of Robertson.

My Direct Action Plan incorporates investigating programs to cut the unacceptably high levels of youth unemployment.

Serving the community is what I have done for most of my life.

It's about listening to the needs of the community and representing the community with integrity.

Independent: Michelle Meares

I'm happy to have the opportunity to stand as a candidate for Robertson in the Federal election.

I have chosen to stand as a candidate to focus attention on four critical issues facing our community here - Maternity Choices, Youth Futures, Ocean Protection and Climate Change.

These are issues where I feel our current Government has failed to act responsibly and with long-term vision.

As a mother, I feel a deep sense of responsibility for the future being created for our children and the world they will grow up and live in.

The complete failure of both major political parties to act on climate change is appalling.

I support the immediate introduction of a carbon tax.

The entire tax should be returned to the public, equal shares on a per capita basis (half shares for children up to a maximum of two child shares per family), deposited monthly in bank accounts.

We currently have approximately 40 per cent of our young people unemployed.

I will work to reduce the youth unemployment rate on the Central Coast and provide more support for young people and their families.

I would work to set up a One Stop Shop for young people and their parents that works as a youth labour hire organisation as well as providing integrated support.

If elected, I would work to support youth mentoring programs. We know what a difference it makes.

Here on the Central Coast we are blessed with a beautiful coastline and beaches and waterways form the central part of many of our communities.

This cannot be taken for granted.

All levels of Government must step up and protect and preserve their beauty for the future



Are our Governments and energy companies so resistant to change that they cannot adapt and evolve and therefore survive?

Much is said of the importance of mothering and yet the policies regarding support to women and new families does not match the rhetoric.

As a federal politician I would work to establish a National Maternity Payment for every Australian woman (a baby bonus type payment for pregnancy care) giving Australian women the ability to direct funding to the care provider of their choice (Midwife, General Practitioner, Specialist).

As a Federal Member of Parliament, I would work with the Government to ensure that the decisions made served the best interests of our communities on the Central Coast both now and in the future.

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Many of the people in these photos spent years door knocking with petitions fighting their elected Labor representatives to have our public rehabilitation amenity returned to us on the Woy Woy Peninsula.

I personally have invested five thousand dollars in advertising our fight and with others invested thousands of hours in the fight to have an important part of our Peninsula community amenity returned to us.

We are fighting on behalf of so many people who are no longer able to fight for themselves, people who have not been well represented by their politicians for years.

Consider this, the slice by slice removal of Woy Woy Public Hospital amenities will result in the eventual loss of our public hospital and a slight drop in property values as a direct result.

We need politicians who will put their constituents above their party.

We want not only the return of the Rehabilitation Hospital but a full upgrade of our public hospital.

We are the ones who pay and we should therefore be the ones who say what goes and what stays!



Vote for change and change again. Stop changing your vote only after our political allsorts get the message. We the people are sick of being disrespected and lied to by those whom we have given our votes to in trust.



Readers, I write from my heart on my now dead father's behalf.

From time to time, I support my words with photographic efforts in an attempt to better communicate with you the concerns which I believe we all share.

I trust what I write to make a difference to everyone who pays their taxes and gives their vote in support of honest, open, representative government.

I expect what many of you read in the Peninsula News letters Forum will influence how you exercise your vote.

We are well able to understand that we won't be voting for party leaders because they are not standing in the seat of Robertson!

I have often said that we the people do have the power to shake the base of politics.

We have only to exercise that power by directing our own preferences.

On the Representatives (green) ballot paper, you must number every box for your vote to count. The Senate paper (white) is not so easy. You have two choices.

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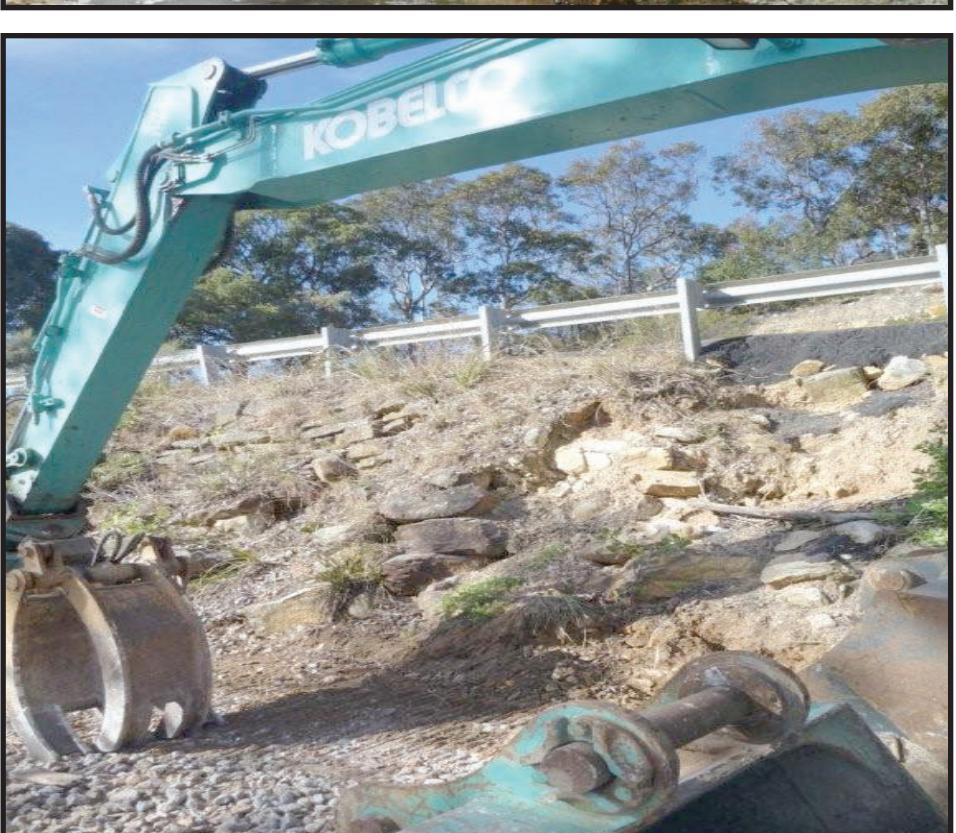
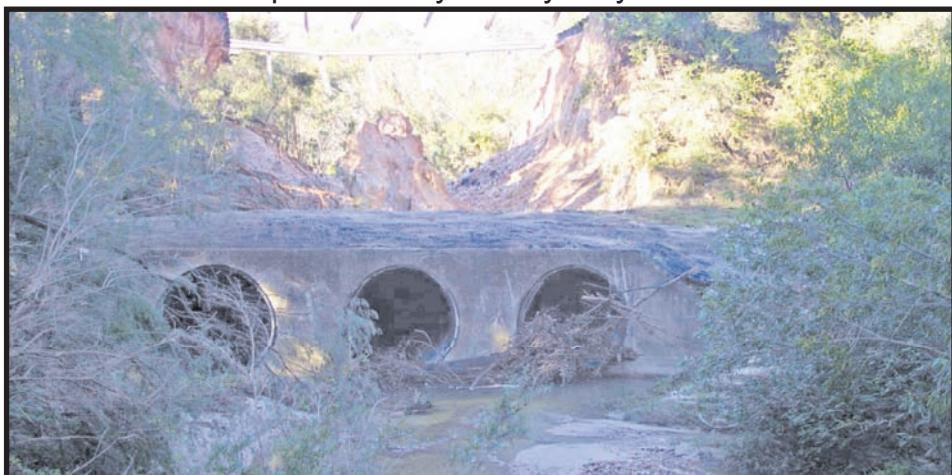
Make the effort to exercise your vote by directing your own preferences, numbering every box below the line, "1" being your first choice, "2" in the box of your second choice and so on, until you have numbered every box.

