

Minister seeks details on rehab needs

Minister for Health Ms Carmel Tebbutt has promised to seek more information about rehabilitation needs on the Peninsula, after four members of the Woy Woy Hospital Alliance met with her recently.

She also undertook to investigate the possibility of improving the bus service from Woy Woy to the rehabilitation service at Kanwal, north of Wyong, according to Anglican Rector of Woy Woy, the Reverend Penny Jones, who was one of the four.

"Carmel Tebbutt listened to our concerns and tried to suggest that best clinical practice demands that rehabilitation be co-located with an acute hospital," said Ms Jones.

However, Ms Tebbutt was unable to confirm that there were any plans for such a unit at Gosford Hospital, Ms Jones said.

"She also suggested that current facilities were being used to increase the amount of care in the community, reducing the need for rehabilitation.

"While this is a worthy aim, it does not work for everyone, which is why there is now a rehabilitation unit at Wyong Hospital, in Kanwal.

"This is much too far away for us."

Ms Jones said the Alliance members expressed their

concerns about the closure of the rehabilitation unit at Woy Woy Hospital "in the strongest possible terms".

"Of course the people of Wyong and its surrounding district need this facility, but we need one here too.

"As has been pointed out many times before, the Woy Woy Peninsula now has twice the population it had when the Rehabilitation Unit was originally opened," said Ms Jones.

She said the Woy Woy rehabilitation unit had come about due to local efforts and subscription.

"As Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews has stated, at 35,000, this is the highest density of population on the Central Coast and we require better services from our hospital, not the removal of the ones we have."

Ms Jones said the Alliance also raised its concerns more briefly with the Premier Ms Kristina Kenneally, Minister for Ageing Mr Peter Primrose and Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

"It remains to be seen, in an election year, whether or not they will truly listen to and respond to those views."

**Press release, 31 Aug 2010
Penny Jones, Woy Woy
Public Hospital Alliance**



Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance members join Rev Penny Jones at the Central Coast Community Cabinet meeting with Health Minister Ms Carmel Tebbutt to discuss the reopening of Woy Woy Rehabilitation Unit

Record profit at bowling club

Ettalong Bowling Club has seen a record profit over the last financial year and almost \$140,000 above the previous year's figures, according to club chief executive officer Mr Boris Belevski.

Mr Belevski said the local club recorded a profit of \$705,000 compared to \$567,000 the previous year, both achieved during "very challenging economic times".

"Ettalong Bowling Club continues to be the most financially-stable club on the Peninsula and is one of a few success stories on the Central Coast," Mr Belevski said.

"The club is now eagerly awaiting the near completion of

its new building addition being the construction of a large family outdoor area.

"This exciting new development will have a new food area catering to all kinds of modern food such as pastas, pizzas, seafood, steaks and coffee.

"The new up-market bar will have 11 lines of beer on tap including Heinekin, Becks, James Squire Golden Ale, Guinness and Kilkenny beers plus an extensive wine and cocktail list.

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**Press release, 1 Sep 2010
Boris Belevski, Ettalong
Bowling Club**

The Peninsula may face a housing crisis, due to the combined effects of the global financial crisis and Gosford's new planning controls.

This is the view of Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president, Mr Matthew Wales.

"Tough lending policies could well lead to a housing crisis as existing housing stock is sold off and new starts falter," he said.

"The Draft Gosford LEP and the new DCP controls are (also) going to make residential development much tougher and, in my view, will lower site yields across the Gosford LGA.

"This will do nothing for housing affordability."

He said the global financial crisis had already seen several new development projects stall.

These included projects such as the seniors living developments at Veron Rd, Woy Woy, and at West St, Umina, as well as the Umina Aldi supermarket, which has been delayed for well over a year.

Mr Wales said the crisis had made funding these types of developments "extremely difficult" and had resulted in numerous projects stalling.

"Banks are demanding greater pre-sales and valuing down the retail product so as to ensure that

they are not over-exposed," Mr Wales said.

"This means that developers must achieve much higher pre-sales and ensure that they have the cash to make up any shortfall in the finance.

"The crisis also cleaned out a lot of the mezzanine lenders who in the past lent money to bridge the finance gap.

"There are some good signs however as we have started to see more pre-planning work for residential flat buildings, particularly in Sydney."

**Media statement, 8 Sep 2010
Matthew Wales, Peninsula
Chamber of Commerce**

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Ms Marlene Donnelly of Umina has won a \$50 tool prize pack.

Clare Graham, 10 Sep 2010

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LEP report will take months

A report on the Draft Gosford Local Environment Plan will take months to prepare and won't be ready for councillors until next year.

Council's acting manager of integrated planning Mr Michael Bowman said the three public group presentation sessions with key stakeholders had been completed with around 40 groups

making presentations.

"From the 1500 submissions received by council on the Draft Gosford LEP, 40 of them were given the opportunity to meet and consult with council staff," Mr Bowman said.

"These sessions have now been completed and a report is being put together in order to brief councillors on all submissions received throughout the exhibition

period.

"Due to the large volume of submissions received, this report is not expected to be available until early 2011.

"From there the next step will be deliberation by council before the document is handed over to the Department of Planning."

Clare Graham, 30 Aug 2010
Interviewee: Michael Bowman,
Gosford Council

Signs installed 'by mistake'

Gosford Council has removed No Stopping signs that were installed "by mistake" in the lane adjoining Woy Woy South Public School, according to school principal Mr Terry Greedy.

Mr Greedy said the school was contacted by council's road and traffic committee member Mr Keith Dawson who said the signs were erected without council approval.

"They were not placed at

the request of residents whose properties back onto the laneway," Mr Greedy said.

"They were removed as soon as the error was discovered.

"However, at the next meeting of the traffic committee in October, they will consider replacing the signs with a Kiss and Ride zone which operates in other schools.

"This will involve signs indicating No Parking between 8am and 4pm on school days.

"This will allow parents to pick

up and drop students but not park for periods longer than two to three minutes.

"Council is aware of the dangerous situation which exists with cars double parking in the school mall and is concerned for the safety of our students.

"Rangers will continue to patrol the area to ensure regulations are adhered to."

Newsletter, 7 Sep 2010
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy
South Public School



Road works being carried out by Gosford Council along Woy Woy Rd (photo by Edward James)

Woy Woy Rd limit returns to 80k

Woy Woy Rd has seen the return of its 80km/h speed zone after road works were completed recently.

Gosford Council's manager of engineering services Mr John Cragg said the black spot project just south of Karingong was now finished with advisory speed signs continuing to apply at various bends along the road.

"The reshaping and resurfacing of the carriageway will enhance safety along a section of road with

a poor crash record in both wet and dry conditions," Mr Cragg said.

"Woy Woy Rd is a critical element of the regional road network and the safety improvements now implemented are expected to pay dividends to the community in the future."

A 60 km/h speed limit has been enforced along a two-kilometre section of Woy Woy Rd for more than a year while funding was secured for the road works.

Media statement, 7 Sep 2010
John Cragg, Gosford Council

Another dry month

The Peninsula is facing another dry month, after August's rainfall was well below average.

Just 22.1mm has fallen so far this month, compared to a monthly average of 61.9mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

This follows a total for August of 33.2mm, just 40 per cent of the average of 81.2mm for the month.

It was the third month in a row to record below average rainfall.

Year-to-date rainfall at the end of August was just 770.2mm, 15 per cent below the average for this time of year of 905.3mm.

Temperatures so far this month have ranged between an overnight low of 9.0 on September 8 to a high of 26.1 on September 10, according to figures from www.peninsulaweather.info.

The highest minimum was 16.0 on September 1 and the lowest maximum was 17.3 on September 7.

Atmospheric pressure ranged between 1003hPa and 1027hPa.

The highest wind gust was 30.2km/h, recorded on September 5.

Spreadsheet, 10 Sep 2010
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy
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The Esplanade at Ettalong Beach where native vegetation has been chopped down (photos by Margaret Lund)

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More dune vegetation goes, campaigner claims

Dunes campaigner Ms Margaret Lund has claimed that more vegetation along Ettalong Beach foreshore has been cut down without authorisation.

"Native dune vegetation, such as acacia longifolia, banksia integrifolia and the low lying native pelargonium, pelargonium australe, has been cut down and awaits disposal," she said.

"The damage caused was

definitely not done by recent heavy winds.

"The trees had been cut off and sawn."

Ms Lund that the offenders were caught in the act by an Ettalong resident who was walking along the foreshore on the weekend of August 28 and 29.

"He noticed trees being cut down and asked who was in charge."

She has called on Gosford Council to fine "the culprits ... as

mentioned on the signs further along The Esplanade".

Ms Lund said removal of the vegetation had encouraged erosion of the dune and the narrow strip of land between The Esplanade and the sea was "getting narrower and narrower".

"There is only about eight metres left in some parts before the sea hits The Esplanade."

**Email, 10 Sep 2010
Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay**

Plaques are presented

Members of the National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association Brisbane Water Sub Branch have presented plaques to former Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal and Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

The award ceremony was held at the Woy Woy Bowling Club and was attended by special guests Ms Andrews and Ms Neal as well

the Malaysian education attaché Zaharaddin Ben Hajl who also received an award of appreciation.

The association paid thanks to the group of award recipients for their help in seeing a memorial plinth installed at Woy Woy Memorial Park earlier in the year.

Association member Mr Denis Appel, now deceased, was the main organiser of the plinth and was also recognised in the awards

ceremony with a plaque presented to his wife.

The National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association Brisbane Water Sub Branch is always looking for new members.

The group meets on the first Saturday of each month from 2pm at the Ettalong Beach Club.

**Letter, 28 Aug 2010
Geoff Turner, NMBVA Brisbane Water Sub Branch**

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Petrol prices 'more competitive'

The Peninsula has seen greater competition in the local fuel market since the opening of the Woolworths petrol station in Umina earlier this year, according to Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales.

"The Peninsula Chamber has certainly noticed greater competition in the local fuel market since the refurbishment of the Coles Express fuel outlet and the opening of the Woolworths Service Station at Umina Beach," Mr Wales said.

"Fuel prices are certainly more

competitive which we believe to be a combination of increased local competition together with the drop in crude prices in the Asia-Pacific region."

The beginning of September has seen an average price for petrol of around 120.6 cents per litre for unleaded fuel on the Central Coast, according to figures released by Motormouth.

Meanwhile the national average for the beginning of the month was at 123.96 cents per litre and 123.24 cents per litre across NSW.

In the middle of this period on September 8, the average unleaded petrol price on the Peninsula was recorded at 114.7 cents per litre.

"We were always very positive about Coles and Woolworths coming to Umina Beach as we believed that this would ensure that product quality and prices would improve.

"Without doubt we are seeing these improvements and that can only be good for the local consumer.

"It also creates opportunities for other local retailers to take advantage of the increase in foot traffic and the extra dollars that are coming to town."

Media statement, 8 Sep 2010
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Email, 10 Sep 2010
Tim Rankin, Motormouth



The new Woolworths Caltex petrol station in Umina opposite the Shell Coles Express petrol station

New plans for Umina Mall

Gosford Council is currently assessing the development application for a mixed commercial, retail and residential development project to replace the existing Umina Mall shopping centre on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and Lone Pine Ave.

The development application for Lone Pine Plaza was refused in December last year due to its parking layout and design, zoning and locality requirements as well as traffic issues.

Council's manager of development Mr Gary Chestnut said the development application submitted by Laundry Exhibition Pty Ltd was "complex" and traffic movement and parking issues had delayed the DA process.

"Council's assessing officer is looking at the development application as we speak and will prepare a report to council once the application has been assessed," Mr Chestnut said.

"A time frame cannot be put on the development application process given the complex nature of the application.

"The development application has been delayed due to traffic movement and parking concerns being discussed between council staff and the Roads and Traffic Authority."

