



Contaminated water across from 36 Araluen Dr

## Fire boundary means service doubles

**The Rural Fire Service has dismissed claims that negotiations with NSW Fire Brigades over the coverage of the new Kincumber fire station would detrimentally affect Killcare residents.**

The Rural Fire Service's Inspector Ben Shepherd said that no suburbs will be put at risk by the decisions made and the community will benefit, rather than being put at risk.

"Regardless of whose area it falls under, the area is covered by a mutual aid agreement, stating that both agencies are to respond to a call.

"Both services respond at the time of call, it doesn't require an invitation from the NSW Rural Fire Service.

"The community actually benefits from both fire services turning up.

"Both fire services always put the safety of the community first and foremost," said Insp Shepherd.

He said the agreement would be established once final decisions on boundaries were confirmed.

"To ensure that the best level of service is received by the community, the mutual aid agreement is reviewed every three to five years by both services."

"The NSW RFS aims to keep local volunteer brigades viable as a community resource, especially in areas such as the Central Coast which is prone to bush fires," he said.

**Kaitlin Watts, 6 Jan 2011  
Interviewee: Insp Ben Shepherd**

## Bay areas found unsafe for swimming

**Three areas in Hardys Bay have been identified as unsafe for swimming after water was tested by the Hardys Bay Residents' Group.**

The testing was carried out following complaints from residents about a "sewerage aroma", according to the group's publicity officer Mr Allan Wilson.

"Mudflat Creek, RSL Creek and the area near the drain opposite 36 Araluen Dr are definitely unsafe areas," he said.

"Mudflat Creek and RSL Creek appear to be badly affected by bacteria and other organisms that are harmful to human, wildlife and even plant health.

"This seems to be irrespective of whether or not it has been raining.

"The area near the drain opposite 36 Araluen Dr, appears

to be reasonably safe when there has been no rain but is considered quite the opposite when rain has been falling."

Mr Wilson said that it was too early to fully interpret the test results and that testing was continuing "to get a clearer indication of water issues".

"In the meantime, adults should ensure that children in their care do not play in the three areas."

The first of the series of tests was undertaken on October 20, followed more extensive investigations on October 29 and again on November 5.

They are expected to continue weekly over the holiday period.

Sites that were tested included the end of the main jetty near the marina and at the end of the Araluen jetty, sites where children regularly swim.

"The water quality at the ends of

both jetties appears to be quite safe for swimming," said Mr Wilson.

The testing program involved the gathering of water samples from the five sites as well as taking the temperature of the water.

A water testing kit was obtained from NSW Waterwatch and several volunteers from the Residents Group were trained in its use.

For the tests, a sample of the water taken from each location was drawn into a syringe and placed on a sterile petrifilm slide supplied by NSW Waterwatch, said Mr Wilson.

He said results were obtained after placing samples in an incubator, adding chemicals and measuring the electrical conductivity of the water.

**Newsletter, 27 Dec 2010  
Allan Wilson, Hardys Bay Residents' Group**

## Busy day for marine rescue

**Marine Rescue Central Coast had a busy day on New Year's Eve with 53 persons on board 17 vessels logged on with the Point Clare Radio Base.**

Two vessels were registered for offshore tracking for a coastal voyage and two calls were made for emergency assistance.

Around 3:30pm, a motor cruiser with four persons on board called for help.

The vessel had a mechanical problem and was anchored at Half Tide Rocks.

The duty crew, Peter Ashworth and Norm Smith, were called in and they launched the Central

Coast Lifeboat.

Once located the cruiser was towed to safety at its berth at St Hubert's Island.

While the rescue was underway another call for assistance was received from those on board a 4.3m runabout in Waterfall Bay also with mechanical problems.

A nearby jet ski towed the vessel and the three persons on board to the Woy Woy Railway Bridge where they were met by the Central Coast Lifeboat.

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**Media Release, 30 Dec 2010  
Ron Cole, Marine Rescue NSW**

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Kaitlin Watts, 7 Jan 2011

## Rain totals 1133mm

**A total of 89.3mm of rain was recorded in December to bring the year's total to 1133mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.**

Although the December figure was almost 15 per cent above the monthly average of 77.8mm, the annual rainfall figure was below average.

Rain for the year was down by 6.6 per cent on the annual average of 1213mm.

January has seen a slow start to the year, with only 18.8mm recorded in the first week towards the monthly average of 132.4mm.

Temperature last year ranged from an overnight low

of 3.1 recorded on June 29 to a maximum of 40.2 on January 23, according to figures from [www.peninsulaweather.info](http://www.peninsulaweather.info).

Average daily minimum temperature during the year was 15.2, while the average daily maximum was 23.6.

The highest minimum temperature was 26.3, recorded on February 22, and the lowest maximum was 13.0 recorded on July 21.

Average temperature throughout the year was 18.9.

The highest wind gust was 52.9km/h recorded on August 2.

Spreadsheet, 7 Jan 2011  
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy  
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# Minister approves Tesrol plans

**The Minister for Planning Mr Tony Kelly has approved plans for a seven-storey residential and commercial development at Ettalong.**

The two stage development will also include parking and a new public thoroughfare from the Rocks Arcade to the Esplanade and forecourt areas.

The Tesrol development will be situated at the corner of The Esplanade and Memorial Ave, where a waterslide once stood.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said the residential and commercial development was vital for the long-term success of the Ettalong town centre which was clearly recognised by the NSW State Government.

"The Business Chamber is delighted with the decision by the Minister," said Mr Wales.

"It has literally taken years for this development to be approved so the Chamber is naturally relieved with the decision to allow Tesrol to proceed," he said.

According to Mr Wales, Gosford Council was divided on the issue, leaving the developer with little choice other than to lodge the development application under the provisions of Part 3A and to seek the Minister's support.

The Ettalong Beach Business Group was also pleased with the news of the development, stating they would be working closely with Tesrol to ensure that the character of Ettalong will be maintained.

"The proposed development is exciting in its potential to offer increased economic opportunity for the Ettalong Beach community by creating employment, increasing

tourists and visitors to the village," said Ettalong Beach Business Group president Ms Jeanette Polley.

According to Mr Wales the proposed development, of 60 residential units and 1384sqm of ground floor retail space, would create 200 construction jobs and over 30 full time jobs once completed.

"This project is vital for the future revitalisation of Ettalong Beach and the activation of foreshore precinct along The Esplanade," he said.

"With the imminent allocation of the promised \$2 million of Federal funding for the ongoing upgrading of the Ettalong beachfront, the Tesrol development has the potential to create a unique tourist precinct that will complement the Mantra Resort and provide a substantial economic boost for the struggling Ettalong Beach commercial centre.

"The big question now is whether the market currently exists for the proposed residential product at a time when credit is tight and real estate is only just recovering from the Global Financial Crisis.

"It could be 12 months before any significant activity starts on the site.

"However, we understand that the developer is keen to move the project along and will be advancing with the required Construction Certificate approvals ready for work to commence once they are satisfied with the market conditions," said Mr Wales.

Email, 23 Dec 2010  
Jeanette Polley  
Email, 5 Jan 2011  
Matthew Wales



An artist's impression of the TESROL development at Ettalong

## Fire destroys village unit

**A retirement village unit at Empire Bay was destroyed by a fire in the early hours of Monday, December 27.**

The fire caused Empire Bay Drive to be closed for three hours and diversions to be put in place.

The fire occurred at about 3am at The Cove Retirement Village on 33 Empire Bay Dr, Empire Bay.

According to police, there was minimal impact to traffic on Empire Bay Dr due to the time of day.

