



Electricity substations on St Huberts Island

## Underground cables to be replaced

The entire underground electricity network on St Huberts Island is to be replaced under a \$7 million Energy Australia program designed to modernise the area's power supply.

Due to start in March, the project will replace more than five kilometres of 11,000 volt distribution cables, as well as a number of low voltage cables connecting homes to the network, according to Central Coast area manager Mr Tom Wilcox.

He said the project would improve the quality and reliability of supply for about 500 customers living on the Island.

"The existing network has served the community well since the early 1970s," Mr Wilcox said. "But it is nearing the time when it needs to be replaced to make sure it continues to provide a safe and reliable supply of electricity."

Mr Wilcox said the entire underground network would be replaced in six stages over 18 months.

At the same time, the local distribution substation would be upgraded "to cater for increasing demand for power" from homes on the Island.

"The original underground electricity supply was installed directly in the sub-soil, leaving it more susceptible to corrosion and accidental damage.

"As part of this work, special conduits will be laid to encase the new underground cables," he said.

The first stage of works is scheduled to start in March in the area around Barracouta Ave and Helmsman Boulevard.

Energy Australia did not expect any disruption to roads outside the island but there would be some inconvenience to residents as a result of road closures required for trenching,

"We will be doing everything possible to minimise these impacts," said a spokesperson Ms Philpa Wheeler.

Existing cable routes would be followed where possible, but this may not be possible in some areas due to substantial changes to the streetscape since the original network was rolled out, she said.

"We'll also be providing more information to residents affected by any interruptions required for the work as we start each stage of the project," Mr Wilcox said.

More than \$610 million is being invested in the Central Coast electricity network from 2009 to 2015 to replace existing infrastructure, cater for increasing demand for power and meet new reliability standards.

**Media Release, 25 Jan 2011  
Energy Australia,  
Allyn Hamonet**

## Community consultation criticised

No sooner had its St Huberts Island project been announced than Energy Australia was again receiving criticism over its community consultation.

"It is disturbing that this project of major significance is being undertaken without the detailed consultation with the community as stated in the news release," said St Huberts Island Resident's Association president Mr Ron Spratt.

The electricity supplier has previously been criticised by members of the Empire Bay community for its consultation over plans for its Empire Bay substation.

Central Coast area manager Mr Tom Wilcox said Energy Australia had written to all homes on the Island in January to inform them of the upcoming works.

"We have written to every home on the island to make sure they are aware of the work ahead," he said.

"We want the local community to be well aware of the upcoming works to help minimise any disruption.

"We will also be providing project information and updates to the St Huberts Island Residents Association, the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Gosford City Council and local members of parliament."

According to St Huberts Island Resident's Association president Mr Ron Spratt, no project information had been received by the association.

"To date the only advice being the general correspondence to

residents dated 7 December 2010," he said.

Mr Spratt said a number of disruptions had occurred to power supply in recent years in some areas of the Island.

"The cause in some instances being a major defect in the cables coupled with an explosive incident.

"A couple of incidents, in the same location in Helmsman Boulevard, caused serious damage to the cabling and footway area, necessitating major and urgent restoration works.

"Residents described the area immediately prior to the incident as vibrating with the sensation of a minor tremor.

"In other instances, residents in areas of the Island were without permanent power supply for several days and the trenches where the works were carried out were continually pumped to dewater the trenches to allow the works to be done," said Mr Spratt.

Mr Spratt said he was concerned that some of the longer established allotments on the northern end of the Island had not been provided with the undergrounding of electrical services.

"There is no indication that this work may be included in the present proposal," he said.

Energy Australia said it has not received any complaints about the existing system.

**Kaitlin Watts, 1 Feb 2011  
Interviewee: Ron Spratt  
Media Release, 25 Jan 2011  
Allyn Hamonet,  
Energy Australia**

## Peninsula wins four community awards

Four out of the 10 Gosford City Australia Day Community Award winners were from the Peninsula this year.

The four Peninsula individuals and community groups were chosen from 82 Central Coast nominees.

They received their awards at a ceremony held at Laycock St Theatre on Sunday, January 23.

Ms Michelle Cuneo of Woy Woy was presented with the Arts, Culture and Entertainment award, Ms Carley Chapman from Umina was the winner of the Sport award, Aaron Camp from Umina was awarded the Individual Volunteer award and Mary Mac's in Woy Woy received the Organisation Volunteer award.

Mary Mac's leader Ms Patricia Slattery of Ettalong has also been

awarded the only Order of Australia Medal on the Central Coast for her volunteer and community work.

More detailed reports of the award recipients can be found in this edition.

**Media Release, 23 Jan 2011  
Peter Wilson, Gosford  
Council Media**



Pictured: Nada Potter (Central Coast Kid's Day Out), Joan Gay (Senior), Michelle Cuneo, Aaron Camp, Carley Chapman, mayor Cr Laurie Maher, Alf Taylor (Citizen of the Year), Cr Jim Macfadyen, Susan Holden (Mary Mac's Place), Emma Hull (Youth), Steve Petras (Mary Mac's Place), Pat Slattery (Mary Mac's Place), Graham Kinross (Mary Mac's Place) and Christine Burge (Mary Mac's Place).

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The winners of last editions Central Coast Mariners competition were Mr G.W Penn of Lisarow, Mr Oliver White of Blackwall, Mr Doug Mason of St Huberts Island and Mr Fritz

Baumung of Phegans Bay.

These four winners have each won a double pass to the final round home match against the Newcastle Jets on Sunday, February 13.

Kaitlin Watts, 4 Feb 2011

## Hot, dry start to February

February has started with the hottest weather in more than two years, according to figures from local weather station website [www.peninsulaweather.info](http://www.peninsulaweather.info).

A top of 41.6 was recorded on Tuesday, February 1, the hottest maximum in more than two years.

The highest overnight minimum in more than two years, 26.8 degrees, was recorded the following morning.

A top of 39.3 was recorded on Thursday, February 3.

By Saturday, a new record was set with a top of 42.5 recorded, as Peninsula News went to print.

The average maximum for the week was 36.5 and the average minimum 25.4.

A hot start to February

corresponded to a dry start, with no rain being recorded in the first week, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

January finished with 53.6mm, less than half its monthly average of 132.4mm.

Temperatures in January ranged from a top of 36.0 on January 24 to a low of 16.8 on January 29.

Lowest maximum temperature was 21.7 on January 3. Highest minimum was 23.6 on January 12.

Spreadsheet, 4 Feb 2011

Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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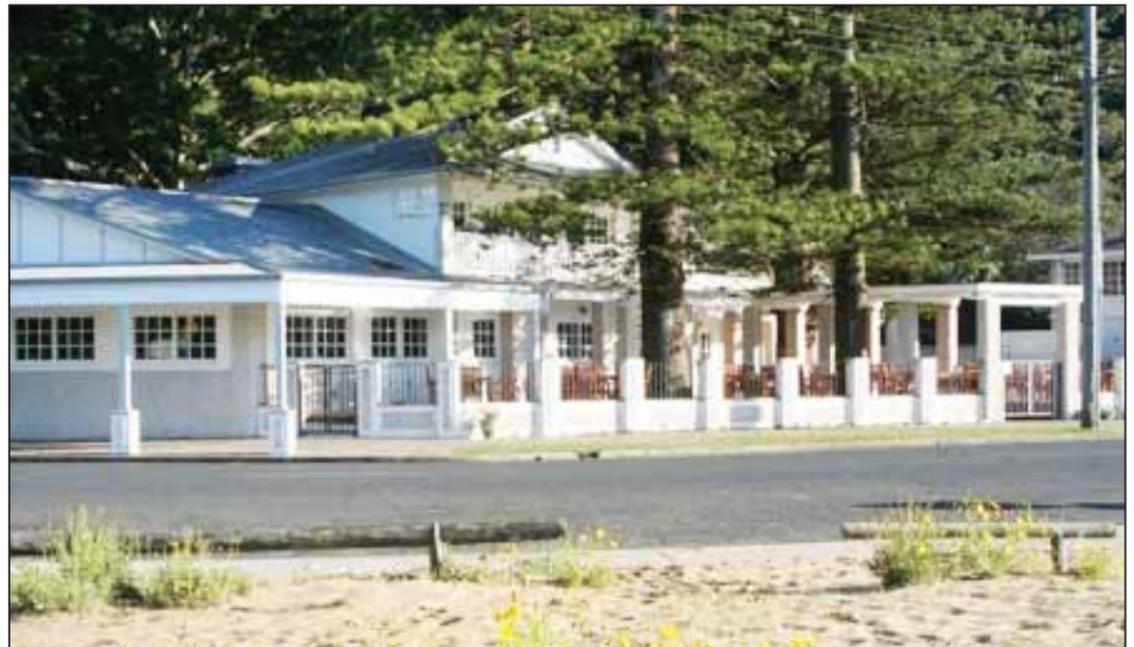
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# Council highlights broken promises



Patonga Beach Hotel

Only half of the promises made for the Peninsula by the Labor Party prior to the last State election have been fully implemented, according to a report presented to Gosford Council last week.

The report, prepared by council staff, states that four promises for the Peninsula area have been kept.

A new 20-bed transitional care unit was established for elderly patients in Woy Woy.

Security fences were installed at Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus.

