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Libs promise rail underpass

A Liberal Government would spend \$45 million before 2015 to upgrade Woy Woy Rd, including a railway underpass.

NSW opposition leader Mr Barry O'Farrell and Liberal candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein announced on Monday, February 28, that a Liberal Government would deliver \$30 million towards the upgrade of Woy Woy Rd.

This commitment will be funded as part of the NSW Liberals and Nationals action plan to inject an extra \$200 million into the roads capital works budget.

"Chris Holstein has fought tooth and nail to secure a commitment to deliver much needed upgrades to Woy Woy Rd to help ease congestion and improve road safety," Mr O'Farrell said.

"It is Chris' persistence that led to today's announcement that a NSW Liberals and Nationals Government would commit \$30 million towards a Woy Woy Rd upgrade in our first term of Government.

"This funding will allow planning to be fast tracked and construction to commence on this \$45 million project.

"We will deliver the balance in 2014-15 to complete the project.

"We will work with the local community and road experts to ensure the best possible upgrade option is delivered.

Cr Holstein welcomed the announcement and said it would go a long way to easing traffic congestion along the Peninsula. "This funding will allow us, in conjunction with Gosford Council, to upgrade the last two kilometres of Woy Woy Rd and provide an underpass to the railway," said Cr Holstein.

This will eliminate the dangerous Rawson St crossing and enable us to bring this major arterial road up to an acceptable standard.

"Woy Woy Rd is the second main access road into the Peninsula and has been proven in past to be crucial when the other access routes are blocked.

"Woy Woy Rd takes in excess of 15,000 vehicle movements each day."

> Media Release, 28 Feb 2011 Jaymes Boland-Rudder, Office of Barry O'Farrell MP

New application for three-storeys

A fresh development application (DA) for a threestorey building on three lots at the corner of Araluen Dr and Killcare Dr, Hardys Bay, is expected to be lodged this month.

Architects have told a meeting of the Hardys Bay Residents Group that the new proposal was a modification of the proposal previously rejected by Gosford Council.

The modified proposed development would still see a three-storey building facing the bay, according to group publicity officer Mr Allan Wilson.

This time it would consist of two shops, four residential units, a pool, gymnasium and barbecue area as well as parking at the rear of the shops under the first level of units, he said.

The previous proposal consisted of four shops and nine residential units with two levels of underground parking.

The initial DA was submitted to Council in August 2008 and the Land and Environment Court ruled in favour of Council's refusal to grant the DA in March last year.

Mr Wilson said the Hardys Bay Resident's Group committee was approached in early February by two architects, Mr Graham Murray and Mr Peter Macfadyen, representing Bespoke Properties with the alternative plans.

"We advised the architects that we would, as a committee, listen to their ideas but refrain from making any comments or pass any views on the new proposal and duly pass them on to a membership meeting for general comment," said Mr Wilson.

He said the design had been altered but concerns still remained about the bulk and scale.

Mr Wilson said the architects provided interesting observations from the floor.

"Graham Murray offered that, with last year's model in mind, the current design showed 'some promising signs'," said Mr Wilson.

He said Mr Murray told the meeting that the upper development featured only the pool area and the commercial section was a reduced 36 metres in length.

Mr Wilson said Mr Macfadyen argued that the new design had better bulk and scale and would retain more trees.

Email, 1 Mar 2011 Allan Wilson, Hardys Bay Residents Group

Venture may replace Ettalong hall

Gosford Council will explore replacing the old Ettalong Progress Hall in Maitland Bay Dr in a joint development with the adjoining caravan park managers.

Under the proposal, the hall would be replaced by a new "multiuse community facility" within the caravan park and the park's lease would be extended to include the land on which the hall stands. that its business operations warranted the capital input and the reconfiguration of the layout of the facilities.

Council was also advised that the existing swimming pool was leaking and required significant

repairs. An existing community building to assist in managing a new onsite community facility, with the assistance of the caravan park manager and potentially other community members".

The report stated that Council was exploring the possibility of a new multiuse community facility on the land and investigating the removal of the existing Ettalong Hall which had been vacant since January last year, following the demise of the progress association. At that time, Council staff assessed the building as requiring \$200,000 of work to make it adequate for community use. Since then, the hall had suffered further water damage, with mud and debris entering the building. According to the report, the park managers did not consider the hall to be viable for its purposes.

Road closed for Ettalong Festival

The Ettalong Beach Festival will be held on Sunday, March 20, from 10am to 4pm, with Ocean View Rd closed between Picnic Pde and Memorial Ave.

The road will be filled with market stalls from shop owners, local artisans and community groups, as

Central Coast's bush tucker man Jake Cassar, Australian Walkabout Wildlife Park and local songstress Sarah Humphries.

World music act King Tide will headline the community festival with original reggae tunes on the main stage from 2pm.

"They've played at all the major festivals around Australia including

An existing pool would be replaced and additional manufactured home sites would be provided.

Australian Tourist Park Management, lessee of the Ettalong Beach Caravan Park, put a proposal to upgrade existing facilities at the park at an on-site meeting on September 23 last year.

The company advised Council

within the park was also proposed to be demolished and replaced with a modern multi-purpose facility.

The operators sought an extension of their lease to include land currently occupied by the adjoining Ettalong Hall and land at the front of the park for a larger community building.

In a report to Gosford Council on February 22, community services and rrganisational development director Mr Terry Thirlwell said that the park residents' group, which managed the current communal area, " would be ideally placed

Council Agenda COR.28, 22 Feb 2011 well as with entertainment.