Police were alerted to the fire after a man in a nearby unit smelt

smoke and gained entry to the unit discovering it was well alight.

He contacted police and the fire brigade, and proceeded to notify residents in nearby units and evacuate them.

Once police arrived on the scene, further evacuations took place in nearby units.

There was nobody in the affected unit at the time.

The unit was completely destroyed by fire and several surrounding units sustained water and smoke damage.

Six residents were evacuated to alternative temporary accommodation in display units at the village.

The following morning crime scene detectives attended the scene.

Investigations are ongoing, however, the fire has not been identified as suspicious, with a possible electrical cause.

Kaitlin Watts, 7 Jan 2011  
Interviewees: Insp Bruce Coates, NSW Police  
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# Minister's approval 'threat to planning'

**Approval of the seven-storey Tesrol development at Ettalong under Part 3A of the planning act undermines strategic planning for the Peninsula, according to the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation.**

"This approval provides further reason for a review of Part 3A of the act," said branch secretary Mr John Wiggin.

"This is the part of the legislation which takes the planning decisions away from Council and the local community and gives sole and unchallengeable authority to the Minister."

Mr Wiggin said a development of this height was contrary to both the current planning scheme and its proposed replacement, Gosford's Draft Local Environment Plan which is currently under review.

"Planning Minister Mr Tony Kelly appears to have based his decision on the development being consistent with the Central Coast Regional Strategy.

"The ACF branch considers the Regional Strategy to be ill-defined and to have little standing in law as a planning instrument.

"If Mr Kelly is not happy with the way the regional strategy is being implemented in local planning schemes, he should be working to have these planning schemes changed.

"While the Minister is legally

entitled to make this decision, in the interests of good planning, he should not be making decisions that amount to spot rezoning."

Mr Wiggin said the branch supported the initiative of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce to have a fresh "master planning" exercise undertaken for the Peninsula, and would support the establishment of a broadly-representative Master Planning Committee.

Decisions now to approve major projects that changed the character of the Peninsula prejudiced this exercise, he said.

"Gosford Council has recognised this in its decision about the Master Planning Committee last month," said Mr Wiggin.

"The council recognised that a number of strategic planning exercises had yet to be concluded and action should not be taken which would jeopardise the outcome of these.

"Among the processes identified in the council report were assessment of 1500 submissions on the Draft Local Environment Plan, risk management planning for sea level rise, and a review of the Central Coast Regional Strategy.

"It said that it would be premature to review the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy or to undertake any other strategic planning exercises before these processes had concluded."

Mr Wiggin said the branch was keen to see a long-term plan for



The TESROL development site at Ettalong

the Peninsula which recognised the Peninsula's vulnerability to the effects of climate change.

"Increase in development density should not occur in areas likely to be detrimentally affected by climate change, and a State Government guideline currently recognises this.

"This guideline should apply as much to the Minister as it does to the council."

Mr Wiggin said that the branch also opposed the Tesrol development for a number of other reasons, including that it was not environmentally-sustainable.

Media release, 4 Jan 2011  
John Wiggin, ACF Central Coast

## Producer works on new film

**Film producer Mr Noel Sadler of Empire Bay has started work on a new television documentary titled My Town, Gosford, for national release in 2012.**

The documentary will feature the main activities and attractions in and around the Gosford district that are staged over a 12-month period including year-round fixed attractions.

Attractions will include events such as the Oyster Festival held on the Ettalong waterfront, the Putt Putt regatta, Carols by Candlelight and Australia Day celebrations.

Interviews with local business people and residents will also be included within production.

Mr Sadler expects filming to take around 18 months before post production can take place and be ready for broadcast in 2012.

It would show that Gosford had a full calendar of events and once aired would attract more visitors to the region, he said.

Mr Sadler is seeking suggestions for attractions that could be included in the documentary.

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Email, 30 Dec 2010

Noel Sadler, Skip Film Productions

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# Storm justifies tree trimming

A storm which blacked out 1000 homes and businesses around the Peninsula was used as justification for Energy Australia's tree trimming practices, the electricity supplier has claimed.

Homes and businesses in Woy Woy, Empire Bay and Killcare were affected by the storms and strong winds on December 20.

Emergency crews worked

throughout the day to restore power to residents after fallen trees and branches came into contact with high voltage power lines, according to Energy Australia's general manager of engineering Mr Trevor Armstrong.

He said: "Trees coming into contact with overhead power lines and other external factors account for about 60 per cent of power outages on our electricity network."

"Crews trimmed about 471,000

trees around power lines last financial year to help protect the electricity network against storm damage."

He said the severe weather was a reminder to all residents to keep well clear of fallen power lines.

"If people notice fallen or damaged power lines they should report them immediately to EnergyAustralia on 13 13 88."

Media Release, 6 Jan 2011  
Gareth Trickey, Energy Australia

# Substation will take two years

The electricity substation, now under construction at Empire Bay, is not expected to be in commission for another two years.

Construction is not expected to be completed until July 2012 and testing and commissioning carried between then and early 2013, according to a construction schedule announced by Energy Australia last week.

Bores will be constructed underneath Empire Bay Dr

between February and April this year to provide electrical connection with the site.

Technicians will be on site from September to install new electrical equipment.

Construction hours will be between 7am and 6pm weekdays and 8am and 1pm on Saturdays.

According to Energy Australia, activities will be similar to most construction sites.

"There will be intermittent disturbances to the local community resulting from increased traffic

and noise, particularly in the first six months of work during the excavation and concrete pouring."

Some vibration and dust may be experienced during the excavation works.

However, Energy Australia "will endeavour to undertake the activities that cause the most noise during less sensitive times of the day".

Newsletter, 5 Jan 2011  
Energy Australia website

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# Dredging plans 'encouraging'



Killcare Marina

Plans to dredge the Hardys Bay entrance, Mudflat Creek and Killcare Marina have been described as "a very encouraging start to the long-awaited rehabilitation of the bay" by Hardys Bay Residents' Group publicity officer Mr Allan Wilson.

The plans are expected to be included in the Brisbane Water Estuary Plan of Management, which he said had been approved by Gosford Council's coastal and estuary management committee.

Mr Wilson said that high on the list of objectives were those associated with long-term sediment build up in numerous locations within the estuary.

"Our much loved estuary has been neglected and is shrinking, and much of the sediment accumulation is due to ever decreasing volumes of tidal flow now insufficient in many parts

of the estuary to carry away fine sediment deposits," said group representative on the committee Mr Graeme Smith.

"This process is ongoing and accelerates with time."

Mr Wilson said that mangrove proliferation was rampant in sediment-affected parts of the estuary.

This added to the problem by slowing tidal sweep along the shorelines and trapping sediments and "all manner of water-borne debris that would otherwise be swept out to sea".

He said that, within the draft Brisbane Water Plan of Management, a sediment plan examined dredging operations in numerous locations within Hardys Bay.

Newsletter, 27 Dec 2010  
Allan Wilson, Hardys Bay Residents' Group

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Celebrations will commence at Wagstaffe at 8am in the Wagstaffe Hall with a Welcome to Country Speech followed by the raising of the Australian flag.

Those attending will include mayor, Cr Laurie Maher, Australia

Day Committee chair Cr Jim Macfadyen and Australia Day ambassador Ms Julie Goodwin.

An announcement will be made following the Australia Day addresses revealing the citizen of the year.

Poetry recitals and solo singing will also feature as well as the Half Tides Rock Choir.