Four new classrooms, a library and administration facility were built at Pretty Beach Public School.

And the audio visual system at Woy Woy courthouse was upgraded.

Work on a promised 200 extra

spaces at Woy Woy commuter car park was also recognised as being in progress.

The report stated that the promise of a new trade school at Brisbane Waters Secondary College Woy Woy campus had only been partially kept with the opening of a Nursing Unit last year.

Brisbane Water Secondary College also missed out on a promised upgrade of its science laboratory while three other high schools around the Coast received an upgrade.

Funding was also promised to improve and expand sewerage works at Patonga Creek.

However, no funding had been received.

Council meetings will receive monthly updates of the report until the State election in March.

Council Agenda COR.14, 25 Jan 2011

# Heritage hotel may be delisted

Gosford Council will consider removing the Patonga Beach Hotel from its heritage list, after advice from its architect.

“Though the existing hotel is heritage listed, subsequent alterations and additions have degraded any heritage value and it is considered it now has little heritage significance.”

As a result of the comments, the council has asked its Heritage Committee “to review the continued listing of the site as having heritage significance”.

The comments were made as part of a staff report on an application to put roofing over an outdoor terrace, which would create an all-weather outdoor dining area for the hotel, incorporating a wall and lattice screens along the eastern side.

The report stated that the proposal had been designed to complement the existing tavern building and it raised no planning issues.

The recent submission to Council is the latest of a number of applications involving

the renovation of an existing residence, including the provision of a minor tavern, minor alterations to the existing store and two new residences.

The original tavern application had been through a number of amendments including the permission of the conversion of the original car parking area in March 2010 to what is currently being used for outdoor dining.

As part of Council’s consent to allow removal of all car parking from the site, Council entered into an agreement to receive a contribution of \$75,000, payable by ways of three equal payments of \$25,000 in the years of 2010, 2011 and 2012.

The report said Council plans to expend those funds solely on car parking and foreshore works in and between the Patonga town centre and Dark Corner boat ramp.

Council Agenda ENV.2, 1 Feb 2011

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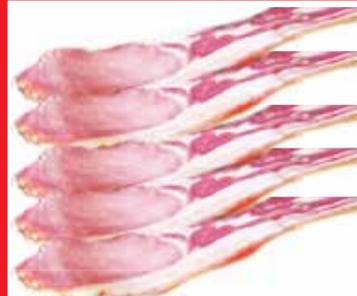
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# Council involved in Hardys Bay tests

Gosford Council has been involved in water quality testing at Hardys Bay and was aware of the results soon after pollution was first detected, according to members of the Hardys Bay Residents Group.

From the first results in October last year, testing indicated bacterial contamination at three of five sites, said group member Mr Brent Walker, the man who has done the testing once a week for three months.

"After about six weeks of testing, which provided consistent results, NSW Waterwatch contacted Gosford Council which consequently sent the director of environment and planning to undertake his own testing in conjunction with a senior NSW Waterwatch employee.

"Both parties collected these water samples on December 20, and confirmed my previous findings."

Mr Walker was responding to claims by Cr Terri Latella that the group had acted unilaterally and irresponsibly in announcing its findings.

She had called for independent testing by council.

Mr Walker said that the information about the water quality was printed in the Hardys Bay Residents Group newsletter, Bay News, in December to make local residents and renters in Hardys Bay aware of the risk of infection



Hardys Bay Residents Group member Mr Brent Walker doing the initial testing at RSL Creek

over the Christmas period.

"This was an appropriate and responsible action by the residents' group," he said.

"Furthermore, weekly testing of the three sites of concern have shown continuing very high pollution counts right through the holiday season," he said.

Mr Walker said that Cr Latella had been copied in on a letter sent to Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher about the matter.

Group publicity officer Mr Allan Wilson said Cr Maher responded to the letter on Monday, January 17, also copying in Cr Latella, confirming that further investigations would be occurring.

"Further investigations are now being undertaken to identify the possible source(s) of pollution

with a view to preventing further pollution from occurring, including liaison with the Water and Sewer Directorate staff to ensure pump stations in the area are working effectively," the letter stated.

Last week, council's education and compliance manager Mr John Parkes confirmed that council was undertaking CCTV inspection of sewerage systems in Araluen Dr to help determine whether there were defects contributing to the problem.

He said, if defects were found, they would be rectified as soon as possible.

Mr Wilson said that legitimate testing had in fact been undertaken and both a Council environmental officer and a NSW Waterwatch official from the University of Newcastle had examined and verified the results in December.

He said Cr Latella should have been aware of the issue as it had been previously raised with a number of council representatives, including Cr Jim Macfadyen.

"Cr Latella, who lives in the area, should have been aware of the community concerns which existed over the contaminated locations for some considerable time," said Mr Wilson.

"Furthermore, her scaremongering, in relation to property values, would have been allayed had she taken the time to read the article in the group's newsletter, Bay News, which clearly pointed out that the contaminated sites are the three stormwater drain outlets which have not been maintained by council and that all other tested sites were deemed to be clear," he said.

At the ordinary council meeting of Tuesday, February 1, Cr Latella formally requested that Council officers investigate allegations about unsafe water at Hardys Bay and report their findings to a future council meeting.

Kaitlin Watts, 2 Feb 2011  
Interviewees: Allan Wilson, Brent Walker, Cr Terri Latella, John Parkes

## Top voluntary group

Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy has been announced the winner of the 2011 Gosford City Australia Day Volunteer Group community award at the Australia Day presentation held at Laycock Street Theatre on Sunday, January 23.

Mary Mac's Place was recognised as the winner of the award for its volunteers' commitment and dedication to serving over 18,000 hot midday meals a year and providing clients with compassion and understanding on a daily basis.

Mary Macs Place project coordinator Ms Christine Burge said she was thrilled when it was announced that Mary Mac's volunteers had won the community award for Volunteer Group.

"The volunteers truly deserve this award as they work tirelessly in our kitchen to serve those who are less fortunate," said Ms Burge.

Order of Australia medal winner Ms Pat Slattery from Ettalong and Ms Burge said they were pleased to accept the award on behalf of Mary Mac's Place.

"Gosford Council held a truly entertaining presentation at Laycock St Theatre following a very Australian Theme," she said.

Mary Macs Place is a community based, voluntary organisation, created by three women from the St John the Baptist Parish in Woy Woy, which helped homeless and disadvantaged people with tea, coffee and biscuits.

The organisation now boasts 70 volunteers and provides numerous cases of welfare support and referral to both government and private agencies.

Chairman of the Australia Day committee Cr Jim Macfadyen said that while all nominees were worthy, the winners stood out in their respective fields and were selected based on their significant contributions to our local community.

"The winners of the 2011 Australia Day Community Awards have helped to enrich our community in a number of ways and today has been an opportunity for us to thank them for their hard work and efforts," he said.

Media release, 24 Jan 2011  
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Christine Burge, Mary Mac's Place

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## Marine rescue called as men flee into water

**When three occupants of a suspected stolen car fled into the water at Murphy's Bay, Koolewong, Marine Rescue Central Coast, the volunteer coastguard organisation, was called to assist police.**

The rescue boat crew, Mr Bren Weston, Mr Phil Page and Mr Bob White were standing by at 6.45pm, ready to retrieve the fireworks barge from behind the mangroves at Woy Woy following the fireworks display at 9pm, when they received the call.

The rescue boat was tasked to assist in case those in the water got into difficulty or boarded moored boats and caused damage.

A NSW Maritime vessel also responded to the call.

A wide search of the area was unsuccessful and police were eventually advised that three men had been arrested on shore.

One of the men was taken to hospital due to water being swallowed and the remaining two were taken to the police station.

The previous Saturday, January 22, Marine Rescue volunteers were tasked to assist a 4.5 metre runabout with two people on board.

The runabout was being swept onto the rock shelf at the south end of the channel leading into the bar at Little Box Head at around 2pm.

Marine Rescue Central Coast's vessels, Central Coast Lifeboat and Brisbane Water Lifeboat, were on a joint training exercise near Lions Park at Woy Woy at the time when they received an Urgent Safety Message call.

Both vessels were immediately diverted to Lobster Beach to

provide assistance.

Following arrival some 10 minutes later, volunteers found that the runabout was high and dry on the rocks and the crew was safe.

With assistance from a passing kayaker a towline was passed to the stranded vessel.

The rescue crew were able to edge the stranded boat gradually back into deep water.

The rescue boat crew were advised that the runabout's engine had failed as they were entering the channel on their way to cross the bar into Broken Bay.

The big swells running swept the boat onto the rocks.

The runabout was towed back to Koolewong ramp by Mr Brian Warburton and his crew.

Before Brisbane Water Lifeboat could leave Lobster Beach it was tasked to assist a 37-foot Beneteau sail boat that was firmly aground.

This was done with assistance from the NSW Maritime Boating Safety Officer who helped lay the vessel over with a halyard from its mast to free the keel while Brisbane Water Lifeboat towed the vessel free.

As Brisbane Water Lifeboat was returning to base, around 3.40pm, the crew was diverted to Ettalong to assist four people with 4.5 metre runabout on the beach at Ettalong.

The boat could not start its engine.

It was towed to deeper water and using the rescue boat's battery pack was able to jump start its motor and get underway.