The festival will kick off at the main stage on Pacific Pde at 10am with a traditional aboriginal welcome to country ceremony and an address by Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher.

Following Cr Maher's welcoming address, multicultural performers will take to the stage.

The festival has been designed to cater for more than 4000 people, according to entertainment programmer Ms Ylenna Zajec

She said performers would include the Ganang Spirit Dancers, Indian and belly dancers, the

Womad, Woodford and Sydney Festival," said Ms Zajec.

Children's amusement rides will also be held in the car park opposite the beach including giant slides, jumping castles and rides.

Younger children can attend a story telling activity complete with puppets, face painting and sing-a-longs.

Activities will also be held along the beach including a learn to paddle board and surf class, run by the WowGirls.

> Media Release, 18 Feb 2011 Ylenna Zajec, Ettalong Beach Festival

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The winner of last edition's Paws on the Coast competition is Shirley O' Malley from Blackwall who won a Dog Treats Pack valued at \$100.

Kaitlin Watts, 4 Mar 2011

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Endangered chicks die

Both chicks born this season to the sole remaining bush stone-curlew breeding pair on the Peninsula have died.

The second of the two chicks died after being found injured on Carpenter St, Umina, on Saturday, February 26, aged 10 weeks.

The breeding pair produced two eggs in December, however one chick died shortly after hatching.

The chicks were hatched in the grounds of Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College in December.

The staff at Umina High School had erected a fence around the nesting birds in an attempt to protect them from predators.

The remaining chick was banded by The Gosford Friends of the Bush Stone-curlew, a volunteer group which help manage the small population of this threatened species in Gosford Shire.

"This is a sad blow to The Gosford Friends of the Bush Stonecurlew group," said coordinator Mr Alan Morris.

"It is also sad news for the staff and children at Umina campus who went to great efforts to ensure that the birds nested safely.

"If anyone can provide any more information on how this bird was injured or any information generally on bush stone-curlews on The Peninsula, the Friends Group would like to hear from you," said Mr Morris.

The population of bush stonecurlews in the Gosford area consists of four breeding pairs, three male birds holding territories from the death or disappearance of the female bird and a number of juvenile birds.

The lone breeding pair on the Peninsula are based around the Umina High School campus, St John the Baptist Catholic School and the Everglades Golf Course and move freely between the three

sites, he said.

"To lose one of our colourbanded chicks is a great loss and does not help in trying to maintain the viability and sustainability of the local population," said Mr Morris.

"Most of the other pairs and single birds live around the Brisbane Water foreshores in public reserves, nature reserves and on private property," he said.

The bush stone-curlews' major enemies are foxes which take the eggs and chicks, dogs which chase birds from their feeding and roosting sites, and human interference.

Bush stone-curlews are nocturnal.

They roost during the day and feed at night on grasshoppers, moths, spiders and large insects.

With inquiries, phone Alan on 4348 4327

Media release, 3 Mar 2011 Alan Morris, Saratoga



A 7-week-old Bush Stone-curlew



Revised sewer plan to be displayed

problems in the area.

The new plans include unsewered areas to the south and east of Empire Bay Dr in Empire Bay which had not previously been included in the project due to the environmentally sensitive nature of the wetlands.

Priorities for the project were existing pump-out stations and business operations, properties that are unable to adequately sustain on-site sewage management without significant risk to public health or the environment and new sewer infrastructure adjacent to property boundary.

According to the report, the Cockle Bay Towns Sewerage Project is one of four remaining priority sewerage schemes in the Gosford area identified in the 1990s.

The scheme aims to protect public health and the environment in the Cockle Bay catchment by improving wastewater services in Empire Bay.

The project is expected to reduce public health and environment risks posed by inadequate on-site systems, eliminate septic odours, dampness and ponding in property yards, provide cleaner waterways and offer long-term cost savings for properties with excessive pump-out and on-site system maintenance costs.

Council Agenda WAT.2, 22 Feb 2011

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A revised draft service plan

for the Cockle Bay Towns

Sewerage Project at Empire

Bay will be placed on public

exhibition for 21 days before

Gosford Council decides

whether to proceed with the

The revised plans extend the

sewerage area in response to

resident submissions to plans

exhibited in October and November

submissions which represented

20 per cent of the community

56 per cent of respondents did not

who had not been identified for

sewer services and were keen to

connect, citing public health and

respondents did support the draft

service area, including 11 per

cent that were not in the proposed

cost, timing and type of system

to be installed and the drainage

Other concerns related to the

A total of 44 per cent of

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One of eight plant interns

Sydney University student Susan Rutherford of Woy Woy is one of eight young scientists to win a place in a seven-week internship with the plant science experts at Sydney's Royal Botanic Garden and Domain Trust.

Ms Rutherford and her fellow interns spent a week at the Crommelin Native Arboretum in Pearl Beach where they sampled vegetation types ranging from the Hawkesbury sandstone bush to the mudflats and mangroves of Patonga Creek.

"It was a very hot week to be out in the field.

"However, the heat did not stem their enthusiasm to work all day and well into the night identifying plant specimens," said Botanic Garden flora botanist Ms Louisa Murray.

Ms Rutherford collected plant specimens that will be added into the collection of 1.2 million specimens in the herbarium located at the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney.

She also learnt how to mount and store these specimens.

"I will start my PhD this year and the experience I have had with Royal Botanic Garden and Domain Trust experts has guided my botany focus," said Ms Rutherford.

Trust executive director Dr Tim Entwisle said: "These science students from universities across New South Wales have access to some of the best scientists in Australia, working in one of the most exciting work places for a budding botanist, the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney.

intensive "They've had training in plant and ecosystem conservation, plant disease and plant identification," said Dr Entwisle.

