



The old Woy Woy abattoir site

Cemetery proposal will not proceed

Gosford Council has decided not to proceed with a cemetery at the Woy Woy abattoir site, after the proposal was opposed by a major Central Coast cemetery operator.

Palmdale Lawn Cemetery owner Mr John Stevens told the council that Palmdale could meet demand for the next 30 to 40 years.

He said that the Woy Woy site was "dangerous to traffic and has limited suitability due to its location on a hair pin bend".

Council staff had recommended that the proposal proceed to the next step: submitting it to the Department of Planning for a "gateway" determination.

In a report to council, staff said that stormwater runoff would not affect downstream Coastal Open Space lands, as "runoff from

any site is required to be at pre-development levels and there is to be no sediment loss".

"There is not envisage to be any adverse effect on the COSS wetlands in Correa Bay."

Staff stated that issues of land contamination, vegetation, acid sulphate soils and weed management would have to be addressed priority to consultation with public agencies.

The report stated that cemetery and crematorium operating hours were outside peak traffic times in Woy Woy Rd.

While it may be that the proposal had "no unacceptable traffic implications in terms of road network capacity", the report said that the applicant would have to adequately address the intersection of the internal access road with Woy Woy Rd.

The report stated that the

workforce of 20 people anticipated for the complex was much less than the 147 workers that could be employed, if the Gosford average of one worker per 176 square metres was applied.

"But it is more than the number of people working on the site at present."

The report stated that the proposal would also be consistent with the council's biodiversity strategy.

In October, the Central Coast Express newspaper reported Palmdale Group general manager Mr Brad Kennedy saying that Palmdale could cope for only 10 to 15 years without additional land and that it was looking at vertical burials.

**Council Agenda,
ENV.79, 7 Dec 2010
Central Coast Express,
22 Oct 2010**

Petitions submitted against bus changes

A Woy Woy resident has submitted two petitions with more than 200 signatures opposing changes to bus routes near Dunban Rd and Cogra Rd, Woy Woy.

Mr Craig Fitzharris has forwarded a second petition of 108 signatures and numerous letters to Busways and Transport NSW opposing the axing bus services which had operated along Dunban Rd and Cogra Rd for more than 20 years.

Mr Fitzharris said he was disgusted to find that bus routes 56 and 57 would no longer travel down Dunban Rd and Cogra Rd.

The petition and letters requested the reinstatement of the service.

Mr Fitzharris said that many people affected by the changes would have to find alternate ways to travel.

"There are a great number of elderly and vulnerable people who have been adversely affected by these changes.

"I spoke to numerous pensioners who now have to pay \$20 or more to catch a taxi to Umina Beach or Woy Woy shops because the bus services no longer run as frequently or as early as they used to," he said.

Mr Fitzharris said Busways and Transport NSW justified their decision by saying that 90 per cent of passengers were within 400m of a bus stop and route 57 has been straightened from Hillview St into Railway St to speed up services to

Woy Woy station.

However, Mr Fitzharris claimed he and other commuters had to walk seven to 10 minutes to catch the bus to Woy Woy station.

"From my own experience I am a very fast walker and am able to get to and from these bus stops in seven to 10 minutes.

"I cannot say the same for others, especially the elderly and vulnerable, who I believe will take a great deal longer than myself to walk up to 700m to a more regular serviced bus route," he said.

"Another couple now drive their 85-year-old neighbour from Dunban Rd to Woy Woy station because the bus service has been removed from Dunban Rd."

Mr Fitzharris said community consultation was inadequate in the period that led up to the timetable changes.

"Bus routes 56 and 57 used to run along Hillview St, onto Dunban Rd, along Cogra Rd, along Walford St, onto MacArthur then back into Railway St.

"Now only bus route 57 will run from Hillview St straight onto Railway St.

"How is this an improved service?" said Mr Fitzharris.

The only service that now runs down Cogra Rd and Dunban Rd is route 54.

It only runs between 9:30am and 2:30pm weekdays and does not cater for commuters.

**Email, 13 Dec 2010
Craig Fitzharris, Woy Woy**



The intersection at Dunban Rd and Cogra Rd, Woy Woy

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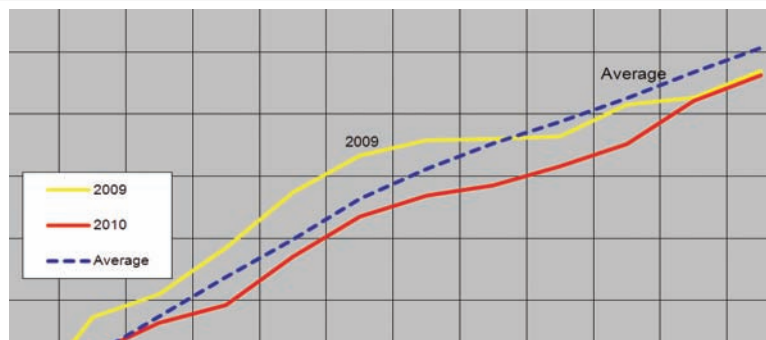
The complimentary pass entitles two adults and two children to visit the zoo before June 30, next year.

Taronga Western Plains Zoo has recently seen two new arrivals, a bison calf and a zebra foal, as well as the opening of a new "savannah visitor plaza" and free access arena.

To enter write your name address and phone number on the back of an envelope and send to: Peninsula News, Taronga Zoo competition, PO Box 1056 by the close of business on Thursday, January 6.

The winner of last edition's Roy Lamb the Sandman competition is Lisa Bentley from Kincumber.

Kaitlin Watts, 17 Dec 2010



Rain reaches average

The Peninsula has reached its December rainfall average with more than a week still to go, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

A total of 82.5mm had fallen by Friday, December 17, compared to an average for the whole month of 77.8mm.

Total rainfall for the year

remained well down on average, with rainfall for the year-to-date totalling 1126mm, compared to the yearly average of 1213mm.

This is 7.2 per cent below average.

A large proportion of this month's rain fell on just four days, with more than 10mm being recorded on each of December 1, 2, 3 and 17.

Spreadsheet, 17 Dec 2010
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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Engagement to be considered before master planning

Gosford Council has agreed to prepare a community and stakeholder engagement strategy before it forms a Peninsula Master Planning Committee or reviews the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy.

Its review of the strategy will be delayed until after it has considered the implications of sea level rise for the Peninsula.

The decision followed consideration of a staff report giving "the context of the most recent strategic planning undertaken by both Council and the State Government".

The report stated that it would be "premature to review (the strategy) and/or undertake any other strategic planning for the Peninsula" before these planning processes had come to a resolution.

Among the considerations, the report said that a State planning guideline on sea level rise recommended that no increase in development density occur in

areas, such as the Peninsula, affected by sea level rise.

It stated that a review of the Central Coast Regional Strategy was due next year and that this was likely to have to take sea level rise into account.

Further strategic and risk management planning for sea level rise was required before Local Environment Plans for affected areas could be adopted.

This planning was currently under way and would involve community engagement.

As well as this, staff were still assessing 1500 submissions on Gosford Council's current draft Local Environment Plan, which would implement the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy.

The report stated that once adopted, this would "provide more development opportunities for business and medium density housing on the Peninsula with improved urban design outcomes".

Council Agenda, ENV.76, 7 Dec 2010



Mark and Bets Conway, operators of Central Coast Ferries, Cr Chris Holstein and Shadow Minister for Transport, Gladys Berejiklian

Shadow Minister visits Woy Woy

Shadow Minister for Transport Ms Gladys Berejiklian has met in Woy Woy with Liberal Candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein to discuss transport issues with local commuters.

Ms Berejiklian said: "Chris Holstein has long been a strong advocate for improved transport services in his local area and has raised a number of issues with me recently.

"I was keen to come back to Woy Woy to meet with local residents to discuss their concerns further," she said.

"It is clear to me that the

Peninsula has been neglected for 16 years.

"It is my understanding that recently introduced Central Coast bus timetables are affecting many local bus commuters, where in some cases there are less services.

"Today I also met with local ferry operators who have been trying to discuss their operations with the Labor Government but to no avail."

Cr Holstein said Central Coast public transport users were sick and tired of the Keneally Labor Government who had stopped caring about their concerns.

"Woy Woy commuters have been promised improved transport

services time and time again but nothing has eventuated," Mr Holstein said.

"I'm just so glad Gladys Berejiklian was able to come back to the Coast to see these problems first hand and to talk to local commuters and operators," he said.

"A NSW Liberals and Nationals Government will ensure we make the Central Coast a top priority," Mr Holstein said.

**Media release, 17 Dec 2010
Gladys Berejiklian, Shadow Minister of Transport**

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Protest over substation development

More than 85 people attended a protest at the site of a proposed electricity substation at Poole Close, Empire Bay, on Tuesday, December 14.

Both State Greens MP Mr John Kaye and Greens councillor Terri Latella attended the protest.

Ms Carolyn Packer of Empire Bay Press said that residents were outraged that due process had not occurred.

She said incorrect and misleading information had been circulated in Energy Australia's Review of Environmental factors.

"Resident's concerns over the impact this construction will have on Cockle Bay Reserve, directly adjacent to the site, as well as the real risk of a fire in this high bushfire risk area has been largely ignored by Energy Australia and Minister for Energy Paul Lynch and Minister for Planning Tony Kelly."

Dr Kaye said: "The people and environment of Empire Bay are about to be dealt a savage blow by an arrogant public utility.

"Energy Australia has ridden roughshod over local residents and refused to listen to their concerns.

"The distributor has ignored a 2003 Land and Environment Court ruling that protects part of the site from development.

"They have paid no attention to the impacts on the approximately 20 threatened species that forage on the site.

"Energy Australia is both the developer and the consent authority.

"The final approval for the project is hardly surprising.



"The community has been shut out of the decision making about their own neighbourhood by a distributor that is exempted from the normal planning requirements.

"When local residents suggested an alternative site that would do much less damage, they were dismissed out of hand.