Media release, 24 Jan 2011, 27 Jan 2011

Ron Cole, Marine Rescue Central Coast



Jetties at St Huberts Island

## Council threatens canal legal action

**Gosford Council will take legal action against four property owners who have boating facilities in St Huberts Island canals if they do not have development consent by Friday, April 1.**

Council staff told last week's council meeting that the four owners have provided written or verbal undertakings of their intentions to submit development applications for their facilities.

According to the report 35 of the 46 pontoons in the canals have development consent and are licensed by Council and seven are the subject of current deferred development consents.

Since a council meeting on December 7, only one pontoon owner has gained development consent.

The report by council staff stated that they would continue

to liaise with affected property owners as well as the St Huberts Island Residents Association.

St Huberts Island resident's Association president Mr Ron Spratt said he supported regulation of the canals and would like to see a licencing fee for the facilities introduced which would go into Council's maintenance fund for St Huberts Island.

"My Utopian situation is that all boating facilities within the canals be in receipt of an approved development application and be licensed annually and pay annual licence fees."

Mr Spratt said that the council was responsible for canal maintenance.

"They have not conducted any maintenance in those canals since the development of the Island in the 1970s.

"There are numerous seawalls collapsing in the canals through

lack of maintenance.

"I would like to see all boating facilities be it pontoons, walkways or moorings paying to Council an annual license fee for the use of the Council's land to pay for maintenance of the canals of the St Huberts Island which are the allotments of land under the ownership of Council," said Mr Spratt.

Mr Spratt said he has been working on the issue of illegal boating facilities since 1995.

"It took Council until 2007 to get a control plan that was actually workable," he said.

He said he had not heard from council recently.

"The last information I got from them was a letter dated December 14," he said.

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Interviewee: Ron Spratt





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## Michelle is arts winner

Michelle Cuneo from Woy Woy has been selected as the winner of the Arts, Culture and Entertainment award at the Gosford City Australia Day Community Awards ceremony held at Laycock St Theatre on Sunday, January 23.

Ms Cuneo was chosen for her continuing contribution to the arts.

For over 24 years, she has been involved in the talent development of young performing artists in the Gosford area and has followed the career path both as a performer and choreographer.

Ms Cuneo said there were so many talented nominees she was surprised to be announced the winner.

"Winning was a total surprise," said Ms Cuneo.

"There were so many nominees with outstanding contributions to our local community that I was pleased to simply be considered amongst them.

"I've been humbled by the number of well-wishers," she said.

"People have been genuinely pleased for me.

"I'm very proud of the work I've done, including establishing Cuneo Dance Company, an independent



contemporary dance company that gave local dancers the opportunity to work with experienced international performers," she said.

Ms Cuneo is currently the artistic development officer for Central Coast Post School Options, providing performing arts opportunities for young adults with disabilities and is in the process of developing a disability dance

company Open Door Dance Co.

"Like most creative people I'm driven by a love of the arts and a discipline learnt through years of arts training," she said.

"The sheer enthusiasm and joy for living and learning these people bring each week fuels my passion even more," she said.

Email, 2 Feb 2011  
Michelle Cuneo, Woy Woy

## Retaining wall tenders changed

Gosford Council will change its tenders for the stabilisation of a retaining wall on Mt Ettalong Rd, Patonga Dr and Pearl Beach Dr after three submissions came in over budget.

Director of corporate services Mr Nic Pasternatsky said that Council was changing the specifications of the work to fit within the budget and new tenders were being put out.

"We want the work to go ahead.

We don't want to delay it," he said.

Mr Pasternatsky said the work would now not include a continuous rock retaining wall and footpaths.

The initial tender included rock bolting and shotcreting of the embankments and block retaining walls in Mount Ettalong Rd and Patonga Dr and construction of rock catch fencing in Pearl Beach Dr.

Council Agenda COR.5, 1 Feb 2011  
Interviewee: Nic Pasternatsky

## Police seek help with fires

Police are appealing for information about a man who was captured on CCTV footage around the time of a series of small fires at the Woy Woy commuter car park on Christmas Day.

Police are hoping the man, who was seen in the area, may be able to assist police with their inquiries.

He is described as being of athletic build with blonde-sandy hair and a distinctive tattoo on his biceps.

At the time he was wearing a white singlet and multi-coloured board shorts.

Emergency services were called to a car park on The Boulevard at Woy Woy at about 5.15am on Christmas Day, after commuters reported they could smell smoke coming from an elevator.

Another fire was discovered in an industrial bin behind a nearby building and two more fires were also discovered a short distance away.

All four fires were extinguished

without incident with subsequent investigations confirming they were all deliberately lit.

Anyone with information about the circumstances surrounding the fires, or the identity of the man in the CCTV images is urged to contact Gosford Police via Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Media Release, 24 Jan 2011  
Police Media Unit



## Australian citizens

Fifteen people from around the Peninsula have become Australian Citizens in ceremonies on Australia Day.

Four people from Umina, two from Ettalong, two from St Huberts Island, two from Killcare Heights,

one from Killcare, one from Booker Bay, one from Woy Woy and one from Empire Bay were involved.

"Australia Day is such a special day for all Australians, and especially for those becoming Australian citizens," said Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill.

"Our strength as a nation lies in our people, and we are all strengthened by the contributions of those who have chosen to join our Australian community.

"This formal commitment to country is a powerful reminder of our national spirit in this time of natural disaster.

"It reminds us of the courage and sacrifice on which Australia was built, and of our ability to stick together through thick and thin."

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## Judged for cleanliness

**Pearl Beach will be judged this week in its attempt to be declared Australia's Cleanest Beach.**

Clean Beaches Awards judge Dr David Moy will arrive in Pearl Beach on Tuesday, February 8, to check out the projects undertaken within the community that earned Pearl Beach the state title of NSW Cleanest Beach.

Dr Moy will be evaluating the initiatives against the national awards criteria which encompass environmental innovation and protection, water and energy conservation, community partnerships, litter prevention, resource recovery and protection of local heritage and culture.

As winner of the State title, Pearl Beach automatically became a national finalist.

"Each of the Clean Beaches national finalists should be extremely proud of their efforts as they provide inspiration and practical case studies that other communities can learn from to protect and preserve their local beach environment, culture and heritage," said Dr Moy.

"It's great to see how the dedicated work of individuals, community groups, industry and local councils can successfully

come together to achieve positive environmental outcomes that helps to ensure their beaches and town as a whole can move forward sustainably", he said.

Dr Moy's tour of Pearl Beach will include the recently restored rock pool, an inspection of the dunes, access walkways to the beach, the Pearl Beach lagoon, the Significant Tree Walk; a self-guided walk through the Crommelin Native Arboretum and a visit to the Crommelin Biological Research Station.

Dr Moy's visit will also include a stop at the beach reserve to meet volunteers from Dunecare, Bushcare, Waterwatch and the Pearl Beach Progress Association to discuss with them the community's initiatives in relation to the preservation of its natural and social heritage.

Following his national tour of the state and territory finalists, Dr Moy will then decide the national winner.

This will be announced at the 2011 Clean Beaches Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 6, to be held South Port Noarlunga Beach SA, the winner of last year's national title.

**Media Release, 4 Feb 2011  
Fay Austin, Palm Beach Media**



Pat Slattery with children in Africa

## Team leader receives OAM

**Mary Mac's Place team leader Ms Patricia Slattery of Ettalong has been awarded the only Order of Australia Medal received on the Central Coast this year for her service to the community through social welfare and church organisations.**

Ms Slattery said she was proud, thrilled, and stunned when she received the award from the country that she loves so much.

"It is so difficult to put into words something that is so heart felt and means so much to me.

"It is a blessing to live in a country where we are given so many opportunities to work and mix with so many wonderful people," she said.

Ms Slattery has been the Mary Macs Place team leader since 2003 and is also the Mary Macs Place representative on the Homeless Services Interagency project.

She is a member of the Bishop's Advisory Committee, Parish Bereavement Ministry, president of the Umina-Ettalong Sacred Heart Conference and a St Vincent de Paul Society volunteer since 2001.

She also teaches scripture and conducts seminars at schools on the Central Coast and was a teacher at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School for 40 years.

"Pat's voluntary work to those in need has extended well beyond local boundaries," said friend Mr Graham Kinross.

"In both 2007 and 2009, at her own expense, Pat travelled overseas to undertake voluntary work in various countries including the Dominican Republic, Brazil and South Africa, where she volunteered for work in long-day care, cooking, cleaning, welfare support and assistance, spiritual support, teaching English, Spanish and Maths to children, assisting in AIDS clinics and AIDS orphanages, and providing a broad range of help and assistance in rural villages," he said.

"Pat exemplifies, in the finest manner, what can be achieved in both the local community and in overseas countries through simple

hard work, a focus on helping those in need, and a positive, altruistic attitude.

"She is an inspirational role model for all Australians and a lady of intrinsic decency.

"Her deeply-held personal philosophy of helping the disadvantaged and marginalised, her compassion, non-judgemental attitude, her outstanding ability to communicate and connect with people from all walks of life, her selfless, humble approach to life, and most certainly her ongoing advocacy and work for both in Australia and overseas sets her apart as an outstanding Australian and unquestionably, a worthy recipient of the Order of Australia Medal," said Mr Kinross.