Clare Graham, 10 Sep 2010
Interviewee: Gary Chestnut,
Gosford Council

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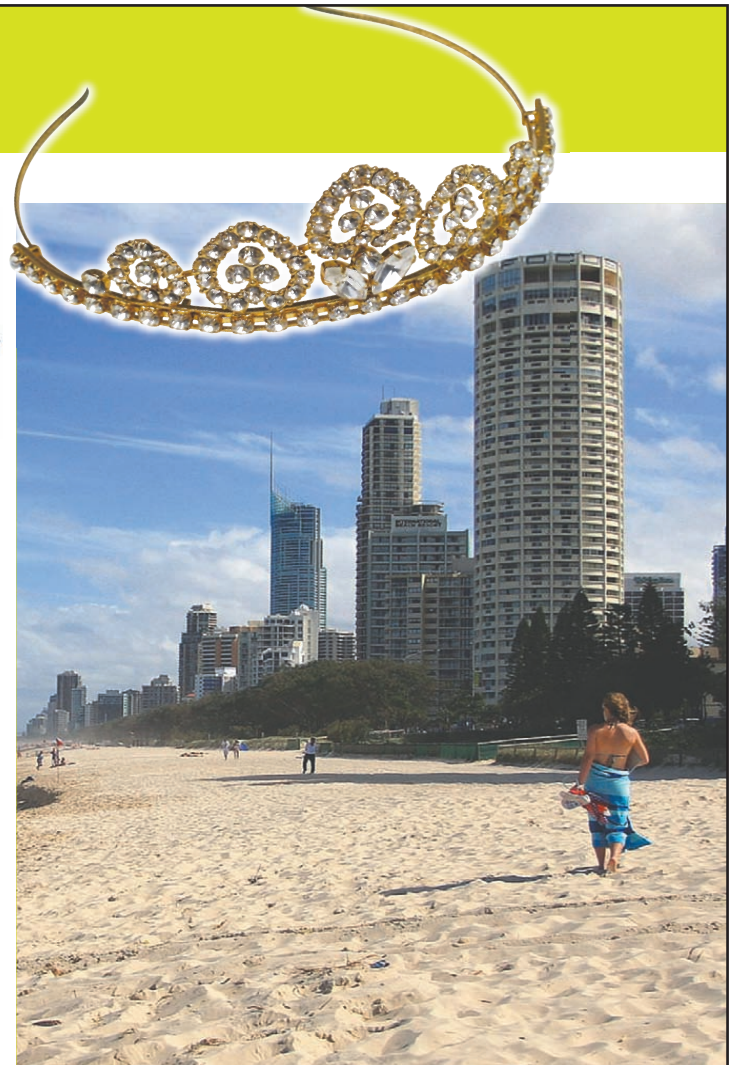
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Commuter calls for more security

Peninsula commuter Ms Nada Andrijic has called on improved security at the temporary commuter car park behind Woy Woy Oval after her car was vandalised in two separate incidents.

Ms Andrijic said she had contacted Gosford Council and Woy Woy Police about the incident that occurred back in June but was disappointed at the response.

As a regular commuter to Sydney for work every weekday, Ms Andrijic said she expected there to be adequate security measures enforced while expansion works continued on the Woy Woy Commuter Car Park.

"My red car was scratched at the end of June with what appears to be a key, the entire length of the car on the driver's side," Ms Andrijic said.

"Then just last month my car was targeted once again and the boot was scratched the entire top with what appears to be a key.

"It just so happens that the second incident also occurred on a Tuesday and the last Tuesday of the month.

"I reported this incident to the Woy Woy Police at the end of August and I also sent an email to Brisbane Waters Secondary College asking them if they had held any sporting events on the last Tuesday of the month, in particular at the tennis courts nearby.

"I have also sent an email to Gosford Council, urging them to contact Woy Woy Police if they have been contacted by other people with same problem."

Ms Andrijic said she had also noticed a red car in the same car park with similar scratch marks

on the boot and believed the culprit was targeting red coloured vehicles.

"I have come to conclusion that someone is very proud of their work; scratching other people's cars, in particular red ones, and the fact that it happened twice on my car it has to be the work of the same person," Ms Andrijic said.

"This is going to cost me lots of money in repairs and it doesn't look like they will stop, unless I get different colour car.

Ms Andrijic said she was disappointed with council's lack of response and had to contact them again directly to report the incident.

"I spoke to Ranger's coordinator Rod Giffin who informed that I was the only person so far to come forward with this type of complaint.

"He also informed me that council rangers did not patrol the temporary commuter car park as it was an unlimited hours' car park and the responsibility of local police.

"When I filed my report with the police, they told me that it was a council responsibility."

Ms Andrijic said she was only after answers and was annoyed not only at the person who defaced her car but also the authorities' lack of concern.

"This is really annoying, the fact that some silly person out there is getting a kick out of destroying someone else's property and getting away with it," Ms Andrijic said.

Gosford Council has told PeninsulaNews that neither Council nor the police were responsible for security at the carpark.

Council's manager of

engineering services and investigations Mr John Cragg said that the Transport Construction Authority was responsible for security at the temporary commuter car park.

"At the time council considered the proposal for use of the temporary car park council wished to ensure that the facility would have an appropriate level of safety," Mr Cragg said.

"Accordingly, council resolved that the TCA be requested to enhance the safety of those using the commuter car park off Chambers Pl, Woy Woy, by the engagement of security guards to

patrol the area after dark, during peak periods.

"This resolution was referred on to the TCA for its attention.

"The TCA confirmed in late July that the temporary commuter car park had been designed to maximise passive surveillance and to provide additional security lighting however no commitment was given to provide security guards.

"The TCA reported at that time that it was unaware of any security incidents since the temporary car park opened on April 19 however was happy to review any information forwarded and to

continue to monitor the situation in consultation with council and the Local Police Command.

"In this regard any concerns the community may have should be reported to the TCA Construction Response Line at 1800 775 465."

Mr Cragg said council had not been notified of any incidences of vandalism or safety concerns at the commuter car park since it opened earlier this year.

Media statement, 9 Sep 2010
John Cragg, Gosford Council
Email, 9 Sep 2009
Nada Andrijic, Umina

Chamber to seek dredging promises

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce will seek funding commitments for Ettalong channel dredging from both major parties in the lead up to next March's State Election, according to Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"Now that the Federal election has been resolved, the Chamber will be focusing on State issues and commitments from the major parties in relation to a range infrastructure projects," Mr Wales said.

"Of particular concern is the unresolved issue of future funding for the dredging of the Ettalong Beach channel.

"While maintenance works

have recently been completed, the Chamber was very disappointed that Gosford Council did not take up the option to apply for further funding from the State Government following the announcement that \$500,000 was available to Councils.

"Council has consistently said that the dredging operations should be fully funded by the NSW State Government.

"The Chamber has now written to both the State Labor Government and the NSW Opposition asking that they confirm their respective policy positions and whether in fact they will continue to provide funding in the future should they be elected at the March 2011 State Election.

"This is an important issue that shouldn't be swept under the carpet simply because you have completed interim maintenance dredging.

"The channel will continue to silt into the future and we need a regular maintenance regime and a guaranteed funding stream to ensure that the work is done when needed and in a timely fashion.

"No one wants to go through the heated debate over funding again.

"All the business community wants is a firm policy and a clear understanding as to who is supposed to pay for the work."

Press release, 7 Sep 2010
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

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Council may comment on substation

Gosford Council is less than three weeks away from receiving a Review of Environmental Factors from Energy Australia over plans to build a \$50 million electricity substation in Empire Bay.

Council's manager of development Mr Gary Chestnut said council had been in touch with Energy Australia and were expecting the document to be made available by the end of the month.

Mr Chestnut said council would have the opportunity to comment on the Review of Environmental Factors but was not the determining body.

He said Energy Australia were not required to carry out an Environmental Impact Statement unless the development was found to significantly affect the environment which would be revealed in the Review of Environmental Factors.

The Environmental Impact Statement provides a thorough public examination of a proposed activity that is likely to have a significant impact on the environment and to form a basis for a decision on whether that activity should proceed, according to Mr Chestnut.

Clare Graham, 9 Sep 2010
Interviewee: Gary Chestnut,
Gosford Council



Woytopia festival

A "Woytopia" sustainable living festival will be held by the Peninsula Environment Group on Sunday, October 31, from 10am to 4pm, at Woy Woy Public School.

"Woytopia is a day of green workshops, kid's activities, food, art and music presented by Peninsula Environment group as a celebration of creativity, community and a sustainable future," event organiser Mr Stuart Slough said.

"It is the biggest fair of its kind for the area and is being promoted through radio, newspapers and community networks.

"Activities include The Australian Walkabout Wildlife show, live world music, gardening talks, fresh food stalls, bicycle repair workshops, children's activities, solar cooking demonstrations, a Dreamtime mural, Indian dancing, films, and yoga."

Individuals, businesses and organisations promoting sustainable products, services and ideas have been invited to contribute to the festival.

For more information about becoming involved visit www.woytopia.info

Press release, 10 Sep 2010
Stuart Slough, Woytopia

Fire station gets two new engines

Umina Fire Station has received the delivery of two new fire engines to enhance the Peninsula community's fire and emergency protection.

The vehicles, totalling \$960,000, will provide local firefighters with modern and safe transport and equipment for their vital work, according to Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

"These new vehicles, which were delivered this month, are part of the largest roll-out of new and upgraded fire engines in the NSW Fire Brigades' history," Ms Andrews said.

One of the new engines is a \$560,000 appliance, featuring a

water pump that supplies up to 4000 litres of water a minute for firefighting operations and a foam system to fight chemical, petrol and bushfires.

The second new engine is a \$400,000 tanker, designed and built for responding to a range of emergencies including building, bush and grass fires, as well as road accidents and chemical spills.

"The new tanker can pump 1900 litres of water a minute from its tank, which carries up to 2700 litres of water, and can also operate from hydrants.

It is also equipped with special fire fighting foam.

Ms Andrews said both new engines met the latest European

emission standards and were a great investment in the safety of the local community.

NSW Fire Brigade commissioner Mr Greg Mullins said the new fire engine would further enhance Umina Fire Station's response capability to fires and other emergencies across the district.

"The 39 firefighters stationed at Umina responded to 610 fire and emergency calls in 2009-10," Mr Mullins said.

"Fire crews were also actively involved in educating the local community about fire safety, carrying out over 320 community safety activities over that year."

Press release, 27 Aug 2010
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford

Charged for kidnapping

A Umina man has been charged over the alleged kidnapping of a teenager in Sydney on September 2.

Police arrested the 24-year-old after they forced their way into a hotel room in Wattle St in Ultimo.

Officers from City Central Local Area Command had been called to the hotel after guests heard someone calling for help around 11pm.

They arrived to see the youth

being dragged into a room by the older man.

Police have been told the 17-year-old, from Epping, was being held against his will following a dispute over money.

The teenager was treated for scratches to his arms and neck.

The Peninsula man was charged with kidnapping and was refused bail until his appearance at court on September 3.

Website, 3 Sep 2010
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We are surrounded by nature, a living, moving, breathing, ever-changing magic, which must be allowed to have its freedom if we are to survive on this planet.

I have owned, at different times, in different coastal areas, two waterfront properties and was aware as far back as the 1960s that such properties were at risk of inundation in times of ongoing heavy rains with the coinciding of extreme high tides.

It happens sometimes.

Now we know that we have melting icecaps and rising oceans.

This situation is a natural event, exacerbated by the overpopulation

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of the planet.

I was able to experience, a few years ago, on one occasion where rains and high tides laid a two-inch inundation across the front of my property.

At the time of my purchase, deep in the past century, this property was identified as flood prone on its certificate but I did purchase it all the same.

I was aware.

Every buyer has that right.

After 16 years, I sold this property still with its flood prone certification and for a profit, with the purchaser well aware of what he was purchasing, and very pleased to do so.

This is the third millennium and what will happen will continue to happen, no matter what.

Councils have a duty of care, so be very glad your council, and some of its officers, are acting in a proper and responsible manner on this issue of Climate Change.

Letter, 30 Aug 2010
Zoe Russell, Umina

Path around point is needed

Some sections of the old road around the point to Pearl Beach are potentially lethal.

While the danger is quite obvious to anyone who looks up, many of us still use the access because it is less dangerous than walking the torturous road over the mountain to Pearl Beach.

The fact is Pearl Beach needs a second access.

There will not always be a helicopter to fly people out.

I suggest council take some of those Federal dollars on offer and start building a one-way road from Umina around the point to Pearl Beach with a proper footpath between the road and water.

A road which can be used to evacuate Pearl Beach if needed during fire season or when the other road is closed by an accident.

I am interested in reading the

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contribution conditions

report on the unstable rock above where council were working to repair the crushed sewer pipe.

I see no evidence of any work done to stabilise rock which is clearly on the move.

What was done to make that workplace safe?

I also notice there are already over 300 stone blocks placed below the batter collapse near the

hairpin at the work site.

This is interesting when council told readers of the local paper there was nothing to worry about.

Is this rock retaining wall just a little over the top?

Will people still be able to use the safer of the two ways into Pearl Beach when council is finished?

Why is it Gosford Council has not tidied up the whole access road between Umina and Pearl Beach? After all, it is well travelled.

My photo surveys show it is an important and well-used access.

It is more used than the rocky point below Terrigal Skillion which cost ratepayers a small fortune to make relatively safe.

That area will never be as important an access as the old Pearl Beach road which our council has allowed to fall into an unsafe ruin.