"Even though locating the substation at Kincumber Sewage Treatment Works would have a far lower impact on the environment

and the community, Energy Australia failed to seriously assess this alternative.

"NSW energy minister Paul Lynch has the power to order Energy Australia to stop work and examine alternatives, including investing in energy efficiency and demand management or seriously investigating other sites such as the Kincumber Treatment Works.

"This community has been deserted by its local Liberal

member who refused to help them.

"It has been ignored by the Minister despite repeated calls for help.

"It is time for the Minister and the local Member to step up to the challenge of protecting the local community and the environment," Dr Kaye said.

Cr Latella said: "This is a violation of our rights as homeowners.

"This proves we have no rights when it comes to the power brokers

in Macquarie St."

The issue was also protested at the United We Stand rally held at Avoca Beach on Sunday, December 12.

Media Release, 14 Dec 2010
John Kaye, Greens NSW
Media Release, 14 Dec 2010
Surf Rider Foundation
Media Release, 13 Dec 2010
Carolyn Packer, Empire Bay Press



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Two hour delay at Rip Bridge

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The accident occurred at the beginning of afternoon peak hour at 3:20pm.

The driver of the sedan was airlifted to Royal North Shore Hospital where he underwent surgery for severe injuries to his arm.

The driver of the truck was taken to Gosford Hospital.

Kaitlin Watts, 17 Dec 2010

Interviewee: Inspector Kath Hawkins, Brisbane Water LAC



Nine groups receive community funding

Nine community projects in and around the Peninsula will receive funding from the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership program which provides community groups with funds to build community infrastructure.

Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy will receive \$17,400 for the upgrade of the centre including toilet facilities.

Mingaletta will receive \$10,210 towards

maintenance and capital works.

Patonga Process Association will receive \$10,009 for the upgrade of toilet facilities at Patonga Community Hall.

Pearl Beach Progress Association will receive \$18,000 for the installation of air conditioning and extension of the current disabled access ramp at the hall.

Umina District Cricket Club will receive \$22,750 for the upgrade of cricket nets.

Umina Beach PCYC will receive a total of \$24,090 for works including the resurfacing

and laying of asphalt to outdoor areas, the upgrade of indoor skate ramps with safety barriers, re-wiring of existing CCTV and roof encapsulation of PCYC buildings.

The Bays Community Group will receive \$45,000 for the construction of a new general purpose room.

Peninsula Community Mended will receive \$16,000 to build a new metal shed in Ettalong.

The Rotary Club of Umina will receive \$42,140 for community artwork for the Peninsula Recreation Precinct playground.

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews said: "The NSW Government's Community Building Partnership program is now in its second year.

"Last year, 20 organisations received more than \$300,000 to build local infrastructure.

"Premier Kristina Keneally increased the funding available this year in response to strong demand."

Media Release, 17 Dec 2010
Suzanne King, Office of Marie Andrews

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Week 2: 10th - 14th
Week 3: 17th - 21st

Cost: Week 1 \$45.40
Week 2, 3 \$56.75

Who: Girls and boys all levels.

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When:	PLC	GOP
Freestyle:	4 th	17 th Jan
Backstroke:	5 th	18 th
Breaststroke:	6 th	19 th
Butterfly:	7 th	20 th

Time: 2:30^{pm} - 3:30^{pm}

Cost: \$10.00 per person per session

Holiday Slide Times

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12:30^{pm} to 1:30^{pm}
2:30^{pm} to 3:30^{pm}
4:30^{pm} to 5:30^{pm}

GOP:

When: Mon, Wed, Fri
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Cost:		\$9.10

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Indoor Soccer Clinic

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When: 11th, 18th, 25th Jan
Time: 9:00^{am} to 3:00^{pm}

Where: Peninsula Leisure Centre

Who: Girls and boys 5 - 13 yrs

Cost: \$38.20

Netball Clinic

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When: 13th, 20th Jan
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.

Junior Soccer Competitions

The fun kicks off Saturday 31st January. 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
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Kids Club

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When: 5th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st Jan

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

Where: Peninsula Leisure Centre

Who: Girls and boys 5 - 12 yrs

Cost: \$38.00 per day

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When: Begins 31st Jan
Monday

Time: 10:00 - 10:45 (2 - 3.5 yrs).
11:00 - 11:45 (3.5 - 5 yrs).

Peninsula Leisure Centre

When: Begins 2nd Feb
Wed, Fri

Time: 9:30 - 10:15 (2 - 3.5 yrs).
10:30 - 11:15 (3.5 - 5 yrs).

Cost: \$9.90 per lesson



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When: Saturday 26th February

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

Where: Gosford Olympic Pool

Who: VIP's

Cost: Listen to Star 104.5 to win

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Membership Options:

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- Pool

Where: Peninsula Leisure Centre

Holiday Passport

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When: Summer Holidays

Where: Peninsula Leisure Centre

Who: Non Central Coast Residents

Cost: \$39.00 per week

(Some conditions will apply).

AWESOME STUFF

Monster Scooter Clinic

Monster Academy's 'Kick' Scooter program pro-coaches will be visiting the Central Coast.

In conjunction with Gosford Council, the 'Kick' Scooter program will be running clinics for all levels of ability! Scooter riders can hone their skills and get their tricks dialed under the guidance of the best scooter riders and coaches in Australia!

A must do holiday experience:

De La Salle Skate Park 13th - 14th Jan
9:00^{am} - 12:00^{pm}

Who: Girls and boys 6yrs +

Cost: \$110.00

Bad Boy 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.

East Gosford 11th - 12th Jan
Fearless First Timers : 9:00^{am} - 12:00^{pm}
Bad Boy Beginners: 12:30^{pm} - 3:30^{pm}

Narara Skatepark 18th - 19th Jan
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

Bring a helmet and protective gear. Call the Peninsula Leisure Centre to book your limited place.

Bad Boy Summer Skate Comp

This Summer Bad Boy and Gosford City Skate School will be hosting the Bad Boy Summer Skate Comp.

Pro team demos, free workshops and comp will run throughout the day for skaters, scooter and BMX riders.

Massive prize money up for grabs as well as live music, sausage sizzle and loads of free stuff and giveaways.

When: Saturday 22nd Jan

Time: 8:00^{am} - 3:30^{pm}

Cost: Workshops are free
\$5.00 Comp entry fee (payable on the day)

Where: East Gosford Skate Park

Who: Anyone

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✉: nick.leslie@gosford.nsw.gov.au

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Peninsula Leisure Centre

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The old Bulls Hill Quarry

Council proceeds with recycling facility

Gosford Council has decided to proceed with a proposal to build a resource recovery facility at the old Bulls Hill Quarry site in Woy Woy Rd

It will seek a "gateway" determination from the Department of Planning to allow it to proceed with a rezoning application that would permit the facility at the site.

A staff report to the council stated that the Bulls Hill Quarry site was needed as an "alternative waste technology" site.

"Now only the Woy Woy site is operational as landfill and recycling is a necessity."

The need for a "resource recovery facility" within the Gosford Local Government Area had been identified as long as 10 years ago.

When the council introduced a garden waste collection in the year 2000, the subcontractor proposed to establish a processing facility for green waste and building waste on the Bulls Hill Quarry site.

A consultants' report 17 years earlier, in 1983, had identified the Bulls Hill Quarry as a suitable site.

It said the site was well clear of residential areas.

It had good access and was well screened.

Any environmental impacts "would appear to be able to be controlled economically".

The staff report to council this month stated that, in 2002, the

council decided not to rezone the quarry site for the purpose, but in 2004 it resolved to "support and encourage the establishment of compost and recycling-resource recovery facilities in Gosford".

A 2006 report favoured the Bulls Hill site for domestic waste, green waste and building waste, resulting in the council approaching the Department of Land for use of the site.

The council's 2009 draft Local Environment Plan showed the land as a recycling facility.

However, the State Department of Planning required a separate planning proposal be prepared for the rezoning.

In the council staff report this month, council's waste services manager advised that the existing tip at Kincumber "has now closed for landfilling and continues to operate only as a transfer facility".

"The remaining Woy Woy landfill has a limited life (to 2032) based on current usage so it is imperative that council seeks to prolong its economic life by recycling all suitable material.

"The planning proposal provides the capability to divert significant quantities of construction and demolition waste and also green waste from the existing landfill.

"The proposal provides important cost benefits for the residents of the City both in the short and long term."

The report described the site as being 750m from Woy Woy Rd and accessed via an unsealed road adjoining Lot 7049.

A section of Lot 7049 has been granted as an Aboriginal Land Claim to the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council.

However, according to the Council report, the access track to the site constituted part of the land that had been excluded from the Land Claim.

Council's report states that in line with the "disturbed nature of the site due to the previous quarrying operations, it is unlikely that there are any remaining Aboriginal relics, if they were there in the first place."

The planning proposal prepared by staff stated that there would be a limited impact on residents due to the isolated location of the site, with the nearest residential area situated one kilometre away to the south and an isolated residential dwelling 400m away to the north.

Council staff reported that the facility had "the potential to emit polluting levels of noise, dust and odour" but that these impacts could be "minimised by satisfying the existing environmental standards".

The site operated as a sandstone quarry until 1982, although the licence continued until the mid 1990s.

Council Agenda ENV.73,
7 Dec 2010

Flats approved after redesign

A proposal to build two single storey units in Palm St, Ettalong, has been approved after the applicant has made significant design changes.

The application was resubmitted to Gosford Council on Tuesday, December 7, after being previously refused in August.

The council was told that meetings had been held with the applicant since the refusal and, as a result, amended plans had been lodged.

The amended application proposes demolition of the existing dwelling house and erection of two unit single story residential flat building.

Unit one will have frontage to Palm St and will be setback five metres from the street boundary with a single garage.

Unit two will have frontage to the rear laneway and will be setback 1.2m from the lane boundary with a double garage.

Major amendments to the

original plans include the relocation of the building from a six metre setback to a five metre setback from Palm St so as to locate the courtyard for both units on the northern side of the dwellings.