"There is a range of new and exciting Australia Day activities, as well as some old favourites on the Peninsula this year and we are looking forward to safe and successful celebrations for our local community to come together and commemorate our National Day," Cr Macfadyen said.

Media Release, 7 Jan 2011  
Gosford Council media

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## Follow science not electricity hysteria

**Relating to the petition "on the rising cost of electricity" currently circulating around the Central Coast, I would like to make some observations and comments.**

Australian electricity prices are amongst the lowest in the world, while our per capita income is amongst the highest.

We are the second largest emitters of CO2 in the world.

A price on carbon pollution would provide a disincentive to use coal-fired electricity.

As a country, we can easily afford higher energy prices.

I am a sustainability consultant and an energy assessor, and I regularly see extremely wasteful

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practices of energy consumption in housing.

I have data that shows some individuals have energy consumption that is 90 times the energy consumption of other individuals in their usual lifestyles.

A way to make a carbon tax work is to charge a differential price for energy based on quantity of consumption.

The higher the consumption of energy, the higher the price paid per unit of electricity.

There is therefore an incentive to not waste energy.

The money earned could be used to subsidise the vulnerable,

and also to retrofit inefficient houses.

With the current options of housing design and technology available, at little cost, it is possible to pay nothing for electricity, without compromising comfort.

Our house is one such example amongst many other householders living a low-carbon lifestyle.

To ensure a quality of life for future generations, current generations need to reduce energy consumption.

The Liberal party position is completely out of touch with the needs to reduce carbon pollution, and would do well to be guided by science rather than hysteria.

Email, 2 Jan 2011  
Ian Garradd, Woy Woy

## Another bus service lost

### Forum

buses an hour and we now have three a day which we consider an insult to a lot of travellers.

With regard to the consultation period, letters and emails were not answered, phone calls to the 1800 number did not answer and no notice was taken of written submissions.

Email, 20 Dec 2010  
Lance Shumack, Ettalong

**In response to the article on December 20 regarding the loss of bus services, we have also lost a good bus service.**

The 52 bus used to service Woy Woy, Ettalong and Umina and has now ceased.

This is forcing workers, the elderly and school children who live along Bourke Rd into a long walk in the dark, the heat and now the rain.

Bourke Rd was served by two

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## Yet another monstrosity

**The business fraternity at Ettalong is delighted by the news of the Tesrol development and the Federal money to be spent on the beachfront, for obvious reasons.**

I doubt whether the residents who will lose their views or breezes will be so happy.

Nor will all those residents and visitors who like to walk to a lookout for the scenic views, who will now find the scene marred by yet another monstrous over-sized building.

This new Tesrol development

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is 50 per cent higher than that stipulated by the Gosford DLEP.

What is the point of having regulations if exceptions are constantly being made?

How can our Federal member wax lyrically about the "improvements" to Ettalong beachfront and at the same time ignore the information coming from Greg Combet's office about sea level rise?

What is the point of having a State Department of the Environment and Climate Change

to advise parliamentarians and the public regarding rising waters on the Coast, when it is even ignored by its own masters?

These people in power seem not to realize any connection between the coast here and the man-made beaches of the Gold Coast which were recently under water.

If the sea levels at Davistown are expected to rise, why will this not affect the suburb of Ettalong?

Letter, 6 Jan 2011  
Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

**So the very pro-development spokesman Matthew Wales is again telling us about the doom and gloom that faces Ettalong if we don't build another monstrosity on the waterfront!**

Have we not heard this before?

I thought Ettalong Club was a one-off, the saviour of the village, not to be repeated as it would not be needed!

Well now it looks as though the precedent has been set and it won't be long before the whole Ettalong strip is sold for multi-storey development.

As for the argument about creating 200 construction jobs, that's great but 95 per cent will be workers from Sydney as the major contractor would not be a local company.

The whole development is a

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short-term money-making plan by the developer.

They build it. He sells them and moves on. And the residents of Ettalong are left with a half vacant building just like the present one!

Email, 1 Jan 2011  
Ross Cochrane, Woy Woy

## Seminar for business

**A business seminar is being hosted at Ettalong Beach Memorial Club on Monday, February 21, to help businesses develop their own people and network with other business leaders in the area.**

The seminar will also focus on learning from people who run the board when it comes to business and doing business.

The seminar will be run by co-

founder of Gloria Jeans Mr Peter Irvine after being approached by local resident Mr Andy Moses about supporting Good News Church to raise money for a trip to Mexico in March.

Mr Irvine was approached following his position as guest speaker for a CareFlight dinner arranged by Mr Moses in November last year to raise money for the charity after his son was badly injured in a car accident.

The business seminar will run from 9am to 12:30 pm and includes morning tea and a network lunch.

The seminar will cost \$80 and a portion of the funds will go toward the Good News Church Mexico trip.

Email, 5 Jan 2011  
Andy Moses, Umina



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**Financing your decision**  
Assess what you can afford first. Then look at locations and properties to match.

**Armchair research**  
Trawl web sites, read magazines and newspapers to find what similar properties have sold for recently and check current prices. The internet and your local newspaper's real estate section are gold mines of information.

**Go, look, learn**  
Attend open houses, private inspections and auctions of houses in your price range - both above and below - and get a feel for prices and what you get for them.

**Broaden your horizons**  
Consider properties that might not be 'perfect' as they are right now.

**Narrow your focus with local insight**  
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# Do whatever it takes to hold power? We the people don't think so Premier!



**When Premier Keneally prorogued our 54th NSW Parliament, she told anyone who would listen that closing down Parliament so early was nothing at all to do with the privatising of our electricity supply.**

I think that may be true, because while that action was the last straw for voters who are so sick of being robbed, there is something else to consider that is hidden from public consideration, but a fact never the less.

From the Office of Premier and Cabinet all the way down to staffers who are party members, they are beginning to fear the increasing groundswell of very bad publicity in small local papers like the Peninsula News and Gosford Central Community News which identifies their political sins against the people.

I and others have named so many politicians, it is no wonder they are jumping ship.

Unfortunately, the damage they are responsible for will continue to hurt us long after they have taken their generous superannuation, indexed for life and retired.

The frequently identified by me as corrupt Gosford City Council was accommodated by the state in standing over my father almost eleven years ago.

While attempting to protect him and his rights to natural justice, I slowly became aware of so many other councils on a constantly evolving list, councils such as Wollongong, Tweed Heads, Canterbury, so many that it is hard to keep track.

All have a way of conducting business on ratepayers' behalf which can easily be identified as misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance, collectively a whole hearted abuse of power, if not flat out corruption.

Successive Ministers for Local Government are and always have been clearly conflicted when confronted with complaints from constituents about Local Councils.

Without fail, these Ministers and Premiers are being told that their fellow Labor party members are bringing the Labor party into disrepute.

For example, the Member for Lakemba, Robert Furolo, Mayor of Canterbury who presided over the matter of Magda Mallone v Canterbury City Council, a matter which the State Ombudsman has exposed in his report.

Magda Mallone was left with a legal debt of well over \$200,000 because the witless Canterbury City Council and its board of elected representatives would not accept responsibility for the problem with the unstable quarry and accept, then correct the part council and councillors played in it.

The State Labor Party members who have ignored complaints not just from me but others right across the State, have acted like conspirators with these local councils, dismissing people as vexatious or difficult when their party members are being exposed accommodating political sins against the people.

They will be out soon asking you once again to vote for them.

I suggest you exercise your right to vote for change.

Not because I believe that Liberal are any better, but because we really do need to flush out those dead beat politicians and their hangers on in electorate offices everywhere.