Email, 27 Jul 2010
Ed James, Umina

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Thinking about a finite planet

I keep wondering just what it is about the words "finite planet" that so many business people seem not to understand.

Just as the human body cannot keep growing so it is with the economy.

We cannot go on consuming things as we have been doing.

I wonder whether people just do not think about the subject; whether they have been reared and encouraged not to think about it or whether they really do not understand what it means.

At present they seem to encourage growth at any cost.

More shops will need more people and then they need more shops and then more people and so the growth goes on, together with the pressure on the planet.

What about Peak Oil and Peak Phosphate?

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Without oil, tourism as we know it will die or certainly change significantly and, without phosphate, we will all starve.

I notice that there are some business people around, who continue, as many businesses did in the past, to make a comfortable living and to be satisfied with this.

They do so by providing their customers with good service and with what they need at reasonable prices.

Email, 10 Aug 2010
Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

Not a by-pass

Good on you, Peter Freewater, fighting for the Peninsula and preserving our road network system from a barrage of traffic from the freeway.

We are not a by-pass of Gosford for northern commuters.

Instead we should be upgrading Woy Woy Rd to a safe standard, improving the roundabout at Rawson Rd intersection and building a West Gosford flyover.

Online submission, 1 Sep 2010
Debra Wales, Umina

Bring on development

It was refreshing to read an alternative point of view to the development debate in the August 2 issue (Vicky Taylor of Umina).

I have a young family and I believe in the future of the community.

We live a very short distance from an international city and the demographic of the Peninsula is dramatically changing accordingly.

Those who feel that our area should remain a sleepy little village are burying their heads in the sand.

Small towns in the outback can afford a slow paced lifestyle with little development, but a thriving district on a heavily populated

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coastline requires amenities and services.

We can be "Mount Druitt by the sea" or we can be a beautiful, vibrant, affluent community. Development brings jobs, visitors, facilities and infrastructure.

A declining population won't bring back beds and services to Woy Woy Hospital.

So I say bring on the Tesrol development, a road to Mount White, Aldi at Umina and McDonald's on Ocean Beach Rd.

Online submission, 1 Sep 2010
Mark West, Umina



Animal Welfare League - Central Coast Branch

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Sea level distracts from real work

Stop publishing this panic-making nonsense with the rising sea level and the flood in the middle of Woy Woy.

Critical scientific review work has shown that all these predictions based on (unsubstantiated) climate change are really "the hoax of the century".

Gosford Council's "work" on a flood level document serves

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only to detract from the council's ability to deal with real problems like road repair and maintenance and running the council according to sound economic principles of administration.

Email, 6 Sep 2010
Joachim Buchner, Umina

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Another community cabinet meeting and the corrupt Gosford Council whistle now blows at Ourimbah!

Another Federal election has come and gone since the corrupt Gosford City Council began trying to stand over my father and trick him into applying for a change of use on his Umina property way back in 2000.

Ten people nominated in the seat of Robertson asking for voters to give their votes in trust at the ballot box.

Many of them will return again in March for a tilt at the seat of Gosford.

None of them as individuals and certainly

none of the parties involved were willing to address the fact that the two parties not much preferred, their party members generally and politicians across the board, continue to accommodate the existence of the corrupt Gosford City Council.



NSW Attorney General Labor Minister John Hatzistergos (right) and his assistant Laurie Glanfield, consider pages of widely circulated full and double page ads promulgating allegations of systemic corruption identifying Gosford City Council as the culprit. There has already been months of advertising alledging our politicians are happy accommodating the documented sins against the people.

For almost 10 years I have made my complaints very public business only to have political all sorts from the top down pretend they don't understand they are part of the problem

On Monday August 30, at Ourimbah, while talking with NSW's first law officer, Attorney General and Minister John Hatzistergos, I raised for the second time, my often published allegations.

He looked uncomfortable after considering what is being read by informed people on the Woy Woy Peninsula, perhaps because three years ago, I amplified my concerns about a corrupt consent authority, Gosford City Council, abusing due process to now include misleading the NSW State Coroner in his public inquiry into the deaths of five people in Piles Creek at Somersby.

The council allowed the coroner to understand that council had no knowledge or experience in the use or application of concrete to protect the structural integrity of corrugated steel pipes used in the Gosford Local Government Area.

We expect our politicians to exercise their influence in the best interest of their constituents.

Minister Hatzistergos tried to flick my concerns toward the legal process.

I explained to him my understanding of the separation of powers and how I felt it

was more effective for me to keep these corruption allegations against Gosford City Council and State government before the court of public opinion where voters remain able to consider how so many politicians like him, on both sides of parliament, seemed intent on keeping hidden what the corrupt council has done.

I explained to Minister Hatzistergos that it was always within his power to take these often published allegations, which I insist on identifying as sins against the people, to the political arena and pursue them in another place.

There are many Ministries involved.

Central Coast, Planning, Local Government, the high office of NSW Premier and all of them enjoy the Ministerial prerogative to correct the political sins against the people which they have all presided over.

The truth will continue to be kept in the public eye 'till well into 2011.

The corrupt Gosford City Council, an elected corporate entity governed by ten politicians, many of whom are tied politically to state level politicians, tried

to stand over my father and trick him into applying for a change of use on his property.

The council did abuse due process when it accepted a development application which was misleading in no small way.

Councillors did resolve to use public money pursuing a legal avenue not open to council at the time.

The State Coroner was misled during his inquiry into the deaths of five people.

While there is no statute of limitations on allegations of corruption, politicians identified by their insistent refusal to protect the rights and interest of their constituents, identify themselves for all to see as part of this political legal conundrum.

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

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Jameson concedes defeat

Liberal candidate for Robertson Mr Darren Jameson has conceded defeat after Labor candidate Ms Deborah O'Neill was officially declared as the new Member for Robertson.

Mr Jameson thanked his supporters and wished Ms O'Neill well on her election as the new Federal MP.

Mr Jameson scored the highest number of first preferential votes, 37,150, while Ms O'Neill had 33,936 votes.

However, the margin was not enough to win the seat on a two-

party preferred basis with a 0.93 per cent swing towards Labor.

"I am extremely pleased and humbled to have received the highest number of first primary votes," Mr Jameson said.

"I believe this result indicates that the people respected the honest campaign we ran and the promises we made.

"However, with the preference deal with the Greens, Labor has managed to get across the line."

Mr Jameson said he would continue "my long record of working for the Central Coast community and will be fighting to deliver the

promises I made to the electorate during the election campaign".

He said: "These commitments were not made lightly but were in response to the many representations I received either by doorknocking or through other responses from the community."

Mr Jameson said this included his \$2.7 million pledge to reopen the rehabilitation unit at Woy Woy Hospital "so that our frail elderly in particular can receive the treatment they require close to home, their families and friends".

**Press release, 2 Aug 2010
Darren Jameson, Liberal Party**

Battler wins

A Woy Woy woman has won more than \$1 million in Monday Lotto on September 6.

The division one winner, a self-described battler, won \$1,025,800.90 after purchasing a lotto ticket from Woy Woy Newsagency.

"I can do so much with this money to help my family," the anonymous winner said.

"I have never been so happy in all my life."

Ms Valerie Hutchinson from Woy Woy Newsagency said that she was delighted to have sold another win to one of her customers.

**Website, 7 Sep 2010
NSW Lotteries**

Chamber seeks promised funding

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce will be seeking the quick allocation of funding promised by Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill for Ettalong Beach foreshore works now that Labor has secured government

"To her great credit, newly elected Federal Member for Robertson Deborah O'Neill gave a commitment to the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce to provide \$2 million for the continued upgrading of the Ettalong Beach foreshore," Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said.

"We intend to act quickly to have that funding made available so the current work on the foreshore can be continued to include the new

amenities facility, shared pathway, culvert extension and foreshore improvements.

"Deborah O'Neill came to us and asked what our priorities were.

"The Ettalong Beach foreshore was one of our top contenders.

"The \$2 million Federal commitment to the foreshore funding is pivotal to the future success of the Ettalong village centre which is currently struggling under the current economic pressures.

"Upgrading our public assets such as the beachfront will encourage people to visit the area and that should translate in more spending dollars for local businesses

"The Peninsula Chamber spent eight years fighting for the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Master plan and it will be very satisfying to see the improvement works continue."

Mr Wales said it was "interesting to note" that nearly all the works undertaken at Ettalong Beach foreshore had been funded by the Federal Government, including the three viewing platforms.

**Press release, 7 Sep 2010
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**



Newly appointed Member for Robertson with Prime Minister Julia Gillard at the signing of the Caucus Book at Parliament House in Canberra on September 9

O'Neill confirms Ettalong funding promise

Labor's Ms Deborah O'Neill has been officially declared the next Federal Member for Robertson, after more than a week of post-election counting, and has immediately confirmed her funding promise for Ettalong foreshore redevelopment.

Ms O'Neill attended the declaration of the poll at the Gosford office of the Australian Electoral Commission on September 10 and signed the Caucus Book ahead of her first Caucus meeting on September 9.

She said new members were required to sign the Caucus Book once in their parliamentary careers.

"With humility and great pride, I now look forward to serving the people of the Central Coast. "As the Member for Robertson, I promise to be a strong voice for our community in the national Parliament.

"I also welcome the announcement by the NSW regional independents backing Labor to form the next Federal Government.

"After 17 days of waiting, I am both relieved and excited at the

prospect of working to deliver the positive agenda I outlined during the election campaign for the people of the Central Coast.

"It's clear to me that Labor's commitments to the future of regional Australia through projects such as the National Broadband Network were crucial.

"It's great to be part of a new Labor Government.

"We may be facing a new political landscape nationally, but I can assure Central Coast residents that whatever the current parliament holds, my commitment to getting the best for our region will be unwavering.

"Better access to a doctor through a GP Super Clinic; Trades Training Centres in Schools; a National Broadband Network; the \$2.7 million foreshore redevelopment at Ettalong; the \$2 million stormwater harvesting and re-use project at Terrigal; the remaining Building the Education Revolution projects and computers in schools – I will be striving to see all these and more through to completion as your local member."

**Media statement, 7 Sep 2010
Deborah O'Neill, Member for Robertson**

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Walsingham saga ends with Pretty Beach opening

The Pretty Beach Community Preschool will be officially opened on Sunday, September 19.

The local pre-school, which was awarded runner-up at the Keep Australia Beautiful Do the Right Thing Waste Minimisation Award for its eco-friendly design, has been two decades in the making, according to preschool director Ms Kim Chippindale.

"Local architect Milosh Obradovic (Site Studio) spent numerous hours working with the preschool committee to come up with what can only be described as an amazing facility for local children," Ms Chippindale said.

"The building is situated behind Pretty Beach Public School on the site of the former school master's residence and includes materials from the original cottage.

"The design concept is based on the well known children's book Where The Wild Things Are and includes floor- to-ceiling poles that have been wrapped with tree trunks to replicate forest trees.

"The playground was designed by local landscape architect David Duncan of Aspect Studio who, with help from Luke Bradstreet from Landscape Construction, has developed a creative external environment which includes a vegetable garden that the children help plant and maintain."

Ms Chippindale said the project cost in excess of \$950,000, with \$300,000 coming from capital works funding from Community Services NSW and the balance from fundraising activities, community donations and other Local and State Government grants.

"Without the endless hours of work from staff, volunteer management committees and community members, the transformation of the building from vision to reality would not have been possible," Ms Chippindale said.

"The new preschool has been in the pipeline since the inception of Walsingham in August, 1989, when locals obtained a lease from the local Catholic Church parish to operate from its church at Wagstaffe.

"This was to be a temporary measure until a new site was found.

"Between 1997 and 2000 the preschool was extremely close to relocating to Empire Bay Dr at Bensville when the site fell through at the last minute.

"Gosford Council then suggested land it owned in Maitland Bay Dr at Killcare Heights which was explored between 2001 and 2005

but after two failed applications to have the land rezoned, the site was abandoned.

"Things were looking very grim for the preschool with the thought of either folding or moving to the Woy Woy Peninsula when a site directly behind Pretty Beach Public School, where the old principal's quarters were located, was suggested.

"The preschool committee began negotiations with the NSW Department of Education which, and in 2007, finally gave a commitment to support the idea.

"Plans were drawn up and council approvals obtained and work finally started on the new Pretty Beach Community Preschool in early 2009."

Ms Chippindale said after years of hard work and dedication, the local community could now celebrate what really has been a "Herculean achievement".

"When I reflect on the past 10 years and my involvement in the preschool's relocation, I have to say that nothing about the process was 'easy'," Ms Chippindale said.