If you make a mistake, an electoral officer will give you another paper.

They are there to help you exercise your vote.

Vote for change and change again. Only stop changing when our politicians get the message that we the people are sick of being disrespected and lied to by those whom we have given our votes to in trust.

This time, I am voting for Darren Jameson because he has publicly assured me that the Liberal Party will return the Woy Woy Rehabilitation Hospital amenity to Woy Woy.



Election 2010 candidates

The Peninsula is the traditional heartland of the Robertson electorate.

As a Central Coast resident for 25 years who has dedicated my life to teaching locally, I am deeply conscious of Peninsula pride, and its strong sense of community.

If you elect me to represent you as your Federal member, I will honour the trust that you place in me.

The people of our community already know I have the courage to stand up when it counts – for what's right and fair.

You can be assured that I have the courage to stand up for our region's interests in Canberra – for the health services, education and infrastructure the Peninsula needs.

My name is Don Parkes and I am the One Nation candidate for Robertson.

I was born in London, emigrated here in 1951, became a naturalised Australian and resident of Woy Woy since 1976.

In making my home in Australia I followed my distant relatives, Henry and Clarinda, who arrived here in 1839 (Henry went on to be Premier of NSW and was founder of the Federation of Australia).

I am a committed Christian, but not tied to any religious institution.

Not previously involved in politics, I joined the newly formed One Nation party of Pauline Hanson and this is my second stint as Robertson candidate.

My main concern as a father and grandfather, is the future for Australia and the continuance of our stable system of governance.

But unfortunately there is a strong

In the course of the election campaign I have announced a number of commitments to the Peninsula.

The major commitment is \$2 million in infrastructure funding for the next stage of the Ettalong Beach Foreshore redevelopment.

This builds on the \$3 million upgrade of the Peninsula Recreation Precinct secured as part of Labor's Nation Building-Economic Stimulus Plan.

Other projects on the Peninsula include \$150,000 in funding for the Peninsula Community Centre's Security and Prevention Project

for Seniors and \$30,000 to build a fence around the playground at Fisherman's Wharf in Woy Woy.

I lobbied for the fence after a public plea by Umina Beach mum Kea Anderson.

I listened to Kea, found a way to help out, and got funding to fix the problem.

I take a similar approach to the bigger problems we face in our part of the Central Coast.

After knocking on thousands of doors to engage directly with people, I know that health is our biggest concern.

Many people have shared their

stories with me in the course of the campaign.

One anecdote I heard from a woman I met at Umina Beach sums it up.

Despite suffering a urinary tract infection, this woman told me how she had to go to Accident and Emergency to get a script, because she couldn't get in to see a GP for two weeks.

Access to a doctor should be a right not a privilege, yet time and again I come across local people who cannot get in to see a doctor when they need one.

Labor is making up for the years

in which Tony Abbott as Health Minister ripped \$1 billion out of public hospitals and capped GP and nurse training places.

After a strongly-supported community campaign, I obtained funding of up to \$7 million for a GP Super Clinic, which when established will provide as many as 20,000 GP services annually.

I also obtained \$5 million for 16 acute care beds at Gosford Hospital and new Emergency Department equipment.

The Liberals have said they will not fund GP Super Clinics.

A vote for Labor on August 21 will ensure that people like the woman I met at Umina Beach will get the treatment they deserve in a rich, first world country with a universal health care system.

One Nation: Don Parkes

movement in Canberra, mostly from the left-wing of politics, to push Australia into the unknown of some sort of republic.

If the Labor party regains power we could very soon face a plebiscite, asking us in effect to put a motion of no confidence in our Constitution.

Although a plebiscite is really nothing more than a glorified opinion poll, this could create an atmosphere of political uncertainty.

If a subsequent referendum results in a total overturning of our governmental system, we are in danger of losing so much good that has been accomplished here, with

nothing that republicans have ever shown we would gain.

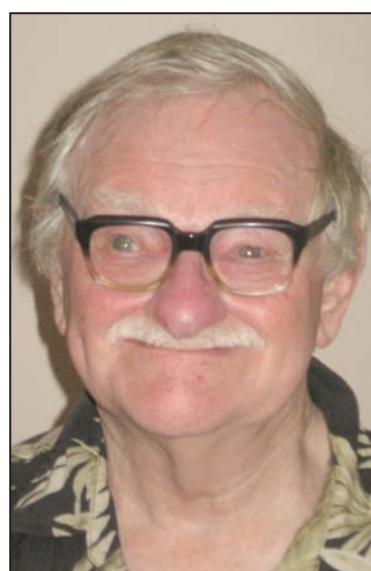
Although One Nation policies as well as Liberal principals, I am asking electors in this very close marginal seat to consider this vital issue when they cast their votes.

Therefore my second preference will go to the Liberals, whose leader Tony Abbott (like him or not) has stated clearly that he intends to defend our Crown and Constitution.

Other principals and objectives of One Nation are:

To protect and preserve our flag, history and way of life

To restrict foreign ownership and



stop the sale of public assets
To restore tariff protection, revitalise Australian industry and give financial support to small businesses and the rural sector

To block low-rate imported goods that threatens to wipe out our farms and factories

To restrict immigration because of environmental and economic concerns

To deny political correctness and maintain the right of freedom of speech

To deport religious extremists who show contempt for Australia and break our laws with impunity

To ensure law-abiding citizens are afforded the highest levels of protection from crime and its perpetrators

To take positive action on taxation reform

To re-establish a truly publicly-owned bank

The One Nation party is the real alternative to the major parties which have dominated this country for far too long; not the Greens: a vote for them ends with Labor.