The internship aims to provide

a holistic teaching approach, focusing on the skills scientists will need in the field, providing seminars with senior scientists, teaching the skills they will need in the science job market as well as encouraging the interns to learn from each other as they work

of Commerce has backed

Gosford Council's proposed

extensions to the draft

service area for the sewer

"On the basis of last year's

community consultation process,

the Chamber backs the Council's

proposal to include other rural-

residential areas that are currently

un-serviced by sewer in the

Empire Bay and South Bensville

areas," said Peninsula Chamber of

Commerce president Mr Matthew

numerous businesses (some

of whom are members of our

and

properties that have, by today's

sewer disposal which must be

addressed through the State

Government funding under the

Cockle Bay Towns Sewerage

it has been recommended that the

additional areas identified during

the consultation period late last

year be included in the sewerage

"In the latest report to Council,

standards, inadequate

"At the moment, there are

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Empire Bay.

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Project.

in teams within the herbarium, horticultural research and plant pathology laboratories.

Media Release, 21 Feb 2011 Louise Olsen-Cole, Royal Botanic Garden and Domain Trust

Chamber supports sewerage scheme

The Peninsula Chamber scheme.

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"In recent years, new homes and businesses have been established which have placed greater pressure on the environment to the point where previously accepted means of onsite disposal of wastewater and sewerage are now out dated.

"These homes and businesses need to be connected to the Council's sewer system to ensure that the local environment is protected," said Mr Wales.

"Empire Bay and South Bensville were previously identified under NSW Government funding programs in the 1990s and are only just catching up now," he said.

"The Chamber supports the re-exhibition of the draft service area plan and is looking forward to the new plan being adopted by Council.

"We will be seeking assurances from any incoming government after the NSW State Election that funding for the sewerage scheme will continue to be supported as it is essential for the protection of the environment that these areas are fully sewered," said Mr Wales.

> Media Release, 21 Feb 2011 Matthew Wales, Peninsula **Chamber of Commerce**

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One of us

As a volunteer at the Gosford Women's Health Centre, as well as providing free legal advice I was part of the group

which led to the Peninsula Centre opening. In 2007 I was appointed to what is now Regional Developement Australia Central Coast. In addition I was Secretary of the Umina Football Club for 7 years as well as becoming involved with other sporting groups on the Peninsula.

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Election

Voting booklet not deceptive, says **MP's office**

The office of the Member for contained a form for people to **Gosford Ms Marie Andrews** has rejected claims that postal voting information she had sent to voters was deceptive and dishonest.

In letters to Peninsula News, residents have criticised the fact that while Ms Andrews' name appeared on the material, it did not disclose her party nor the fact that she was not standing for re-election.

"My concern is that older or less informed voters may believe that Marie is actually standing and request an application in the belief that they are supporting her and not the true candidate contesting the seat at the upcoming election," wrote Mr Adam Crouch of Umina.

Woy Woy resident Ms Eva Lee said: "It seems that this form will only enable me to vote Labor as it clearly indicates that this application will only be sent to the office of Marie Andrews, who is the sitting Labor Member for Gosford and not even renominating for the seat."

Ms Andrews' electorate officer Ms Suzanne King has denied the claims.

She said the postal voting booklet was not asking residents to vote Labor.

Ms King said the booklet

become a postal voter.

The form could be sent to Ms Andrews' office and would then be forwarded to the electoral commission.

Following this, a ballot paper would be sent out and voters would be able to vote for whoever they chose.

"Once we get them, we send them registered post to the electoral commission.

"About 1300 have already gone," said Ms King.

"If you look at the records, there are literally thousands of people here who do postal votes and that's because we do have an elderly electorate."

Ms King said the form could not have the name of candidate Ms Katie Smith or the Labor Party because "it's a parliamentary issue not a Labor Party issue".

"Marie pays for that out of her parliamentary allowance, so she cannot put that on there," she said.

"It's a community service. "We have so many people who don't even know there's an election

on March 26,' said Ms King. Kaitlin Watts, 2 Mar 2011 Interviewee: Suzanne King Letters, 25 Feb 2011 Eva Lee, Wov Wov Adam Crouch, Umina



Liberals promise \$5M rehab unit

Liberal Government The would provide \$5 million to upgrade and re-open the Woy Woy Rehabilitation Unit, if elected on March 26.

Liberal candidate Cr Chris Holstein said the Woy Woy rehabilitation unit was an extremely important health resource for the Peninsula.

"This funding is vital to ensure the unit can provide the level of service our community desperately needs," said Cr Holstein at a public announcement at the Woy Woy Rehabilitation Unit on Friday. February 25.

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community, understand what they need and, if elected, I plan on ensuring our commitments become reality," he said.

Ms Skinner said the funding is an important move for Woy Woy.

"There are all these people who are really passionate about it, but it has a domino effect, if we can provide the service locally, it means that they don't have to travel to these other services which are crowded

"It means the whole health is better, not just the rehab services they need.

"It builds and heals the community, getting these services

restored back.