**Email, 26 Jan 2011  
Graham Kinross, Woy Woy  
Website, 2 Feb 2011  
Governor General of the  
Commonwealth of Australia  
Email, 1 Feb 2011  
Patricia Slattery, Ettalong**



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# Is wildlife corridor a good idea?

**A wildlife corridor has been created at the arboretum.**

This we are advised was developed with Gosford Council and the Sydney University landscape school program and planted by the arboretum committee.

Over the years many thousands of trees have been planted in the arboretum's 5.5 hectares.

The article on the Croomelin Native Arboretum in Peninsula News, January 24, advises that hot westerly winds affected trees in the area, so more trees were planted as wind breaks.

The fire mapping of Pearl Beach suggests that the western side of the village is favoured.

This was certainly the case with the big fire in the early 90s that came through and removed a pine

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tree plantation which occupied the very area now referred to as the wildlife corridor.

In that fire, a high percentage of the arboretum was burnt and we were very fortunate to lose only two houses.

While we love trees in Pearl Beach, and acknowledging that the arboretum borders residential properties with little or no Asset Protection Zones, it seems foolhardy to extend the fuel potential in the area now called the wildlife corridor with tree plantings.

It increases the risk of a possible fire burning in the National Park, entering the Arboretum via the wildlife corridor which would change it to a wild fire corridor.

Given the terrain and creeks

that make up the centre section of the arboretum, and the whole wildlife corridor, the fact that there is no vehicle access or for that matter safe clear working areas for fire fighters in that specific sector of the arboretum, should be further cause for concern.

The NSW Rural Fire Service slogan, Prepare, Act, Survive, initialised this letter.

We live in a beautiful village environment which is enriched by the presence of the arboretum.

With a single access road, we need to be risk-aware and conscious.

Is the wildlife corridor and current access to the area such a practical idea?

Email, 31 Jan 2011  
Vic Brown, Pearl Beach

# Liberals firm against coal mine

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**I write in response to Mr Carl Veugen's letter ("Mining may affect water") published in your January 10 edition.**

Mr Veugen's concerns that mining in the Wyong Valleys may affect water for all Central Coast residents are valid.

Hydrological evidence shows that the Kores proposal could seriously affect Central Coast water catchment and water security for Central Coast residents.

The Liberal Party has consistently stood side-by-side with the people of Wyong and the people of the Central Coast to oppose new coal mining underneath Central Coast water catchment.

At a public rally on January 28, 2009, Opposition leader Barry O'Farrell pledged the State Opposition would oppose the Kores project.

Mr O'Farrell attended the protest rally in support of Liberal Candidate for Gosford Chris Holstein, Liberal Candidate for Wyong Darren Webber, Liberal Candidate for The Entrance Chris Spence and Member for Terrigal Chris Hartcher.

Disappointingly, the same can't be said for the sitting Central Coast Labor Members and the Labor candidates for this year's State election.

Labor candidates for Gosford and The Entrance have avoided the issue at every opportunity, a reflection of their NSW Labor Party breeding, whilst Labor Member for Wyong David Harris has even gone so far as to avoid a vote in Parliament on this issue.

The Labor Member for Wyong's claims that he has been lobbying premier Kristina Keneally in opposition to this project with no result is simply proof of his ineffectiveness as a local Member of Parliament.

Our position on this important issue is clear.

The Central Coast Liberals will not allow the safety of our water security to be put at risk.

If we are elected to Government on March 26, there will be no Wallarah 2 coal mine.

Letter, 3 Feb 2011  
Chris Hartcher, Member for Terrigal

# Council tests confirm contamination

**Each week for more than three months, I have been carrying out water testing at five sites in Hardys Bay.**

I have placed the results of these tests on the NSW Waterwatch website.

In October last year, the very first results indicated bacterial contamination at three of these sites.

After about six weeks of testing, which provided consistent results, NSW Waterwatch contacted Gosford Council which consequently sent the director of environment and planning to undertake his own testing in conjunction with a senior NSW Waterwatch employee.

Both parties collected these water samples on December 20, and confirmed my previous findings.

Since then, my testing has continually shown similar results at all three sites for the remainder of December and right through

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News, January 24.

I fail to understand why she did this.

Surely, her attitude could not be endorsed by Gosford Council or the Greens Party which she represents.

I do not expect a public apology from Cr Latella, although this would be most welcome considering the huge amount of voluntary effort I have been putting into this community service.

However, I do now request that she and Gosford Council put all their efforts into tracking down the sources of bacterial contamination of Hardys Bay creeks and drains and subsequently ensuring that remedial action is immediate and professional.

Certainly, the precious environment of Hardys Bay and the health of its citizens demand no less.

Email, 31 Jan 2011  
Brent Walker, Killcare

January, including the latest tests carried out by me on Sunday, January 30.

I had hoped that Gosford Council would have been most concerned about the threat to the health of residents and holidaymakers caused by the bacterial contamination of creeks and drains flowing into Hardys Bay.

Instead, however, Cr Terri Latella saw fit to publicly attack the messenger through the Peninsula

# Presidential power

**Mike Conroy's expose "Why was Minister devious?" (Peninsula News, 24 Jan 2011), reveals how things are done in the big smoke by a corrupt and underhand government.**

And what can you do or who can you send for?

Nothing and no-one, only a pencil on a piece of paper once every three or four years.

What needs to be done is a change to our constitution to allow the Governor-General or an elected president to call a committee of inquiry with total powers, so

that a dishonest or incompetent government can be sacked.

Letter, 24 Jan 2011  
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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# John Robertson, Kristina Keneally and John Hatzistergos



Redhand Creek

**Mr. Harold Marks has asked me to intercede on his behalf.**

He feels that after ten years, all of his elected representatives have let him down badly.

Gosford City Council destroyed his valuable water front grazing land.

I have visited his property at 399 Oyster Shell Road, Mangrove Creek, to do a quick photo survey (see panorama photo).

There is no doubt that a casual observer will see the result of incompetent and unjustified earth works which have destroyed the grazing value of several acres of Mr. Marks cattle grazing bottom land on either side of Redhand Creek.

I believe that based on what I have been told, documents I have to hand and what I have seen during a short time on this property, there is clear evidence of Gosford City Council failing to effectively oversee works done by them or their agents.

That negligence has been compounded by various State government departments and Ministers, seemingly accepting the word of a problem council over that of the

aggrieved party, Mr. Marks.

The State has returned his complaints for re-consideration to the same council responsible for the not insignificant damage to Mr. Mark's property in the first place, thereby compounding the initial problem.

[Gosford City Council destroyed a large section of a man's farm property then went into damage control.](#)

This problem is political for the time being, like the other problems which I have publicly brought to John Robertson as Minister for the Central Coast and John Hatzistergos, the State's first law officer for attention.

These other problems include the council misleading the Coroner during his inquiry into the wrongful deaths of five people in a ditch at Piles Creek Somersby as well as the stand over tactics used by Gosford City Council in a failed attempt to bully my father into applying for a change of use on his property.

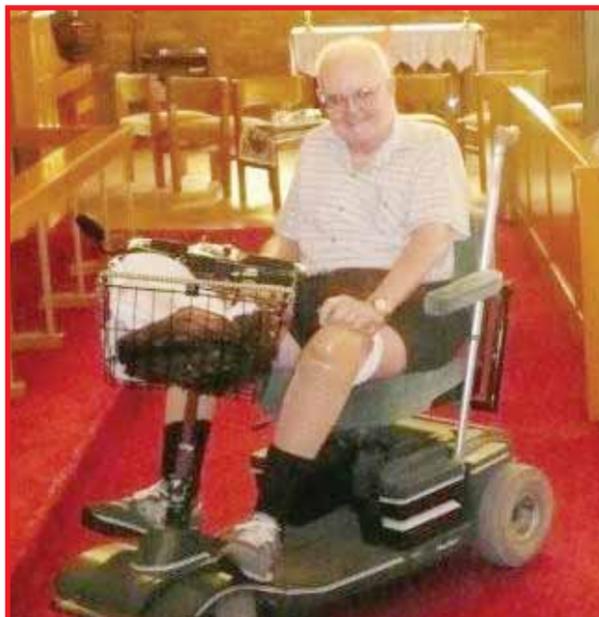
All are issues which could be sorted in a few days by a determined Minister who values his standing with the voting public and of course enjoys full support from the Office of Premier and Cabinet.

I am resolved to make Mr. Harold Marks' complaint another chapter in the Gosford City Council/State government shame file. This file is a part of the election process so voters across the State may see and understand how poorly they are being represented.

After the initial report of negligence and cover up of what many may consider political sins against the people amounting to property damage and abuse of power identifying the notorious Gosford City Council, failing to act will not be good publicity for you personally as the Minister for the Central Coast and Labor generally during the run up to an election.

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

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**Public meeting Saturday February 19, 2PM - Saint Luke's Anglican Church Hall, Blackwall Road, Woy Woy**

All people who are still lobbying for their Woy Woy Public Hospital's Rehabilitation Ward to be returned to us from Kanwal, where Wyong Hospital is located, are welcome to attend a public meeting Saturday February 19, 2PM, Saint Luke's Anglican Church Hall, Blackwall Road, Woy Woy. There are over 9000 people over sixty five years of age who expected their important hospital amenity to remain on the Peninsula, right where locals had worked weekends and during the week on cake stalls to collect money and put this important medical amenity in place and to support it over many years

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# Tesrol is needed

I would like to respond to all the negative letters in the last edition of Peninsula News regarding the proposed development by Tesrol.