"This makes the fact that we are here today operating from such a fantastic facility so amazing and an absolute credit to the persistence and dedication of past volunteer management committees, previous directors, parents and the broader community."

Preschool committee president Mr Angus Kell agreed and said the official opening would be an "incredible achievement" for the local community.

"There were many times, even up to the commencement of the building works, when we thought the project may not get off the ground," Mr Kell said.

"With affordable childcare being an increasing problem, the new preschool building is confirmation that affordable childcare can be provided within a high quality environment."

Mr Kell said the new Pretty Beach Community Preschool was now expanding at a rapid rate, with families from around the district - as far as Ettalong, Umina and Patonga - all vying for a place for their preschool children.

The building will be officially opened on September 19 from 11am with celebrations starting at 10.30am including entertainment for the children and a sausage sizzle for all members of the public to come along and enjoy while seeing the "amazing local achievement".

Press release, 10 Sep 2010
Caroline Perryman, Pretty Beach Community Preschool



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Sea Scouts visit Navy Cadets

Members of the First Woy Woy Sea Scouts Cub Pack and Scout Troop visited the Central Coast Marine Rescue and Navy Cadets headquarters at Point Clare recently.

The visit was a part of the

members badge work, according to group publicity officer Ms Julie Crowhurst.

"Marine Rescue volunteers showed the Cubs and Scouts the different boats they use, the radio room as well as hearing about the important role the Marine Rescue plays in the community.

"In the Navy Cadets, some of the leaders showed the type of hats they used to have to wear as part of their uniform.

"The Cubs and Scouts learnt a lot about both the Navy Cadets and the Marine Rescue.

"After we finished we had lunch at the park nearby and played games until the parents arrived to take everyone home."

Press release, 9 Sep 2010
Julie Crowhurst, First Woy Woy Sea Scouts

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PCYC funded for crime prevention

Umina PCYC has been awarded a \$7950 community grant from NRMA Insurance towards crime prevention initiatives for young people on the Peninsula.

The grant will help run two projects including an eight-week program for young males and a separate program for young females.

Central Coast NRMA Insurance spokesperson Ms Leonie Milgate said the Community Grants program was designed to assist local community groups in building safer communities.

"Each year we encourage community organisations that fit the criteria to apply and it's fantastic to see Umina Beach PCYC be successful this year," Ms Milgate said.

"The Community Grants program provides NRMA Insurance with an opportunity to work closely with communities to address local issues and we're proud to support organisations that work to make their community safer."

The Survivor program for young males will provide a variety of challenging recreational activities, accompanied by a series of targeted crime prevention workshops to

address issues that contribute to youth crime.

Meanwhile the young women's program is designed for young females from the local area who have or are at risk of coming to the attention of Juvenile Justice.

This program will provide a variety of activities accompanied by a series of targeted crime prevention workshops to address issues that contribute to youth crime.

Umina Beach PCYC senior constable Paul Scollon said the program would also include a rewards point system to encourage participation.

"We will utilise a reward points system during the program such as points for positive behaviour such as attending school regularly, no offences committed and no police contact, and points deducted for negative behaviour," Senior Constable Scollon said.

"If sufficient points are gained, then those that have attained those points will be able to participate in the rewards-based activities that will be incorporated into program."

The two programs are expected to commence early next year.

Press release, 30 Aug 2010
Tracy Woodley, NRMA Insurance

New pastor starts at Hardy's Bay

Hardy's Bay Community Church has welcomed a new pastor to the Bouddi Peninsula.

Pastor Bill Sharrock will start at the local church from September 13.

Church committee member Ms Sharyn Teasdale said the Hardy's Bay Community Church was the only church in the area and looked forward to welcoming Pastor Sharrock to the community.

"The church is excited that Pastor Bill Sharrock has accepted the invitation to be pastor of our community church," Ms Teasdale said.

"Bill, with his wife Pauline, have relocated from Victoria and taken up residence at Wagstaffe earlier this month ready to commence in the position of pastor on September 13.

"He is very keen to get out and meet people, including the local fishermen, as this is one of his favourite forms of relaxation."

Email, 27 Aug 2010
Sharyn Teasdale, Hardy's Bay Community Church

Kinesiologist starts in Woy Woy

A health practitioner specialising in kinesiology will start at Gnostic Healing Sanctuary in Woy Woy this month.

Ms Candice Morley completed a Diploma of Health Science in Holistic Kinesiology at the College of Complementary Medicine in Hornsby in 2007.

She uses the gentle non-invasive muscle monitoring

technique known as Kinesiology to access the under-lying cause of stress and illness.

Ms Morley also offers Holistic Counselling, Homeopathy, Nutrition, Acu-pressure and Reiki. "The techniques used are aimed at utilising the body's own ability to heal itself," Ms Morley said.

"My main focus in a clinic session is to enhance the clients' health and well-being by addressing the

individuals' lifestyle habits and limiting beliefs that may be causing stress on both the mind and body.

"Kinesiology can be beneficial for many ailments including stress, anxiety and addictions."

She said she aimed to educate her clients on mind and body interactions and how the two were intrinsically linked when it comes to health and wellbeing."

Ms Morley will be available at the Gnostic Healing Sanctuary, located in Chambers Pl, Woy Woy, from September 15.

Press release, 2 Sep 2010
Candice Morley, Gnostic Healing Sanctuary

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Marketing madness film is shown

A Disease-Proof Your Life movie seminar will be held at the Cinema Paradiso in Ettalong on Monday, September 27.

The seminar will feature the documentary *The Marketing of Madness* that exposes the truth behind the slick marketing schemes and scientific deceit that conceal a dangerous and often deadly psycho-pharma sales campaign, according to event coordinator Ms Jenny Taylor.

"I am very excited to be able to bring this documentary to the Peninsula," Ms Taylor said.

"This month's seminar will also include a free giveaway of the movie as we can only dedicate

one-and-a-half hours to watching the three-hour long film.

"This allows people to take home their own copy and watch it in its entirety.

"Shelley Wilkins from the national office of Citizens Committee on Human Rights will be speaking on the night as my guest after the movie.

"We will also be able to answer questions and talk to people about getting off the drug carousel safely and permanently at the end of the evening.

"So many people are resorting to anti-depressants and psychotropic drugs today because they don't know they are other safer options and these drugs simply do not

address the root of the problem.

"Drugs are not safe nor are they the answer to people's problems.

"Any two people with the same symptoms of depression may have entirely different underlying problems.

"Someone with depression may have a virus or a B12 deficiency.

"Someone else may have mercury poisoning, or a thyroid problem."

The film will begin at 7pm and tickets are available for \$15.

Bookings are recommended to avoid disappointment and can be made by calling 0417 206 935 or 0434 018 836.

**Press release, 6 Sep 2010
Jenny Taylor, Think More Raw**

Street stall postponed as aged volunteers struggle

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary's scheduled September street stall will be postponed to November due to a number of unforeseen circumstances, according to public relations officer Ms Pat Harding.

Ms Harding said craft and baked goods sold at the street stall would still be available to buy at the Woy Woy Hospital kiosk each weekday between 10am and 2pm.

"Unfortunately there are several reasons which have led us to cancel our regular street stall fundraiser," Ms Harding said.

"The most significant obstacle we have found is not having enough stock to sell.

"We are finding it harder to keep up the demand of handmade stock not only because of the popularity of items but also since our members are getting older and finding it hard to knit and bake.

"It is also proving more and more difficult to transport the stall sale items from the kiosk to Umina as many of our volunteers are in their 80s.

"We still have a strong contingent of volunteers but as time goes on and we all get older it is getting tough.

"It would be great to see younger volunteers coming through and joining the Auxiliary.

"But even retirees in their 50s and 60s who have worked all their

life and look forward to relaxing and taking it easy aren't volunteering like they used to.

"It is also hard when many young people do not know how to knit and bake."

Ms Harding encouraged local residents looking to give up a few hours each week and help out in their local community to give volunteering a go.

"The Auxiliary welcomes all members of the public to join our team of volunteers," Ms Harding said.

"The Auxiliary has also applied for a new street stall permit outside the new Woolworths supermarket in Umina after the closure of Flemmings.

"We are waiting to hear back from council if we are successful with our application."

Woy Woy Hospital Kiosk is located along Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy.

For more information about joining the Auxiliary, contact Pat Harding on 4341 3866.

**Clare Graham, 7 Sep 2010
Interviewee: Pat Harding, Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary**

Centrelink hold aged seminar

Centrelink will host a free information seminar at the Ettalong Beach Club on Wednesday, September 15, for local residents planning to settle into aged care.

The information session will discuss how to determine aged care needs, the fees and charges involved, options for the former home and pension and taxation considerations.

The seminar will begin at 10am to 12.30pm with tea and coffee and a light lunch provided.

Bookings are essential and can be made by calling 136 357 or emailing fid.seminar.bookings@centrelink.gov.au

**Website, 8 Sep 2010
Centrelink**

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What's On Leisure and Lifestyle



SURF STUFF

Billabong

"Girls Get Out There" returns to the Central Coast with a 90 minute surf lesson conducted by Gosford City Surf School.

Hit the beach with live entertainment, Zumba class, giveaways and a Billabong show bag, register online now.

When: 27th Sept
Where: Terrigal Beach
Who: Girls 12 yrs and older
Cost: \$70.00
✉: girlsgetoutthere.com.au
☎: 07 5589 9958

Learn to Surf

Come and join the Coast's number 1 surf school, in a two or four day safe surfing program.

Classes are conducted at: Terrigal Beach, meet in front of the surf club and Umina Beach, meet by the Surf School van in the surf club car park.

Bookings are essential and need to be made prior to attending. Call for times as they are tide dependant.

2 day Terrigal or Umina
When: 28th - 29th & 30th - 1st Sept / Oct
4 day Terrigal or Umina
When: 5th - 8th Oct
Cost: 4 day \$124.00
2 day \$ 72.00
Who: Girls and boys 10yrs +
Contact: Nick Leslie
✉: nick.leslie@gosford.nsw.gov.au
☎: 02 4325 8123

BEACH STUFF

Patrolled Beach Locations

Gosford City Ocean Lifeguards will be patrolling the following beaches these holidays: Wamberal, Terrigal, N. Avoca, Avoca, Copacabana, Mac Masters, Killcare, Ocean Beach, Umina Beach.

When: Monday to Friday
Time: 9:00 ^{am} to 5:00 ^{pm} - 27th Sept - 1st Oct
DLS: 9:00 ^{am} to 6:00 ^{pm} - 5th Oct - Dec

Please remember:

- Always swim or surf at patrolled beaches.
- Swim between the red and yellow flags. No flags, no swim.
- If we can't see you we cant save you!
- If you get into difficulty raise your arm stay calm and yell for assistance.
- If you are unsure of conditions ask the lifeguard in attendance.
- Read and obey the signs and directions from the lifeguard or lifesaver.
- Never run and dive into water as the depth changes regularly.
- Children should be supervised by an adult at all times.
- Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek & Slide.

FITNESS GOALS

Health Club

Become a member and benefit from a personalised fitness program. Whatever membership package you choose, the PLC health club can help you get on the right path to health and fitness success.

Membership Options:

- Gold
- Health Club
- Pool

Where: Peninsula Leisure Centre

Holiday Passport

Non residents can enjoy full "Gold" membership access to the pool, gym and group fitness classes.

When: Oct Holidays
Where: Peninsula Leisure Centre
Who: Non Central Coast Residents
Cost: \$39.00 per week
(Some conditions will apply).

KID STUFF

Birthday Parties

Let us make it a happy birthday, create the best ever party!

Come and celebrate your special day with friends, family and party at the PLC or GOP.

We have several menu options to feast upon. Parties at the pools could include the following.

Pool - water slide®, soft play area® (@PLC only).
Catering - decorated party room and special party invitations. Special bookings for GOP's "Slide & Glide can be made too.

Call for menu options and more information.

When: School hols & weekends.
Contact: Danielle Hathaway
✉: danielle.hathaway@gosford.nsw.gov.au

Super Kids

Super Kids is a fun, active, educational program for children aged 2 - 5 years. Designed to promote core areas of development, cognitive skills and more.

The program develops self esteem and confidence through age appropriate classes that include: games, activities and obstacle courses.

Get 10% off the 10 week term, simply register and pay in full before the 1st October.

Chertsey School

When: Begins 11th Oct
Monday
Time: 10:00 - 10:45 (2.5 - 3.5 yrs).
11:00 - 11:45 (3.5 - 5 yrs).

Peninsula Leisure Centre

When: Begins 13th Oct
Wed, Fri
Time: 9:30 - 10:15 (2.5 - 3.5 yrs).
10:30 - 11:15 (3.5 - 5 yrs).
Cost: \$9.90 per lesson

Junior Soccer Competitions

The fun kicks off Saturday 16th October. It's only \$30.00 to register your team, limited spots available.