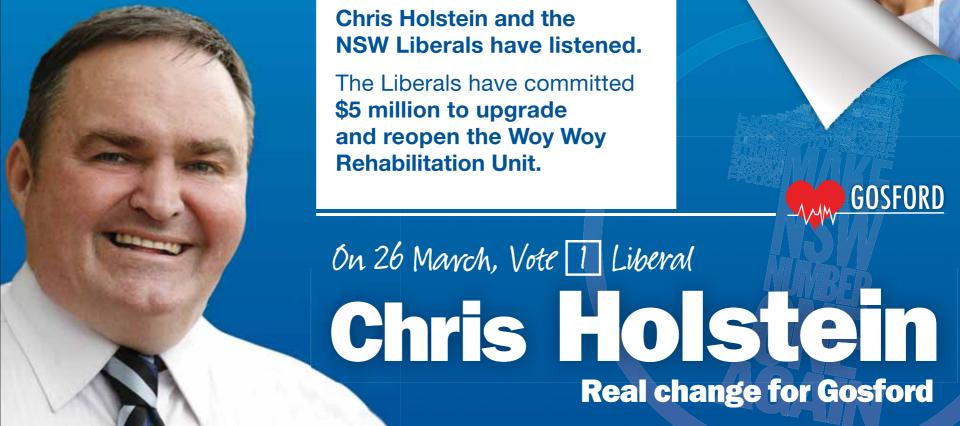
Ms Skinner said hospitals and health infrastructure funding on the Central Coast would rise to \$42 million if a Liberal Government was elected.

"The NSW Liberals and Nationals remain committed to opening more hospital beds, reforming the NSW health system and putting patients first," Ms Skinner said.

"Labor has failed to deliver the vital infrastructure and services our community needs and after 16 years enough is enough," Mr Holstein concluded.

> Media Release, 21 Feb 2011 Clint McGilvray, Liberal

The Liberals will re-open the **Woy Woy Rehabilitation Unit.**



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New substation relocated

An electrical substation to service the Woy Woy commuter carpark will now be built beside an existing substation in the Swancott Centre carpark in Railway St.

Excavations for the new substation were started at a location on the opposite side of the carpark, as approved by the council in December before it was discovered that water and sewer mains existed at the site.

Construction company Built Pty Ltd advised that the previously approved site was not practical due to the presence of an existing sewer and water main.

The initial location was found to be inappropriate following an investigation undertaken by a consultant employed by the Transport Construction Authority, the council was told.

No explanation was given of why the pipes had not been discovered before work had started.

Council staff told last week's council meeting that the existing sewer and water mains would have to be relocated if construction was to proceed at the approved site.



Excavations found water and sewer mains

Relocation would incur a major cost and a delay in completing the commuter car park expansion.

Director of Corporate Services Mr Nic Pasternatsky said the consultant investigated the area and found it would be too costly to remove the water and sewer main and came back to Council with an alternative site.

"We assist with the provision

of this sort of thing because that's infrastructure for the community. "Council will never oppose that,"

said Ms Pasternatsky.

According to a report by council staff, the new location will not reduce car parking spaces and will improve traffic flow within the car park.

Council Agenda COR.31, 1 Mar 2011

Train plan unachievable, says Smith

Labor candidate for Gosford Ms Katie Smith has criticised a package announced by State Opposition leader Mr Barry O'Farrell to introduce new train services to the Central Coast if elected on March 26.

Ms Smith said Mr O'Farrell's announcement seems unachievable as the train's package includes new services but no new trains.

"The opposition's pledge to save Wyong-Gosford to Sydney commuters 2.5 hours a week in travel time plus a direct service to Macquarie Park cannot be achieved with the current rail network and train population," she said.

"This will probably mean a number of current services will have to be cancelled to make the trains available.

"Cancelling services will lead to more not less overcrowding.

"Changes need to be made to current services not pledges for further services with the same resources," said Ms Smith.

Media Release, 21 Feb 2011 Katie Smith, Labor

Candidate endorsed

New peak trains promised

A Liberal Government would deliver 30 new express train services a week, with three extra morning and evening peak services stopping at Woy Woy, if elected on March 26.

NSW opposition leader Mr

Barry O'Farrell said: "Train commuters on the Central Coast deserve better train services and the opportunity to spend more time with their families.

"This policy is believable, achievable and will deliver real benefits for commuters on the Central Coast. "More express services means less overcrowding, reduced travel times and fewer stops."

He said the six new services would include the first direct link between the Central Coast and the Macquarie Park-Macquarie University.

Shadow Minister for the Central Coast Mr Chris Hartcher said local families would make significant time savings, especially those working in the Macquarie Park area.

> Media Release, 22 Feb 2011 Jaymes Boland-Rudder, Office of Barry O'Farrell MP

The Christian Democratic Party has endorsed Ms Ann-Marie Kitchener as its candidate for Gosford.

Ms Kitchener serves in her local church in various capacities and has been involved in working with youth on the streets.

Ms Kitchener said she has a passion to see youth develop healthy perspectives of themselves so they have the foundations to develop good relationships and families, and therefore strong communities and hope for the future.

If elected, Ms Kitchener said she would fight to support families in every capacity, bring better educational opportunities for all, improve levels of regional health services and cut crime and binge drinking by increasing policing.

Media Release, 2 Mar 2011 Stephen Brinton, Christian Democratic Party



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ICAC recommends independent assessment

The elements of the relationship between Tesrol, the Department of Planning and the Minister for Planning are well documented on the web sites of the Department of Planning and the Electoral Funding Authority.

Three weeks after the Minister for Planning approved the Tesrol development under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) released the report of its inquiry into the use of Part 3A of

Forum the Act.

ICAC recommended that the NSW Minister for Planning refer private sector applications under Part 3A of the EP and A Act which exceed development standards by more than 25 per cent to an independent quasi-judicial body for determination.

The height of the Tesrol proposal approved by the Minister is 38 per cent greater than the height limit in draft Gosford LEP 2009.

The floor space ratio in Stage

1 of the approved development is 2.59 (i.e. floor space is 2.59 times the site area) which is 29.5 per cent greater than the ratio in the draft Gosford LEP 2009.