The application was previously refused on the basis that the proposal was a poor design as well as being inconsistent with the desired character of the area.

The impact on future occupants' amenity as a consequence of the poor orientation of both internal and external living areas, the impact on the privacy of unit one was also considered.

Council staff reported that the amended plans significantly improved the design and layout of the proposal and were now in line with the objectives of the zone and desired character of the area.

Council general manager Mr Peter Wilson was authorised to determine development conditions.

Council Agenda ENV.77,
7 Dec 2010

Council rejects injunction over substation

Gosford Council has rejected a request from Cr Terri Latella that it seek an injunction to stop the development of an electrical substation at Empire Bay.

In an urgency motion put before the council last week, Cr Latella asked that on the grounds that a review of environmental factors was inadequate, of increased bushfire hazard, potential pollution of the adjacent wetland, protection of threatened species, alleged breaches of a previous court order and that alternative suitable sites were available.

She also asked that Council write to the Local Government Association requesting their assistance in lobbying Councils throughout NSW to assist with the funding of the Court injunction on the grounds that such a challenge would prove as a legal test case which would benefit other Local Government areas throughout the State of NSW.

However, on the amendment of Crs Jim Macfadyen and Chris Burke, the council rejected the request, resolving instead that concerned parties contact the relevant Minister themselves as Council is not the appropriate authority.

Objectors were "advised to contact the relevant Minister,

their Local State Member and/or the Department of Environment, Conservation and Water if they have any ongoing concerns with the proposal".

"Council is not the approval nor the administrative authority for this development," according to the amendment which was carried by the council.

Council Agenda UM.7,
14 Dec 2010

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Ettalong Foreshore

Foreshore funding will come next year

A promised \$2 million in Federal funds will be available to redevelop the Ettalong Beach Foreshore next year, according to Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill.

The redevelopment will include seawall improvements and a shared pathway along the Ettalong Beach foreshore, she said.

Ms O'Neill says the funding, originally announced on August 12, had been signed off by Federal Cabinet.

"The Department of Regional Australia is now drawing up a funding agreement with Gosford Council.

"That agreement will include a schedule of project milestones and payments," said Ms O'Neill.

"This is a great opportunity for other levels of government to pitch in too.

"The spectacular success of the Peninsula Recreation Centre that

opened in Umina last weekend (December 11) is proof of what can be achieved when all levels of government work together to improve community infrastructure in regional areas.

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

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

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

Email, 14 Dec 2010
Media release, 12 Aug 2010
Matt Pulford, Office of Deborah O'Neill

Gosford Council has accepted a tender for the upgrade of Woy Woy Wastewater Plant.

Council accepted the tender application submitted by Process Engineering Technologies at a council meeting on Tuesday, December 7.

The company was chosen on

mandatory and scored criteria including lowest price and highest evaluation score.

The proposed works that will be undertaken in the upgrade of the wastewater plant include the replacement of two existing raked bar screens and handling equipment, replacement of existing stop boards with penstocks and associated electrical works.

Upgrades will be implemented to improve odour control and operational efficiency.

The NSW public works invited tenders for the design, supply, installation, commissioning and handover of the Inlet Works upgrade and closed the invitation on Tuesday, November 16 at 9:30am.

Council Agenda WAT.29, 7 Dec 2010



The Reverend Penny Jones at her farewell

Penny Jones leaves Woy Woy

The Reverend Penny Jones has left Woy Woy Anglican Parish after nine and a half years of service.

Ms Jones has relocated to St Luke's Parish in Toowoomba, Queensland.

She has thanked those involved in the Woy Woy Anglican Parish who have provided her with happy memories during her time at the

Parish.

"We have so enjoyed our journey with you and take with us many happy memories of precious times that we have shared," she said.

"We cannot thank you enough for your love, your affirmation, your care and your faithfulness.

"I wish to give particular thanks for those who have been church

wardens, members of Parish Council and volunteers in the Parish office and ministry centre during my time as Rector.

"Your enthusiasm and vision have been exceptional, and it gives me great hope that the Parish remains in such capable hands," said Pastor Jones.

Website, 15 Dec 2010
Woy Woy Anglican Parish



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The rescued yacht at the entrance to Hardy's Bay

Two vessels rescued off Peninsula

The Marine Rescue Base at Point Clare rescued two vessels on Saturday, December 11, off Killcare Beach and Hardys Bay.

A runabout boat was rescued 200m off Killcare Beach after an initial search failed to locate the vessel in Broken Bay.

The Marine Rescue Base despatched the inshore rescue vessel Brisbane Water Lifeboat after receiving a radio call from the runabout in need of assistance in Broken Bay north of Lion Island.

The Brisbane Water Lifeboat was unable to locate or contact the vessel.

The radio base was able to contact the vessel's skipper who then indicated the boat was about 5km north of Lion Island.

The offshore rescue vessel Central Coast Lifeboat was then sent to assist and, after a lengthy search, the vessel was finally located 200m off Killcare Beach.

The engine on the vessel had failed and the crew needed to get back to Berowra Waters.

Central Coast Lifeboat towed the boat to Dangar Island where it was handed over to a rescue vessel from Marine Rescue Hawkesbury to complete the tow.

The rescue took approximately

four hours, finishing at 3:30pm.

While refuelling at Booker Bay, the Central Coast Lifeboat received an urgent call from a 40ft yacht that had run aground at the entrance to Hardys Bay.

The all-girl crew of five needed assistance before the falling tide left them stranded until the next high tide.

The rescue boat responded immediately and was successful in getting the yacht back into the channel and the deep water.

**Media Release, 12 Dec 2010
Ron Cole, Marine Rescue
Central Coast**

Freewater is now State candidate

Greens Cr Peter Freewater has been selected as the Greens candidate for the seat of Gosford for the State election in March.

He said he would continue to fight against the inappropriate mining proposals, dodgy development proposals and against the heavy-weight politicians who would support them.

He said he believes in the public education system and that it should be supported by the government and not undermined in favour of private schools.

"I went through the public system and I did all right," he said.

"I want to see an end to HECS and make higher education free so that our kids can have just as much hope for a brighter future as wealthier kids do."

Cr Freewater resides in Horsfield Bay with his wife and three children.

Cr Freewater has a Diploma in Land Conservation and Management, a science degree with Honour in Marine Ecology, a Masters degree in Environmental Engineering and a PhD in Coastal Resource Management.

He is also currently



teaching Marine Sciences and Environmental Management at the University of Newcastle and TAFE.

Cr Freewater has been a Greens councillor for Gosford Council since 2008 after working within the council previously as its coastal and estuary manager for six years.

**Media Release, 7 Dec 2010
Terri Latella, Greens NSW**

Intersection upgrade funded

The NSW Government will provide \$10 million for the upgrade of the Central Coast Hwy at the intersection of Brisbane Water Dr and Manns Rd, West Gosford.

"The proposed upgrade will improve safety at the intersection and reduce congestion on the road network," said Member for Gosford

Ms Marie Andrews.

"The Central Coast Highway provides the major road link between the F3 Freeway and Gosford, Erina and the coastal suburbs," she said.

Ms Andrews said Brisbane Water Dr and Manns Rd provided vital access for residents of Woy Woy to Gosford, the Central Coast Highway and the F3 Freeway.

"The environmental impact assessment for the proposed upgrade has now been approved, after being displayed for community comment in July.

"The project can now move towards construction in 2011."

A bulletin detailing the preferred design will be available on the RTA website before Christmas, she said.

The information will also be distributed to local residents in the New Year, with copies available for viewing at the Gosford, Woy Woy and Erina Motor Registries.

**Media Release, 17 Dec 2010
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford**

Carols open to public

The Umina Uniting Church will open their Carols on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm to the public.

The service is family oriented and will not exceed one hour, according to church secretary Ms Annette Strong.

Glow candles will be available for sale on the day.

The Christmas Day service will be held at 8am with a 9am service in Ettalong Uniting Church.

**Email, 15 Dec 2010
Annette Strong, Umina
Uniting Church**

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Kids club at Pearl Beach

A song will be written about the ocean with the help of an opera singer at a Kids Club organised by the Pearl Beach Progress Association at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall in the school holidays.

Other activities, including a movie club, a Hop to It music workshop and disco, will also be held from Tuesday, December 28, to Tuesday, January 18.

The Kids Club Movie Club will be held from 10am to 12:30pm on Tuesday, December 8, in the memorial hall with free popcorn and a drink.

The Hop to It music workshop will run from 10am to 11:30pm on Tuesday, January 4, for children

aged three to seven.

The workshop will allow children to jump, stop and dance while exploring rhythm, pitch, dynamics and musical instruments.

The Kids Club disco will be held from 1pm to 3pm on Wednesday, January 12, and offers children of all ages to dance with Disco King, Jamie Cartner.

The singing workshop will run from 10am to 12pm on Tuesday, January 18, and invites students of all ages to join opera singer Michaela Archer and create a song about the ocean and natural sounds of Pearl Beach.

**Website, 15 Dec 2010
Pearl Beach Progress Association**



Carols with a twist

Members of the Good News Church at Umina came together on the weekend to listen to the Church Worship Team perform Christmas Carols with a twist.

The Carols night was held at 6pm on Sunday, December 19,

and the 15 to 20 band members sang contemporary versions of traditional Christmas Carols adding a more upbeat flair to the songs.

Members of the Church Worship Team range in age from 15 to 50, with the youngest member playing drums and the oldest on trombone. The band gets together

fortnightly on Thursday nights to rehearse for the Sunday Church service where an alternating team of around 10 players performs every Sunday.

**Kaitlin Watts, 16 Dec 2010
Interviewee: Luke Taylor**

Fun before carols

Broken Bay Uniting Church will be hosting a fun afternoon on Christmas Eve followed by community

carols at 6.30pm.

The activities come as the regular weekly events held at Broken Bay Uniting Church come to a close with the end of the year.

The activities will resume in February.

**Email, 15 Dec 2010
Teresa Reed, Broken Bay Uniting Church**

Santa visits

Santa Claus will be driving down West St, Umina, at 10am on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24.