When: Saturday mornings
Where: Peninsula Leisure Centre
Cost: U10's = \$20 per team per game.
U12's = \$20
U14's = \$25
U16's = \$30



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SKATE STUFF

Skate Clinics

There's no better time to learn the basics and more on this fun, safe two day clinic. Slam down and hit the parks.

Where 'n' when:

East Gosford 28th - 29th Sept
 Fearless First Timers : 9:00^{am} - 12:00^{pm}
 Bad Boy Beginners: 12:30^{pm} - 3:30^{pm}

5th - 6th Oct
 Bad Boy Beginners: 9:00^{am} - 12:00^{pm}
 Free Styling Fanatics: 12:30^{pm} - 3:30^{pm}

Who: Girls and boys 6yrs +

Cost: \$70.00

All skaters get a free super exciting Bad Boy prize pack. Bring a helmet and protective gear. Call the Peninsula Leisure Centre to book your limited place.

Bad Boy Spring Skate Jam

Back with a vengeance, back with more attitude. Bad Boy and Gosford City Skate School are back for more. Skate with the pros sessions will run throughout the day for skateboards, scooters and bmx's.

Professional demos, live music, prizes, give aways and a sausage sizzle too.

Sessions are free but bookings are essential. Pick up some new tricks and skate with the pros.

When: Saturday 9th October

Time: 10:00^{am} - 2:00^{pm}

Cost: Free

Where: De La Salle Skate Park

Who: Anyone

☎: 4325 8123

POOL STUFF

Learn to Swim

This intensive program is designed to help progress your child's swimming ability over a short period of time.

Lessons are 30 minutes long between 9 am and 12 noon.

Peninsula Leisure Centre & Gosford Olympic Pool:

When: Week 1: 27th - 1st Sept/ Oct
 Week 2: 5th - 8th

Cost: Week 1 \$56.75
 Week 2 \$45.40

Who: Girls and boys all levels.

Squads - Stroke Correction

The Summer and surf season just around the corner. Be a winner and get the edge with our national accredited coaches guiding you through stroke correction and techniques

When:

Freestyle: 27th, Sept, 8th, Oct

Backstroke: 28th, 7th

Breaststroke: 29th, 6th

Butterfly: 30th, 5th

Where: PLC

Time: 8:00^{am} - 9:00^{am}

Cost: \$10.00 per person

SLIPPERY STUFF

Holiday Slide Times

Thrills and spills as you plunge down our splashtastic slippery slides. The PLC's "Funnel Tunnel" and GOP's inflatable "Slide 'n' Glide" will leave you wanting more.

PLC:

When: 10:30^{am} to 11:30^{am}

12:30^{pm} to 1:30^{pm}

2:30^{pm} to 3:30^{pm}

4:30^{pm} to 5:30^{pm} weekdays only

GOP:

When: Mon, Wed, Fri

Time: 11:00^{am} - 3:00^{pm}

PIRATES ARH!

Kids Club

"Avast ye maties", calling all Blackbeards and Jack Sparrows. This school holiday's project is pirates! We make and paint our very own swashbucklers and hunt for hidden treasures arh! arh!

We have a bumper packed program of indoor and outdoor fun activities to keep the kids entertained. Arts, crafts, games, sports n splash and movies.

When: 27th, 29th Sept, 1st, 6th, 8th Oct

Time: 8:00^{am} to 4:00^{pm}

Where: Peninsula Leisure Centre

Who: Girls and boys 5 - 12 yrs

Cost: \$38.00 per day

SPORT STUFF

Indoor Soccer Clinic

Want to make the A League ? Let us keep your skills up to date. Two clinics to choose from, our qualified coaches will guide you through 6 hours of football fun and skills.

When: 28th Sept, 5th Oct
 Time: 9:00^{am} to 3:00^{pm}

Where: Peninsula Leisure Centre

Who: Girls and boys 5 - 13 yrs

Cost: \$38.20

Netball Clinic

With over a million players nationwide, it's time to make the turnover and join our fabulous coaching clinic. Now you can be 1 in a million.

When: 7th Oct
 Time: 9:00^{am} to 3:00^{pm}

Where: Peninsula Leisure Centre

Who: Girls and boys 6 - 13 yrs

Cost: \$38.20

For all clinics please wear shorts, tee shirt and sand shoes. Bring lunch, snacks and a drink.



Gosford Olympic Pool **4325 1869**

Peninsula Leisure Centre **4325 8123**

Education



Excursion to Rumbalara

Year 1 and Year 2 students from Pretty Beach Public School visited Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre as part of their science and HSIE studies on August 23.

The students were currently looking at the need for shelters and nature, according to school teacher Mr Chris McInerney.

"Students first went on a bush walk through Rumbalara Reserve observing animal shelters," Ms McInerney said.

"Back at the centre students were then divided into three groups and performed three activities on a rotational basis.

"They were helping a baby possum find her home using picture and word clues; a bird

nest making activity in which the students imagined themselves as birds; and finally a discussion and craft activity on the subject of houses for people.

"The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot about shelters in the process."

**Newsletter, 26 Aug 2010
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School**

Anti-bullying group meets

Staff and parents at Woy Woy Public School have set up an anti-bullying group to implement a long-term anti-bullying plan for the school.

School principal Ms Ona Buckley said the first meeting of the school's Anti-Bullying Task Force will look at how to gather information about bullying.

"This will be devising a survey to be sent home for parents to fill in and a way our parent group on

the Anti Bullying Task Force can communicate with our community to gather more information.

"A parent forum will also be held before the end of term to give feedback on the information gathered and to discuss how to begin the process of making an Anti Bullying Plan best suited to the needs of our school."

**Newsletter, 31 Aug 2010
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School**

Tribute for cleaner

Woy Woy South Public School has paid tribute to the school's Award of Appreciation recipient as part of Education Week celebrations last month.

School principal Mr Terry Greedy said the school's head cleaner Mr Trevor Lumb worked tirelessly for

the school.

"Mr Lumb continually goes beyond the call of duty to ensure our students have a clean, inviting environment in which to learn," Mr Greedy said.

**Newsletter, 24 Aug 2010
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School**

Oval ideas are wanted

Woy Woy Public School principal Ms Ona Buckley has called on parents and the community to suggest a way to gather enough funds to resurface the school oval.

She said a grant from the Premier's Sporting Challenge program did not include upgrading the school oval.

"Our school oval is large and consists of very sandy soil," Ms Buckley said.

"To totally upgrade it to a level where it would sustain a lush green carpet of grass would cost much more than the grant money available.

"The school population not only is a constant user of the oval but we also allow many community sporting groups to train on it as well.

"We do this because we are a community school supporting our local community.

"The selection criteria for the grant was to resurface sporting amenities such as basketball or tennis courts, to repair existing facilities such as cricket nets, netball posts or football goals or to upgrade playing fields such as oval repair.

"The projects put forward for the grant by the school were to upgrade the oval, replace and update the cricket nets and to put in a sprinkler system to water the oval connected to the school bore."

Ms Buckley said the regional committee decided to allocate the school \$30,000 to replace its cricket nets with the remainder of the grant being allocated to installing an underground pop-up sprinkler system from the bore to as much of the oval as possible.

"This is at present being quoted," Ms Buckley said.

"With a little top dressing and some fertilizer and being able to water evenly the grass should start to improve.

"The school of course would be glad of any other ideas."

**Newsletter, 31 Aug 2010
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School**

Equipment grants for school sport

Peninsula schools have been granted \$33,500 in the Premier's Sporting Challenge Equipment to School grants.

Under the program, Umina Public School will receive \$6321, Ettalong Public School \$4983, Woy Woy Public School \$4360 and Woy Woy South Public School \$4963.

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina and Woy Woy campuses will also receive \$7076 and \$6174 in sports equipment

funding respectively.

"I'm delighted to deliver the latest allocation of grants to help our local schools purchase new sporting equipment," Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews said.

"Schools will use the funding to update existing sports equipment and purchase new items for students, such as cricket bats, footballs and tennis rackets."

**Press release, 7 Sep 2010
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford**

Ettalong hosts spelling bee

Ettalong Public School will host one of six Hunter Central Coast regional finals in this year's Premier's Spelling Bee on September 13.

The local school will host 19 schools from across the Central Coast at the seniors final.

The juniors final will be held at Wadalba Community School.

Students from Ettalong Public School, Empire Bay Public School, Woy Woy South Public School, Umina Public School and Woy Woy Public School will participate in the seniors final at Ettalong while students from Pretty Beach Public School will take part in the junior

final at Wadalba on September 16.

These students will be among 153 students from 40 local schools taking part in the Hunter and Central Coast Regional Final of the competition.

A total of 10 regional finals are being staged at 38 venues across the state between September 13 and 24.

Students successful at the regional finals will then proceed to the state final in November, where the state's best speller will be crowned.

**Press release, 9 Sep 2010
Sven Wright, Department of Education and Training**

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New classrooms at Empire Bay

Students at Empire Bay Public School can now enjoy four new classrooms after the Building the Education Revolution project was recently completed.

Students moved out of demountable classrooms and into the new well-appointed classrooms on August 30, which will be fitted out with interactive whiteboards, according to school principal Ms Sharon McEvoy.

"The new building also houses a special amenities room, a general assistant's storeroom, and two sports storerooms.

"Additionally, solar panelling and a water tank have been installed and landscaping is featured around the circumference of the building.

"The new play equipment and sand pit will be installed in the upcoming school holidays."

**Newsletter, 1 Sep 2010
Sharon McEvoy, Empire Bay Public School**



Parents complain

Ettalong Public School P&C has expressed its concern over transport of students to and from school.

The issues were raised at Ettalong P&C's recent meeting, according to school principal Mr Colin Wallis.

Mr Wallis said the group was concerned about the overcrowding of an afternoon bus and has sent letters to Busways and Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews to

address the issue.

"Busways have replied that they are currently investigating the situation," Mr Wallis said.

"Also concerning is the lack of pedestrian crossing on the intersection of Uligandi and Broken Bay Rds.

"Letters have been sent to Gosford Council and our local MP again."

**Newsletter, 31 Aug 2010
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**

College team wins way to finals

Brisbane Water Secondary College's Under-14s rugby league team has won its way into the quarter finals of the prestigious Buckley Shield competition.

They are set to play Sydney school Eagle Vale after beating another Sydney school St Clair

recently.

"The boys have enjoyed a successful year this year after also making it into the state grand final of the All Schools competition recently, losing narrowly 12 to six to Bass High School," coach Mr Pat Crouch said.

"The winner of this match is set to play Macksville High for

a place in the grand final in late September.

"The college has already claimed one State Title in rugby league this year after their Under-13s team took out the Country Cup in Dubbo recently."

**Press release, 4 Sep 2010
Pat Crouch, Brisbane Water Secondary College**

Students in zone carnival

Woy Woy Public School sent more than 40 students to the Woy Woy Zone Athletics Carnival at McEvoy Oval on August 27, winning one first place, six second place ribbons and one third place.

A group of five students from the school will now compete in the Sydney North Area Carnival at Homebush later in the term.

Lachlan McShane was outstanding on the day winning the

11 years 200 metre and second place in the 11 years 100 metre and 11 years long jump.

Amelia Williamson and Neve Parsons also did well taking out second and third place respectively in the junior girls 800 metre race with Megan Ashton coming second in the senior girls 800 metre event and Callum Fenech in the senior boys division.

**Newsletter, 31 Aug 2010
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School**

Woy Woy Public School has seen improvement in student behaviour after introducing a Positive Behaviour Learning program earlier this year.

School principal Ms Ona Buckley said staff met recently to discuss how the program was progressing within the school.

"Over the last year our school has been working on the outside behaviour issues," Ms Buckley said.

"Our targets have been assembly manners, lining up at the end of breaks and walking to class after breaks.

"To have our students do these activities in an appropriate sensible way, we must teach them what this is and what it looks like.

"The discussion in the last meeting centred around the lack of activities our students could engage in during break times and how best to solve this problem."

Ms Buckley said the meeting decided it would trial a designated

equipment space in the playground at lunch to improve this area of school life for the students.

"Mrs McGinley was able to purchase some soft bat and ball games and skipping ropes which will be housed in some coloured bins," Ms Buckley said.

"We hope to add to this over time and if it takes off will increase the times equipment can be used during break times.

"This will allow those students who don't want to run around or play on the oval, another space with activities to choose.

"We already have the computer room and library open during one half of lunch as an alternative for students."