Polls at 15 locations

Voters will have the opportunity to choose from 15 different polling locations on the Peninsula when voting in this month's Federal election.

Polling day for the federal election is Saturday, August 21.

All polling places on the Peninsula are open between 8am and 6pm.

Polling locations in the Woy Woy area include Woy Woy South Primary School, the South Woy Woy Progress Association and Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus.

Umina Beach Primary School, Umina Uniting Church Community Centre, Umina Community Hall and Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus will also be available for voters on the day.

Other locations around the Peninsula include The Bays Community Hall, Booker Bay Pre School, Ettalong Beach Primary School, Pearl Beach Community Centre, Killcare Bushfire Brigade, Empire Bay Public School, Wagstaffe Hall and the Patonga Progress Association.

An early voting centre is available at Suite 4, 81 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, for any voter who

cannot make it to a polling place on election day.

The Woy Woy early voting centre is open on August 16 to 19 between 8.30am and 5.30pm and between 8.30am and 6pm on Friday, August 20.

Voters travelling interstate on August 21 and who have not voted beforehand can vote at an interstate voting centre or AEC divisional office.

It is suggested the AEC website www.aec.gov.au be checked closer to Election Day to confirm polling locations.

Website, 12 Aug 2010
Australian Electoral Commission

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Ms McAlister gives sister a go

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus principal Ms Pam McAlister stood aside on August 4 to allow her sister to be "Principal for a Day".

Ms McAlister's sister is Australian Industry Group CEO Ms Heather Ridout.

Ms Ridout is a member of a number of important national policy groups including Skills Australia and Infrastructure Australia and was a member of the Henry Tax Review Panel.

Ms Ridout experienced first-hand what it would be like to run the college's Woy Woy campus through the Education Week program.

The Principal for a Day program gives community and business leaders a chance to spend the day 'shadowing' a NSW government school principal.

Ms Ridout was able to get a behind-the-scenes view of the rewards and challenges of school life.

As well as meeting parents, liaising with staff and leading classes, the "virtual principals" participate in the many and varied tasks their real life counterparts handle every workday.

Ms McAlister said the school was delighted to welcome Ms Ridout for the day.

"Heather is widely respected business leader and a strong advocate for improving our education and training system at the national level," Ms McAlister said.

"I know our students were excited at the prospect of hearing Heather speak about her career and the lessons learned along the way."

Press release, 3 Aug 2010
Pam McAlister, BWSC Woy Woy

Students living on a remote island in Fiji have benefited from the Rotary Club of Umina Beach's library book collection drive with the help of local primary schools such as Woy Woy South and Empire Bay public schools.

Nasini Primary School on the island of Vanua Levu were lacking teaching and reading resources for its students, according to director of public relations for Umina Rotary Mr Geoff Melville.

"President Pat Lewis responded to a call from Collin McKenny, owner of Lomalagi Resort in Fiji, who advised of the real lack of

resources, especially books at the tiny school.

"Pat arranged for the books to be shipped to Fiji and early this month the children opened box after box of library books.

"The smiles on their faces showed how happy they were to receive them.

"This remote school has 282 children from class one through to class eight plus a kindergarten with another 30 children.

"The books will go a long way towards helping to improve their reading ability."

Press release, 11 Aug 2010
Geoff Melville, Rotary Club of Umina Beach



Barbecues donated to primary schools

A local hardware store had donated barbecues to seven local primary schools to help the P&C Associations in their fundraising.

"Campbell Building Materials is committed to supporting the local community through assisting local primary schools with their fundraising efforts," marketing manager Ms Belinda Campbell said.

"Mark Campbell has generously donated seven barbecues, gas

bottles and gas refill vouchers to Woy Woy Public School, Woy Woy South Public School, Umina Beach Public School, Ettalong Beach Public School, Pretty Beach Public School, Empire Bay Public School and St John the Baptist School.

"The majority of these have been earmarked for use in their Fathers Day raffles or other fundraising campaigns that the schools P&C Associations have organised.

Press release, 11 Aug 2010
Belinda Campbell, Campbell Building Materials

Award recipients

Teachers, parents and community members were recognised for their service to school education at the Central Coast Education Awards of Appreciation ceremony on August 5.

All Peninsula public schools nominated individuals for the award including Empire Bay and Ettalong primary schools.

Ms Julie Egan, Ms Megan Miller-Henderson and Ms Vicki Collins received awards of recognition for their work with Empire Bay Public School while, from Ettalong Public School, Ms Jes Zammit, Ms Cheryl Lynch and Mr Keith Middleton were also award recipients.

Newsletter, 3 Aug 2010
Ettalong Public School
Newsletter, 4 Aug 2010
Empire Bay Public School

Brisbane Water Secondary College is the 2010 Country Cup State Champions after its under-13 team defeated Picton High in Dubbo last week in rugby league.

This is the first time the school has won this competition, and is also a first for the Central Coast region.

About 300 schools entered the competition this year, and the team enjoyed a magic run, defeating Wadalba, Erina, Terrigal, St Edwards, St Pauls, Tuggerah Lakes, St Josephs Lochinvar, All Saints Maitland, St Josephs

Aberdeen, St Johns Lismore, Macksville, Farrer Agricultural High, and finally Picton High.

"This is a great group of boys who were motivated to do well, and played with discipline and skill," coach Mr. Patrick Crouch said.

"They played as a team and deserve the success they have had."

The schools under-14's have also had a good season, narrowly losing the state grand final of the All Schools Competition last week.

They are now into the final eight of the Buckley Shield.

Press release, 12 Aug 2010
Bruce Graf, BWSC Umina P&C

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Out and About



Hospital Art Australia president Ms Pat de Carle



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New premises for hospital art group

Hospital Art Australia has moved to new premises in Umina to allow Peninsula Retirement Village residents to get involved in the voluntary program.

Established in 1999, Hospital Art Australia provides free-of-charge, colour coded outline designs, paints, brushes, easels and supervisory assistance to long-stay patients and residents in hospitals, nursing homes and rehab units in NSW and Queensland.

The finished artwork is hung

in hospitals and nursing homes around Australia.

"We are volunteers who are improving life for the sick, ageing and disabled," group president Ms Pat de Carle said.

"We now have our own special venue to work and store equipment which is great news."

"Our new address is 109 Birdwood Ave, Umina, and we will be open every Friday from 9am to 2pm from February through to November."

"We welcome any volunteers to assist us with our work."

"This new address also enables residents of the Peninsula Retirement Village to take part in the program, to meet new people and to feel they are a part of society again."

"Come in and talk with us as you will find volunteering the most rewarding activity to get involved in."

For more information about becoming involved in Hospital Art Australia, contact Pat de Carle on 4341 9920.