I am in strong favour of the proposal.

We have moved into this area two years ago and have seen no improvement in this area, no growth.

I don't find boarded-up vacant shop fronts with ugly graffiti an attractive sight or shop front windows that are broken on regular basis.

Ettalong Beach is a disgrace!

Old wharf stumps jutting out from the sand, fallen trees allowed to rot in water, broken glass and beer bottles littering the beach:

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Gosford Council does not care! This type of environment does not attract tourists or young families.

If we don't have development and big money invested, Ettalong will fall into further disrepair.

Remember, no investment means no growth means no work for our young people.

They have to go to Sydney to find work and we will have more closed shops with broken windows.

Wake up residents of Ettalong and Umina, we have to go forward, because if you don't progress, you regress.

Email, 30 Jan 2011  
Maya Koopman, Booker Bay

# Typical of why nothing happens

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One only has to take a short drive to Nelson Bay or Shoal Bay to see numerous apartment buildings four storeys or more in height or holiday resorts, not just one but several standing at six storeys and yet, the world hasn't vaporised.

On the contrary, Nelson Bay and Shoal Bay are considered one of the prettiest areas on the northern coastline.

We yearn for their beautiful

marina with shops and cafes, a delight to walk along, yet in reality knowing that will never happen here in Gosford.

Certainly not while we have the attitude of small-minded blow-ins and their self-proclaimed greenies with an archaic-thinking Council who say one thing then do another.

Well done, Tesrol, and we look forward to seeing the cranes in the air once again.

Letter, 1 Feb 2011  
Janice Kissane, Umina

# Time to support hospital alliance

People from every community organization, group, school, sport, nursing home, together with other interested people who feel a better health deal is warranted should support the Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance.

All of our politicians and Health Department CEOs, from the Federal Minister for Health to the

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State Minister for Health, fob off our enquiries as to why they steal away what the community worked so hard for on the Peninsula.

Add to that both our State and Federal political representatives, including those that contested the most recent election and those that nominate for the next.

The Peninsula is almost the forgotten part of Gosford City.

Health services for all age groups are a shambles.

The hospital was built in the 70s because even that long ago the need was recognized.

Amalgamation with Royal North Shore held promises of better things to come. Community input would be sought!

Two comprehensive reports asked for and submitted to the Minister involving many health professionals for many hours of debate and submissions recommending upgrade to 30 beds for our hospital were completely ignored.

Instead of more beds, they took away our Rehabilitation Unit.

Is it too much to ask, for one hour a month, to come to our meeting or at least send a letter of support, listing your concerns?

Email, 2 Feb 2011  
Marj Cleere, Umina

It was a brilliant letter from Mike Conroy regarding the Tesrol development at Ettalong published in the last issue of Peninsula News.

Mike's research shows that there is a stench of malpractice by the Minister and his department regarding the approval process

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and the matter should be fully investigated by an independent body.

Mike's uncovering of a significant donation to Deborah Wales' election fund by Tesrol in 2007 raises a number of questions.

The horrible Tesrol development will probably ruin what was a great village.

Online submission, 24 Jan 2011  
Vic Jefferies, St Huberts Island

# Who was responsible?

The email comment made by Deborah Wales in the last edition of Peninsula News stating that in 2009 Chris Holstein famously said "we haven't lost one red cent" is relevant.

Most reasonable people agree that this was a stupid statement both then and now.

However, what she failed to say was that the investments were made prior to the GFC in

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2008 when Cr Jim Macfadyen was mayor and Labor dominated the council and voted the approval.

She also failed to mention that the person who researched and recommended the investments was director of corporate services Mr Nic Pasternatsky who for some inexplicable reason continues to hold that position.

Email, 25 Jan 2011  
Godfrey Franz, Killcare

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## Two trains have extra carriages

Two trains each day now have an extra two carriages.

The 5.36am Gosford to Central service and the 5pm Central to Gosford service have been increased from six to eight carriages from February 1.

"This is excellent news as it means more capacity on peak services and a better chance of getting a seat," said Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

The Member for the Entrance Mr Grant McBride said the increase was made possible by the roll out,

so far, of 130 Oscar train carriages.

Labor candidate for Gosford Ms Katie Smith welcomed the announcement saying the extra carriages were a real boost for the Central Coast.

"It's never been easier to catch public transport in Gosford and the Central Coast with more buses on the roads, more commuter car parks, and now train services with extra seats," she said.

Media Release, 31 Jan 2011  
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford

## Missing boy found

Police have located a missing developmentally-delayed Tumbi Umbi teenager at Woy Woy on Saturday, January 29.

Hayden Wilcox, 14, was located at a relative's house in Woy Woy

after he left his Tumbi Umbi home around 10am on Friday, January 28, for a pushbike ride.

Police were notified when the boy didn't return before dark.

Media Release, 29 Jan 2011  
Police Media Unit

## Business meeting

A business networking meeting will be held at the Ettalong Beach Club on Thursday, February 17.

The Business 2 Business with a Twist group will hold a Blue Lagoon Soiree for its first networking meeting on the Peninsula.

The meeting will begin at 6pm and like those held around the Coast over the last three years will offer business owners and employees the opportunity

to network and build business relationships, said meeting organiser Ms Lyn Thompson.

Ms Thompson said the meetings had previously been very popular with each meeting held at a different venue and regularly attracting new businesses.

With inquiries, call Lyn Thompson on 4392 8550.

Media Release, 2 Feb 2011  
Lyn Thompson, Business to Business with a Twist

Ocean Beach surf life saver Aaron Camp was awarded Gosford Council's Individual Volunteer Australia Day Community Award at a ceremony held on Sunday, January 23, at Laycock St Theatre.

Mr Camp was nominated by his fiancée, 2010 Central Coast Lifesaver of the Year Ms Katie Dixon, for his volunteer roles in surf lifesaving.

"I was thrilled to be nominated but did not imagine having a chance of winning the award, given the many dedicated individuals in our community."

Among Mr Camp's roles, he is a patrol captain at Ocean Beach, surf lifesaving director of marketing, Ocean Beach surf lifesaving youth liaison officer, surf lifesaving Central Coast youth facilitator, Central Coast SurfCom operator and Central Coast duty officer as well as a contributor to the surf lifesaving Australia 14 to 17 youth program development team.

Mr Camp is a medical researcher studying vision and balance, and organises career development activities for young researchers and students.

He also coordinates and delivers brain awareness week activities to high school students on the Central Coast and is a partner in the CSIRO scientists in schools program.

Mr Camp said his activities revolved around personal and professional development and began 10 years ago when he had

## Surf life saver wins volunteer award



his first experience demonstrating in an anatomy class at the University of Newcastle.

"I found I enjoyed passing on my knowledge and was good at finding ways to help students understand," he said.

Mr Camp is now a lecturer in anatomy at Sydney University.

"I am very aware that I am not the best scientist or teacher or surf lifesaver, but what I really try to do is help and encourage those

around me achieve as much as they can.

"In that way my contribution might be that one of those people goes on to cure blindness or vertigo or saves a life on the beach," said Mr Camp.

"I have made many and varied mistakes and I am quite willing to highlight those so others don't have to make them," he said.

Kaitlin Watts, 1 Feb 2011  
Interviewee: Aaron Camp

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Mr Rod Radford raising money for the Queensland floods

## Rotary raises money for floods

The Rotary Club of Umina has raised \$6000 for the Queensland floods.

The money will be forwarded through the Rotary District to Queensland Rotary Clubs in affected areas.

Rotary Club of Umina media advisor Mr Geoff Melville said one Rotarian stood out in the fundraising activities.

"Rod Radford is a well-known and highly-respected Rotarian still dedicated to community service,"

he said.

He is 91 years of age and in his 60th consecutive year in the Rotary.

Mr Radford and other members of the Rotary Club were proactive in raising money for victims of the Queensland floods.

"Rod Radford is a great role model to young and old Rotarians alike and we pay tribute to him," said Mr Melville.

**Email, 2 Feb 2011  
Geoff Melville, Rotary Club of Umina**

## Jackpot win

A local man has won \$319,822.90 playing Keno at Woy Woy Leagues Club on Saturday, January 29.

The win was a nine-number jackpot that had been building for some time and patrons were

expecting it to go off.

The winner was a local who wishes to remain anonymous.

It is expected that his winnings will be spent on a new house.

**Email, 4 Feb 2011  
Josh Collins, Woy Woy Leagues Club**

## New Uniting Church minister

Ettalong and Umina congregations of the Uniting Church will welcome the Church's new minister, the Reverend Mark Watt, when he commences work with Broken Bay Parish this month.

Umina Uniting Church will hold

an induction service for Mr Watt on Sunday, February 13, at 3pm.

Mr Watt will be moving from Tuggerah Lakes South Parish where he has been minister since 2002.

Prior to this, he has served as minister to Tamworth and district, Westmead Hospital, St John's Wahroonga and North Lake

Macquarie.