They have turned into leeches sucking the life blood out of the working class, selling off everything we were taxed to put in place.

These failed politicians are not fit for opposition.

We need to make certain that we place them in the gutter where they belong.

My own issues have ceased to be important.

Government neglect has burst into the media spotlight nationally.

When after years of malfeasance by Gosford Council, a three pipe culvert beneath the old Pacific Highway at Somersby, which had been partly destroyed by an earlier road subsidence, became an ineffective dam, which then collapsed into the creek followed by five innocent people

who drowned in a ditch despite the brave efforts of some people who tried to save them, I identify the lack of proper State Government oversight which permitted this to happen and the investigation afterward, as the work of the devil, whose name is politician.

Those five people died in a State sponsored death trap, because there were calls to sack Gosford City Council for years before those people died.

Gosford City Council's casual neglect of properly recording all correspondence and documents left the Coroner in an information void.

I believe and often write that it was more than human error.

As a rate payer, I feel troubled every day that those responsible in government continue to spend my taxes.

So many people are displaying their dislike for what Labor has turned into over the last thirty years and what they are doing to the Premier State.

But, not many, if any, of these people will actually accept responsibility for allowing what government is doing in our name.

I read in Rodney Cavalier's book, "Power Crisis", that Labor in NSW has some fifteen thousand members on the books and around a thousand of them are active members, most of whom are employed in government or political offices.

These people could be identified as a minority group, the fact that they are party members/politicians means that with several thousand others party members of various political parties, they make the rules and pick who we will get to vote for.

My point is that it is long overdue for the voting public to demand respect from their elected representatives and the political parties.

Stop accepting lies and broken promises.

Confront our elected representative the moment he or she steps out of line by bending to the party line.

They, as individuals, ask you to give them your vote in trust and promise to do what it says in the NSW Ministerial code of conduct – "The Minister shall exercise his or her influence in the best interest of their constituents."

I pray that every voter will put Liberal first on their ballot paper this March not because I believe they are any better than Labor but because we need to commence a series of purges if we are to flush as much garbage as possible out of our Parliament.

We cannot move forward toward honest representative government if we refuse to vote for change.

The following election we should do the same thing again.

I understand that a complete change will take a lot of determined voting by people who, until now, could not care less for government and how politicians are meant to be serving us.

We are the ones referred to when politicians tell us they have a mandate.

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

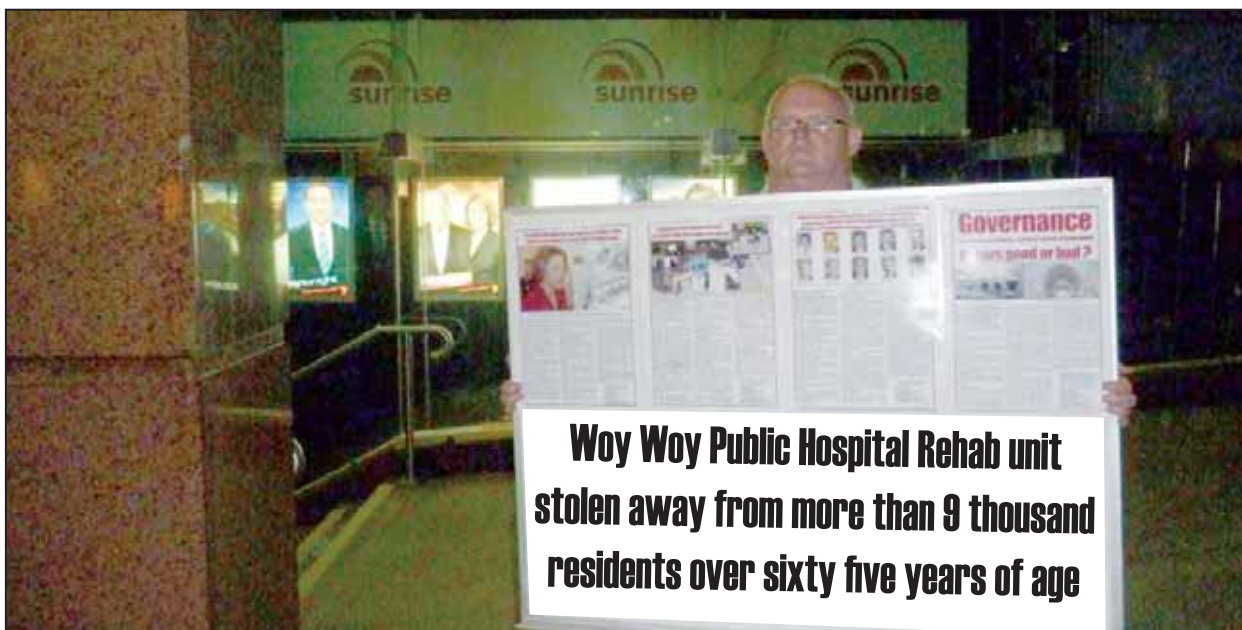
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# Second child born on Christmas Day



Logan Wardrop with her baby brother Nate

**Umina couple Jade and Adam Wardrop are overjoyed with the birth of their son Nate Elijah Wardrop on Christmas Day.**

Nate was born at 3:36am and weighed in at 3.87kg.

The couple's first child, Logan Fern Wardrop, was born on Christmas Day 11 years ago.

To add to the coincidence, both children were due on December 20.

"Nate's birth date was not planned at all.

"I could not believe it when I found out my due date this time round was the same as it was 11

years ago," said Ms Wardrop.

"Right then I thought you watch, this little one will come Christmas Day to share the lime light with his sister and sure enough he did.

"We had a little trouble conceiving and were very happy that we were able to fall pregnant at all.

"It did not matter to us when he was due as long as he arrived healthy," she said.

Ms Wardrop said Logan was also overjoyed.

"Logan said it was really good and exciting," said Ms Wardrop.

"When she found out she cried a little because she was so happy.

"We have always celebrated

Logan's birthday first thing in the morning by opening presents in bed, followed by Christmas presents by the tree.

"It will just be a lot more wrapping paper thrown around each year now," she said.

"All I know is our Christmas Day will be very big and busy every year.

Nate is the third person born on Christmas Day in the family with Ms Wardrop's brother Tye McGann also born on Christmas Day 18 years ago.

Kaitlin Watts, 7 Jan 2011

Interviewee: Jade Wardrop, Umina

## Fire captain urges resident action

**Residents should observe local fire danger signs and take early action to be prepared for bush fires, according to Killcare Rural Fire Brigade captain Mr Steve Farrell.**

He has warned residents to be well prepared and informed about the danger of bushfires.

"Even though we are a third of the way into the bushfire danger period, it is important to have a well prepared and well informed community," he said.

He said the motto was: "Prepare well, act decisively and survive."

"The fire danger sign located at the corner of Wards Hill Rd and Empire Bay Dr displays the fire danger rating and is an early indication of potential danger and should act as your first trigger for action.

"Review your plan and know what to do depending on the rating.

"Your bushfire survival plan will help you make important decisions which need to be made well before there's a fire," he said.

Newsletter, 27 Dec 2010  
Allan Wilson, Hardy's Bay Residents' Group

**Lifesavers rescued three people between Umina and Pearl Beach over the New Year's Eve long weekend after an overturned boat was reported.**

Umina and Ocean Beach Lifesavers as well as a jet ski from Killcare responded to the emergency call.

NSW surf lifesavers said they had been working overtime to protect beachgoers over the New Year weekend.

Our volunteers have gone above and beyond this weekend," said Surf Life Saving NSW lifesaving

manager Mr Dean Storey.