The Tesrol development is a typical example of the abuse of the planning system that ICAC is describing in its report on Part 3A of the Act.

It would be appropriate for the incoming State Government to refer this development to an inquiry by a quasi-judicial body.

Email, 2 Mar 2011 Michael Conroy, Ettalong

Jetties deny public access

I read with some concern the article on the front page of Peninsula News on Monday, February 21 "Bay Group welcomes jetties review"

The views expressed in this article have totally overlooked the fact that these jetties are built over public waters and land.

These private jetties permanently deny public access and obstruct public use of public waters.

There should be a number of considerations taken into account during any review

Any boat legally capable of being towed should be parked on the owner's private or leased Forum

property.

Any jetty should be used by a number of boats, say a minimum of six or with double banking, 12 boats.

Fees for the lease of a jetty should be in line adjacent land values or Local Government car parking fees.

These measures would free up public land-waters and provide for a realistic fee structure without any boat owner being denied access to the water.

> Email, 22 Feb 2011 John Akister, Umina

Answers still needed on CDO scandal

Gosford Council's finance director Nic Pasternatsky seems to have forgotten that I was a Gosford City councillor from 1999 to March 2004 when Council's \$90 million of public funds were safely invested in the big four banks in term deposits and Government Bonds.

It wasn't until 2005 that the State Government permitted Councils to invest their funds in other Triple-A rated investments.

Gosford Council sank more than \$100 million into these new types of investment, promising higher returns than the traditional government bonds.

Of all the Councils in NSW, Gosford Council invested the most in risky collateralised debt Letters to the editor should be sent to: Peninsula News PO Box 1056, Gosford 2250 or mail@peninsulanews.asn.au See Page 2 for contribution conditions

obligations (CDOs) which were complex mortgage-based products marketed across Australia by the now defunct, Lehman Brothers bank.

A CDO is a bond that slices up ownership to about 1000 mortgages, where maybe 100 of them are going to fail, up to 200 maximum is what the purveyors were telling unsuspecting investors and their statistics were wrong.

Rather than 20 per cent failing and the 80 per cent being safe, most of them failed up to 80 per cent with billions of dollars being lost.

To quote Steven Keen, Professor of Economics at the University of Western Sydney, "the rating was based on faulty maths and I think they're toast".

The question has to be asked: When other Councils risked only minimal amounts on these risky products (or in Wyong Council's case none at all, because they thought it was too risky), why did Gosford Council risk \$100 million of public funds?

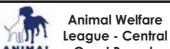
And yet, no one is held accountable.

The most disturbing fact is that we had mayor Cr Chris Holstein stating "the best news is we haven't lost one red cent. There has been no loss to Council."

We now find out that we have lost \$9 million of ratepayers funds with the \$55 million invested in CDO's now worth only \$14 million if we're lucky.

So much for the "best news". It's a scandal and we deserve answers.

Email, 3 Mar 2011 Debra Wales, Umina



Laycock was excellent

More Forum Page 10 & 21

Last week we went to the Sydney Theatre in Walsh Bay to see David Williamson's new play Don Parties On.

Despite a fleet of good actors, it was an average play.

Last night, we went to the Laycock St Theatre and saw Tuesdays with Morrie.

What a performance! It was excellent! And worth every cent

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of the \$29 ticket, as opposed to the \$89 we forked out for the Williamson play.

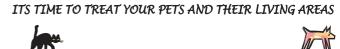
Well done, Laycock St Theatre. It was our first visit but we will be back!

Online submission, 2 Mar 2011 Luci Wilson, Pearl Beach

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Labor Party members including the Labor **Candidate Katie Smith (Gosford) and Premier Keneally (Heffron) have a damn** hide to be asking for our voter support!



Only last Monday, Nathan "scurried like a rat" Rees told me, in front of his Best Street, Seven Hills Electorate office that he has no memory of important issues relating to his Labor government's accommodation of systemic abuse of due process by a consent authority, the already identified corrupt Gosford City Council.

He said he can't understand why I would come from the Coroner's Court in Glebe to his office for a photo session.

This from a former Premier who told me at the Terrigal Community Cabinet meeting, a very public forum, that he knew all about my issues and my property in West Street, Umina.

As I made clear to you Nathan on Monday, February 28, when I left several copies of Peninsula News and Gosford Central Community News to remind you, these are public reviews of you and your party's credibility and are part of our public political process! My ads are also intended to do what main stream media is too shy to do, expose the shonky way successive Premiers Carr, lemma, Rees and Keneally, and Ministers Woods, Refshaugie, Keneally, Sartor and Perry, among others, have brought the office of Premier and those of the Cabinet Ministers into disrepute. We all know you were the Chief of Staff for Milton "the horrible" Orkopoulos, identified by Gillian Sneddon on TV as "he who scurried like a rat" back to Premier lemma.

supportive of politicians now way too fearful of Alfred Street and number one Oscar Street. facing the electorate and are jumping ship.

The Labor Party and its members have publicly accommodated the political sins against the people which I have exposed outside NSW parliament and in my ads for years here on the Central Coast.

The Labor Party have turned their collective blind eye to much more than Gosford City Council misleading the State Coroner, when the council allowed the coroner to understand that council had no knowledge or experience in the use or application of concrete to protect the structural integrity of the corrugated steel culvert pipes in their care.

You have seen my instructive photos in the hands of Minister for the Central Coast John Robertson and Attorney General John Hatzistergos.

These politicians are acting dumb in the face of published allegations of a Labor party government cover up of corrupt conduct.

This access to cars and pedestrians are now fenced off!