**Newsletter, 31 Aug 2010
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School**

Netball win

Woy Woy South Public School netball team has defeated Chertsey Public School 33 points to nil in a friendly home-game.

School principal Mr Terry Greedy said all team members played exceptionally well with both teams playing their hardest and showing

great sportsmanship.

"Even with such a big win the girls were humble and congratulated the other team and thanked them for their time," Ms Greedy said.

"All the girls in the netball team should be extremely proud."

**Newsletter, 31 Aug 2010
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School**

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Nippers and juniors will receive a free rego pack on the day with heaps of info and fun stuff!

The club will also be holding an OPEN DAY on Saturday the 25th of September, with Live music, jumping castles, face-painting, lifesaving demos, novelty races, raffles, prizes and FREE giveaways!

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Out and About



Crime novelist Malla Nunn

Crime novelists attend lunch

Two Australian crime novelists, Michael Robotham and Malla Nunn, will attend a lunch at Koolewong on Sunday, September 19.

Supported by the Australia Council for the Arts as part of a national author tour to encourage Australians to read more, tickets for the lunch will cost \$50.

Umina bookstore owner Ms Mandi McIntosh said that Book Bazaar was lucky enough to be included in the campaign and is organising the lunch.

"Michael Robotham worked as an investigative journalist in Britain, Australia and the US before writing 15 autobiographies for well-known personalities."

He has written a string of award-

winning novels.

Two of his most recent novels, *The Night Ferry* and *Shatter*, were short-listed for the UK Crime Writers Association Steel Dagger in 2007 and 2008.

In 2008, *Shatter* won the Ned Kelly award for Australia's best crime novel.

"Robotham's latest novel, *Bleed for Me*, was published in 2010.

"Malla Nunn grew up in Swaziland before moving with her parents to Perth in the 1970s.

"Her debut novel *A Beautiful Place to Die* was published to international acclaim and won the 2009 Sisters in Crime Davitt Award for Best Adult Crime Novel by an Australian female author."

**Press release, 25 Aug 2010
Mandi McIntosh, Book Bazaar**

Council runs holiday activities

Gosford Council will run a range of school holiday activities on the Peninsula.

Council's learn to surf program is back at Umina Beach after popular demand and will hold two two-day courses and one four-day course for children aged 10 years and above.

The program will kick off with a two-day course on September 28 and 29, followed by a second from September 30 to October 1.

The four-day course will be held from October 5 to 8.

Patrolled beaches at Umina, Ocean and Killcare beaches will also be accessible for the public to enjoy Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm from September 27 to October 1 and from 9am to 6pm weekdays from October 5 until December.

The Peninsula Leisure Centre will host a number of activities including the Super Kids educational program for children aged two to five years.

Designed to promote core areas of development and cognitive skills, the program develops self esteem and confidence through age appropriate classes including games, activities and obstacle courses.

The program begins on October 13, every Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am and a second session from 10.30am.

The centre will run a junior soccer competition from Saturday, October 16, for Under-10s through



to Under-16s, and also two six-hour indoor soccer clinics on September 28 and October 5 from 9am for girls and boys aged five to 13 years of age.

A netball clinic will also be held for keen netballers on October 7 from 9am to 3pm for boys and girls aged six to 13 years of age.

Learn to swim classes will be held at the centre throughout the school holidays starting September 27 to October 1.

The program is designed to help young swimmers develop their swimming ability over a short period of time with daily 30 minute lessons for one or two weeks.

The Peninsula pool will also host stroke correction lessons on various days throughout the two-week break starting with freestyle on September 27 from 8am.

The Peninsula Leisure Centre's Funnel Tunnel slippery slide will be open for morning and afternoon sessions.

The Peninsula Leisure Centre Kids Club will have a pirate theme throughout the holidays.

Children will enjoy painting activities, a treasure hunt as well as other games and activities to enjoy.

The club will run on September 27 and 29 as well as October 1, 6 and 8 for children aged eight to 12 years of age for \$38 per day.

For more information about activities held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre and bookings, phone Nick Leslie on 4325 8123 or email nick.leslie@gosford.nsw.gov.au

Flyer, 6 Sep 2010

Andrew Stuart, Gosford Council

Leading singers at Pearl Beach

Organisers of the annual Pearl Beach Opera in the Arboretum concert have announced the first two performers for next year's event.

Baritone Mr Michael Lewis and soprano Nicole Youl will sing at next March's event in Pearl Beach, according to event organiser Mr John Greenway.

"Michael, one of Australia's most respected singers, is highly regarded for his command of both the operatic and concert repertoire," Mr Greenway said.

"Career highlights include soloist with Rudolf Nureyev at the

London Coliseum in Bejart's ballet to Mahler's *Songs of a Wayfarer*, title role in *Rigoletto* at La Fenice, Venice, and the famous Jonathan Miller mafia-style production in London, in Elijah Moshinsky's Opera Australia production.

"Nicole Youl is one of Australia's leading sopranos.

"In 2008, she sang Amelia (Un Ballo in Maschera) and Cio-Cio-San for Opera Australia, performed Wagner's *Wesendonck Lieder* with WASO and appeared in an Opera Gala for The Queensland Orchestra.

"In 2009, engagements included Santuzza, Leonore (Fidelio) and

Mimi for Opera Australia.

"In 2010, Nicole Youl will sing the title role in *Tosca* for Opera Australia in Sydney."

Mr Greenway said organisers were presently negotiating with two other top Australian singers, one a mezzo soprano, and the other a tenor.

"Funds raised next year will go to youth organisations on the Central Coast and other Rotary charities.

"Tickets will be available early in the New Year for the March 12 event."

Email, 9 Aug 2010

John Greenway, Pearl Beach Opera in the Arboretum

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Pearl Beach Association members (left to right) Margaret Walkate, Adrian Verduin, Heather Brown, Judith Strykowski and Lynne Lillico prepare for this month's clothing sale

Clothing sale at Pearl Beach

A local charity is set to benefit from the sale of new and secondhand clothes at the Pearl Beach Wardrobe Winners Monstore Clothing Sale later this month.

Proceeds will go to Lifeline NSW Central Coast and the upkeep of Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, said Pearl Beach Progress Association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

She said the clothing sale would include well-known designer brands and current fashions.

"Retro, vintage and collectable is the name of the game," Ms Lillico said.

"We have women's and men's

clothing, including younger fashions suitable for end-of-year school formals.

"Also on sale will be a variety of imported and local designs featuring day wear, sportswear, jewellery, hats, accessories and that something special for more glamorous occasions.

"We will also be selling books.

The clothing sale will be held at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall in Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach, on the weekend of September 25 and 26, from 10am to 5pm each day.

**Press release, 6 Sep 2010
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association**



Students from Ettalong Public School backstage at the Sydney Opera House

Choir performs at Opera House

Students from Ettalong Public School's choir performed for the Bennelong Concert at the Sydney Opera House on August 26.

The Bennelong Concert has been held for almost 60 years and is held by the Department of Education and Training for NSW public school students.

Five performances combined choirs of 700 voices in the concert hall of the Opera House.

School principal Mr Colin Wallis described the concert as a "fantastic night".

"How very proud I was to see the excitement and enjoyment on the faces of our wonderful choir members before they went on to perform and how expertly they did perform," Mr Wallis said.

"Not everyone will get the chance to experience performing at such a world famous venue."

**Newsletter, 31 Aug 2010
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**



First exhibition at restaurant

Artist Zoe Fletcher will be the first to have her work shown at a new restaurant gallery in Killcare.

Ms Fletcher's Water of Love exhibition was launched at the Artspace at Randalls restaurant on September 11.

She said she looked forward to seeing the art space used by other artists.

"Coast dwellers live a brushstroke from the great Pacific

Ocean, surrounded by lakes, fed by creeks that flow to lagoons that, overnight, burst the banks of beaches and barrel their contents into the sea," Ms Fletcher said.

"My Water of Love exhibition captures a vision you might encounter from the wide verandahs of the restaurant on any day."

Ms Fletcher said her paintings in oils, pastel, silk and watercolour embrace the "natural beauty" and dynamism of the changing environment.

The exhibition runs until Wednesday, September 26.

**Press release, 7 Sep 2010
Zoe Fletcher, Artspace at Randalls**

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Out and About



Cast members from Woy Woy Little Theatre's recent performance of *Wrong Turn Lung Fish*

Quartet to sing at folk club

The Newcastle and Hunter Valley Folk Clubs' singing quartet The Collectables will perform at the Troubadour Central Coast folk club's next meeting on Saturday, September 25.

The group will perform popular folk favourites from the 60s and 70s plus many more traditional and contemporary numbers, according to Troubadour president Mr Bill Bekric,

"They will be singing songs

from the Mamas and the Papas; Peter, Paul and Mary; Simon and Garfunkel; and Bob Dylan," Mr Bekric said.

"The Collectables are Toni Davies, Ron and Lucy McMurray and Brent 'Bilbo' Rodgers.

"Toni has been involved with numerous duos, groups and choirs including the Union Peoples Chorus based in Newcastle where she met Bilbo, another harmony junkie.

"Ron and Lucy, the group's main musos, have been playing and

singing together forever. "They have a huge repertoire of covers and have their own regular gigs in Lake Macquarie but also play with some Latino bands."

Mr Bekric said there would also be floor spots available and a light supper would be served.

Tickets start at \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members and can be booked by calling 4341 4060 or 0417 456 929.

**Press release, 8 Sep 2010
Willy Timmerman, Troubadour Central Coast**

Theatre group aims for younger people

Woy Woy Little Theatre will look to attract younger audience members in the coming years to help dwindling attendance numbers, according to theatre group president Ms Barbara Hickey.

Ms Hickey said that, with the Global Financial Crisis and the majority of dedicated theatre supporters getting older, it was hard to maintain the attendance numbers seen in previous years.

"With a large majority of audience members being seniors, it is becoming harder for them to get along and support us as they get older and frailer," Ms Hickey said.

"The economy and the GFC also haven't helped us as art and entertainment is one of the first things people cut back on when times are tough unfortunately."

However, Ms Hickey said with almost 50 years on the Peninsula, the local theatre group would not go out without a fight.

"Our committee is currently working hard at developing strategies to attract a younger demographic.

"Ideas in the pipeline include contemporary plays that young audiences can relate to, starting a children's theatre group as well as encouraging younger people to join the theatre committee in order to bring fresh ideas to the group.

"We are definitely looking towards the future and adapting to the times."

With almost 49 years of theatre under its belt, Woy Woy Little Theatre is looking forward to celebrating its 50th birthday in 2012 bringing new and innovative programs to Peninsula audiences.

Ms Hickey said the group started with an audience of only 20 audience members and had built this up to perform to more than 120 people in the Peninsula Theatre.

"We are very thankful to the people who keep coming back time and again and for their continued support.

"As part of our 50th Anniversary we are also looking at publishing a book on the history of community theatre on the Peninsula, expected to be due out in 2012."

**Clare Graham, 9 Sep 2010
Interviewee: Barbara Hickey,
Woy Woy Little Theatre**

The Sunwrae Trio, part of the Melbourne-based chamber group Sunwrae Ensemble, will perform at the Peninsula Theatre on Monday, September 27.

Their performance Primavera is combination of persuasive rhythms, spectacular improvisation and evocative interweaving melodies, according to Gosford Council's arts and culture marketing officer Ms Jan Wells.

"Featuring original music by Rae Howell, including two new works inspired by a recent music residency in Brazil, the trio of Rae Howell (vibraphone), Luke

Richardson (double bass) and Emily Rosner (harp) produce an exquisite, rare and intimate performance.

"Program highlights include Primavera, Sem Duvida, Decipher the Crooked Ways, Underneath, Catch Me If You Can and Chinook Winds."

Tickets are available at \$18 for adults and can be purchased online at www.laycockstreettheatre.com or by calling 4323 3233.

The performance will begin from 7.30pm at the Peninsula Theatre in Woy Woy.

**Press release, 10 Sep 2010
Jan Wells, Gosford Council**



Craft show at Empire Bay

The Empire Bay Progress Association will put on a craft show for locals and visitors on the October long weekend.

The event will be held in the Empire Bay Community Hall on Saturday and Sunday, October 2 and 3, from 10am to 4pm.

Association publicity officer Ms Charlotte Story said the Empire Bay Craft Show was sure to be a

great day out for the family to enjoy as locals put their craft on display.

"There will be craft and garden stalls to look through as well as

Devonshire teas and a barbecue lunch," Ms Story said.

**Letter, 6 Sep 2010
Charlotte Story, Empire Bay Progress Association**

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Village attributes not enough for Ettalong

Norman Harris should not let his idyllic image of quaint little villages cloud the reality of surviving in business (Peninsula News, 2 Aug 2010, Development may not help businesses profit).