Letter, 10 Aug 2010

Pat de Carle, Hospital Art Australia

Craft worker dies

Former vice president of the Ettalong Business and Professional Club Ms Joan Matthews has died.

Ms Matthews was renowned for her hard work during the 1960s and 1970s to promote and work for the establishment of the Potter's Society and Handweavers and Spinners Guild.

She was formerly the Tutor Sister at Gosford District Hospital until she retired in 1967.

Ms Matthews was responsible for starting the first gallery in Mann St, Gosford, with Ms Ursula Giese before starting Girraween Craft Studio in Narara a short time later.

She also instigated the Old Sydney Town Craft Studio in Somersby running it as the Girraween Craft Studio in the late 1970s.

It then became Studio 20, a cooperative which functioned until the closure of Old Sydney Town in 2003.

Ms Matthews donated her international collection of pots to the Potters' Society and also

some of her handicrafts to the Handweavers and Spinners' Guild.

She also played a major part in organising the 150th celebration of the founding of Gosford during the time she was vice president of the Ettalong Business and Professional Club with Wyong, Gosford and Ettalong clubs also taking part.

Ms Matthews featured in the first book Significant Women of the Central Coast.

Newsletter, 10 Aug 2010
Margaret Hardy, Central Coast Multi Arts Confederation

Choir cancels Spring Song

The Peninsula Choir has cancelled its annual Spring Song in Ettalong performance after several members fell ill with the cold and flu, according to group publicity officer Ms Maria Collins.

"The Peninsula Choir is currently in recess for the winter because some members are suffering from seasonal ills and chills," Ms Collins

said.

"Because of these, our customary Spring Song in Ettalong will not take place this year."

Ms Collins said choir practice would resume on Wednesday, September 15, at St Andrew's Anglican Church on Ocean Beach Rd, Umina, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

"We shall begin to prepare for our Christmas program when choir practice resumes," Ms Collins said.

New members are always welcome and the ability to read music is an advantage but is not essential.

All that is needed is a congenial nature, a love of good music and the ability to hold a part in company with other singers."

For more information, contact Ivan Kinnin on 4344 4811.

Press release, 26 Jul 2010
Maria Collins, Peninsula Choir

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Portrait prizes total \$2000

Prizes totalling \$2000 will be offered in the Rotary Club of Umina Beach's annual Portrait Prize and Art Show this year.

Categories for established artists will have \$1000 in prizes for Portraits, Open Art works and Sculpture, according to Umina Rotary president Mr Pat Lewis.

A further \$1000 will be available in prizes for local young people.

These will be provided by real estate agency Raine and Horne Umina Beach.

Principal Mr Tom Tregent said he was pleased to provide encouragement to local young

people who had a passion for their art.

He has put up \$400 for the best individual art work and three encouragement prizes of \$200 each.

The exhibition will be held at Worthington's BMW at Kariong on the October long weekend with an opening night cocktail event on the evening of Friday, October 1.

Further details and application forms can be obtained from the prize website at www.portraitprize.com.au.

Press release, 5 Aug 2010
Pat Lewis, Rotary Club
of Umina Beach



Event coordinator Mr Peter Doherty and Raine and Horne Umina Beach principal

Mr Tom Tregent with last year's winning student entry by Jordan Richardson

Poets launch anthology

Central Coast Poets Inc will celebrate National Poetry Week by launching its latest anthology at Pearl Beach Memorial Hall next month.

Competition coordinator Ms Andrea Cook said Henry Kendall Poetry Competition entries formed the basis of the anthology, with additional poems by Central Coast Poets members included.

"Competition judge Dr Michael Sharkey selected the winners and runners-up, and these are featured in the anthology," Ms Cook said.

"Although hosting the competition and compiling the anthology every two years involves a lot of work for our small community group, we are always delighted to attract such a high standard of entries."



Henry Kendall Poetry Competition coordinator Ms Andrea Cook

"The anthology also provides many poets with the chance to have their work published, including CCPI members."

"This year two of our members feature strongly in anthology design."

"The anthology's title Off the Path comes from a poem by a long-term CCPI member Kelly Blaney-Murphy."

"Kelly will also read selected poems at the launch while another member Narelle Grace undertook the cover photography for this edition, as well as for the last one."

"We are privileged to have the acclaimed poet Jean Kent to officially launch the anthology this year."

"Four years ago we had a very successful launch at the Peninsula Theatre."

"Peninsula residents have always been strong supporters of our work, and several of our members live there."

The launch will be held on Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach, from 1.30pm on Saturday, September 11.

Ms Cook said everyone was welcome to attend and asked interested participants to RSVP by September 5, to 4342 0476 or email gilltel@optusnet.com.au

Press release, 10 Aug 2010
Gillian Telford, Central
Coast Poets Inc

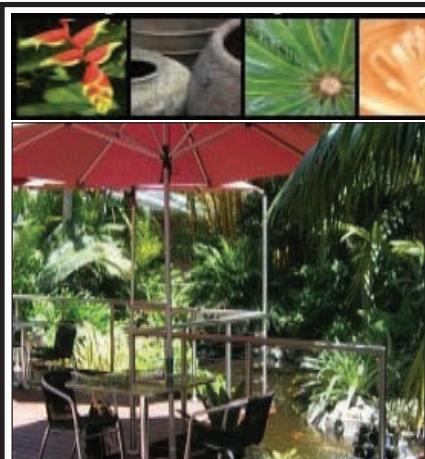
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Out and About

Duo plays at folk club

Folk and blues duo Buck and Deanne will perform at the next Troubadours Central Coast folk club meeting on Saturday, August 28.

The musical duo feature fine vocals, close harmonies and guitar presentation whose "undeniable chemistry" ensures a romantic musical collaboration that has delighted and uplifted audiences from Perth to Sydney, according to club president Mr Bill Bekric.

"Together they collaborate on Buck's original material as well as placing their own special arrangements on traditional blues, pop and folk classics," Mr Bekric said.

Dianne has been singing harmonies for as long as she can remember and joined her first choir in 1998.

"Her goal is to perform at folk festivals in the UK and US.

"When Buck first picked up the



Folk and blues duo Buck and Deanne

guitar, his first goal was to learn 12 songs so that he could go busking.

"Paul's music was strange, jarring storytelling which didn't always make sense.

"Deanne has been responsible for introducing him to harmony and

showing him real beauty in voice and music

"Deanne and Buck have, separately, performed at every folk festival in NSW as well as many in other states and in the short time they have been together.

The folk club meets at the Woy Woy CWA Hall in The Boulevard, opposite Fisherman's Wharf.

Email, 2 Aug 2010
Bill Bekric, Troubadour
Central Coast

Members of the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre played host to more than 30 overseas visitors from Japan recently.