These two party members looked at the DA 11923 /2001 which was "misleading in no small way" as it hid the existence of my father's residential house to anyone perusing the misleading documents.

I have taken Craig Munnings' and Marie Andrew's lack of political will to have the Labor Party censure party members, pursuant to Section 232 of the Local Government Act, for failing to ensure our public business was conducted within the law, a process I have identified as corrupt, all the way to the top in politics.

I did it this way because I have watched what happens to anyone silly enough to take a political argument into a court of law.

Consider the people who fought and won

The so called new blood Labor Party Members now on the husking, were for the most part,

It is way past time for readers who are sick of the obvious misgovernance, those who want to bring about effective change, to start asking questions of their elected representatives and mainstream media in print.

Please copy your questions to me and I will air the sentiments, so that other voters may inform themselves before casting a vote.

Marie Andrews attended my father's property with a Mr. Craig Munnings over ten years ago.

They walked together with me, three abreast, through the public access between Alfred and Oscar Streets, Umina, through number one their battle to stop a waste compaction plant being built in an unused train goods yards near Auburn.

After the Land and Environment Court found in their favour. Bob Carr came out onto the NSW Parliament steps and said words to the effect "I don't care what the court has ruled, we will just legislate to allow the development".

The Labor Government has done the same sort of thing again by exempting Barangaroo from laws which apply to other developments regarding contaminated sites.

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

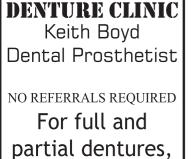
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Do Tesrol plans include foreshore deck?

The Central Coast Express Advocate reported on February 29 on the Tesrol development at Ettalong Beach, together with a photograph of the estuary and foreshore.

Since then, the newspaper has published reports and comments on the Tesrol approval. Included on most occasions



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has been the same photograph of Matthew Wales standing on an observation deck overlooking the Ettalong waterfront, foreshore and dune vegetation.

This photograph has relevance to the estuary and no relationship to the Tesrol development, in my opinion.

Is there such a shortage of information on this development that the same misleading photograph has to be reused?

Is this responsible journalism? Is the observation deck fence the boundary of development? Letter, 17 Feb 2011 Norman Harris, Umina

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Away from the race race

I agree with Michael Curt (Peninsula News, February 9).

Low level and high quality. That's the go.

I think we need to start looking at the landlords and getting them to do up their buildings.

Ettalong can be made to look like a very beautiful village which is what it is, a village.

One has to have the vision to look past the concrete jungles that so many others want to put on our shore lines.

This is the reason why so many of us moved up here to get away from the rat race in the big cities.

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want tall who For those skyscrapers and cranes everywhere, go and live in the city.

These buildings get put up everywhere and they can't fill them, so they stand idle for months and some of them for years.

Welcome vandals and graffiti workers.

Some of us like the way the Peninsula is.

It might need a tidy up, but hey, that's why we moved here in the first place. Right?

Online submission, 26 Feb 2011 Emma Chand, Woy Woy

Postal vote form deceptive

Both my wife and I were extremely alarmed this week when we received a postal vote application which appears to have been sent to all of the registered voters in Gosford by the NSW Labor Party.

There is absolutely no reference or identification what-so-ever on the form that it has been supplied by the Australian Labor Party.

It clearly states that it has been supplied by Marie Andrews, the Member for Gosford.

While Marie may well be the current member, she has announced that she is not recontesting the seat at the March 26 election.

The application does not mention that Katie Smith is actually the Labor candidate for Gosford at

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the upcoming election.

My concern is that older or less informed voters may believe that Marie is actually standing and request an application in the belief that they are supporting her and not the true candidate contesting the seat at the upcoming election.

When we receive such applications from other candidates, these are normally accompanied by a letter stating who it is from and the party they are representing.

While I am sure that the Australia Labor Party have been careful to not commit electoral fraud, this must be a very fine line.

I believe that this deceptive behaviour is not in the spirit of a truly democratic electoral system.

Email, 25 Feb 2011 Adam Crouch, Umina

Let's welcome development

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I totally agree with Mary Koopman's submission in the Peninsula News on Monday, February 7.

My great grandfather owned a property in Ettalong in the 1890s and I am now retired here.

I have seen a lot of changes in Ettalong and we can all mourn the loss of the village.

I can remember when The Esplanade was a mud heap, Trafalgar Ave was still an air strip and St Huberts Island was a mangrove swamp.

With the advent of the F3, it would have been impossible to keep the village.

With people also come services such doctors, dentists and a variety of shops.

Let's get rid of the boarded up shops and welcome some development as we who have known this area for over 70 years have had to come to terms with.

Online Submission, 10 Feb 2011 Patricia Lawrence, Ettalong

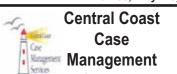
Attempt to coerce

I received a "Postal Voting Information for the Electorate of Gosford" booklet recently in relation to the forthcoming State election on March 26, inviting me to fill out a postal vote application form.

It seems that this form will only enable me to vote Labor as it clearly indicates that this application will only be sent to the office of Marie Andrews, who is the sitting Labor member for Gosford, and not even re-nominating for this seat, and therefore I expect I would receive only a Labor "How to Vote" paper.

I am definitely not a Labor voter and take extreme offense at what I feel is a deceptive, dishonest and misleading attempt to coerce me to vote Labor.

Letter, 25 Feb 2011 Eva Lee, Woy Woy



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Workshop on healthy foods

Peninsula Women's The Health Centre is hosting a free workshop on Superfoods on Wednesday, March 30, from 10am to 12pm.