Never at any stage has the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce suggested that Ettalong Beach should discard its "village" attributes.

It was the chamber that fought so hard in the late 1990s for Financial Strategy funding that paved the footpaths, planted the trees, created the pedestrian facilities and installed the street furniture.

It was the chamber that raised the initial funds that attracted the Federal Black Spot funding for the roundabout at Picnic Pde.

It was also the chamber that paid for the "Welcome to Ettalong Beach" signs and fought for eight years with Gosford Council for the foreshore upgrade and viewing platforms that we are only now enjoying today.

It was also the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce that started the Ettalong Beach Bendigo Bank when all the other banks deserted the town.

These are all the features that Mr Harris no doubt enjoys so much.

But he is mistaken if he thinks that these things alone will sustain existing and new businesses in Ettalong Beach.

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Renewal and development are also key drivers of the retail growth.

You only have to witness the success of Umina Beach to see that development is a key factor.

To see the opposite effect, just take wander through the heart of Gosford.

The Tesrol development is just as important to Ettalong Beach as maintaining the village character.

You can do both but what business cannot do is survive without people walking the streets, spending their money and welcoming visitors to the town.

Norman Harris thinks that businesses survive by being friendly, courteous and helpful which is all well and good provided that you have people in the shop in the first place.

Email, 11 Aug 2010
Matthew Wales, Umina

High rise not needed

Ettalong Beach does not need high rise development.

High rise development will not attract tourists and generate more business.

Tourists are attracted to Ettalong Beach by the foreshore and village atmosphere.

Business and the community should unite in improving the foreshores and adapting the existing commercial infrastructure.

This type of development approach is a win-win situation for business and the community.

Online submission, 1 Sep 2010
Patrick Croke, Booker Bay

Doctor shopping must stop

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Coast doing "doctor shopping".

The doctors give him what he wants and his family are left to pick up the pieces.

Our family has contacted all the doctors and told them not to give him any more drugs but they still give it to him.

This is a joke and this is what all the drug addicts are doing these days.

It needs to be stopped.

Email, 3 Sep 2010
Jackie Phillips, Woy Woy

The Diary

15 September

Centrelink Aged Care Fees and Charges financial seminar, Ettalong Beach Club, Ettalong Beach, 10am Free

16 September

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

18 September

Girl in the Clouds perform at Randall's on the Beach, Killcare 6.30pm Free

19 September

Season 2010/2011 Registration Day, Umina Beach and Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Clubs to 12 noon

Authors in Crime luncheon organised by Umina Book Bazaar, Boathouse Restaurant, Koolewong

Pretty Beach Community Preschool official opening, 150 Heath Rd, Pretty Beach, 10.30am 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

The Usual Suspects live performance, Randall's on the Beach, Killcare, 7.30pm Free

Season 2010/2011 Registration Day, Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club, 5.30-7.30pm

24 September

Sydney Hotshots' Girls Just Want to Have Fun Tour, Ocean Beach Hotel, 8.30pm

Kevin A Legend Music and comedy night, Dinner and show, Randalls on the Beach

25 September

Girl in the Clouds perform at Randall's on the Beach, Killcare 6.30pm Free

Umina Beach Sand Slog, Umina Beach Surf Club, 3.30pm

The Collectables live performance at the Troubadour Central Coast Folk Club, Woy Woy CWA Hall, Woy Woy 7pm

NSW Bike Week information workshop, The Pad, Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, 11am Free

Wardrobe Winners Monstore Clothing sale and bargain book tables, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall 10am -5pm

26 September

Woy Woy Lions Car Boot Sale, Rogers Park, 9am Free

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

NSW Bike Week Park to Park Ride, Lions Park Gosford to Fisherman's Wharf Woy Woy, 10am Free

Blues Angels live performance, Randall's on the Beach, Killcare, 12.30pm Free

Season 2010/2011 Registration Day, Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club, 10am-12 noon

Wardrobe Winners Monstore Clothing sale and bargain book tables, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall 10am -5pm

27 September

School holidays commence Next edition of Peninsula News published

Primavera chamber group: vibraphone, double bass and harp, Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, 7.30pm

Disease Proof Your Life movie seminar "The Marketing of Madness", Cinema Paradiso, Ettalong, 7pm

NSW school holidays begin Learn to Swim course starts, Peninsula Leisure Centre, 9am-12pm

28 September

Gosford Council Learn to Surf School two-day course, Umina Beach

Indoor Soccer Clinic, Peninsula Leisure Centre, 9am

30 September

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

Gosford Council Learn to Surf School two-day course, Umina Beach

2 October

St Luke's Art Space "Heaven's Alive" exhibition opening, St Luke's Anglican Church, Woy Woy, 3pm Free

1 October

40th Annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout, Woy Woy Oval, until October 4

2 October

St Luke's Art Space "Heaven's Alive" exhibition opening, St Luke's Anglican Church, Woy Woy, 3pm Free

2 October

Empire Bay Craft Show, Empire Bay Community Hall, 10am - 4pm Free

3 October

Empire Bay Craft Show, Empire Bay Community Hall, 10am - 4pm Free

4 October

Labor Day public holiday

5 October

Gosford Council Learn to Surf School four-day course, Umina Beach

Indoor Soccer Clinic, Peninsula Leisure Centre, 9am

7 October

The Usual Suspects live performance, Randall's on the Beach, Killcare, 7.30pm Free

Cigarette item is astonishing

Leith Thomas's item (Peninsula News, 30 Aug 2010) on cigarette packaging is utterly astonishing.

Nicotine is probably the most dangerous drug available in Australia (including heroin and marijuana), and anything that can be done to reduce its usage is to be welcomed.

However, when any responsible citizen would see the value of improving public health, Mr Glasby's only concern is that his profits might be reduced, if cigarette sales are made difficult.

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Clearly, he sees no problem in maximizing the distribution of lethal material, so I am surprised that he does not take the logical step of marketing, say, firearms in lieu of tobacco (firearms kill fewer people than tobacco at present, but good packaging can remedy that deficiency).

Let us hope that the Alliance of Australian Retailers is totally ineffective in its campaign.

Email, 31 Aug 2010
Bruce Hyland, Daley's Pt

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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 ADS is a not-for-profit organisation giving aid and financial assistance to sick and injured animals and finding homes for surrendered dogs. Meetings 2nd Tues ea month, Spike Milligan Room Woy Woy Library, 10am. Debra 4344 4435. awlcentralcoast@virginbroadband.com.au P.O. Box 376, WOY WOY

Wildlife Animal Rescue and Care Society (ARC) ⁽²⁵⁸⁾ Rescues and cares for native wildlife in distress. www.wildlife-arc.org.au Free training. Meetings 3rd Sat ea month 1pm Wyoming Community Centre, Maidens Brush Rd 4325 0666 arc@wildlife-arc.org.au

Art

Ettalong Beach Art & Crafts Centre ⁽²⁵⁶⁾ Adult Classes in Patchwork & Quilting, Pottery, Folk Art, Silk Dyeing, Oils, Acrylics, Pastels, Drawing, Watercolour, Silvercraft and Children's Art & Pottery Classes 4341 8344 info@ebacc.com.au

Central Coast Art Society ⁽²⁵⁷⁾ Meets for lectures, demonstrations and discussion. Weekly paint-outs ea Tues at varying locations 4369 5860. Workshops 9.30am 1st & 3rd Wed ea month Gosford City Art Centre 4363 1820. Social Meetings 1.30pm 4th Wed ea month, for demonstrations 4325 1420 publicity@artcentralcoast.asn.au PO Box 4168 East Gosford

Community Activities

Cash Housie ^(269c) 50 Games Held every Sat night St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong Beach, Free Tea and Coffee. 7.30 pm - 10.30pm. Proceeds to Woy Woy Catholic Parish. wwcpousie@hotmail.com

Community Centres

Beachside Family Centre ⁽²⁵⁷⁾ School-based community centre for families with children from birth to 8 years old. Offers a range of group programs and

community activities 4343 1929 Umina Public School Sydney Ave

Peninsula Community Centre ^(256c)

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Ettalong 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre ⁽²⁶²⁾ (formerly Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre)

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Community Groups

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Arthritis NSW ^(267c) Meetings 3rd Tues ea month Community Centre, Corner McMasters Rd and Ocean Beach Road, Woy Woy 4341 5881

Endeavour View Club ⁽²⁵⁴⁾

1st Mon ea month Woy Woy Leagues Club 10.30am 4344 3825

Fellowship of First Fleeters ^(259c) Create a greater awareness of the part played by those pioneers who arrived in Sydney with the first fleet. Meet 2nd Sat ea month Wyong RSL 10am roy.kable@bigpond.com 4344 3876

Hardys Bay Residents Group ^(271c) Working for a positive & Healthy Environment in our Community allanbw@bigpond.com

The Krait Club ^(270c) Community Centre - Cooinda Village, Neptune St, Umina 10.30am Open to senior members of Woy Woy/ Umina Community Program includes: Gentle exercises, quizzes, games, social activities, guest speakers, entertainment and occasional bus trips 4341 0698

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Wagstaffe to Killcare Community ⁽²⁵⁶⁾ Works to protect and preserve the beautiful environment and low density residential nature of the Bouddi Peninsula and to strengthen community bonds Monthly Meeting - 3rd Mon, 7.30pm at Wagstaffe Hall PO Box 4069, Wagstaffe 4360 2945 info@wagstaffetokillcare.org.au

Vietnam Veterans', Peacekeepers' and Peacemakers' ⁽²⁵⁹⁾ Assist all Veterans and their families with pension & welfare matters. Drop in for a chat. Cnr Broken Bay Road & Beach Street Ettalong. Mon & Wed 9am-1pm 4344 4760 vietvetsgosford@bigpond.com PO Box 505, Ettalong

Volunteering Central Coast ^(270c)

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We interview potential volunteers and refer them to their choice of volunteer roles. Offer regular general info sessions at Woy Woy. SharanPace@volunteeringcentralcoast.org.au

Community Restaurant

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Disabled Services

Riding for the Disabled ⁽²⁵⁷⁾ Horse Riding as a therapy for those with intellectual or physical disabilities Mon to Sat 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: Radio Licences, Boat Safety & Boat Licence & PWC Licence Tests, Navigation, Seamanship and Meteorology. 4325 7929 Boat Licence Testing on one Sat ea month 4325 7929 www.coastalpatrol.org.au www.coastalpatrol.org.au pr.centralcoast@

marinerescuensw.com.au PO Box 6058, West Gosford

Music

ASC Songwriter Assist ⁽²⁵⁸⁾ Regular activities and events for anyone interested in the craft and business of song writing 0412 149 094 www.ascsa.org.au info@ascsa.org.au

Retirement Centre

Peninsula Village ⁽²⁵⁷⁾ Not-for-profit, community owned, retirement centre caring for aged residents on the Peninsula in self care hostel and nursing home accommodation 4344 9199

Service Clubs

Rotary Club of Woy Woy ⁽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, ea Tues 0412 065 098 secretary@woywoyrotary.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. Everglades Country Club ea Wed 0409 245 861. curleys@ozemail.com.au

Sport

Woy Woy Judo Club ⁽²⁵⁹⁾ Great for fun, fitness, female self defense or the competitive CLASSES min age 7 Tue & Fri - 5.30 to 7.30pm try a free session! E.S.C.C. Cnr Broken Bay Rd & Karingi St, Ettalong 0434 000 170 www.wwjc.org.au

Women's Groups

Country Women's Association Woy Woy ⁽²⁵⁷⁾ Friendship Mornings 1st and 2nd Wed 10am Monthly Meetings 4th Wed 12.30pm 4324 2621

Gosford RSL Women's Auxiliary ⁽²⁷²⁾ 0412 773 441

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 4342 5905

Wed and Thur 9.30am to 3pm - 20a McMasters Rd, Woy Woy www.ccwhc.com.au pwhc@cccwhc.com.au

If you would like your Community Organisation listed here, see www.duckscrossing.org/publications.html contact Peninsula News on **4325 7369**

It's OK to grieve.

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Kevin runs in Games

St Hubert's Island resident Kevin Moore will travel to India next month to compete in the Australian athletics team at the Commonwealth Games after a successful year in national competition.

The 19-year-old will represent Australia in the four by 400 metre relay event with a top five Australia ranking.

Moore began running as an eight-year-old with Woy Woy Little Athletics out of a love of sport and the outdoors.

He went on to train with Larry Spencer at age 14 who is still his coach today.

Up until the age of 18, Moore continued to compete in Little Athletics and high school competitions in both 100m and 200m events.