He will be escorted by motorbikes as he drives through West St, Umina, in his red fire engine.

He will visit shopkeepers and children on his way through.

Santa will visit the Empire Bay Progress Hall at 6:30pm on Christmas Eve to distribute lollies to children.

A sausage sizzle to celebrate Christmas and the New Year.

**Email, 3 Dec 2010
Ricki Jones, Ocean Beach Dry Cleaners
Newsletter, 16 Dec 2010
Sharon McEvoy, Empire Bay Public School**



Carols Coordinator Ms Diane Orton

Carols at tennis courts

Pearl Beach's annual Twilight Carols will be held at the tennis courts on Wednesday, December 22.

The carols will start at 6pm and those attending may bring a picnic and rugs and join in the singing of traditional Christmas Carols.

"We are excited as the twilight carols will be led this year by Pearl Beach opera singer Michaela Archer," said carols coordinator, Ms Diane Orton.

"Michaela will be accompanied by members of the Pearl Beach Glee Club.

"Song sheets will be available for a small donation," she said.

Santa will arrive courtesy of the Rural Fire Service and distribute free sweets to children and families."

The Pearl Beach Playgroup will undertake a fundraising raffle.

**Media Release, 17 Dec 2010
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association**

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to become the laughing stock of Australian politics.

Ms Smith needs not fear. There is a small contingent of myopic, feeble-minded socialist diehards who will man the polling stations and vote Labor even if it were a cocker spaniel standing as the candidate.

I can vouch that outgoing MP Marie Andrews was a hard-working woman who stood for her

community, but even she saw the writing on the wall.

NSW voters are not so brainless as to re-vote in an utterly incompetent government.

But alas, alas, I have very little faith in Mr O'Farrell and his cohorts, especially when he voted to give away adoptees, innocent children, to be raised in an unnatural homosexual household.

**Letter, 8 Dec 2010
Taffy Hughes, Woy Woy**

Report sea level too

By now everyone knows that Australia will not host the 2022 World Cup.

To plan, even 12 years ahead for a multi-million dollar event is a gamble.

In 12 years, sea level rise at Ettalong will be an additional 49.2 mm or two inches based on information supplied by Gosford Council with this year's rates notice.

This increase is in addition to the 4.1 mm rise per year measured over the last 22 years at Ettalong. It is the time for change.



In Peninsula News (edition 254), Jim Morrison of Woy Woy reported on November's rainfall and rainfall patterns for 2010.

Is it time to do more than report on rainfall and temperature patterns?

Is it not appropriate that a report on local rainfall and temperature include information on sea level rise thereby highlighting its relevance to the Peninsula?

**Letter, 8 Dec 2010
Norman Harris, Umina**

Funding for places at Peninsula Village

The Federal Government has provided funding for 20 more "low care" places at Peninsula Village retirement centre in Umina.

Federal Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill said that 140 new aged care places were being allocated across the electorate under the Aged Care Approvals

Round for 2009-2010.

"Of the 140 new aged care places, 78 are new residential care places with 20 of those being high-care places.

"We will also receive a total of 62 new community care places for those older people who can receive care in their own homes.

"We understand that aged people have different needs -

some need high care, others just need a bit of a hand to stay well and stay at home," she said.

"These places are part of more than 12,000 new aged care places announced nationally by the Minister for Mental Health and Ageing Mark Butler."

**Media Release, 9 Dec 2010
Matt Pulford, Office of
Deborah O'Neill**

Relentless Ed is public-minded

Edward James meets the early bird workers to hand out as many as 1000 copies of the free Peninsula Newspaper at Woy Woy railway station, a service to keep people informed of local news and issues.

He also pays for his personal views to be printed, some controversial, others you may even agree with.

In any case, Ed has no hesitation pointing out many issues which ought to be of concern to residents of the Peninsula including State and Federal politics, Gosford Council and particularly Woy Woy Public Hospital.

Ed is involved with others in the Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance, dedicated to having our rehabilitation services and equipment returned.

Ed is a relentless, diligent, public-minded researcher.

Once on the case, he pursues what he considers morally wrong with the tenacity of the mesophiles mosquito, but with more bite.

This man is one of the few locals who'll voice an opinion and stick with it.

He cares for the Woy Woy



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Peninsula and the people who live here.

How many care or appreciate Ed?

Some call him a stirrer. Some don't even like him - reciprocated.

But like him or loathe him, he is a very publicly-minded person, valued as part of the Hospital Alliance.

More would be most welcome.

I sincerely wish Ed and everybody, interested or not in our endeavors to improve our common lot, a happy and enjoyable festive season through to and including a happy New Year.

**Letter, 13 Dec 2010
Marj Cleere, Umina**

Craft fair raises \$1700

A craft fair held at the Umina Beach CWA Hall on Monday, November 29, has raised \$1700 for the Youth Insearch peer support program.

The craft fair was organised by Compassionate Friends, a support group for people who have lost a child.

Ms Lorraine Van Epen and Ms Laraine Emmett were the founders

of the craft fair which has been held bi-annually for three years.

Ms Van Epen was a member of the support group and invited Ms Emmett to join after her daughter, entertainer Belinda Emmett, died from breast cancer four years ago.

The two women began their fundraising with a Walk for Life relay three years ago and adopted the team name Forever Young as a tribute and acknowledgement that

some of their children would never grow old.

The women raised extra funds through the sale of their craft wares at the event and have been running craft fairs since.

They are also considering running more regular sales through the Rogers Park Ocean Beach Rd car boot sale.

All monies raised go to various charities, including Beyond Blue, The McGrath Foundation and most recently Youth Insearch.

**Kaitlin Watts, 13 Dec 2010
Interviewee: Michael Emmett**

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**Deb O'Neill MP,
Member for Robertson**

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Bone density scans start at hospital

A new bone mineral densitometry scanner, offering osteoporosis testing, is now in use at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

Claimed to be the first of its kind in the area, the scanner is operated by Central Coast Radiology and Nuclear Medicine and will allow local doctors to diagnose patients with, or at risk of, osteoporosis.

It is also used to monitor patients already being treated for the disease.

I-Med Network CEO Mr Mark Masterson said the radiology group was excited to be able to make this new technology available to people on the Peninsula.

"We have invested significantly in this scanner to address a clear need within the local community and believe it will make a big difference to our patients,

particularly elderly folk who will no longer have to travel long distances for vital scans," he said.

Nuclear medicine physician Dr Sandeep Sharma said the advanced scanner will be crucial in helping identify and monitor the development of osteoporosis in local patients.

"Osteoporosis usually has no signs or symptoms until a fracture happens and that is why it is often called the silent disease.

"With this scanner, we are not only able to detect and track osteoporosis, we are able to tell patients the real age of their bones and give them an indication of their bone mass, letting them know if they are at risk of developing this debilitating disease," said Dr Sharma.

"The new scanner is also designed to ensure patient comfort, having an open, bed-like base which the patient lies on while

a small scanning arm sweeps over the body.

"Each procedure is non-invasive and takes only a few minutes," he said.

Testing for patients, who are over 70 or have a number of risk factors associated with osteoporosis, will be bulk billed.

**Media Release, 6 Dec 2010
Edwina Brook, Crossman Communications**



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The twins were born at 3:36pm and 3:38pm weighing approximately 2.5kg each.

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Chiropractic Plus

by Peter Grieve of the Umina Chiropractic Centre

Ouch!

Christmas is almost here again

To some, this represents a wonderful experience, whilst to others, it may be somewhat threatening. Whatever it represents, the main focus of this season is not about you or me, it is about the birth of a baby named Jesus, who, whether you understand it or not, was able to live a life of enormous integrity, irrespective of the governance and the conduct of the people some 2000 years ago.

I'm not going all 'religious' about this time of year, simply factual, so please read on.....

This life, the life of Jesus, was one that proved to all that, with strong ties to the creator of the universe, He could hold Himself true to his word and could cope with being scoffed at, tempted, ridiculed and tortured, ultimately leading to His death by Roman authorities at the age of 30years.

This all happened for doing nothing more than living a life that made the authorities of the day very uncomfortable, even to the point of framing this guy and ridding themselves of a conscience that would continually belittle their egos (or so they thought).

So..... you may ask, what has this to do with chiropractic and health care?

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Stress is not the major cause of spinal and neurological dysfunction, it is the inability to make the right choices and thus cope with the stressors, that creates the disharmony noted throughout our society leading ultimately to disease.

If people could only adhere to the wiser of several options and make pro-health choices, then we would be shutting hospitals, seeing less self-destruction and enjoying spending time with heaps more happy and fulfilled people.

To give you the heads up on where the will power comes from to do this, try studying the ancient writings about the life of Jesus, the 'reason for the season'.

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My comment has been published as follows:

The people of NSW have the power to shake the base of politics!

They are the ones whom government refers to when they claim they have a mandate. As constituents, your job is to direct your elected representative to act in your best interest at all times. To do that, you must stop giving your vote in misplaced trust and walking away for another three or four years. Your MP should be responding to your input, not the bloody caucus! You must go out and pull your representatives into line or vote them right out of parliament not just onto the opposition benches. Labor are circling the political drain not just because of the damage they have done to NSW. The Party has, because of its reduced numbers, become inbred. As a result of political inbreeding, husbands, wives, children and relatives, as staffers and elected representatives at State, Federal and Local government levels, Labor has produced several governments with congenital defects. The Minister for Local Government, Barbara Perry is clearly conflicted and unable to name the Mayor of Canterbury in Parliament for the disgrace the Ombudsman has pointed out he presides over, because Robert Furolo is Labor Party sitting with her in our State Parliament. Conflict? YES! To view this comment online go to: <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw-act/eric-roozendaal-flees-his-dud-power-deal/story-e6freuzi-1225971781002>

John Robertson. Minister for the Central Coast, it is clear to me that you and our Premier are unwilling, or simply not permitted, to stand up in public and turn against all those politicians, who are party to the political sins against the people, many of whom are your own party brothers and sisters.