The visitors were taking part in a cultural exchange tour from Edogawa, Japan.

"Margaret Hardy from the Caroline Bay Arts Centre asked us to show the international guests the Ettalong centre and gave students the opportunity to display work," said centre president Ms Thel Browne.

"It was a wonderful experience and language was no barrier.

"A lot of hand waving and gesturing went on but we were able to make ourselves understood.

"The ladies brought with them many delightful examples of their crafts.

"One lady showed us a purse

she had made from the material from her mother and fathers' kimonos.

"Another guest wore her kimono which was just beautiful.

"It was certainly a wonderful experience.

"We also received two new flower arrangements made from dough as gifts to us to remember their visit."

Newsletter, 18 Jul 2010
Thel Browne, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre

Paint the waratahs

The Central Coast Art Society will hold two paint-out sessions on the Peninsula over the coming weeks.

The first session will be held on Tuesday, August 24, where participants will meet at Nerrima Cres, Umina.

Art lovers will also have the opportunity to paint the waratahs along Patonga Dr when the group meets on Tuesday, September 7.

For more information, call organiser Ms Rose Bickley on 4369 5860.

Newsletter, 10 Aug 2010
Margaret Hardy, Central Coast Multi Arts Confederation

Umina man wins video comp

A Umina resident has won a national video-making competition amongst thousands of entries.

Mr Matt McCaughey was one of four winners to take out the Sony Experiences competition, winning prizes including free tickets to Sony Music events, a notebook, mobile phone, video camera.

As the winner of the music category, Mr McCaughey also wins the opportunity to tour a digital and recording studio, attend a music video shoot and host his very own radio channel on bandit.fm.

Website, 11 Aug 2010
Sony Music

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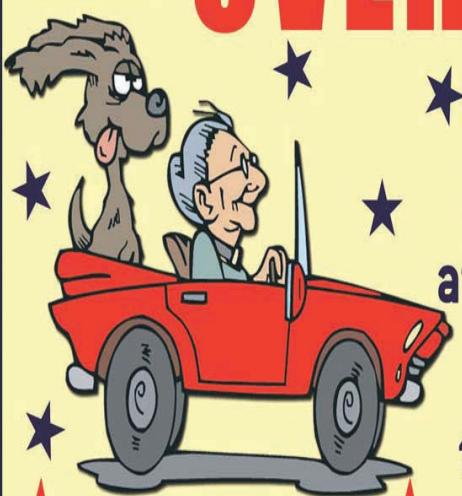
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Woy Woy is Caradise

What is it about the motor car that addles the brain?

Is it the shiny new toy aspect or the death dealing speed?

Whatever madness it is, the powers that be are determined to turn all the green space in Woy Woy into car parking.

So, why not obliterate Woy

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Woy altogether and deport all the inhabitants to East Timor, Nauru or New Zealand?

Then they could change the name of Woy Woy to Caradise.

Letter, 19 Jul 2010
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Good response

Thank you very much for the article in the Peninsula News regarding the Managing Anxiety Group we were running at the Peninsula Women's Health Centre.

We had an overwhelming response from the community and we have put on more groups to meet the need.

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We really love the Peninsula News and reading about what is happening in our area.

Keep up the good work.

Email, 11 Aug 2010
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre

Tour for reunion

As organiser of the 40-year reunion of Woy Woy High School students, I would like to thank the principal of Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus, Pam McAlister, for offering to conduct a tour of the present day school.

This lady is to be highly commended for her presentation.

Many changes have occurred on the premises over the decades.

Many of the ex-students haven't

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seen the place for 40 years.

Pam was proud to show us every section and everyone was impressed.

We were all pleased and proud to find our old school has improved and developed positively.

Pam McAlister is both gracious and an articulate spokesperson for our public education.

Email, 31 Jul 2010
Julie Loaney-Brown, Woy Woy

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GFC caused price drop

I refer to Warren Cross' letter (High Rises Lower Property Values, Peninsula News, 2 Aug 2010).

As the original owner of the property he mentions, he should have checked the facts with me before using the sale of my property to illustrate his argument.

Firstly, the sale was not recent. It was September 2009.

Secondly, Mr Cross states that the property sold for 35 per cent less than its original asking price and that this is attributable to the Ettalong high rise.

During the period of the sales campaign, the boundary was realigned and the block that

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sold was almost 2500 square metres smaller than that originally advertised.

A comparison of asking-sale

prices is therefore a meaningless exercise.

Thirdly, the Ettalong "white mirage" is barely visible from the house.

To the best of my knowledge and that of my real estate agents, none of the prospective buyers cited the existence of the club or proposed high-rise as a factor in their decision-making process.

I would suggest that the Global Financial Crisis had a greater impact on buyers for my house during 2008 to 2009 than the latest Tesrol application.

Email, 8 Aug 2010
Susan Williams, Wagstaffe Pt

The Diary

16 August

Woy Woy RLFC Golf Day, Everglades Country Club
Lateral Stitchers Creative Embroidery exhibition until August 21, Patonga Bakehouse Gallery, Patonga Free
Smooth Running Fun and Fitness Festival until August 20, Umina Beach Surf Club, Free,

17 August

Glen A. Baker to speak about music, Woy Woy Library, 10am Free

18 August

Peninsula Environment Group Food Network information session, Peninsula Women's Health Centre, 10am Free

19 August

Troubadour Friends playing at Randall's on the Beach, Killcare, 6.30pm Free

21 August

Federal Election, Free

22 August

Radio Five-O-Plus ballroom dancing, Ettalong 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre, 1pm

That's That playing at Randall's on the Beach, Killcare, 6.30pm Free

24 August

Story time in the Park, Umina Beachside Family Centre, Umina Oval 10am Free

Central Coast Art Society Paint Out, Nerrima Crescent, Umina Beach Free

25 August

Bridge to Volunteering general information session, Woy Woy Free

26 August

Pink Prom Ball fundraising event for the NSW Cancer Council, Sporties @ Woy Woy, 7pm

Usual Suspects playing at Randall's on the Beach, Killcare,

6.30pm Free

27 August

Daffodil Day national fundraising for Cancer Council

Umina Hope Church Pantry Club 1st birthday party fundraiser, Umina Hope Church 11.30am

Buck and Deanne at Troubadour Folk Club, CWA Hall Woy Woy, 7pm

Rotary Club of Umina Beach Trivia Night, Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus, 7pm

28 August

Elton Jack Show, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 8pm

Buck and Deanne, Troubadour Central Coast Folk Club, Woy Woy CWA Hall, 7pm

29 August

Peninsula Lions Club of Woy Woy Car Boot Sale, Rogers Park, Woy Woy Free

Blues Angels playing at Randall's on the Beach, Killcare, 12.30pm Free

Ettalong Beach Business Group community clean-up, meet at carpark next to Rocks Arcade, Memorial Ave, Ettalong, 9am Free