"These men and women already give up large amounts of their own time to protect the lives of others and most were happy to stay back to ensure the public were kept safe."

He said Surf Life Saving NSW was also hoping that public education campaigns focusing on rip currents and rock fishing in particular are having an impact, with drowning figures significantly down compared to the same time last year.

Media Release, 3 Jan 2011  
SLSNSW, Donna Wishart

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## Bottle refilling scheme 'a success'



A scheme at Killcare to encourage the re-use of plastic water bottles has been hailed a success after just two months.

Killcare Surf Life Saving Club secretary Mr Jim Woods said a filtered water dispenser for refilling bottles, installed in mid-October, had already dispensed more than 3000 litres of water.

He said the club was encouraging people to reuse and refill their own bottles instead of discarding them and purchasing new ones.

Mr Woods said that 3000 litres was the equivalent of 5000 plastic bottles saved.

The station had both a water fountain and bottle filling dispensers, and was installed after the club's committee decided to take action to reduce the numbers of water bottles littering beaches and waterways and ending up as landfill.

"Similar projects have been successful in the Southern Highlands town of Bundanoon and along the foreshore of Manly," said Mr Woods.

"We encourage other surf clubs and sport facilities to take this practical approach to caring for their local environment," he said.

The dispenser incorporates a five micron activated carbon filter cartridge that will handle about 30,000 litres before needing replacement.

The \$5000 project was jointly funded through NSW Communities Sport and Recreation Facility Grant Program and a local real estate agent, with a local plumber helping to install it.

Email, 5 Jan 2011  
Jim Woods, KSLSC

## Mining may affect water

### Forum

When taking into account subsidence, the chance of disturbing our ground water (Wyong River) and our underground water sources are high.

These concerns are not solely directed at Cr Freewater but also to the Liberal, Labor and any other candidate who is standing for the March election.

I would like to see all of the candidates respond to my concerns as I don't think that the people of the Central Coast are fully aware of the possible consequences this mining proposal may have on our water supply, plus all the other negative aspects of this type of mining proposal to the area where it is planned.

Email, 24 Dec 2010  
Carl Veugen, Umina

The media release about Cr Peter Freewater by Terri Latella in the December 20 issue, stated he has been selected as the Greens candidate for the March election, and would continue to fight inappropriate mining proposals.

Since 2008, there has been little or no voicing of his opinions regarding the proposed long-wall coal mining under the Dooralong and Yarralong valleys by Kores Australia Pty Ltd.

Even though this mining proposal is not under this electorate, it could possibly effect the whole of the Central Coast's water supply, as the mining proposal comes within 150 metres of the Wyong River (150 metres vertically from the edge of the river at its nearest point to the mining activities).

## Put care of the planet first

### Forum

The end of year hype is over and the New Year is ahead.

May I wish readers every good wish for the brand new year and the second decade of century 2000.

What lies ahead for the planet?

If we do not consider what we are doing to this extraordinary planet, which we all regard as our home and provider, then we will all be off this blue orb before the century is done.

There is a growing urgent need to rationalise the way we do things all over this extraordinary planet: How we use resources, and more importantly, share them between

us, because this world's offerings are not for the dollar and those who worship it.

The planet's resources are not for the greedy to grab and not for the avaricious to line their wallets and make cushy lives for themselves and their chosen few.

We must all learn to care and share and give a "hand up" to those who have fallen behind and always, and at all times, respect the planet and its gifts to us.

The planet already has far too many people on it to support, so let your vote go toward the care of the planet first.

Letter, 27 Dec 2010  
Zoe Russell, Umina

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## Free dance program

**A free dance program offering dance as an art form, dynamic performance or exercise will be travelling around the Peninsula offering people the opportunity to be involved from January 9.**

Dance Moves the Central Coast 2011 is a joint initiative by Gosford and Wyong Councils providing people of all ages with the opportunity to experience highland, hip-hop, ballroom, belly dance, Chinese, Indian, Greek and contemporary dance forms.

Miss Pam's Studio of Dance will present a Choreography and DJ workshop at the Peninsula Theatre on Thursday, January 13.

The workshop is free and will run from 1pm to 3pm for children aged 13 years or over.

The workshop will provide dancers with the opportunity to learn how DJs mix music.

Using a track put together on the day, students will be guided through designing their own dance piece while adding their own flavour and style.

They will have the opportunity to perform at the finale of Dance Moves the Central Coast.

A second free workshop will be held at Wagstaffe Community Hall on Saturday, January 15, for people over the age of 16 from 11am to 1pm.

The workshop will be hosted by Expressive Soul and will present an

Expressive Soul Dance Nourishing Movement session.

Dance practitioner Ms Elise McCallum will take dancers through an expressive movement journey where they will be discover and explore their own ways of moving and expressing through dance.

Described as a moving meditation, through the use of global beats, peaceful melodies and uplifting tunes, the session is intended to leave the dancer feeling connected with their body.

Jita Singh will present a Traditional Indian and Bollywood workshop at the Pearl Beach Progress Hall On Wednesday, January 19.

The workshop is free and is open to all ages from 10am to 12pm.

The class will be led through the ancient traditions of the classical Indian temple dance, Kathak.

The workshop will teach the hand and eye gestures used to tell simple stories and will weave a narrative from Kathak and Punjabi folk to the Bombay beat of Bollywood dance.

A short dance will be developed with the students who wish to participate in the finale of Dance Moves the Central Coast.

A workshop for children under five entitled Move with Mum, Dance with Dad will be held at the Peninsula Community Centre from 10am to 11am on Thursday,

January 20, hosted by Miss Pam's Studio of Dance.

The free workshop is open to children under the age of five and their parents or grandparents.

The 30 minute workshop is designed for parent and child to explore dance movement together while having as much fun as possible.

The outcome is to learn simple techniques from warming up the body to fun ideas on how to create a dance together.

Dance Moves the Central Coast will host 26 free diverse public workshops around the Coast.

Newsletter, 7 Jan 2011  
Nina Angelo, Fusion Arts News

## Open day for birthday

**Umina PCYC is celebrating its 10th birthday on Thursday, February 12, with an open day.**

The day will include a scooter competition, music, food and archery.

The Police and Community Youth Club has provided a range of safe, supervised activities for people aged five to adults.

Current activities include junior boxing, introductory archery program, indoor scooter and skate ramps, boxing for fitness, Kidz Care vacation care, traffic offender's intervention program and private parties.

Police youth case managers Senior Constables Renae Jackson and Paul Scollon work with youth in the Gosford area to reduce and prevent crime by and against young people with one-on-one case management and group programs.

They also play an active role in club activities and programs including indoor scooter and skate competitions, youth band nights and discos, and mobile PCYC deployments to Umina Beach outdoor skate park.

Umina Beach PCYC opened its doors on February 3, 2001.

Email, 5 Jan 2011  
Allison Carpenter, PCYC

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The Cuboree is for Cub Scouts aged between eight and 11 years from across NSW.

For many Cubs, this will be their first experience at a camp this big, which requires them to camp under canvas, cook for themselves and participate in activities.

"Children should be having fun, pushing their boundaries and learning in a new and exciting way, and mums and dads can be secure in the knowledge that it is all being carried out in a safe environment," said Scouts Australia NSW chief commissioner Mr Grant De Fries.

The Cuboree takes two years to plan and is entirely run by volunteer leaders, who have donated their skills, time and energy into developing youth.

Media Release, 5 Jan 2011  
Rosalie Batistoni, Scouts Australia

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# Out and About



## Carol season ends

The newly-formed choir Phoenix Voices has concluded its Christmas season of carols.