Before ordination he worked in lay ministry in the housing commission and also in youth and family ministry.

Mr Watt is a chaplain with the army and also with the NSW Police service.

**Email, 23 Jan 2011  
Stephen Wilton, Umina Uniting Church**

## Church holds Funday program

Hope Church in Umina will hold a Sunday Funday program throughout February to provide an opportunity for people to experience and explore church in a family-friendly environment.

The Sunday Fundays will be held on Sunday, February 13, at 10am, and on the following two Sundays.

The Church will provide free face painting, slushies, fairy floss, children's activities and a jumping castle.

"Adults will receive free

cappuccinos and espressos after an uplifting and inspiring church service," said Funday organiser Ms Sue Wilson.

With inquiries call Sue on 4344 2509.

**Media release, 2 Feb 2011  
Sue Wilson, Hope Church**

## Funding for community care

A number of Peninsula organisations will receive funding as part of the Federal Government's Home and Community Care program.

The Peninsula Community Care Inc. will receive \$33,000 for a new IT system and Community Care Services Central Coast will receive \$17,000 for a new concrete pathway and awning at Woy Woy

dementia day care centre.

The Woy Woy Peninsula Neighbourhood Service will receive \$2000 for new IT equipment.

Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill said: "This funding will allow local care providers to upgrade some of their facilities and carry out minor capital works."

She said that it helped people whose capacity for independent

living was at risk.

Ms O'Neill praised the organisations for their important work in the community.

"It goes without saying that we all want people to remain independent, in their own homes and communities, close to friends and family for as long as they can."

**Media Release, 28 Jan 2011  
Matt Pulford, Office of  
Deborah O'Neill MP**

## Bakers Say Three Cheers For Chia!

Bakers Delight Umina Beach and Woy Woy are proud to bring to their community a new healthy era in white and wholemeal bread – Chia bread! Filled with whole Chia seeds, this new bread will challenge the phrase 'best thing since sliced bread!'

Chia is an ancient seed first used by the Aztecs, and is one of the highest natural sources of the plant form of omega-3 (ALA) at 19.3 per cent. Chia seeds are also very high in dietary fibre at 37.8 percent, rich in antioxidants and contribute beneficial levels of protein and other minerals such as iron, magnesium, phosphorous and calcium. These key nutrients provide a range of health benefits including heart, bone and digestive benefits.

Joseph and Rosemarie Mondal and the teams at Bakers Delight Umina and Woy Woy are excited to be able to bring this fantastic innovative product to their customers and are up early every day to make sure that they've got fresh loaves on the shelf.

"Chia seeds are like multi-vitamins designed to be consumed regularly and now they are contained in an every day product, freshly baked by our bakers, delivering the health benefits to the community.

"At Bakers Delight, we pride ourselves on being at the cutting edge of food technology, by bringing Chia into our range, as the first national freshly baked supplier, we are not only providing our customers with healthy options, but supporting Australian farmers," Rosemarie Mondal concluded.

Chia seeds were discovered by fourth generation farmer, John Foss, who recognised the nutritional value of Chia while researching natural solutions to modern health problems like obesity and diabetes. John founded The Chia Company to develop the worlds best supply chain for Chia in the Ord River farming region. Prior to the exclusive national supply partnership, forged this week between The Chia Company and Bakers Delight's 650 bakeries in Australia and New Zealand, 95 per cent of the Chia produced was shipped overseas.

Food and Nutrition Australia Dietitian, Sharon Natoli, applauds the development of this new bread as an exciting healthy addition to Australian and New Zealand diets.

"Chia is considered one of nature's super foods with just two slices of Wholemeal Chia Bread containing 25 per cent more fibre than regular supermarket wholemeal bread, two to five times more omega-3 ALA\* and two and a half times the level of antioxidants when compared to many other seeded and wholegrain breads," Sharon said.

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The team of bakers at Bakers Delight Umina and Woy Woy continue to work hard throughout the day to provide fresh, tasty bread using all natural ingredients and very importantly no preservatives in the Traditional and Continental ranges. Fresh baked Chia is available seven days a week at both Bakers Delight Umina and Woy Woy

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## Sea Scouts attend Cuboree

**The first Woy Woy Sea Scouts attended the NSW State Cuboree from January 9 to 13.**

Eight members and four leaders attended the event from First Woy Woy Sea Scouts including nine-year-old Paul Parkhouse from Woy Woy.

Paul said the theme of this

year's event was Time Warp and there were six different warps: Mystery, Cave, Oz, Roman, Space and Marine.

"Marine Warp had lots of challenges like mud pit with monkey bars, mud fights, lava pit, tunnels and a bear pit," said Paul.

"I liked Oz Warp, Roman Warp, Cave Warp, Marine Warp and

Space Warp.

"I got some animals to play with, shirts and a hat to wear, and swap badges for my camp blanket," he said.

The Cuboree is for members aged seven to 10 years.

Email, 24 Jan 2011  
Julie Crowhurst, First  
Woy Woy Sea Scouts



## Second call to halt work

**State Greens MP Dr John Kaye has again called for construction of the substation at Empire Bay to be stopped.**

"Residents on Monday, January 24, were horrified to witness the clearing of vegetation at the site of the substation at Empire Bay," said Dr Kaye.

"Several mature swamp mahoganies, common to endangered ecological communities, have been destroyed and areas reserved for bushland regeneration and preservation seriously impacted upon," he said.

Dr Kaye said the government should delay the project at least until a report on reducing or deferring electricity network charges has been properly assessed.

"By approving the substation, Energy Australia ignored the concerns of local residents and

a 2003 ruling by the Land and Environment Court that places a restriction on permissible uses of the site.

"There is no reason why the Energy Minister Lynch can't immediately halt construction of this unnecessary and damaging project," Dr Kaye said.

Energy Minister Mr Paul Lynch said he was advised by Energy Australia that the project started after community consultation and environmental assessments.

"I am further advised by Energy Australia that the project will protect dedicated bushland zones," he said.

"The vast majority of new power lines will also be laid underground," said Mr Lynch.

Media Release, 27 Jan 2011

John Kaye, Greens NSW

Email, 1 Feb 2011

Andrew Williams, Office  
of Paul Lynch MP

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The day finished at Woy Woy with the Lantern Parade and a fireworks display simulcast. Gosford's official Australia Day Ambassador Ms Julie Goodwin attended both celebrations, along with Gosford's 2011 Citizen of the Year, Mr Alf Taylor.

Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher said this Australia Day showcased our nation's true Aussie spirit.

"Celebrations saw people from all colours, creeds, faiths and walks of life coming together to show their pride in being a part of our great nation and the community in which we live," he said.

Australia Day committee chairman Cr Jim Macfadyen thanked everyone involved in contributing to the day's success.

"From breakfast at Wagstaffe, to the Citizenship Ceremony to the Great Aussie Raft Race to the Lantern Parade and fireworks, it was great to see residents of Gosford City uniting to celebrate what's great about being Australian," he said.

Media Release, 27 Jan 2011  
Peter Wilson, Gosford Council Media





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# Out and About



**Young country music artist 16 year old Ashley Knight from Woy Woy has won this year's Battle of the Youngstars competition at the Tamworth Country Music Festival held from January 17 to 21.**

"Ashley was well received at many local establishments in Tamworth, increasing her fan base across all ages and impressing many experienced musicians and sound technicians," said Ashley's father, Mr Steve Knight.

The Brisbane Water Secondary College student has a number of

## Ashley wins young star competition

successes under her belt including finishing as a grand finalist in the Junior Saddles competition held last year for artists under 18 from across Australia, as well as being announced as a regional finalist in the Road to Tamworth competition.

Ashley said she had been dedicated to music since she was nine years old and is currently training for her grade eight piano certificate.

"I was elated to win the Goulburn Valley Battle of the Youngstars.

"This was the inaugural battle and it was surprising the amount of talent and response it received,"

said Ashley.

"They provided a professional backing band which included the likes of Rod Coe, who was the late Slim Dusty's record producer, music director and original bassist.

"They were great guys and awesome to play with," she said.

Ashley has performed as a listed artist at a number of venues around Sydney and will be performing on the Coast in the near future.

Email, 27 Jan 2011  
Steve Knight, Woy Woy

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## Patchwork quilts donated to hospital

**Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre patchwork quilt class has made two small quilts to be donated to the Gosford Hospital Auxiliary.**

"The patchwork class has a long history of quiet generosity, having made and donated two quilts to the Gosford Hospital Auxiliary to be raffled in the past," said newsletter editor Ms Dorothy Mulholland.

"The first was a teddy bear quilt which was organised by the late Margaret Hannaford.

"The second was a double country quilt, much of which was designed by Yvonne Robinson," she said.

The patchwork class had also donated several dozen small hats for premature babies to the neonatal ward of Gosford District Hospital.

"When my grandson Tyran was born, it was found that the

neonatal ward of Gosford District Hospital was short of very small hats for premature babies, so the patchwork classes made several dozen little hats in all sorts of bright colours and donated them to the premature ward in Tyran's name," she said.

Newsletter, 1 Feb 2011  
Dorothy Mulholland, EBACC

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## Music store changes name

**A Woy Woy music store has changed its name, following a change of ownership.**

Woy Woy School of Music continues to operate from the same premises as the former Peninsula Music.