30 August

PCYC Umina AGM 6pm Free

Disease Proof Your Life film screening of "The Future of Food", Cinema Paradiso, Ettalong Beach, 7pm

1 September

Love That Colour Spring Art Exhibition launch, Creative Courtyards, 36 George St, Woy Woy Free

Health Connections Raw for a Day; breakfast picnic, Lions Park, Woy Woy, 8am; lunch picnic, Vernon Park, Umina, 12noon; and shared evening meal, Woy Woy CWA Hall, 5pm,

2 September

Short Film and Stop Motion Animation Festival, Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy

Woy Campus, 6.30pm

Troubadour Friends playing at Randall's on the Beach, Killcare, 6.30pm Free

5 September

Fathers' Day, Free

7 September

Central Coast Art Society Paint Out, Warratahs along Patonga Dr Free

Woy Woy Public School September Showtime, Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus, 6.30pm

9 September

Troubadour Friends playing at Randall's on the Beach, Killcare, 6.30pm Free

11 September

Ettalong Public School Spring Fair, Karingi St, Ettalong Free

Central Coast Poets Inc Anthology launch, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, 1.30pm Free

12 September

Blues Angels playing at Randall's on the Beach, Killcare, 12.30pm Free

16 September

Usual Suspects playing at Randall's on the Beach, Killcare, 6.30pm Free

21 September

Reading Starts with Rhyming information session, Beachside Family Centre, Umina, 10am

22 September

18th Annual Prestige Fours Tournament across three days, Ettalong Bowling Club

23 September

Troubadour Friends playing at Randall's on the Beach, Killcare, 6.30pm Free

26 September

Blues Angels playing at Randall's on the Beach, Killcare, 12.30pm Free

If you've got something happening on the Peninsula over the next few weeks, let us know about it and we'll list it here for you, for free. Contact details are on page 2.

Directory

Animal Care

Animal Welfare League NSW - Central Coast Branch

is a not-for-profit organisation giving aid and financial assistance to sick and injured animals, as well as finding loving homes for surrendered dogs. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Spike Milligan Room of Woy Woy Library, Blackwall Road, Woy Woy, commencing at 10:00am. Visitors always welcome. Debra 4344 4435. awlcentralcoast@virginbroadband.com.au Postal: P.O. Box 376, WOY WOY. NSW. 2256.

Wildlife Animal Rescue and Care Society (ARC)

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

Art

Ettalong Beach Art & Crafts Centre Inc

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

Central Coast Art Society

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

Community Activities

Cash Housie

(269c) 50 Games held every Saturday night at St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong Beach, Opposite Palm Beach Ferry wharf. Free Tea and Coffee. 7.30 pm - 10.30pm. Proceeds go to Woy Woy Catholic Parish. wwcphousie@hotmail.com

Community Centres

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) Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd Woy Woy

Child Care - Before & After School, Vacation, Family Day & Occasional

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- Dance, Singing, Guitar, Drama, Music, Physie, Karate, Belly Dancing,

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Teenagers - The Web

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Scrabble, Table Tennis Tai Chi, Yoga, Darts Enquiries 4341 3222

Community Groups

Friends of the ABC - Central Coast

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

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Guest speakers 4333 8107 jhale@tac.com.au;

Arthritis NSW Woy Woy Branch

(269c) Meetings held 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Community Centre, Corner McMasters Rd and Ocean Beach Road, Woy Woy 4341 5881 for more info

Endeavour View Club

(254) 1st Monday of the Month at Woy Woy Leagues Club - 10.30am 4344 3825

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

The Krait Club

(270c) Community Centre - Cooinda Village, Neptune Street, Umina 10.30am - 2.30pm

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Northern Settlement Services LTD

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Centre, 93 McMasters

Road, Woy Woy

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

Volunteering Central Coast Inc

(270c) We refer potential volunteers to community organisations and support both volunteers and community organisations. We also offer training for volunteers and managers of volunteers

We interview potential volunteers every week across the Central Coast, including Woy Woy and refer them to their choice of volunteer roles. We also offer regular general information sessions at Woy Woy on volunteering. SharanPace@Nolunteeringcentralcoast.org.au

Mary Mac's Place

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Disabled Services

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(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

Marine Rescue

Central Coast Unit

(256) Marine Education Courses available: Radio Licences, Boat Safety & Boat Licence & PWC Licence Tests, Navigation, Seamanship and Meteorology.

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Music

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(258) Regular activities and events for anyone interested in the craft and business of song writing

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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

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 Amanda Bickerstaff 0412 065 098 secretary@woywoyrota

ry.org.au PO Box 175, Woy Woy NSW 2256

Rotary Club of Umina

(269c) An international service organisation of business leaders seeking to improve the lives of young people and those in need in our community and abroad.

We meet at Everglades Country Club each Wednesday evening and invite interested people to call Michael Curley Ph 0409 245 861. curleys@ozemail.com.au

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

Women's Groups

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) A centre for women's well being. Clinic sister; counselling; alternate therapists; groups and community education; drop-in; support for women in crisis; advocacy; printed information and resources on a wide range of women's issues 4342 5905 Wednesday and Thursday 9.30am to 3pm 20a McMasters Rd, Woy Woy www.ccwhc.com.au pwhc@ccwhc.com.au

If you would like your Community Organisation listed here, see duckscrossing.org/publications.html for the forms or contact Peninsula News on

4325 7369

Charity bowls day held

More than 100 bowlers attended the third annual Ron Pursehouse Memorial Charity Day at Umina Beach Bowling Club in June.

The event was introduced 12 months after the death of club stalwart and life member Mr Ron Pursehouse, according to bowls coordinator Mr Steve Stead.

"After a game of bowls, prize winners were announced and the men's bowling club president Ian Jarratt introduced Colleen Stevens from the Cancer department of

Gosford Hospital.

"After a brief talk to the members, Ian announced that the day had raised in excess of \$2000 which makes the men's club donation to Gosford Hospital for research into men's prostate cancer almost \$9000 over the past three years.

Betty Pursehouse thanked everyone for their support of this worthwhile annual event and said that Ron would be honoured to be remembered in this fashion."

Press release, 12 Aug 2010
Steve Stead, Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club

Evening for new lights

Everglades Country Club has hosted a special evening to officially launch the new bowling green lights.

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal, Labor candidate for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill and Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein attended the official ceremony along with Everglades club members and guests.

The lights were donated by Mr Don Leggett and his wife Val in the memory of Val's mother, Ms Nancy Jesperson.