The group sang carols to local hospitals and nursing homes with a final performance at Umina Library on Friday, December 17.

Phoenix Voices are a small group of from the Peninsula Choir, which ceased to exist during last winter.

The ensemble, consisting of sopranos and altos, recently provided Christmas cheer to patients and residents of local hospitals and aged-care homes, said conductor Mr Ivan Kinny of Pearl Beach.

Depending on the locality, the singing was either unaccompanied or supported by organ, recorder, piano or vibraphone.

"The strains of beautiful traditional carols ringing down the corridors and into wards was

appreciated by patients and staff alike. Many left their beds to get closer to the festivities," said Mr Kinny.

"In the Umina Library, it was a joy to see young children joining in the very rhythmic Cornish carol Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day" he said.

"The library staff generously offered the ensemble and the large audience morning tea after the performance.

"This included some genuine figgy pudding as mentioned in one of the traditional carols," said Mr Kinny.

To celebrate the end of their program, Phoenix Voices lunched in Ruby's Cafe, where they sang a couple of last numbers to the other customers.

Potential new members of Phoenix Voices may contact Mr Kinny on 4344.4811.

Email, 7 Jan 2011  
Ivan Kinny, Phoenix Voices

## Arts and Crafts Centre farewells quilting tutor

Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre has said goodbye to its publicity officer and quilting tutor, Ms Margaret O'Connell, who has left after three years to spend more time on her own quilting.

Margaret and her husband John moved to the Central Coast 20 years ago and while commuting to Sydney every day she began to teach herself quilting using hand stitches.

Once Ms O'Connell decided to begin teaching quilting, the hand stitching ceased and all the work was done by machine.

"Margaret's eye for detail and superb selection of colours and fabrics soon produced exquisite

works of art," said new publicity officer, Ms Sue Sullivan.

Ms O'Connell has worked at the centre as a tutor for the quilting class for the past three years, running two classes a week.

She was also the publicity officer for the centre.

"The beautiful quilts made by Margaret are in high demand so the time has come to leave the centre and devote more time to her own work," said Ms Sullivan.

"Margaret has loved every minute of her time with the centre and has made many good friends among the students, members and other tutors."

Media Release, 5 Jan 2011  
Sue Sullivan, EBACC



Margaret O'Connell

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## Derelict trucks are the subject

The Patonga Bakehouse Gallery has recently opened an art exhibition entitled **Past Lives**, featuring drawings and paintings of derelict trucks by Jocelyn Maughan and colleague Jeff Rigby.

The series of drawings and paintings deals with the commonplace sight of abandoned vehicles from areas as diverse as Tiboburra, Bilpin and the Central West.

"A familiar part of the Australian landscape, they form an archetype which seems to encapsulate the lives, hopes, dreams and perhaps even the characters of their various owners and drivers," said Ms Maughan.

The exhibition is available for viewing both during the day and night.

**Letter, 18 Dec 2010  
Jocelyn Maughan, Patonga  
Bakehouse Gallery**



Mr John Woulfe with one of his sculptures at the Art by the Sea art exhibition at Killcare

## Marine sculpture on display

Sculptures by marine sculptor Mr John Woulfe of Daley's Point are on display at the Art by the Sea art exhibition at Killcare Surf Lifesaving Club until 6pm, Monday, January 10.

Mr Woulfe specialises in developing sculptures based on the sleek form of yachts.

His creations are hand carved from Australian timbers and combined with stainless steel and sandstone.

He has won a number of awards including a major art prize in 2005

of \$50,000 with a wall mounted sculpture titled Hobart Bound, inspired by the Sydney to Hobart Yacht race.

"I am extremely passionate about what I do and my sculptures are a result of many sleepless nights.

"I held back launching my work until I felt I had it right and I am now happy with the quality of the pieces I am producing," said Mr Woulfe.

He has been working with boats for 34 years and diversified to more artistic pursuits following a life threatening bout of meningitis.

Mr Woulfe has been working

on making finely-detailed yacht sculptures for around 20 years.

He has been commissioned for public art for two outside walls at Fisherman's Wharf at the Entrance.

He was also recently appointed the principal artist for exclusive waterfront development Rippleside Quay in Geelong, designing and creating indoor and outdoor sculpture both freestanding and wall mounted for the entire complex.

**Website, 7 Jan 2011  
John Woulfe, Daley's Point**



One of the drawings on display at the Patonga Bakehouse gallery



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# Out and About



## Art show at surf club

**Killcare Surf Lifesaving Club hosted the opening night for the Killcare SLSC Art by the Sea Art Show on Sunday,**

**January 2.** The exhibition ran from Monday, January 3, to Monday, January 10, and exhibited the works of both

local and visiting artists. Exhibiting artists were Andre Martin, Catherine Stanley, Chris Tryon, David Charles, Debbie MacKinnon, Gabrielle Somers, Greg Coates, Janet Hoyer Cobb, John Woulfe, Margaret Fortey, Matt Mainsbridge, Sherry McCourt, Willemina Villari, Piers Jones, Yianni Johns, David Black, Janna Adams Tess, Judy Antill, Suzanne Healy and Suzy King.

Newsletter, 27 Dec 2010  
Allan Watson, Hardys Bay Resident's Group

## Assault investigated

**Crime scene detectives are investigating an assault on a 20-year-old man in Umina on Monday, 26 December.**

Police found the man lying on the ground near the toilet block at Umina Oval at 6am, a large quantity of blood was also found in the vicinity.

The man was taken to Gosford

hospital where he was x-rayed and received stitches to a laceration on the back of his head.

Police have asked anyone with information about the incident to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Kaitlin Watts, 6 Jan 2011  
Interviewee: Insp Bruce Coates, NSW Police

## Gifts donated

**A total of 1595 Christmas gifts were donated to the Salvation Army in Woy Woy last year.**

The gifts were given through the KMart Wishing Tree Appeal in Deepwater Plaza shopping centre.

"Residents of Woy Woy have really made a magnificent effort this year," said the Salvation Army's appeal coordinator Major Peter Sutcliffe.

"Any gift, no matter how big or

small, will help someone in need."

The donated gifts helped ensure that families in need didn't go without on Christmas Day, he said.

The Appeal collects gifts on behalf of The Salvation Army who distributes them to children and families that would otherwise go without on Christmas morning.

Media release, 24 Dec 2010  
Eva Yao, Sefiani Communications

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# Out and About



## New pontoon at Lions Park

A new pontoon will be installed at the Lions Park boat ramp in Woy Woy at a cost of \$75,000.

Funded by the NSW State Government and Gosford Council, it improve boating facilities in

the Gosford area, according to Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

A \$15,000 grant was also announced to help pay for a Public Wharves and Boat Ramps User Study for Brisbane Water.

"With the increasing popularity

of boating among NSW families, it's important we continue investing in the infrastructure to meet the rising tide of demand," said Ms Andrews.

"Through projects like these the Keneally Government is helping ensure all NSW families have the safest experience possible on the water," said Ms Andrews.

A total of \$215,000 will be invested into three projects in the Gosford area.

Media Release, 24 Dec 2010  
Suzanne King, Office of Marie Andrews



The damaged lift at Woy Woy commuter car park

## Nuisance fires

Police spent Christmas Day morning this year extinguishing a number of small nuisance fires in Woy Woy.

At 3:40am police were called to the Woy Woy commuter car park after they were alerted to the smell of smoke coming from behind Woy Woy police station.

The eastern elevator shaft had a large amount of smoke billowing from it and the fire brigade was called.