It wasn't until this year that Moore began to see national success with a win at the NSW Country Championships in January, running 400 metres in 48.03 seconds.

After winning the 400 metre at the Hunter Track Classic and bringing his personal best to 47.06 seconds, Moore then lined up for the Sydney Track Classic placing fifth at 46.13 seconds.

At the Melbourne Track Classic, he placed second (46.49 seconds) and only 0.76 seconds behind the winner Ben Offereins, and also second at the ACT Championships, before taking on the National Championships in Perth to qualify for the Commonwealth Games relay squad.

Although Moore competed in the Commonwealth Youth Games as a junior runner back in 2008, this will be his first attempt at senior international competition.



Moore also has his eyes set on competing in the World Cup in Croatia early this month as well as an individual spot at the 2012 London Olympic Games.

Moore has received a \$1000 sponsorship from the Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils to compete at the World Cup this month and the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi from October 3 to 14.

Website, 7 Sep 2010
Athletics Australia

Two members of the Woy Woy Judo Club have been successful in winning medals at the Oceania Judo Titles held in Canberra last month.

Woy Woy athletes Jordan Smith, 16, and Kayla Wells, 18, represented Australia in the junior men's and junior women's divisions at the event taking out the silver medal and gold medal respectively.

"After the initial cold weather shock of early morning Canberra, the tournament got underway," club publicity officer Ms Lindy Simmons said.

"There was an array of sizes and colours as athletes paraded in their country's tracksuits.

"Australia had the largest contingent of 90 athletes, with 37 males and 29 females winning medals or attaining national ranking.

"New Zealand and New Caledonia were next in the medal tally, showing exceptional judo skills that kept the bouts moving at a fast speed.

"French Polynesia and Papua New Guinea entered quite a few light weights while the Samoan, Fijian and Solomon Islands players represented the 90 to 100 kg divisions.

"The competition was run over two days with Kayla playing in the junior women's under-70kgs division, winning the gold medal with a 10-point throw against fellow Australian team mate Jessica Klajman of Budokan Judo Club, Castle Hill.

"Jordan competed in the junior men's under-81kgs against Jake Mirabato of Queensland, then Eoin Coughlin of Victoria to take the silver medal."

Ms Simmons said Jordan also competed in the NSW International Open at Blacktown Leisure Centre the following weekend to take out



Kayla Wells and Jordan Smith

another silver medal in his weight division.

"Kayla unfortunately had no other entries in her weight division, but with most of the visiting countries staying on to compete at this event it was again a good experience to watch such a high level of competition," according to Ms Simmons.

"Their training commitment has paid off as shown by their results.

"Jordan is now preparing to embark on a trip to Agadir, Morocco, to compete with the Australian team at the Junior World Tournament in October."

Chief instructor Danny Simmons of Woy Woy Judo Club is no stranger to raising National representatives over his 55 years experience in the sport, but said he was "more than pleased" with the stamina of both Kayla and Jordan.

"It's a lot to take in at their age," Mr Simmons said.

"Our club is very proud of their achievements, they have put in the hard yards but it doesn't stop here.

"Training for Jordan will increase at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra prior to departure to the World titles.

"There is no funding for the athletes, so we have just one month to raise the necessary money to help get him there."

Woy Woy Judo Club has operated on the Peninsula since 1982 and currently runs classes for males and females on Tuesdays and Fridays in the main auditorium of the ESCC in Ettalong.

For more information, contact Lindy Simmons on 0434 000 170.

Press release, 26 Aug 2010

Lindy Simmons, Woy Woy Judo Club

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Ettalong wins State title

The Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club team of Michael Braham and Allan Quin has won this year's Bowls NSW State President's Reserve Pairs title at Avoca Beach Bowling Club on September 6.

Sixteen teams of pairs from

around NSW started a gruelling weekend "knock out" schedule of morning and afternoon games on Saturday and Sunday in one of only two lawn bowls State Titles to be held on the Central Coast this year.

The Ettalong team defeating Hills District, West Dubbo and Yamba on their way to secure a

Sunday afternoon final against the Canowindra pair of David Dalton and Arthur Robson.

Despite a tenacious effort by the Canowindra pair, the Ettalong players worked together to win 25 to 12.

Press release, 6 Sep 2010
Bob Bourke, Bowls
News Central Coast

Kai keeps good form

Fourteen-year-old Kai Ellice-Flint continued his good form from the Australian Long Board Titles last month to outpoint championship leader Hayden Emery at the Ocean Beach Malibu Club's postponed July contest held at Umina Beach on August 29.

With Hayden to miss the upcoming September contest while holidaying in Bali, the club championship will be thrown wide open, according to contest director Mr Craig Coulton.

"Cyndi Zoranovic continues to impress, yet again knocking off the

blokes to win the round two heat of third placegetters and further her lead in the women's club championship.

"Meanwhile, 12-year-old Tom Payne surfed extremely well in the solid waves to defeat some older and more experienced riders in the last heat of the day," Mr Coulton said.

"Winners in round one were Garry Halliday from Bill Ballard and Paul Goder, Kai Ellice-Flint from Mitch Bolton and Darrell Young, Hayden Emery from Blake Donkin and Cyndi Zoranovic, John Payne from Ron Stockings and Angie Smith, while Craig Coulton won from Brian Cook and Paul Donkin

in the final heat.

"Round two results were (Firsts) Kai Ellice-Flint first, Hayden Emery second, Garry Halliday third, (Seconds) Mitch Bolton first, Blake Donkin second, Bill Ballard third, (Thirds) Cyndi Zoranovic first, Darrell Young second, Paul Goder third, (Fourths) Sam Orman first, Kayd Donkin second, Chris Irwin third, (Fifths) Brent Olsson first, Glen Bible second, Craig Palmer third, (Sixths) Tom Payne first, Brent Thoroughgood second, Phil Bruce third."

Press release, 1 Sep 2010
Craig Coulton, Ocean
Beach Malibu Club

Three Roosters' teams in semi-finals

The Woy Woy Roosters Rugby League Football Club saw mixed results after fielded three teams in week one of the semi finals on August 29.

Having won seven successive matches to reach the finals, Woy Woy first grade had a tough contest against the Erina Eagles going down 36 to 28 at fulltime, according to club president Mr Geoff Staunton.

"After grinding out a second half lead, the Roosters wilted badly with some decisions and errors proving their downfall," Mr Staunton said.

"After losing Geoff Wilkin and Glenn McLellan in the early stages, the Roosters battled gamely, led by Adam Tippet who capped off a fine season leading from the front and nearly getting the boys home.

"Along with Adam, the great Jade Mason finished his stellar

220 first grade game career in top form and received solid support from Cheyne Hall, Drew Neist and Ryan Drew who caused havoc out wide.

"Following the match, tough prop forward Mick Maryska also announced his retirement. "

Meanwhile Woy Woy's reserve grade side "turned the tables" on Toukley with an 18 points to four victory and a 24 to four win over Ourimbah in the minor semi final.

They will now compete for a spot in the grand final against Berkeley Vale with a finals match on September 12 against Erina.

Results for this game were unknown at the time Peninsula News went to print.

Woy Woy Under-19s bowed out of its grand final hopes after a 24 to 22 loss against Berkeley Vale on September 5.

Website, 7 Sep 2010
Geoff Staunton, Woy Woy RLFC

Aboriginal football at Woy Woy

Woy Woy Oval will host the 40th Annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout on the October long weekend.

The annual event is the biggest social, cultural and sporting event on the Aboriginal calendar in NSW that attracts indigenous players from across the state as well as high profile NRL players.

The weekend also celebrates the significant contribution rugby league has made to Aboriginal communities and brings them together by encouraging and promoting health, community spirit and togetherness for not only Aboriginal Australia but the wider

community.

Officials of the carnival were confident it would be the biggest yet with BAC Walgett spokesman Mr Daniel Rose saying he did not know how many teams would enter, but understood the tournament would attract more than the 44 teams seen at last year's carnival in Armidale.

Since 1981 the Knockout has been hosted by the winning team, with the exception of 2000, in Dubbo, Armidale, Bourke, Walgett, Kempsey, Maitland, Nambucca Heads and Woy Woy this year.

Website, 7 Sep 2010
BAC Walgett Inc

Veterans' day held

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club held the first of the Central Coast District's Veterans' Days on August 27.

The event attracted 80 players representing five local clubs including Ettalong Memorial, Umina Beach, Woy Woy, Davistown and Everglades.

Seven Super Veterans and one Star Veteran were presented with

their pins by District Vice President Ms Marie Godfrey.

The youngest and oldest veteran attending were also recognised and presented with a gift acknowledging their status.

Meanwhile the second District's Veteran's Day was held at Wamberal and the third event at The Entrance Bowling Club.

Press release, 8 Sep 2010
Dianne Elsom, Bowls
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Bunnies finish eighth

Umina Beach Rugby League Football Club first grade side has finished eighth on the competition ladder.

Club president Ian Sonter said: "The experience gained in the weekly grind of first grade football this year can only be an asset as coach Marc Matthews leads the Bunnies into an exciting future in 2011."

He said that, despite a 32-nil loss against second placed Berkeley Vale, Umina held its head high at the end of the 2010 season.

"As with most clubs, the longer the season goes the higher the injury toll and team cohesion is the first thing that goes out the door," Mr Sonter said.

"However, when the chips are down, true character stands up and on many occasions the young Bunnies stood tall."

In the final round for other grades, Berkeley Vale defeated Umina reserve grade 56 to four, with the team short on numbers.

Umina saw victory over Berkeley Vale in open grade winning by a close 22 to 18 result.

Umina open grade now goes onto play Erina for a place in the grand final after winning 15 to 12 against Gosford-Kariong in the minor semi finals.

The game was to be played at Darren Kennedy Oval on September 12, with results unknown at the time Peninsula News went to print.

If they are successful, Umina will then go on to play Toukley in the grand final at Edsacc Oval on September 18.

Website, 24 Aug 2010
Ian Sonter, Umina Beach RLFC



Soccer club wins equipment

Umina United soccer club has received a \$3000 equipment pack.

It was nominated by North Queensland Fury soccer player Chris Payne, who was voted as the most outstanding under-21 player in August.

The monthly award allowed Payne to nominate a junior club

to benefit from an equipment package

Payne is the first nominated player to be announced and will be joined in future weeks by six other Under-21 players to qualify to be named the Young Footballer of the Year at the A-League Awards.

Website, 1 Sep 2010
A-League

The Peninsula Swans took on The Entrance Bateau Bay at the AFL junior grand final at Rogers Park in Woy Woy at the weekend.

Results were unknown at the time Peninsula News went to print but Swans treasurer Mr Michael O'Donnell said the Peninsula juniors had an exciting win against Wyong in the preliminary finals on September 3, setting up a good chance at winning this year's competition crown.

"The AFL Central Coast Under-16s preliminary final was played at Adelaide St Oval, Killarney Vale," Mr O'Donnell said.

"The Peninsula Swans battled the Wyong Lakes Magpies.

"A valiant Wyong were defeated by the skill and enthusiasm of the Swans with a final score of 86 to 33.

"This sets up the contest for the 2010 crown.

"The Entrance Bateau Bay will meet the Swans at Rogers Park to decide the Central Coast 2010

champions.

"This will be a Swans milestone for Alex Rogers who will be representing the Peninsula and Central Coast for the 200th time in junior football.

"Another Swans milestone will be achieved by Lucas Bingham who will be playing his 100th game."

Press release, 5 Sep 2010
Michael O'Donnell, Peninsula Swans Junior AFL

Beach sand slog is planned

The Umina Beach Sand Slog will be held on Saturday, September 25.

The fun run consists of four separate runs including the two-kilometre non-competitive kids run as well as the two-kilometre, five-kilometre and 10-kilometre races extending from one end of Umina Beach to the other.

The kids run will be run first at 3.30pm followed by the two-kilometre at 4pm and the five-kilometre and 10-kilometre from 4.30pm.

"Each event will start at Umina Surf Club going south on the soft sand and then turning around at the headland and heading north

onto the hard sand for the two-and-a-half kilometre run to the point then turning to return to Umina Surf Club on the soft sand," event publicity officer Mr Greg Brown said.

"There will be a turn point for the two-kilometre run just past the clubhouse.

"One lap of the beach is five-kilometres and two laps for the 10-kilometre race.

"Participants are permitted to enter more than one race and there will be medals for the first three places in each age group and also lucky door prizes.

"The two-kilometre kids run is for children under 12 years only.

"This is non-competitive and no

places will be given.

"Parents are permitted to accompany their children in the kids run.

"All participants in the kids run will receive a t-shirt.

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Online submission, 6 Sep 2010
Greg Brown, Umina Surf Life Saving Club

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