They are politicians who have, for more than ten years, been very comfortable accommodating the falsification of instruments, the abuse of due process, the acceptance by a consent authority (Gosford City Council) of a development application 11923 / 2001 which was misleading in no small way, but still put before the people for their consideration.

The lies and half truths which run in main stream media.

ICAC and the State Ombudsman have publicly claimed their justification for ignoring more than they go after, insufficient funds and not enough man power to pursue every little "fish".

That is just too bad for honest people like my father who was short changed in the natural justice stakes, or even worse lost their lives like the extended Bragg and Holt families.

Because compliance is optional for those who have sufficient influence to peddle, you, John, the latest Minister for the Central Coast and the succession of Premiers, should be ashamed to have let Louis Phillip Verdun JAMES down.

Certainly, Premier Keneally, a onetime Planning Minister, was in a position to correct the wrongs Gosford Councillors let the corrupt council get away with.

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1993 is in place to assist government in planning for the whole of our community.

It was never intended to be used to assist one person at the expense of the many.

My father and I were never told that council would not make a lane as promised behind our main street property.

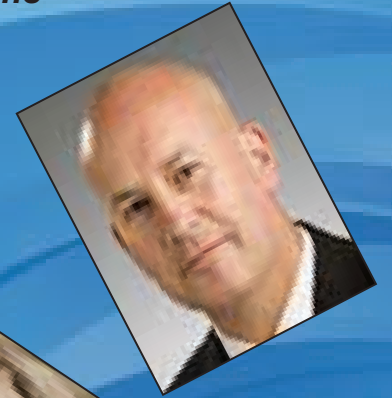
There was no reason to be suspicious when council resumed property and made a lane to service main street property in the next block between Bullion and Alfred Streets, particularly when the council was promoting the development of rear lane access with expensive plans as displayed in our local library.

We only became aware almost twenty years after council issued a notice rezoning two properties to commercial and generating falsified instruments, ignoring our years of waiting for the promised rear access so we could remove the nineteen foot wide factory gate from our main street frontage.

All that has paled into insignificance now John, because my interest in just how dysfunctional Gosford City Council was meant that I became a witness to Gosford City Council misleading the Coroner during his investigation into the deaths of five people in Piles Creek at Somersby.

Your Office tells me you are aware of the often published allegations, running in both the Peninsula News and the Gosford Central Community News.

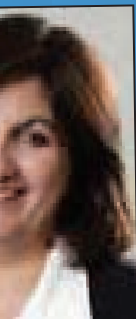
I have, on occasions, provided you with personally signed copies. By now everyone must have seen that unfortunate photo of Minister and first law officer John Hatzistergos surprised, reading the published allegations.



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ales Labor circles the drain garbage as possible is flushed away this time!

Here is your photo John



The lack of any public action on these political issues simply confirms for my readers that your Labor Party government is comfortable in its continued silence.

I note that the Liberal Coalition has been really quiet too. Could it be that they share the same concerns as Labor? No politician comes out smelling like roses on this!

The Express Advocate Online:

Posted on 14 Dec 2010 at 11:26am

It's a shame that opinions are shaped by reading the Express Advocate alone.

Perhaps you should read the alternate paper, Gosford Central Community News.

News Limited papers have a history of mishandling the truth carelessly. Edward James

John Robertson, you've been told by me, Privatization has another hidden cost.

Consumers must pay for the energy supply cable out into the public street, sometimes even across the road.

There is also the issue of who must insure their lethal entity in a public place, the energy supplier or the consumer?



This photo leaves no doubt that Gosford Council permitted the trashing of a heritage road and the building of a much larger than needed retaining wall to simply silence community calls for the return of a road around the point from Umina to Pearl Beach.

This is an intentional attempt to combat the spin my taxes pay for each time a politician goes into print

Edward James, P.O. Box 3024 - Umina Beach NSW 2257 - 02 4341 9140

For information, on how and where this started go to: <http://gosfordcouncil.tripod.com>



The inflatable Mission Stadium that will visit Umina Oval

Growth and improvement

Woy Woy South Public School students have surpassed "growth expectations" and have "improved substantially" in their numeracy skills, according to principal Mr Terry Greedy.

The school has been involved with the National Partnership for Numeracy Program since the end

of last year and will continue to be involved until the end of the program in June next year, he said.

The school has received a letter from the regional school education director Ms Maree Roberts thanking staff and congratulating students on their final results from the program.

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

Money for renewable power

Ettalong Public School has received \$15,000 for solar and other renewable power systems, rainwater tanks and to help implement a range of energy efficient measures.

Applications were assessed using merit-based criteria, meaning schools had to demonstrate value for money, as well as environmental and educational benefits.

Applicants that were not successful in this round will be eligible to re-apply in future rounds.

Energy Efficiency Minister Mr Greg Combet said that grants of up to \$50,000 had been awarded to 396 New South Wales schools.

"This program shows that schools are getting smarter about their energy use and water conservation, and it gives students the opportunity to learn about renewable energy generation first-hand," Mr Combet said.

Media Release, 15 Dec 2010
Greg Combet, Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency

Mission holds holiday activities

The Scripture Union Beach Mission will hold activities for children, teens and adults at Umina Public school in the school holidays.

The Mission will run daily from 9:30am to 12pm from December 28 to January 5 and will include games, songs, talks, craft and morning tea.

Scripture Union has been running its Family Mission in the area for 26 years and was originally based in the Ocean Beach caravan park and started using Umina Public School at the end of 2001.

"We enjoy serving the community and sharing with them

who Jesus is and what he has done as told in the Bible," said Umina Mission team director Mr Richard Bow.

"Often people comment how wonderful it is that we run these free activities at a time of the year when there is very little for people to do in the surrounding area."

A cafe is also available for parents, guardians, grandparents, friends and neighbours to hear the talks and discuss topical issues as well as participating in crafts and games with the kids.

"What I like about the Mission is that they're all willing to take two weeks of their holiday and use it to come and put into our local

community," said the Hope Church pastor Mr John McCaskie.

Woy Woy Presbyterian Church minister Mr Ken Rathbone said: "They are an enthusiastic group of young people and are well led."

On the final day of the Kids Club, an inflatable giant area known as the Mission Stadium will visit Umina Oval for children to play a friendly game of soccer.

A free barbecue will also be held to end the Beach Mission at a Celebration Night

Newsletter, 14 Dec 2010
Paul Farrugia, Umina Public School
Email, 15 Dec 2010
Nick Gilbert, SUFM

Parents raise \$20,000

Woy Woy Public School's P and C has raised \$20,000 for the purchase of the fixed equipment fitness circuit to be situated in front of the school's preschool.

The school's P and C has also donated \$600 to the school library during book week through fundraising of the school's disco,

Easter, father's day and mother's day stalls.

The school has also set its target for next year which will be air conditioning and continued vigilance on the school fence to protect the school buildings.

Presidents report, 15 Dec 2010
Mark Ellis, Woy Woy Public School

Day raises \$6400

Woy Woy Public School has raised more than \$6400 through its Wet 'n' Wild day.

Principal Ms Ona Buckley said composite class 3-4 raised the most money, a total of \$677.20.

Individual students to raise the most money included Isabella Willoughby, Thomas Rodham, Kaya Reynell and Andrew Laznik.

Newsletter, 6 Dec 2010
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

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Gail Hosford at her retirement assembly

Assistant principal retires

Umina Public School's assistant principal Ms Gail Hosford has retired after 23 years at the school.

Ms Hosford was farewelled on Friday, December 10.

She was given a coffee table, a luncheon and a special assembly in her honour.

"It really is the best school and I

will miss you all," she said.

Ms Hosford's replacement will be Ms Sharlene Percival, currently at Ettalong Public School, who will take up the position of assistant principal at the start of the new school year.

Teacher Ms Fiona Foley will also be leaving the school for a position at the Entrance Public School and

deputy principal Ms Angela Crowe has been promoted to the position of principal at Avoca Public School.

Long term casual teacher Mr Jon Wright will be completing his temporary work at the end of 2010 and has been thanked for his dedication to the school.

Newsletter, 14 Dec 2010
Paul Farrugia, Umina Public School

AFL ambassador

Ettalong Public School teacher Mr Peter Cardy has been selected as the Central Coast Primary Schools Ambassador of the Year for AFL.

"This is a well-deserved honour for Peter and one he can be justifiably proud," said principal Mr Colin Wallis.

"It is recognition of the tireless hard work and dedication he shows towards our students," said

Mr Wallis.

Newsletter, 7 Dec 2010
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

Money for disabilities

The Woy Woy Swampies golf group has presented Woy Woy Public School with a cheque for \$1000 for the school's disabilities program.

A cheque presentation ceremony was held at an early morning barbecue at the Everglades Country Club on Tuesday, December 7.

The school will use the money to purchase a washing machine and dryer for the Intellectually Moderate special class bathroom.

Principal Ms Ona Buckley told the group at the Country Club

about the students and classes the school supports and how the school would like to do more.

At the end of Ms Buckley's talk, she was handed a \$100 personal donation from Ms and Mr Fahey for the benefit of the students.

The school also received an ongoing \$1000 Kathleen James scholarship which will go to a Year 5 student for use on their educational needs in their final year of primary school.