"We're proud to have opened again in Woy Woy as we see it as essential for the community to have access to high quality, affordable lessons without travelling for hours," said new owner Mr Phil Byrne.

"The name has changed but we have many of the same teachers from the old business and some exciting new teachers on board in piano and drums," he said.

"We have years of experience and can really get your music lessons to the next level."

The music school has been running since 2004 and has become an institution on the Peninsula, according to Mr Byrne.

"Originally set up by Marilyn

and Frank Russell, the school has taught hundreds of children and adults over the years.

"We want to continue the tradition of the business as being a fun, safe and educational place for children and adults.

"We have first-class facilities, purpose-built studios with air-conditioning and quality instruments with our latest addition, a high-quality upright piano in our studio," said Mr Byrne.

The school will be adding many more courses over the coming weeks and months including a beginner group class for adults.

Media Release, 2 Feb 2011

Phil Byrne, Woy Woy School of Music

## Open days at crafts centre

**Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre will hold a number of open days between February 14 and 25.**

Classes will be run by the Crafts Centre for free to show members working on their individual crafts.

"We are opening our doors wide with a warm invitation for members of the community to visit our centre during class times to meet our tutors and students," said publicity officer Ms Sue Sullivan.

"This is an opportunity not to be missed as you will see firsthand the members working on their individual craft," she said.

"The classes provide a relaxed and friendly environment for our students who always manage to have fun while learning new skills or enhancing those they already have.

"An end of year exhibition provides an ideal platform for all our members to display their arts and crafts and the opportunity to sell their own work," she said.

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Email, 3 Feb 2011  
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### Ettalong 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre (262)

(formerly Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre)  
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### Gosford 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre

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## Community Groups

### Friends of the ABC (257)

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jhale@tac.com.au;

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### Hardys Bay Residents Group (271c)

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allanbw@bigpond.com

### The Krait Club (270c)

Community Centre - Cooina Village, Neptune St, Umina  
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### Northern Settlement Services (257)

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P.O. Box 7284 Kariong

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## Environment

### Peninsula Environment Group (260)

Talks, films, social events, workshops, renewable energy and recycling projects, organic food buying group  
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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)

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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 Auxiliary (272)

0412 773 441

### Peninsula Women's Health Centre (2605)

A centre for women's well being. Clinic sister; counselling; alternate therapists; groups and community education; drop-in; support for women in crisis; advocacy; printed information and resources 4342 5905

Wed and Thur 9.30am to 3pm - 20a McMasters Rd, Woy Woy  
www.ccwhc.com.au  
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If you would like your  
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## Local boy hits big time

**A local schoolboy has hit the big time in New York, starring in the US production of Billy Elliot the Musical.**

Daniel Russell, 14, of Umina is currently performing as Billy Elliot to sold-out theatres across the United States.

This is the second time Daniel has been cast as Billy in the production after he performed the title role for six months at Her Majesty's Theatre in Melbourne when he was 12.

"When the Australian Production closed, Daniel was home for 12 months before he received a phone call from New York City asking him if he would be interested in re-auditioning for the same role for a US national tour," said his mother Ms Bronwyn Russell.

"Naturally, Daniel was very keen and within a few weeks was in New York City rehearsing on Broadway for three months before the tour commenced.

"Daniel is enjoying life on the road and has met many amazing people," she said.

"Daniel loves all the rehearsals, press conferences and hard work involved with playing such a demanding role but especially loves the feeling of satisfaction when the audience has a wonderful time seeing the show," said Ms Russell.

When the Gosford High School



Daniel Russell rehearsing for Billy Elliot the Musical

student is home, he attends a local performing arts dancing school at Umina.

"Daniel started dance lessons when he was in preschool and has continued for the past 10 years, winning many awards and scholarships both locally and in Sydney," said Ms Russell.

Daniel previously trained his voice with Joanne McMahon from

Umina and has studied tap, ballet, contemporary and jazz-hip hop.

Locally, Daniel has performed in a number of musicals with Gosford Musical Society including Oliver, Alice in Wonderland and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.

Email, 4 Feb 2011  
Bronwyn Russell, Umina

## 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.

# \$372,154

\$3000

**Brisbane Water Bridge Club** donated \$3000 to the Web Youth Services

\$1160

**Rotary Club of Woy Woy** donated \$1160 to First Woy Woy Sea Scouts

\$1160

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\$1160

**Rotary Club of Woy Woy** donated \$1160 to The Web Youth Support Group

\$1160

**Rotary Club of Woy Woy** donated \$1160 to Riding for the Disabled

\$920

**Rotary Club of Woy Woy** donated \$920 to Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus

\$750

**Deepwater Court retirement Village** in Woy Woy raised \$750 for the Queensland Flood Appeal

\$3187

**Randalls on the Beach** donated \$3187 to the Queensland Flood Appeal

\$6000

**Rotary Club of Umina** raised \$6000 for Queensland Rotary Clubs

\$2121

**Woy Woy Men and Women's Bowling Club** raised \$2121 for the Queensland Premier's flood appeal

\$200

**Woy Woy Women's Club** also raised \$200 for the NSW Bowling Association Red Cross Flood Appeal

\$100

**Wallaby Street Preschool** \$100 for the Queensland floods

\$1000

**Ettalong Memorial Fishing Club** \$1000 for the Gosford Hospital burns Unit and \$1500 for the Queensland flood appeal

\$1500

**Lodge Morning Star** \$1000 to the Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club and Working Age Group

\$1000

**Woy Woy Public School P and C** \$20,000 to Woy Woy Public School

\$20,000

**Woy Woy Aged Care** \$2500 Woy Woy Womens refuge and Men's Prison Ministries

\$2500

**Peninsula law team** \$6205 for the 2010 MS Sydney to the Gong bike ride

\$6205

**Pearl Beach Progress Association** \$80,000 toward rock pool costs

\$80,000

**Pearl Beach Progress Association** \$10,000 Community Hall upgrades

\$10,000

**Ettalong Beach Club** \$4000 to Movember

\$4000

**Woy Woy South PS** \$11,000 for the school

\$11,000

**Ocean Beach Surfclub** \$4,500 Careflight

\$4500

**Charity Queens - Oyster Festival** \$90,000 Cancer Council

\$90,000

**Woy Woy Rotary Club** \$700 to 1st Woy Woy Sea Scouts CUB PACK

\$700

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

\$42,000

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

\$4000

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

\$2000

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

\$10,172

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

\$1257

**Pearl Beach Progress Association** \$4000 for Umina PCYC

\$4000

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

\$9800

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

\$7000

Funds donated earlier in the year have been removed to allow space for more recent donations

## The Peninsula Diary

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

### Monday, February 7

Peninsula Environment Group Annual general meeting, Woy Woy Environment centre, 6:30pm

### Tuesday February 8

Nedley Depression Recovery Program, Seventh day Adventist Church, Woy Woy, 3pm and 7pm

Cleanest Beaches Awards judging at Pearl beach

### Thursday February 10

Cybersafety information evening, Brisbane water secondary College, 7pm, free

### Friday february 11

The Usual Suspects, Randalls on the Beach Killcare, 6:30pm

### Saturday February 12

PCYC Birthday Family Fun Day, Umina PCYC, 10am-3pm

Wowgirls Learn to Surf Day, Umina Beach, 10am

Southern and United Football Club registration day, James Browne Oval Woy Woy, 10am

Woy Woy Football Club registration, Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, 9am-1pm

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association Registration day,

Lemongrove Netball Courts Ettalong, 10am

### Sunday February 13

Blues Angels, Randalls on the Beach Killcare, 1pm

Sunday Funday, Hope Church umina, 10am, free

Umina Uniting Church induction service, 3pm

### Monday 14 February

Valentines Night Dinner Show - Dexter Morph, Randalls on the Beach Killcare, 6:30pm

Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre Open Days begin

### Thursday February 17

Blue Lagoon Soiree, Business to Business with a Twist, The Mantra, Ettalong, 6pm

### Friday, February 18

The Underpants, Woy Woy Little theatre

### Saturday February 19

Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance meeting, St Luke's Church Woy Woy, 2pm

### Sunday, February 20,

Comp and Registration day, Umina Boardriders, Umina

Beach This and That's That, Randalls on the Beach Killcare, 1pm

### Friday February 25

The Usual Suspects, Randalls on the Beach Killcare, 6:30pm

### Saturday, February 26

Troubadour folk club, Woy Woy CWA Hall

### Sunday February 27

Blues Angels, Randalls on the Beach Killcare, 1pm

### Tuesday March 1

Business Clean up Day

### Friday March 4

Schools Clean up day

### Sunday March 6

Clean up Australia day

### Saturday March 12

Opera in the arboretum, Crommelin Native Arboretum in Pearl Beach

### Tuesday, March 8

Boy Meets Girl auditions, Woy Woy Little theatre, 7:30pm

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

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For more info  
[www.myspace.com/ozbluesangels](http://www.myspace.com/ozbluesangels)  
[tom@tomflood.com.au](mailto:tom@tomflood.com.au)

## Entertainment

### Usual Suspects



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**See them live at Randalls on the Beach, Killcare Feb 25**  
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## The Troubadour Acoustic Music Club

meets at the CWA Hall Woy Woy  
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**Rookies challenged**

Ocean Beach Surf Lifesaving Club has placed second in the Rookie Challenge event held at Ocean Beach on Friday, January 21, from 2pm to 3pm.