Ms Jesperson was a founding member of Everglades Country Club and was the first female on the Club Honour Board for her achievements in bowls.

Nancy was a member of the club from its inception and remained a member until her passing in 2000.

She was a well-respected bowler and fundraiser for the club and was well deserving of the tribute, according to Mr Leggett.

Press release, 11 Aug 2010
Dawn Copping, Everglades Country Club

Sunshade structure is opened

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club has officially opened its new sunshade structure.

The project was made available through a \$51,770 grant in the State Government's Community Building Partnership program.

"Ocean Beach SLSC was one of 19 successful applicants," said. Member for Gosford Marie Andrews who conducted the ceremony.

"I provided the community with the chance to have their say on projects through a survey and Ocean Beach SLSC was well supported.

"This funding from the State Government has been a real boost for the community, keeping local people actively employed and I am

pleased the program is being run again in 2010.

"Ocean Beach Surf Lifesaving Club received \$51,770 for the construction of a concrete and sunshade structure for the benefit of its members and the local community."

Director of marketing and public relations at Ocean Beach SLSC Mr Aaron Camp said: "Our club has made a commitment to the promotion of the Cancer Council's sun safe message.

"This development provides the first in a series of projects to provide a sun safe environment for members and the general public."

Press release, 11 Aug 2010
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford

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Bruce Monie dies

Former Woy Woy Roosters great Bruce Monie has died from cancer at age 55.

Mr Monie was a member of the Roosters' famous footballing family, playing junior rugby league with the Roosters in the 1960s before graduating to grade football along with his brothers Bill and John.

When playing first grade with both Umina and Erina, Bruce Monie's heart was always with the Roosters, according to club president Mr Geoff Staunton.

He returned to the club in 1975 to play a major part some of the best Roosters teams ever fielded, said Mr Staunton.

"Bruce played in the centres in the Roosters first grade premiership wins in 1975 and 1976, over Wyong and Erina respectively.



"In 1975, Bruce linked brilliantly with both his brothers John and Bill to lead the Roosters to victory and the following year Bruce played alongside Bill who captained Woy Woy to the premiership.

"Many honours were bestowed on Bruce during his time with the Roosters.

"In 1976, Bruce was named the second recipient of the Merv and Muriel Condren trophy as the club's first grade best and fairest player.

"In 2001 he was named as a member of the Woy Woy Roosters Team of the Century, an honour he proudly shared with both his brothers.

"The thoughts and prayers of everyone associated with the club are extended to the Monie family at this sad time."

Mr Monie's funeral service was held at Gold Creek Chapel in the ACT on August 11.

Website, 11 Aug 2010
Geoff Staunton, Woy Woy RLFC

Surf good for Malibu contest

The Ocean Beach Malibu Club conducted its monthly contest at Umina Beach on August 8.

Contest director Mr Craig Coulton said 34 surfers braved the cold winter morning to compete.

"After the disappointment of having to postpone the July contest due to lack of surf, all looked good for competition with a nice three foot swell, along with the choice of a couple of banks on which to surf and a 6am high tide," Mr Coulton said.

"Hayden Emery continued

to expand his lead in the club championship, winning the contest of the firsts.

"The surprise packet of the day was the fast improving Cyndi Zoranovic who outpointed the men to win the thirds.

"As the season nears an end, the battle for the women's club championship is shaping up to be a beauty between Cyndi and Angie Smith.

"Round one saw John Payne take the honours from Chris Irwin and Bill Burke in heat one, Kai Ellice-Flint from Garry Halliday

and Paul Donkin in heat two, Blake Donkin from Brent Olsson and Cyndi Zoranovic in heat three, Brett Wakelin from Richie McClelland and Brent Thoroughgood in heat four, Calyn Wikinson from Matt Sing and Ben Orman in heat five, while Hayden Emery was successful in the final round one heat from Mark Williams and Mitch Cassidy.

"In the second round, Kai Ellice-Flint was the runner up to Hayden, with Blake Donkin taking third spot in the firsts with Mark Williams winning the seconds from Richie McClelland and Matt Sing.

"Cyndi won the thirds from Ben Orman and Brent Thoroughgood with Bill Ballard taking out the fourths from Craig Coulton and Angie Smith knocking off the males for third position.

"In the fifths, Brian Cook was the winner over Phil Bruce and Darrell Young while the last heat of the day was won by young Kayd Donkin with Paul Goder and Tony Irwin taking out the minor places."

The next Ocean Beach Malibu Club contest will be the postponed July competition to be held at Umina Beach on Sunday, August 29.

Press release, 12 Aug 2010
Craig Coulton, Ocean Beach Malibu Club

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Business group holds clean-up

The Ettalong Beach Business Group will hold its next community clean-up in Ettalong on Sunday, August 29.

The clean-up will involve attending to two sites in the area, according to business group president Mr Richard Berntsen.

"The Ettalong Beach Business Group has been working diligently on small projects that we believe ultimately will have a large affect on the community that we all live and work in," Mr Berntsen said.

The next project being done, in conjunction with the Ettalong Markets and Gosford Council, is the removal of the toilet block on the foreshore at Snapper Rd, and construction of a new

toilet block at Ferry Rd.

"The clean-up will begin at 9am where we will clean-up the area around these two sites and make the area ready for work crews to get stuck into the real work at hand."

"Help us on the day to clean up and beautify our foreshore."

The group will be meeting at the carpark next to the Rocks Arcade on Memorial Ave.

Participants are asked to bring work gloves, hat, garbage bags, water, brooms, rakes and whipper snippers.

For further information, contact Richard Berntsen on 4341 3465.

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Richard Berntsen, Ettalong Beach Business Group

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Finalist in golf and bowls

Fourteen-year-old Luke McBeatty has qualified for the finals in both golf and bowls at Everglades Country Club recently.

Club publicity officer Mr Ray Benton said Luke participated in the senior men's golf C grade match-play competition and the senior men's bowls minor singles championship qualifying to the final in both competitions.

"In the golf event, Luke was defeated by one of Everglades' golf heavy-weights Glen White four to three," Mr Benton said.

"In the bowls, Luke reversed this result by defeating club veteran Stan Johnson 31 to 28 in a gripping and exciting game.

"Luke's win added to his bowls championships having previously been a member of the victorious Major Fours champions' side.

"Luke plays for the A team in the Grade 6 side in the Central Coast pennant competition."

Publication, 11 Aug 2010
Ray Benton, Everglades
Bowling Club



Women's bowls club has 45th birthday

Ettalong Memorial Women's Bowling Club has celebrated its 45th birthday with special guests state president Ms Jewel Buchanan and state vice president Ms Pam Hocking.