Newsletter, 13 Dec 2010
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

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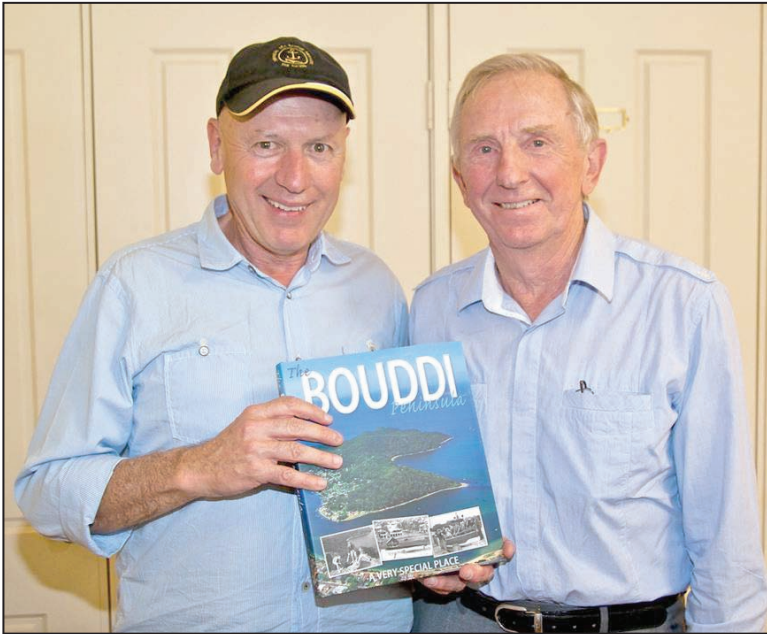
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Bouddi history book launched



Member for Terrigal Mr Chris Hartcher with editor Mr Lee Casey

A book about the history of the Bouddi Peninsula has been launched at Wagstaffe by Member for Terrigal Mr Chris Hartcher.

The book, *The Bouddi Peninsula: A Very Special Place*, was produced by the Bouddi Society and was launched at Wagstaffe Hall on Saturday, December 11.

The history covers Killcare, Pretty Beach and Wagstaffe and its surrounding Bouddi National Park.

"The book clearly reveals the nature of this strong and vibrant community," said Mr Hartcher.

Bouddi Society president Mr Phil Donnelly paid tribute to Lee Casey for his contribution.

"It was his intellectual appreciation of the task, his journalistic skills, his rigorous attention to detail and accuracy, and his sheer dogged hard work, that was the key to this magnificent book," said Mr Donnelly.

"The content of the book is a product of many years of work by a large number of local people who have provided oral history and photos of life in earlier days," said vice president of the Bouddi Society, Mr David Dufty.

"The book includes research and writing by Alan and Beryl Strom, Jill Baxter, Gosford Council librarian Geoff Potter, and the dozens of people who contributed to a CD-ROM of local history with 1300 pages and thousands of

photos," he said.

"It contains 192 pages with every page well written and finely designed by editor Lee Casey and designer Lena Lowe.

"Jenny Esteban spent many hours enhancing the old photographs to book quality.

"The photos include some outstanding aerial and double page photos by local professional photographer Manfred Gottschalk.

"Financing a book of this quality was a challenge but Lee was able to encourage a number of patrons to generously support this publication," said Mr Dufty.

"Dianne Lewis handled pre-sales, which also helped to make the publication possible," he said.

"The book is not just a parochial history of interest only to local residents.

"It is a book of Australian history. The story begins with our first people.

"Captain Phillip enters the picture and there is a challenge in the book to the conventional view of where he spent his first night in

the area.

"The early settlers are there with their struggles and privations.

"The trains come to Woy Woy.

"The land subdivisions begin and the ferries bring the holiday makers.

"So the stories continue right through to modern times where we find an active, creative community.

"The book deserves a wide audience both for its intrinsic worth and its exemplary value in demonstrating the richness of life in small Australian communities and the quality possible with local publications," said Mr Dufty.

The book is available from Velvet Blonde, Moochinside, The Bouddi Gallery, L'Anxaneta, Killcare Cellars, Killcare Beach Salon and Spa, Raine and Horne Real Estate, Ray White Real Estate, all in Killcare and the Wagstaffe General Store and Mac's at MacMasters Beach.

Media Release, 14 Dec 2010
David Dufty, Bouddi Society

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Peninsula Paint-Outs

The Central Coast Art Society will be holding Paint-Outs at different locations around the Peninsula on Tuesdays over the next few weeks.

Paint-Outs will be held at Phegans Bay on January 18, Empire Bay Marina on January 25 and at Araluen Dr, Hardys Bay, on February 1.

Artists are encouraged to bring their painting gear, morning tea, lunch and a fold-up chair.

Newsletter, 15 Dec 2010
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Inspiration at folk club

The November concert of the Troubadour folk club concert was held at the CWA hall in Woy Woy on Saturday, November 27, with a number of artists performing including the Lurkers.

Performers on the night included Warren Taggart, Tina Bloom and Linda Campbell who opened the show.

Other performers included The Usual Suspects, a duet of Duncan and Michael, and Sean Scorr who "shared two evocative poems that seemed to really capture our imagination", according to Troubadour president Ms Marilyn Russell.

However, the Lurkers were the inspiration of the evening, she said.

"Their repertoire owes much to the tradition of Woody Guthrie and the folk protest singers of the mid-20th century, but their words speak to the moment, as they sing of climate change activism, the periods of religious fundamentalism and other politically inspired themes."

The Lurkers are a three-person

group from inner-city Sydney with a bluegrass-inspired instrumentation of banjo, guitar and slap bass with three-layered vocal harmonies to match.

They sang about subject matters that are often avoided including time they spent with grandparents diagnosed with dementia.

"The Lurkers show what a truly great group they are as they sketched the new experiences and understandings they have derived from the time spent together with those they love.

"They charmed all who heard them in Woy Woy with their youthful exuberance, great performance and beautiful harmonies, leaving us looking forward to their next visit," said Ms Russell.

A Christmas folk club meeting, with a theme of Elvis and Faeries, was planned for the evening of Saturday, December 18, after Peninsula News went to press.

The next folk club meeting will not now be held until February.

Email, 15 Dec 2010
Marilyn Russell,
Troubadour Central Coast



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Peninsula Recreation Precinct



Official opening of the Peninsula Recreation Precinct 11 December 2010





Ambassador gets stick

Empire Bay resident Ms Lynne Harris is one of three multiple sclerosis ambassadors to receive a custom walking stick for her flamboyant nature, sense of fun and eye on style.

The sticks were made by fashion designer Kirrily Johnston, pop-art-culture creator Simon Lovelace and painter Leone Harris.

The three artists created sticks in their own style and donated them to the charity MS Australia.

"Bringing some of the best creative and artistic talent together

for what usually is a dull product has been a great project," said walking stick maker Switch Sticks Australia director Ms Fiona Chapman.

"We're thrilled with the designs created.

"We know that people don't lose their sense of style just because they need help with walking.

"That's our ethos at Switch Sticks and these brilliant creators have demonstrated this perfectly.

"If you look good, you feel better," said Ms Harris.

Media Release, 3 Dec 2010
Fiona Chapman, Switch Sticks Australia



The official unveiling of the plaque for the Peninsula recreation precinct with Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neil and Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews

Recreation precinct opens officially

The \$4.5 million Peninsula Recreation Precinct was officially opened on Saturday, December 11.

Located at Umina oval off Sydney and Melbourne Aves, Umina Beach, the precinct provides a range of recreational facilities.

Federal Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill said the precinct was one of the largest outdoor recreation developments to be undertaken within the Gosford Local Government Area.

It had received \$3.1 million in funding from the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

"It was aimed at helping local governments build and renew important civic infrastructure such as community centres, parks and playgrounds, and sporting facilities.

"These projects will contribute to the health of our community, and we can also see the employment and economic benefits that have come from this investment through creation of new jobs and new opportunities.

"The Peninsula Recreation Precinct Project created 358 paid employment positions including 35 apprenticeship places."

Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher said Gosford Council engaged in

extensive community consultation, working with individuals and community groups to provide a precinct in response to the needs of the local community.

"Community involvement was instrumental in the development of this project to ensure the precinct reflected the needs and requirements of local residents.

"Community members were involved with all aspects of the precinct development from assistance with fundraising for the community financial component through to developing a Youth Engagement Strategy.

"The Community also provided input into the selection of playground equipment, volunteered for landscaping and bush regeneration works and were also given the opportunity to create tile artwork which is incorporated in the landscape design.

"This precinct is owned by the people of the Central Coast and boasts state of the art equipment and facilities of which our region is

worthy," said Cr Maher.

"The playground includes the largest state of the art rope play structure in Australia.

"The Space Net structure is approximately 30 by 30 metres in size and comprises a slide, nests, pendulum swings, hammocks and Burma bridges," said Cr Maher.

Other features of the precinct included junior, middle and senior playgrounds with fully accessible play areas, all ages fitness equipment, a flying fox, park furniture, BMX track, climbing wall, maze, pirate ship, outdoor lighting, pathways and cycleways, half-court basketball court, junior and senior skate park, landscaping and bush regeneration, a community building with public amenities, a tennis facility upgrade, an upgrade to the Umina clubhouse, a car park upgrade and other landscaping enhancements.

Media release, 6 Dec 2010
Deborah O'Neill, Member for Robertson
Laurie Maher, Gosford mayor



Lynne Harris with her MS stick designed by Leone Harris

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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.
wwcphousie@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)
Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd Woy Woy
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Community Groups

Friends of the ABC (257) A support group for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. Aims: safeguard ABC's political independence, adequate funding and high standards. Meetings throughout the year + social coffee afternoons
Guest speakers 4333 8107

jhale@tac.com.au;
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 - Cooina 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

Northern Settlement Services (257) Provides socialisation for migrants. Volunteers assist with home visits, shopping and social days. Clients from all over the world enjoy time together. Every Thur Peninsula Community Centre
93 McMasters Road Woy Woy - 4334 3877

N.M.B.V.A.A Inc National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association Australia (277) Meet on 1st Sat each month except January. 2pm at Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club 51-52 The Esplanade. Looking for more veterans, all welcome - 4342 1107
P.O. Box 7284 Kariang

Umina Beach Scrabble Club (277) For all levels and ages Every Wednesday 9am-12pm, come along relax and enjoy a cuppa while you play Scrabble 322 West St (Rubys) Umina Beach NSW 2257 4341 4859
or 0410 438 525

Brisbane Waters Breakfast Toastmasters Club (273) Helping people to acquire skills in communication through the practice of the art of talking to an audience in a friendly non threatening setting. Meets monthly last Saturday of the month except December at cafe's restaurant, 18 The

Boulevard, Woy Woy. 4324 3653 - 0459 240 183

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
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info@wagstaffetokillcare.org.au

Vietnam Veterans', Peacekeepers' and Peacemakers' (259) Assist all Veterans and their families with pension & welfare matters.
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vietvetsgosford@bigpond.com
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Volunteering Central Coast (270c) Refer potential volunteers to community orgs. Support both volunteers and managers of volunteers. We interview potential volunteers and refer them to their choice of volunteer roles. Offer regular general info sessions at Woy Woy. sharanpage@volunteeringcentralcoast.org.au 4329 7122

Community Restaurant

Mary Mac's Place (262) Providing hot, freshly cooked meals
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marymacs@woywoycatholic.org.au
PO Box 264 Woy Woy 4341 0584

Disabled Services

Riding for the Disabled (257) Horse Riding as a therapy for those with intellectual or physical disabilities
Volunteers always required
No Previous experience Necessary - School hours only - 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

Health Group

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

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) (247c) 12-step fellowship helping those suffering from eating disorders i.e. compulsive overeating, bulimia, anorexia. No dues, fees, or weigh-ins. Peninsula Corn. Cntr, cnr. Mc Masters Rd & Ocean Beach Rd. Woy Woy, MTG Room 5
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www.oa.org
Ph: 0412 756 446

Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club (67/278) Peninsula Community Centre
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Marine Rescue

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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.
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Sport

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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 Auxilliary (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
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A new pizza shop has opened in Umina, providing both traditional and gourmet pizza menu.