All 15 clubs on the Central Coast competed in the event with competitors showing the lifesaving skills they've learnt from patrolling the beach.

The events in the Rookie Challenge were based both on theory and practical skills and consist of six children in a team.

Participants were numbered and chosen randomly.

They were required to undertake tasks such as identifying and performing signals used on the beach, answering trivia questions about lifesaving and competing in team relay events aimed at highlighting the necessity of working as a team.

Email, 31 Jan 2011  
Aaron Camp, Ocean Beach SLSC



**Nippers perform well**

Three Umina Surf Lifesaving Club nippers have performed well in the Australia Day Iron Person Classic held at Cronulla Beach on Wednesday, January 26.

Lachlan Braddish placed first in the Under-9s, Keisha Bovill placed third in the Under-12s and Rachel Wood came sixth also in the Under-12s.

"The day started in heavy fog but once that lifted the

heat of the day appeared and also the wave swell peaked," said club secretary Ms Christine Lavers.

Umina members also received commendable results in the Central Coast Branch Lifesaver events held over a two-day period on January 29 and 30 at Umina.

Kerry Armstrong Smith, Rick Boylan, Gaby Krucler, Helen Krucler and Jack Waining won the Champion Lifesaver event which comprised practical, theory and surf sport elements.

Second place went to Teigan Miller and third to Emily Wardle.

The Senior First Aid competition was held on

Sunday, January 29, and according to Ms Lavers the club did well.

Jason Mumford and Layne Edwards placed first with Jessica Rooke and Melissa Edmonds.

Paul Sharpe and Steve Dixon were placed third along with Jack Dixon and Oliver Shepherd and Jess Thomas and James Rook.

Most of these competitors will travel to Cudgen Beach near the Queensland border for the NSW State Titles in March.

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## Carley wins council sport award

Umina resident Carley Chapman has been awarded the Gosford City Australia Day Community Sport Award for her involvement in both Special Olympic sport and mainstream sport.

Carley is 22 years old and has Down syndrome but still regularly participates in a variety of sports including swimming, golf, 10-pin bowling, athletics, soccer, tennis and basketball.

Carley's Special Olympic regional and state sporting credits include swimming, athletics, tenpin bowling, soccer, basketball, sailing and golf as well as being voted in for the past two years as a member of the Special Olympics Central Coast Committee.

Last year she won two gold medals at the National Titles in the 100 metre sprint and shot-put and was selected to light the cauldron with the Flame of Hope torch at Bluetongue Stadium.

Outside of the Special Olympics, she is also involved in netball, dancing, golf and karate, has completed an athletes leadership program and has travelled all over the country to compete in sporting events.

"Carley was very pleased to receive the letter from the committee of the Gosford City Council Australia Day Community Awards, inviting her to Laycock



Carley with her siblings and sister-in-law after receiving her award

Street Theatre to receive a certificate for her sporting abilities," said Carley's mother Ms Jenni Chapman.

"At that time she didn't realise that there were going to be overall winners in each category so was very surprised," she said.

Carley was nominated by her brother and sister-in-law, who according to Ms Chapman shed a few happy tears when she was announced the winner.

"Carley wasn't expecting to be even nominated let alone to win the sports categories.

"Carley stated that she could not believe that she had won an award," said Ms Chapman.

Ms Chapman said Carley

enjoys sport and dancing as she is able to be herself and achieve her personal best, have fun, meet new people and travel to different places for competition.

"Carley enjoys competing and is surprised with herself when she does win medals and ribbons.

"Training helps with her fitness, self-esteem and definitely confidence, but she is humble as well and is very surprised at times when she does win events," said Ms Chapman.

Media Release, 24 Jan 2011

Peter Wilson, Gosford

Council Media

Email, 2 Feb 2011

Jenni Chapman, Umina

## Netball registration

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association will hold its registration day on Saturday, February 12, from 10am to 2pm at Lemongrove Netball courts in Ettalong.

The association runs a series of competitions throughout the season for interested players with this year's competition beginning on April 2, at Lemongrove Netball

courts.

The club also has a number of representative teams which compete in both the Sydney and Hunter Regions State League Competitions.

The association also competes each year in the State competition for New South Wales for junior and senior groups.

Email, 30 Jan 2011

Ellie Hamilton

## Money raised for flood appeal

The Woy Woy Men's and Women's Bowling Clubs raised \$2121 for the Queensland Premier's flood appeal in an Australia Day bowls competition.

"The greens were most colourful with people in a variety of Australian shirts and hats," said women's club publicity officer Ms Miriam Cotton.

"Although extremely hot, with bowlers returning to the club house for cold drinks and air conditioning, it was a most enjoyable day," she said.

The women's club also raised \$200 for the NSW Bowling Association Red Cross Flood Appeal two weeks before.

Press Release, 28 Jan 2011

Miriam Cotton, Woy Woy WBC

## Surf club has golf day

Umina Surf Club held a golf day last month on Friday, January 28, to help with fundraising for the club.

"Last year we had 45 participants and because there were a lot of requests to have another one, the Surf Club has made this an annual event," said Umina Surf Club secretary Ms Christine Lavers.

"This year there were 61 entries."

The day was organised by JAC

officer Mr Robert McLeod.

The event was held at the Springs Golf Course and presentations were held back at the surf club.

The overall winning team consisted of Dave Gaffney, John Boyd, Paul Sharpe and Simon Blake.

Email, 3 Feb 2011

Christine Lavers, Umina SLSC

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## Ocean Beach wins Malibu challenge

Ocean Beach Malibu Club claimed first place for the third consecutive year at the annual Three Way Charity Challenge held at Catherine Hill Bay on Sunday, January 23.

The three clubs turning up for the Challenge were Ocean Beach Malibu Club, Wallarah Long Board Club and Shelly Beach Malibu Club.

After a slow start to the first three heats, Ocean Beach was

able to win eight of the next nine heats, giving them a 33-point lead after the 12 general heats and no chance of being overtaken during the remaining two superheats.

Heat winners for Ocean Beach included Hayden Emery, Chris Irwin, Matt Sing, Bryce Williams, Scott Arena and Richie McClelland.

Walarah claimed second place over Shelly Beach.

Email, 1 Feb 2011

Craig Coulton, Ocean

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## Stephanie makes Gliders team

Woy Woy basketballer Stephanie Van Leeuwen has been selected for the Australian Women's Wheelchair Basketball team, the Gliders, which will contest the Osaka Cup in Japan from February 1 to 5.

Long-term Australian representative Liesl Tesch, also from Woy Woy, will not be playing in the tournament this year.

Ms Van Leeuwen will make her debut appearance for Australia, after attending a camp held at the Australian Institute of Sport over four days in early January where selectors picked her for the team to go to Osaka.

Ms Van Leeuwen suffers from myopathy which she said had

only recently been classified, but she had played for the Sydney University Flames wheelchair basketball team for three years.

"I really enjoy playing and find the other team members very inspirational," she said.

Ms Van Leeuwen has been playing alongside Ms Tesch, who is Australia's most-capped wheelchair basketball athlete.

The Gliders are the two-time reigning title-holders in Osaka and will be joined in this year's tournament by USA, Canada and Japan.

Email, 29 Jan 2011  
Noel Rowsell, Parramatta  
Basketball Association  
Email, 31 Jan 2011  
Stephanie Van Leeuwen



## Woy Woy wins at Wagga Wagga

The Woy Woy Wombats Water Polo Club has returned victorious from the NSW Country Club Championships held in Wagga Wagga over three days from January 28 to 30.

The club entered a men's team which won the competition for the first time since 2008, competing against Lake Macquarie, Albury Sharks, Nordek from the ACT and East and Central Newcastle.

The Nordic team was the only team able to defeat the Woy Woy Wombats and managed to remain undefeated until they entered the grand final where the Wombats took them out 8-6.

"The Wombats played one of

their best games of the season," said communications director Ms Belinda Simpson.

"Goal keeper Sam Wheeler had a brilliant game and the opposition could just not get anything past him," she said.

Wombat players Brit Tait and Tracy Elliot also played in the

championships, however, they competed in a team for Central Newcastle and managed to win their division.

Brit Tait has also recently been selected for the Hunter Hurricanes National League team.

Email, 20 Jan 2011  
Belinda Simpson, Woy  
Woy Wombats

## Uphill battle to qualify

Umina Cricket Club has registered nine wins out of 10 matches played throughout January yet they still face an uphill battle to qualify for the semi-finals in most grades.

Umina Cricket Club vice-president Mr Warwick Egan said the first grade team threw away an excellent chance to move into the top six when beaten by Narara 164 to 95.

"By far the team's worst batting performance of the season, and with seven batsmen being bowled, it magnified the extent of the

debacle," he said.

According to Mr Egan, first grade will now have to win all three of the remaining games to qualify.

"Two of these matches appear quite winnable, but the final match will be against competition leaders Wyong at Umina," he said.

"Second grade are on a roll and should qualify if they maintain momentum.

"The three lower grades have it all to do, with three wins a necessity," he said.

Media Release, 26 Jan 2011  
Warwick Egan, Umina Cricket Club

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