Central Coast District representatives' president Ms Leslie Swales and vice president Ms Pat Frewin were also in attendance along with Club Limited chairman Mr Robert Henderson and chief executive officer Mr Boris Belevski.

"After president Joan Booth met the official party, they proceeded to the auditorium through a guard of honour formed by the bowlers," club publicity officer Ms Maureen Kerr said.

"The auditorium looked resplendent in the club colours of

blue and gold.

"After morning tea everyone gathered on the green in front of the magic birthday number 45 formed by bowls on the green.

"A shortened game of bowls was played.

"After a delicious lunch, the state president made a brief speech congratulating Ettalong on its anniversary.

"She then awarded Ann Blair and Daphne Lowe with state merit pins for their outstanding service to the club.

"After the toasts and the traditional cutting of the cake, the day concluded with the singing of Auld Lang Syne."

Publication, 11 Aug 2010
Maureen Kerr, Bowls
News Central Coast

Touch tournament to raise money

The Peninsula Touch Association will host a round robin touch football tournament in October to raise money for a local resident with Rett Syndrome.

The Bobbi Dillon fundraiser will be held at McEvoy Oval in Umina from 9am to 3pm on Sunday, October 10.

The local touch association

is looking for teams of at least 10 players to join the fundraising event, according to Central Coast Sport and Recreation Communities NSW development officer Mr Matt Sawyer.

"Peninsula Touch Association will host a round robin touch football tournament to raise money for Bobbi Dillon with all funds going towards purchasing a specialised wheelchair and Bobbi's ongoing

medical needs and treatment for Rett Syndrome," Mr Sawyer said.

"The event will also include activities for the family including a jumping castle, face painting, raffles, barbecue and more.

"The Blackest Cats will conduct an exhibition match against an All Stars team.

"Teams with a minimum of 10 players can be entered at a cost of \$200 per team with team entries closing on October 6.

"No team entries will be accepted on the day.

"However, individuals may register on the day and be placed in a team.

"A \$20 individual entry fee will apply."

Mr Sawyer said the event was supported by the Rett Syndrome Australian Research Fund.

For more information, team entry forms or donations for the event, contact Meryl at bobbidillonday@hotmail.com or phone 4341 9839.

Press release, 5 Aug 2010
Matt Sawyer, Central Coast Sport and Recreation Communities NSW

Ettalong adopts versatility pairs

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club has adopted "Versatility Pairs", spanning three disciplines of pairs, for its monthly tournament day.

With 64 players taking to the greens in July, their new competition format was fully tested.

Rain started falling over the closing ends of game three and the greens were unplayable with surface water by the time

prizewinners were announced.

The winners on the day, all with three wins, were outright winners Mark Knowles and Darren Morrison, composite runners-up Bryan Keating and Kevin Dring (Wamberal), third place Kevin Farlow and Blake Butler (Ettalong), and fourth Michael Braham and Allan Quinn (Ettalong).

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Kevin Dring, Bowls
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Roosters keep prospects alive

Woy Woy Roosters first grade kept its top three prospects alive with a stirring 33 to 26 win over the Northern Lakes Warriors at Woy Woy Oval on August 8.

Sitting in equal fifth place, the Roosters desperately needed a win over the third placed Warriors to springboard their campaign for a top three spot.

However, it was the Warriors who started the better crossing for a try to lead six to nil before the Roosters touched the ball.

"Woy Woy hit back to level the scores following a brilliant leap by centre Shay Neist, which resulted in a seventh minute try off a pinpoint accurate kick from Adam Tippett," club president Mr Geoff Staunton said.

"This bought the scores level at six apiece as both forward packs tried to get on top.

"Skilful Northern Lakes centre Dean Wendt crossed for two tries before the break as the Roosters struggled to keep up with the Warriors out wide.

"Down 14 to six at half time, Woy Woy looked flat, and while only eight points adrift would have to lift to challenge the visitors.

"And lift they did.

"With inspirational front rowers Jade Mason and Geoff Wilkin charging into the Northern Lakes pack, the Roosters chanced their

arm with tries to Tippett and speedy centre Ryan Drew giving the home side an unlikely 16 to 14 lead only four minutes into the second half."

Mr Staunton said the Warriors hit back soon after to gain the lead.

"But a further touch of brilliance from Shay Neist for his second try, and further four pointers to Aaron Hardman and Ryan Drew looked to have secured the win before Adam Tippett as cool as you like potted a field goal with three minutes remaining," Mr Staunton said.

"With a seven point buffer the Roosters cruised to a win and sit in clear fifth spot with two games remaining.

"Victories in the final two home games against Terrigal and Toukley will give Woy Woy every opportunity to claim a top three spot if results in other games are favourable.

"Today against Northern Lakes Geoff Wilkin, Jade Mason and Aaron Hardman led the forwards brilliantly, which enabled speedy Roosters backs Matt Riddle, Ryan Drew, Shay Neist and Adam Howe to do their thing.

"But it was the little general Adam Tippett who rose to the second half challenge, rousing and cajoling everything out of his team mates in easily his finest performance in the Roosters strip."

Website, 8 Aug 2010
Geoff Staunton, Woy Woy RLFC

Umina PCYC has won five trophies in its first year at the Police Community Youth Clubs Archery State Titles.

With more than 11 clubs competing, the competition was held over 12 metres distance in the Barebow Compound Section, according to Umina PCYC director of archery Mr Lawrence Gatt.

"Our group of archers had trained hard for this event, as this was the first time many of them had competed at this level and a longer distance than normal.

"They also had to shoot a total of 60 arrows which was 30 arrows more than their usual archery lesson."

Samantha Jones placed first in the Junior Grand Master Ranking (12 to 18 years) section.

Hugh Dunlop came first in the Cub Master Ranking (seven to 11 years) and Nathan McNamara first in the Junior Intermediate Ranking.

Vanessa Love achieved second place in the Junior Advance Ranking as well as Lawrence Gatt in the Senior Ranking (18 plus years).

The PCYC Archery Program is designed to teach all aspects of archery safety, etiquette and technique.

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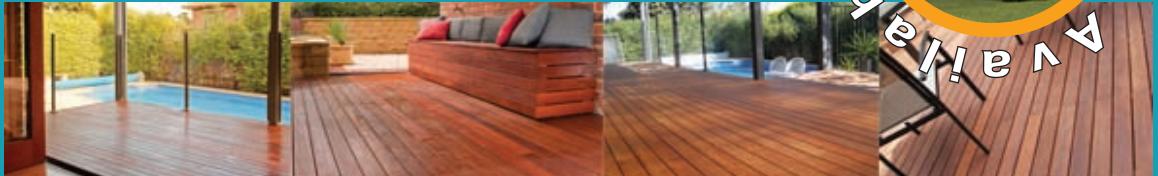
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