Samboy Pizza is a local family business which opened in October and specialises in real pizza.

The store owners, Betty and Simon Elias, previously ran a fruit and vegetable store in South St, Umina, before selling the business earlier this year.

The pizza shop in West St offers a takeaway or delivery option and welcomes customer feedback.

Open from 5pm until late the store operates on a six day week and is closed on Tuesdays.

Kaitlin Watts, 16 Dec 2010
Interviewee: Betty Elias

Charity Barometer 2010/2011

The Peninsula community is renowned for its generosity.

Time and time again, you'll read articles in this paper about funds raised for charity, but nobody knows how large a sum this is every year.

The Charity Barometer is an attempt by us to publicly record the extent of the Peninsula's generosity over the current financial year and to see what the grand total will be, come this time next year.

If you're part of an organisation that has raised and donated funds to charity, please let us know. Contact details are on page 2.

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\$20,000

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\$6205

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\$80,000

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Umina Public school P&C \$42,000 to Umina Public School (2010)

\$4000

Rotary Club of Umina Beach \$4,000 to Coast Shelter

\$2000

Woy Woy South Public School \$2,000 for School Equipment

\$10,172

Ettalong Public School P&C \$10,172 for Ettalong Public School

\$1257

Peninsula Village \$1257 from its annual art and craft show

\$4000

Pearl Beach Progress Association \$4000 for Umina PCYC

\$9800

Pearl Beach Progress Association \$9800 for Central Coast Lifeline and the Pearl Beach hall fund

\$7000

Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation raised \$7000 from its last month's fundraising activities to purchase new items

\$4300

Rotary Club of Umina Beach \$4300 for Religious Education Ministries at Brisbane Water Secondary College

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Ettalong Beach Club \$1000 for Blackwall Guides Support Group

\$7950

NRMA Insurance \$7950 for Umina PCYC

\$3000

Football Federation of Australia and NAB \$3000 for Umina United Football Club

\$600

Woy Woy P&C \$600 for Woy Woy Public School library

\$2164

Ettalong Beach P&C \$2164 for Ettalong Beach Public School

\$1304

School Fun Run \$1304 for Wallaby St Weenies Preschool

\$2600

Umina Junior Cricket Club and Woy Woy Junior Rugby Union \$2600 for McGrath Foundation

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Pretty Beach P&C \$700 for Pretty Beach Public School

\$400

Peninsula Village \$400 for Lifeline Australia

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Ettalong 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre \$400 for Arthritis NSW

\$1588

Ettalong Public School P&C \$1588 for Ettalong Public School

\$7000

Empire Bay Public School \$7000 for MS Read-a-thon

\$6900

Woy Woy McDonald's \$6900 for Ronald McDonald House Charities

The Peninsula Diary

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Wednesday December 22

Twilight Carols, Pearl Beach Tennis courts, 6pm, Free

Thursday December 23

Remembrance Service, Ettalong Baptist Church, 10am, Free
Peninsula Plaza - Christmas Cash Grab, 11am

Christmas gala day Xtravaganza, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, 11am

Everglades Country Club Gala Day,

Friday December 24

Fun afternoon, and Christmas Carols, Broken Bay Uniting Church,

Saturday December 25

Christmas Day
Ettalong Baptist Church, Christmas Day Celebration 9am

Sunday December 26

Boxing Day

Tuesday December 28

Kids Club, Umina Public School, 9:30am-12pm, Free

Pearl Beach Kids Club-Movie Club, Pearl Beach memorial hall, 10am-12:30pm

Wednesday December 29

- Saturday January 1

Peats Ridge festival, Glenworth valley

Friday December 31

The Blues Suspects, TheUpstairs Killcare Surf Club, 7pm

Frogs on Toast, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, 8pm

Saturday January 1

New Years Day

Sunday January 2

International Year of Forests-Beat the Heat Early-Birds Walk EASY, 6:30am-10am, Bouddi National Park

Tuesday January 4

Learn to swim program. Peninsula Leisure Centre, 9am-12 noon

Swim race preparation, Peninsula Leisure Centre, 2:30-3:30pm

Pearl beach Kids Club - Hop to it Music workshop, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, 10am-11:30am

Wednesday January 5

Kids Club, Peninsula Leisure Centre, 8am-4pm

Tuesday January 11

Indoor Soccer Clinic, Peninsula Leisure Centre, 9am-3pm

Wedneaday January 12

Learn to Surf, Umina Beach,

Pearl beach Kids Club - Disco, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, 1pm-3pm

Friday January 13

Netball Clinic, Peninsula Leisure Centre, 9am-3pm

Sunday January 15

Maitland Bay Circuit Walk, HARD, 8am-12pm, Bouddi National Park

Tuesday January 18

Pearl beach Kids Club - Singing workshop, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, 10am-12pm

Central Coast Art Socoety Paint Out, Phegans Bay

Saturday January 22

Hotel california, Ettalong Memorial Bowling club, 8pm

Tuesday January 25

Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts centre Term 1 starts

Wednesday January 26

Australia Day

Saturday January 31

Junior Soccer Competition, Peninsula Leisure Centre

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Sunday, January 30, 9am to 1pm. Great variety of stalls - BBQ, Tea & Coffee. Vendors Welcome - Car Boot Sale - \$10 per car. Please note: New parking arrangements now apply. NB stall sites not open until 6.30am. Cnr. Ocean Beach Road and Erina St. Woy Woy. Always Last Sunday (Except December). More Details... Elmo 4341 4151 - Hope 4369 8707.

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ALL CLASSES FOR TERM 1 START FROM THE 14TH OF FEBRUARY
Mondays & Tuesdays Times: 4-5 PM
Cost: \$20 per class or \$100 for the term
Age: Primary and Teens
Location Umina Beach Surf Club
Dance Style : Locking/ HipHop /Old skool new skool

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Pearl Beach is cleanest

Pearl Beach has been announced the overall winner of the Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Clean Beach Award for 2010.

Pearl Beach will now vie for the title of Australia's Cleanest Beach 2010-2011 against other state and territory overall winners for this year.

The award announcement followed the official opening of the Pearl Beach rock pool after reconstructive works took place.

Keep Australia Beautiful NSW CEO Mr Peter McLean said the Pearl Beach community was leading by example.

He described the community efforts in restoring the greatly used and valued rock pool as "remarkable".

He also commented on "the way they have provided for community education and activities regarding the coastal environment".

"This community deserves recognition for the way they have protected the beach in conjunction with the local council, and the way they continue to participate in its upkeep."

Dunecare and bushcare groups met monthly and worked cooperatively for particular tasks, such as planting days, and the Significant Tree Walk informed people about the local native flora, he said.

In the absence of a

formal Clean Beaches awards program in NSW this year, Pearl Beach was nominated by Keep Australia Beautiful NSW to contest the Australian Clean Beach Awards program 2010-2011.

The criteria for the overall winner of the 2010 Clean Beach included tidiness and litter abatement, visitor friendliness and hospitality, fauna and flora, management of activities, community integration including youth activities, resource conservation and

waste management and local government leadership within a community.

"Keep Australia Beautiful NSW is proud to award Pearl Beach the NSW Overall Clean Beach Winner for 2010," said Mr McLean.

"Pearl Beach was the runner up for the 2009 Clean Beaches Challenge in NSW."

Media release, 10 Dec 2010
Rosemary Hadaway, Keep Australia Beautiful NSW

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Ferry service calls for equality with buses

Central Coast Ferries has called on the State Opposition to extend MyZone and Pensioner Excursion Tickets to its Woy Woy to Empire Bay ferry service should it win Government.

In a meeting with Shadow Transport Minister Ms Gladys Berejiklian and Gosford Liberal candidate Cr Chris Holstein, Central Coast Ferries proprietor Ms Bets Conway argued that private ferry operators should be

able to take advantage of subsidies provided to private bus operators, so they could remain competitive.

"If supported financially, we could run a cost-effective, environmentally-friendly and efficient means of public transport to lessen the impact on roads and infrastructure."

She said it would be feasible to run a low-wash high-speed ferry capable of carrying 120 passengers to Saratoga, Yattalunga, Green Point, Point Frederick and Koolewong Station.

Ms Conway said that, if ferry contracts were similar to bus contracts, the cost would be less to the community, with longer vessel life and lower infrastructure costs.

She said that ferries could also be used to transport school students cost-effectively from outlying areas such as Davistown and Saratoga, to take advantage of high school facilities at Brisbane Water Secondary College.

Email, 17 Dec 2010
Bets Conway, Central Coast Ferries

Christmas at Mary Mac's

Mary Mac's Place will be holding a Christmas lunch on Wednesday, December 22, for community members who are homeless or socially isolated.