Local naturopath and nurse Ms Jill Meredith will discuss recent research about foods that have potent healing and medicinal qualities and those that can be used to positively influence health. The workshop will explore what

foods can be eaten to lessen the risk of hypertension, heart disease, bowel cancer and arthritis.

"This short informative talk will give you ideas on how to change your diet so that you may live a healthier and longer life," said centre community development worker Ms Kate Bradfield.

Email, 1 Mar 2011 Kate Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre has established a book club that will be held on the first Wednesday of each month from 10am to 12pm.

"This group provides an opportunity for women to meet once a month and talk about books they have read and enjoyed, or not enjoyed so much," said Peninsula

Women's Health Centre Book Club facilitator Ms Marilyn Kay.

Book club at health centre

"Perhaps you have a book to share that has changed your life or you are looking for that inspirational book.

"If you have difficulty finding a book that suits you, then this group is a great opportunity to find a book that suits you.

"This group is for all women who

want to enjoy a friendly chat, a nonjudgmental environment where we explore our love of books," said Ms Kay.

The group is free.

However, a gold coin donation is requested to assist in running the centre.

Email, 1 Mar 2011 Kate Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre

Information about dementia

A community information Local Health Network, Dementia session will be held on Tuesday, March 15, focusing on memory loss, confusion and dementia.

The session will be held at the Everglades Country Club from 9:30am to 2pm.

It will cover what causes memory loss and dementia, how to cope with changing behaviours and what support services are available.

Community members who have a partner, relative or friend who suffers from memory loss, confusion or dementia are encouraged to attend.

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Council staff avoid water safety question

Gosford Council staff have confirmed that water near the Hardy's Bay jetty was safe for swimming, but have not answered a question on claims that water near creeks and a drain outfall was unsafe.

In December, the Hardys Bay Residents Association claimed that water at three test points near two creeks and a drain outflow was contaminated and unsafe for swimming.

In answer to a question from Cr Terri Latella about the claims, environment and planning director Ms Colleen Worthy-Jennings told last week's council meeting that

bacteria levels for water at the jetty were within National Health and Medical Research Council guidelines.

The nearest designated swimming locations, at Killcare and Pretty Beach, also returned excellent results, said Ms Worthy-Jennings.

While not commenting of the safety of the water near the creeks and drain, Ms Worthy-Jennings admitted the water was polluted and poor quality.

She said that council's environment officer undertook a coordinated sampling program with Waterwatch official Ms Karen O'Neil and Hardys Bay Resident's

Group volunteer Mr Brent Walker to verify test results showing elevated faecal coliform levels.

She said the source of the pollution was unknown and a process of elimination was being used to identify potential sources.

Council's Water and Sewer directorate had undertaken a CCTV investigation of two sewer lines adjacent to the poor water quality location, but results had not been received.

Additional testing was being carried out monthly by Education and Compliance staff to monitor the water quality until the source of the pollution was identified and controlled.

Council Agenda COR.29, 1 Mar 2011

Sustainable seafood night

Local marine environment can enjoy seafood as well. group Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives (OCCI), will hold a fish fry at the Woy Woy Environment Centre to celebrate Sustainable Seafood Day on Friday, March 18.

The evening will start at 6.30 pm, with guest speakers, displays and seafood nibbles and will The day is designed to raise awareness of the need to better manage our oceans and not deplete them through indiscriminate fishing and damaging fishing methods, according to OCCI president Ms Jeannie Lawson.

"I am a seafood eater but I want to ensure that future generations

"I am very careful to buy only seafood that is fished sustainably. "I can only do this if I am an

informed consumer," she said. "Much is already being done about this issue and the local commercial fishing industry has been invited along to celebrate their achievements with the community."

The Woy Woy Environment Centre is located at 267 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Anyone interested should confirm their attendance for catering purposes by phoning 0414 414 291.

Media Release, 3 Mar 2011 Jeannie Lawson, OCCI

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New room for **Bays hall**

The Bays Community Group has received \$45,000 in State Government funding to build a new general purpose room under the community hall after the group was successful in its grant application.

The group will also receive \$3000 from Gosford Council and will use the funding to install bifold doors leading onto the back verandah.

"This is a challenge for the new committee of 2011," said president Mr Bob Puffett.

"It is suggested that the new committee continue with the popular monthly breakfasts, the Devonshire morning teas, the kids' disco and the wine-cheese-art night," he said.

Newsletter, 1 Mar 2011 Bob Puffett, Bays Community Group

Council sells laneway for **Umina Mall**

Gosford Council has taken the next step to facilitate the redevelopment of the Umina Mall shopping centre in Ocean Beach Rd.

It has decided to close an unnamed laneway across the site and sell the land to applicant for the redevelopment.

The sale price will be determined by Council's consulting valuer in accordance with Council's Land Transaction Policy.

The road closure proposal follows negotiations between Council and the applicant.

According to a Council staff report to last week's council meeting, "there are no planning reasons to oppose the closure, rather they would create a better outcome for this development".

The report also stated that Road Safety and Traffic Business Unit "has no objections to the proposal as it will reduce Council's liability for the maintenance of the lane ways".

The report said that the closure would allow for better use of the site when developed and allow for improved heavy vehicle access.

Council's Water and Sewer directorate had the proposed road closure, providing it complied with Council's Building Over Sewer Guidelines, including unrestricted 24 hour access to existing sewer manholes.

"If this cannot be achieved, then the developer may be required to relocate the existing Council sewer"

Council Agenda COR. 30, 1 Mar 2011



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Education

Less students means 'lots of cuts'

School has been "reduced considerably" with 34 less student enrolments at the school this year, according to principal Ms Ona Buckley. "This means cuts in a lot of

areas," she said.