Police discovered a second

small fire in an industrial bin nearby.

A car was also reported alight at 4:17am and the fire brigade responded within four minutes.

All fires were extinguished without further incident and damage was minimal.

The investigation remains ongoing.

Anybody with information should contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

Kaitlin Watts, 6 Jan 2010  
Interviewee: Supt Ian Krimmer



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## Holidays on the Peninsula

A Central Coast Holiday Information Pack has been released for holiday makers interested in holidaying on the Peninsula.

Central Coast Tourism released the information pack for tourists interested in visiting the beaches, wildlife and wilderness around the Peninsula.

The pack reflects on the "welcoming atmosphere of the Peninsula" and invites visitors to "climb Mt Ettalong for spectacular views over beaches, Broken Bay, Lion Island and Pittwater".

The guide also encourages holiday makers to "head down to Pearl Beach and explore the Crommelin Native Arboretum, the

region's native botanic garden".

The Information Pack advertises the newly developed Umina Recreation Park, the Peninsula Leisure Centre, Patonga and the Ettalong markets as attractions around the Peninsula.

Holiday suggestions are also offered for those interested in the outdoors, family fun events as well

as budget-friendly options.

The Central Coast Holiday Information Pack can be downloaded on the Central Coast tourism website, collected from visitor information centres or by emailing info@centralcoasttourism.com.au.

Email, 22 Dec 2010  
Central Coast Tourism  
Leeanne Dyer



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## Mary Mac's celebrates Christmas

**Mary Mac's Place at Woy Woy celebrated Christmas on Wednesday, December 22, with community members who were homeless or "doing it tough".**

Project coordinator Ms Christine Burge said there was a record number of 231 people served Christmas lunch.

"Guests were served a Christmas lunch of ham, chicken, vegetables, salads and desserts by 20 volunteers at Mary Macs Place," said Ms Burge.

"Each of the guests was given a small gift of toiletries for the adults and Christmas stockings for the children," said Ms Burge.

Ms Burge also said the initial planning for the Christmas celebration was providing for 150 guests but in the week before the celebration this number was revised to 240.

"The Christmas celebration was a much longer day than usual with the first volunteers arriving to set tables and decorate at 7am and the final clean up being completed after 4pm."

On Christmas Eve, all those who attended were given a Christmas Hamper provided by the House of Praise Church.

"The success of the celebration was made possible by the generosity of a large number of

individuals and organisations in our community as well as the loyal volunteers of Mary Mac's Place," she said.

Local businesses donated hams, chickens, salads, puddings, cakes and trimmings such as bon bons, custard, chips, nuts, lollies, soft drinks, tableware, and their staff attended the lunch to assist with serving.

Ms Burge said Rose Kinney and Lance Clarke and their families and friends worked tirelessly to prepare and serve potato bake, chicken, trifle, bread and butter pudding.

Media release, 7 Jan 2011  
Christine Burge, Mary Mac's Place

## The Peninsula Diary

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

**Tuesday January 11** 10am-12pm FREE 8pm  
Indoor Soccer Clinic, Central Coast Art Society  
Peninsula Leisure Centre, Paint Out, Phegans Bay  
9am-3pm

**Wednesday 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  
Dance Moves the Central Coast Choreography and DJ workshop, Peninsula Theatre, 1-3pm, FREE

**Sunday January 15**  
Maitland Bay Circuit Walk, HARD, 8am-12pm, Bouddi National Park  
Dance moves the Central Coast, Expressive Soul Dance- Nourishing Movement session, 11-1, Wagstaffe community hall

**Tuesday January 18**  
Pearl beach Kids Club - Singing workshop, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall,

**Wednesday January 19**  
Australia Day Lantern Making, 10am-4pm (two sessions) - Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy

Dance Moves the Central Coast, Traditional Indian and Bollywood workshop, all ages, 10am-12pm, Pearly Beach Progress Hall, FREE

**Thursday January 20**  
Australia Day Lantern Making, 12noon-3pm (one session) - Peninsula Community Centre

**Friday January 21**  
Australia Day Lantern Making, 10am-1pm (one session) - Peninsula Community Centre  
Usual Suspects live performance, Randall's on the Beach, Killcare, Free

**Saturday January 22**  
Hotel california, Ettalong Memorial Bowling club,

**Tuesday January 25**  
Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts centre Term 1 starts

**Wednesday January 26**  
Australia Day entertainment at Woy Woy waterfront from 12:30pm  
Australia Day entertainment at Wagstaffe, 8am, Wagstaffe Hall

**Friday January 30**  
Usual Suspects live performance, Randall's on the Beach, Killcare, Free

**Saturday January 31**  
Junior Soccer Competition, Peninsula Leisure Centre

**Wednesday February 2**  
Super Kids, Peninsula Leisure Centre, 9:30-10:15 am and 10:30-11:15am

**Saturday February 12**  
PCYC Birthday Family Fun Day, Umina PCYC, 10am-3pm

# 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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\$6205	<b>Peninsula law team</b> \$6205 for the 2010 MS Sydney to the Gong bike ride
\$80,000	<b>Pearl Beach Progress Association</b> \$80,000 toward rock pool costs
\$10,000	<b>Pearl Beach Progress Association</b> \$10,000 Community Hall upgrades
\$4000	<b>Ettalong Beach Club</b> \$4000 to Movember
\$11,000	<b>Woy Woy South PS</b> \$11,000 for the school
\$4500	<b>Ocean Beach Surfclub</b> \$4,500 Careflight
\$90,000	<b>Charity Queens - Oyster Festival</b> \$90,000 Cancer Council
\$700	<b>Woy Woy Rotary Club</b> \$700 to 1st Woy Woy Sea Scouts CUB PACK
\$42,000	<b>Umina Public school P&amp;C</b> \$42,000 to Umina Public School (2010)
\$4000	<b>Rotary Club of Umina Beach</b> \$4,000 to Coast Shelter
\$2000	<b>Woy Woy South Public School</b> \$2,000 for School Equipment
\$10,172	<b>Ettalong Public School P&amp;C</b> \$10,172 for Ettalong Public School
\$1257	<b>Peninsula Village</b> \$1257 from its annual art and craft show
\$4000	<b>Pearl Beach Progress Association</b> \$4000 for Umina PCYC
\$9800	<b>Pearl Beach Progress Association</b> \$9800 for Central Coast Lifeline and the Pearl Beach hall fund
\$7000	<b>Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation</b> raised \$7000 from its last month's fundraising activities to purchase new items
\$4300	<b>Rotary Club of Umina Beach</b> \$4300 for Religious Education Ministries at Brisbane Water Secondary College
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\$7950	<b>NRMA Insurance</b> \$7950 for Umina PCYC
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\$600	<b>Woy Woy P&amp;C</b> \$600 for Woy Woy Public School library
\$2164	<b>Ettalong Beach P&amp;C</b> \$2164 for Ettalong Beach Public School
\$1304	<b>School Fun Run</b> \$1304 for Wallaby St Weenies Preschool
\$2600	<b>Umina Junior Cricket Club and Woy Woy Junior Rugby Union</b> \$2600 for McGrath Foundation
\$700	<b>Pretty Beach P&amp;C</b> \$700 for Pretty Beach Public School
\$400	<b>Peninsula Village</b> \$400 for Lifeline Australia
\$400	<b>Ettalong 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre</b> \$400 for Arthritis NSW
\$1588	<b>Ettalong Public School P&amp;C</b> \$1588 for Ettalong Public School
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Australia Day celebrations at Woy Woy last year

**Australia Day on the waterfront**

**Australia Day activities will be held along the Woy Woy waterfront this year, with events at Lions Park and in the reserve near Memorial Park, as well as at Anderson Park.**  
 The activities will begin at 12.30pm on Wednesday, January 26, at the Lions Park, off Burge Rd, Woy Woy, with a smoking ceremony followed by the Aussie parade.  
 The parade will make its way along Brickwharf Rd, to the stage next to Anderson Park in The Boulevard.  
 Prizes for best dressed in the parade will be awarded

before local act One Minute of Living will start the stage entertainment at 2pm.  
 Other main stage events will include the Drumbala kids, Dancin'ity, Duelling Pianos, Battle of the Bands winner Sons of Alamo, YIPA, Fijian dancers and the Five Lands Extravaganza.  
 There will also be an acoustic stage in the family entertainment area south of the Memorial Park which will commence at 3pm.  
 There will be children's rides, face painting, a colouring competition, games and lantern decorating in the CWA hall area.