Mary Mac's Place and St John the Baptist Catholic Parish in Woy

Woy hopes to provide attendees with a small gift on arrival with the help of volunteers' donations.

According to the St John the Baptist Catholic Parish's newsletter, the gift will be the only gift many attendees will receive.

Mary Mac's Place coordinator

Ms Christine Burge said that people needed to feel a part of their community and Mary Mac's Place helped the socially or financially isolated to feel welcome.

Newsletter, 16 Dec 2010
St John the Baptist Catholic Parish

Fourth pharmacy for Umina

Another pharmacy will be opening soon in West St, Umina.

The pharmacy will be the second opened by co-owners Mr Tim Cole and Mr Matt Moyes who also run a pharmacy in Bensville.

Mr Moyes said that the pharmacy will be open soon.

Their team is currently working on filling the store with stock and ensuring computer systems are up to date before they open.

"You want to be doing things

right from the start," said Mr Moyes.

Mr Moyes was unable to give a definite opening date.

Kaitlin Watts, 16 Dec 2010
Interviewee: Matt Moyes.

Cannabis charge

Brisbane Waters police have arrested and charged a 33-year-old Umina man for the possession and cultivation of cannabis on Monday, December 13.

Police seized 10 large cannabis plants with an approximate value of \$60,000 and a hydroponic set up from the garage of a home in

Poziers St, Umina.

The bust is the second of its kind in the last week with a man and woman from Gosford and a man from Macmasters Beach arrested as part of a state wide crime command operation.

Kaitlin Watts, 16 Dec 2010
Interviewee: Sergeant Paul Taylor, Brisbane Waters LAC



Report sought on boating approvals

Gosford Council has asked for a report to its February meeting about the status of all boating facilities requiring approval and licensing, including moorings on St Huberts Island.

The council resolved that the St Huberts Island Residents Association be kept informed of Council's progress to have all facilities approved and licenced.

This resolution was adopted in a council meeting held on Tuesday, December 7, after Council liaised

with residents of St Huberts Island to ensure boating facilities within the canals on the Island were authorised and approved by Council.

Seven of the 46 pontoons and walkways on St Huberts Island were subject to deferred development consents and five facility owners of the 46 facilities provided written or verbal undertakings to submit development applications for facilities by the end of November.

Council Agenda ENV.81, 7 Dec 2010

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Council waives fees for children's triathlon

Gosford Council has waived hire fees and operational costs amounting to \$11,517 for a children's triathlon event run by a breakfast cereal company.

The triathlon will be held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre, James Browne Oval and the waterfront cycleway at Woy Woy on January 23.

The event is part of a trans-Tasman series for children aged seven to 15 years who can swim,

cycle and run for fun, with 600 children expected to participate in the event and an estimated audience of 1800 people.

As well as the triathlon events, attractions will include a "village" which will incorporate a petting zoo, jumping castle, sponsor displays, Sanitarium product sampling and vegetarian barbecue.

The event broke a world record last year as the largest triathlon series for children under the age of 16 with 29,500 children participating.

Participants take home a medal and certificate for having a go regardless of how good they are at sport with an emphasis on being involved and doing their best.

If the initial event is successful, it is proposed that the event will be held annually for the next five years and could be moved to different areas of the Gosford local government area.

Council Agenda CIT.58, 7 Dec 2010

Tennis courts to get lights

Gosford Council has secured Federal funding for the upgrade of lighting at Woy Woy tennis courts.

The funding has been approved by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure program.

The Department has approved \$111,000 to upgrade the lighting at the tennis courts on Chambers Place, Woy Woy, to Australian standards.

Six new poles and floodlights including conduits wiring and a switchboard will be installed.

The money will be provided in two halves, with 50 per cent of the funds being available upon

execution of a funding agreement and the rest provided once the first half is spent.

The funding is a result of the Prime Minister's announcement in June this year of additional funding of \$100 million for the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

The funding is aimed at assisting councils to build and modernise community facilities by supporting local jobs and provide long-term benefits to communities by renewing and upgrading local infrastructure.

Council submitted 10 projects to the department in July, and five have secured funding, totalling \$577,000.

Council Agenda COR.138, 7 Dec 2010

Rugby coach returns to new future

Woy Woy resident Mr Ross Hopkins has returned from a US rugby season, coaching at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Mr Hopkins, who has been at the Gordon Highlanders in Sydney for the last four years, has decided to take a break from Sydney rugby.

"I was offered the head coach role for grade and colts again at Gordon."

However, Mr Hopkins has

decided to spend more time on the Coast with his business and with his growing family.

"I am really looking forward to having some more time after giving 20-25 hours a week to Gordon over the last four years.

"To coach in Sydney especially at first grade, there are no half measures.

"You need to be totally focused and organised to run a successful program, but I just felt that I needed to reevaluate what I was doing," he

said.

"I am humbled to have had six Central Coast rugby clubs express an interest in gaining my services for 2011, but no decision has been made on my next move.

"The US team has a 10-day trip in March down to Savannah, Georgia, which they are keen for me to attend and, after that, who knows what I will do."

**Email, 15 Dec 2010
Ross Hopkins, Woy Woy**

New committee

The Everglades Country Club men's bowls section has selected its new executive and management committee at its annual meeting last month.

New personnel appearing on the executive committee include Ray Benton as president, Ron

Hughes as vice president, Bob Brien as bowls secretary and David Lilly as secretary-treasurer.

Personnel on the management committee include Peter Arnold, Frank Elliss, Terry Johnson, Les Maguire and Ray Ward.

**Newsletter, 30 Nov 2010
Everglades Country Club**

Rookies challenged

Everglades Country Club bowler Alan Joss has represented the Central Coast in the NSW Rookies Challenge state finals at Raymond Terrace.

Alan had been bowling for only

10 months at the time of the finals and, while not winning outright, recorded wins against opponents with up to 30 months bowling experience.

He was accompanied to the finals by his Rookies Pairs team mate 14-year-old Luke McBeatty.

On the following weekend, the pair went on to contest the everglades Novice Singles final.

Alan managed to overcome Luke by a margin of 31-17.

**Newsletter, 30 Nov 2010
Everglades Country Club**

Christmas celebrated

Members of Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club celebrated Christmas at its final day of bowls for the year on Thursday, December 9.

Needy children were remembered with Christmas gifts given by members and collected by the Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul.

Entertainment was provided

by Danny Elliot who played eight instruments and guests claimed it was "the best entertainment ever".

The room was decorated for Christmas and presents given to all the members and guests.

Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club will resume after the break on January 13.

**Email, 15 Dec 2010
Miriam Cotton, WWBC**

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Funds for nets

Umina Cricket Club has secured a substantial NSW government grant to refurbish the practice nets at Umina oval.

Club vice-president Mr Warwick Egan said that Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews was responsible

for securing the upgrade of the oval.

"Inadequate practice facilities have long been the Achille's heel of the club, but that now changes thanks to the local Member," said Mr Egan.

**Email, 9 Dec 2010
Warwick Egan, Umina Cricket Club**



Fight fundraiser attracts 500

Organisers have claimed more than 500 people watched 15 scheduled boxing contests at a benefits night held at Umina PCYC on Saturday, December 4.

"It really was so much more than a fundraiser," said treasurer of the Umina Beach Rugby League Football Club, Mr Kevin Hulls.

"The Peninsula has a rich tradition of sport and has produced many great athletes over the years.

"There is always rivalry between

the codes and clubs.

"This event was the first to bring five clubs and three codes together to raise much-needed funds, the first of many to be held I am sure," he said

All five clubs that participated including the PCYC, Umina junior and senior rugby league football clubs and the Woy Woy Lions junior and senior rugby union clubs all benefited financially.

**Email, 6 Dec 2010
Kevin Hulls, UBRFLC**

James Brown oval to be levelled

Gosford Council has accepted a tender for the levelling of James Brown Oval No. 2 in Woy Woy for \$85,782 from Sustainable Turf Renovations located in Theresa Park.

Council has identified James Brown Oval No. 2 as the highest priority for levelling as part of the Landfill Rehabilitation Scheme.

James Brown Oval was developed on a reclaimed tip site.

According to a Council staff report: "It is typical of these sportsgrounds that the underlying waste at these sites was poorly

compacted and decomposes at different rates causing undulation in the playing surfaces, poor drainage, diminished visual amenity and potential risk to ground users."

The works will include cut and fill to reform the playing surface, supply and laser level topsoil, supply and lay kikuyu turf in maxi rolls and associated works including fertilizing and rolling.

The construction period of the tender is for four weeks and commenced on Monday, December 13.

The tender from the Sustainable Turf Renovations was accepted on

a number of criteria including price, financial capacity and resources, insurances, contract program and previous experience.

Council Agenda CIT.57, 7 Dec 2010

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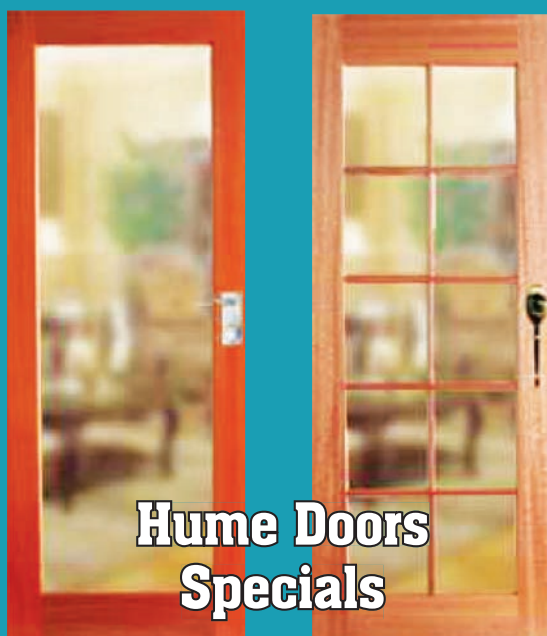
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