Belly dancers from Sahara Stars will be among the street performers throughout the day and a pie eating competition will take place next to the Vietnam Veterans display.  
 At 7:30pm, the "flame of community spirit" will be lit on the stage and at 8:40pm the annual street lantern parade will leave from the CWA hall and move towards the family entertainment area where it will finish.  
 A drumming circle will then take place before the fireworks spectacular at 9.15pm.  
 The best places to view the parade will be along

Brickwharf Rd, between Pelican Park and the eastern end of Memorial Park.  
 The fireworks will be centred around the same area but can be viewed from the main stage area, along Brickwharf Rd or from Lions Park.  
 Parking will be available in the Oval Avenue car park and the commuter carpark off Railway St.  
 The Boulevard and Brickwharf Rd will be closed from 6am.  
**Media Release, 6 Jan 2011**  
**Mark Ellis, Australia Day Committee**

**Celebrity ambassador at festivities**

**Gosford City Ambassador celebrity chef Ms Julie Goodwin will be celebrating Australia Day at Wagstaffe and Woy Woy this year.**  
 Festivities will start at 8am at Wagstaffe and at 2pm at Woy Woy.  
 Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher said it was fantastic that someone with a profile such as Ms Goodwin's can help Gosford celebrate Australia Day.  
 "Julie has lived on the Central Coast for many years



and has always been an active community member.  
 "I look forward to our local community being able to celebrate Australia Day with her."  
 "She will be helping celebrate at Wagstaffe,


Gosford and Woy Woy.  
 "I urge all community members to go to their local event and join in with the day's festivities," said Cr Maher.  
**Media Release, 5 Jan 2011**  
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One of the costumes on the day

## Malibu winners

The Ocean Beach Malibu Club has announced its club winners for 2010 following a novelty event to finish off the year.

The club conducted its annual Long John Memorial Old Mal Day on Sunday, December 5.

Competitors were required to dress up in fancy dress and surf in their costumes.

Contest director Mr Craig Coultou said this delighted the Umina Boardriders Grubs who were also conducting their contest on the day.

Matt Sing proved too good for

Hayden Emery on the day, with Bryce Williams and Gary Sing taking out third and fourth places respectively.

The presentation night was held at the Umina Surf Club on Saturday, December 18, where Hayden Emery was awarded the 2010 club champion trophy.

Cyndi Zoranovic was the 2010 women's club champion.

Tony Irwin won the 2010 clubman of the year award and Matt Sing was the 2010 Old Mal champion.

Email, 27 Dec 2010  
Craig Coultou, OBMC

## Surf camp

Umina Surf Lifesaving Club will be conducting a surf camp this month aimed at giving Nippers of all levels a chance to gain additional training in surf lifesaving.

The camp will kick off on Friday, January 14, at 10am with children being split into groups and rotated through the different disciplines.

The following day they will start the day with a light swim and run before kicking off training under the supervision of head club coach Mr Mick Magurren.

Each child will receive a camp T-shirt.

Website, 6 Jan 2011  
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## Group calls for road markers

Flexible road markers should be installed on the bay side of Araluen Dr, Hardys Bay, to delineate the edge of the road between the marina and Blythe St, according to

the Hardys Bay Residents Group.

The group has also recommended that vegetation be trimmed to improve visibility, said publicity officer Mr Allan Wilson.

He was commenting on

Gosford Council plans for the area, prepared after a car slipped off the road shoulder and a girl was hit by a car in the vicinity in separate incidents last October.

The group has also called for the widening of the road between Killcare Rd and Heath Rd, for raised pedestrian crossings in Araluen Dr and Killcare Rd.

It asked that parking be retained in Araluen Dr from the bus zone to the marina.

The group also criticised the use of signage in the council plans.

"The plan calls for an additional 15 new signs which is unacceptable in such a small area," said Mr Wilson.

He said the group contacted Council following public concern that was expressed over traffic congestion and pedestrian safety following the incidents.

The incident with the car balanced precariously on the road shoulder was "yet another statistic in a chapter of recent traffic incidents which have occurred in our community, alarming residents and visitors to Hardys Bay", he said.

Newsletter, 27 Dec 2010  
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## Bowls club appoints world champion

**Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club has appointed Aron Sherriff to a marketing and promotional role under bowls coordinator John Roberts.**

The move came after Halekulani Bowling Club, Aron's home for many years, was not able to renew his contract for 2011.

"With bowling credentials like Aron and youth on his side, it wasn't long before the phone started to ring and new career opportunities were forthcoming," said zone president Mr Kevin Dring.

"Aron has taken all before him in the sport of bowls having displayed outstanding talent as a junior at club, zone, state and national level," he said.

Staying on the Central Coast was Mr Sherriff's first preference.

"The prospects of joining a proactive and successful club like Ettalong Memorial and working with a professional like John Roberts is an attractive proposition.

"I couldn't be happier," said Mr Sherriff.

"I am certainly happy to play with an eagle on my shirt in the red, white and blue colours as I did when I cut my teeth in Premier League with the club, but I could not support a change to maroon and white.



Aron Sherriff at Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club

"That's a separate issue I will have to manage with my new boss," he said.

"I think I will learn a lot from John and hopefully I will be able to give a lot back to the club in return."

Aron Sherriff played for Halekulani club for the majority of his career except for two years when he played Premier League for Ettalong Memorial in 2001 and 2002.

He was nurtured by his coach and mentor, George Dawes, in his formative years and has since honed his skills in the company of

top bowlers of the likes of Sam and Tony Laguzza and Phil Flippence, said Mr Dring.

Since moving into the open ranks in 2003, Mr Sherriff has won 16 Zone titles, represented NSW in the State team over 100 times and represented his country in the green and gold on numerous occasions, culminating in the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games.

He finished off the year with the World Champion of champion Single's title.

Email, 5 January 2011  
Kevin Dring,  
Bowls News Central Coast



One of the team's surfers, Glen Hall

## Selected for nationals

**Umina Boardriders have been selected to go through to the national championships after coming second in the Northern NSW Division held at Dixons Park in Newcastle on Saturday, December 11.**

The team consisted of surfers Drew Courtney, Glenn Hall, Jason Ralph, Nathan Shanks, Shane Roser and Duane Artis.

The team will compete against the top four teams in every state at

the Nationals on the first weekend in February on the Northern beaches.

The Umina Boardriders team was only just beaten by North Shelley Boardriders by 1.8 points in the last minute of the final after scoring a 2.2 and putting them just ahead of Umina.

Kaitlin Watts, 7 Jan 2011  
Interviewee: Verity Roser,  
Umina Boardriders

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