The fall in student numbers to 466 would result in a reduction to four library days, front office staff allocation, the moving of teachers and a decrease in the time of general assistance.

"Our overall numbers including the four disabilities classes and the preschool are significantly down on 2010," said Ms Buckley.

"This is not as good a result as we had hoped," she said.

Ms Buckley said she hoped

Funding for Woy Woy Public numbers would increase with a few enrolments still to come in.

> "We cannot put a student in as a number even though we know they are coming to our school until their bottom is actually sitting on one of our classroom seats," she said.

Ms Buckley said that, despite the cuts, the school would continue to provide a high quality learning environment.

"As always, we will endeavour to deliver the very best educational, cultural, extensional and extracurricular programs as we have previously done.

"It's a great and caring school," said Ms Buckley. Newsletter, 21 Feb 2011

Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School



Aboriginal room to be fixed up

Woy Woy Public School is calling for donations for its aboriginal community room.

Principal Ms Ona Buckley said the school would fix up the room and it would be used as a place to hold aboriginal meetings, training courses, get togethers and playgroups.

"We hope to repaint, decorate and make this room into a comfortable meeting room for our aboriginal community business," said Ms Buckley.

"We have had a lounge donated already.

"It has kitchen and toilet facilities which need a lift as well.

"We need tea and coffee cups, plates and bathroom goods.

"Any donations would be appreciated," she said.

The school is also interested in donations of left over paint to be used in Aboriginal murals.

Newsletter, 21 Feb 2011 Ona Buckley, Woy Woy **Public School** St John the Baptist Catholic responsible learners'," she said. **Primary School presented its** captains for the year at the school's opening mass held on Thursday, February 10.

"Our school captains provided leadership to the children and are role models in upholding the school's values," said school publicity officer Ms Joanne McGill. "That is, we are 'respectful

Captains presented

at opening mass

New school captains are Lauren Magro and Callum Saul with Hannah Bullen and Liam Dodd announced vice captains.

House captains for the school were presented to Mitchell Richardson, Jack O'Keefe, Bailey Coombes, Jordan Murphy, Ebony Borthwick, Emily Newcombe, Imogen Benson and Tahlia Best.

School involvement

Mitchell Pictured are Richardson, Jack O'Keefe, Liam Dodd, principal Mr Frank Cohen, Callum Saul, Bailey Coombes, Jordan Murphy, Ebony Borthwick, Emily Newcombe, Hannah Bullen, Lauren Magro, Imogen Benson and Tahlia Best

> Media Release, 25 Feb 2011 Joanne McGill, St John the Baptist School

Flood help

Woy Woy Public School has raised a total of \$739.80 for the schools affected by the **Queensland Floods.**

The funds were raised through a Maroon Mufti Day, a slime fun activity which raised \$93 organised by a group of Year 6 girls and a lolly competition which raised \$46.80.

"It was wonderful to see the happy smiles of our school children as they donated their coins to help other school children in Queensland," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

Funds will be sent through to School Aid and will then be distributed to schools which are in need of further assistance from the flooding.

Newsletter, 1 Mar 2011 Ona Buckley, Woy Wov Public School

An Aboriginal community program is being provided to schools on the Peninsula to encourage participation by Aboriginal parents and carers in the local school community.

The program promotes a range of opportunities in the eight Peninsula schools for people to be involved with including canteen help, reading programs, attending meetings and event support,

according to PaCE program coordinator Ms Bobbi Murray.

program provided

PaCE offers educational courses, programs and workshops including leadership programs, cultural identity, mentoring for students and parents, community forums and workshops for general community information as well as art and craft workshops.

Schools that are currently involved in the PaCE program are Brisbane Water Secondary College, Ettalong Public School,

Empire Bay Public School, Umina Public School, St John the Baptist School, Woy Woy Public School and Woy Woy South Public School.

The PaCE program office for this year is based at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus for term 1, Empire Bay Public School term 2, Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus in term 3 and Umina Public School in term 4.

Email, 28 Feb 2011 Jessica Oldfield, Youth Connections

- 30th March at 1pm

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Bailey Coombes, Bradman Best, Campbell Sheppard, Imogen Benson, Liam Oakes, Christina Rich, Grace Johnson, Josephine Burraston and Jade Oakes

Five records at swim carnival

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School held its annual swimming carnival at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on Wednesday, February 16, with nine-year-old Josephine Burraston breaking five records in her division.

Josephine broke records in the under-10 girl's individual medley, nine years 100 metre freestyle, nine years 50 metre freestyle, nine years 50 metre breaststroke, nine years 50 metre backstroke and nine years 50 metre butterfly.

Children from Year 2 through to 6 competed in the event.

"When not in the water competing, they were in the stands cheering for their house," said St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School publicity officer Ms Margaret Channing.

Age champions were: eight year girls Christina Rich, nine year

girls Josephine Burraston, 10 year girls Grace Johnson, 11 year girls Jade Oakes, 12 year girls Imogen Benson, eight year boys Liam Oakes, nine year boys Gus Byer, 10 year boys Bradman Best, 11 year boys Campbell Sheppard, 12 year boys Bailey Coombes.

Media Release, 24 Feb 2011 Margaret Channing, St John the Baptist School



Pushbikes for participants

Five children from each primary school on the Peninsula received a pushbike and helmet at a conference held at the Ettalong Beach Club on Friday, February 18.

The team-building exercise was held by Schneider Electric which concluded in groups of participants being asked to construct a

pushbike.

"These participants thought they were going to race each other on the bikes," said deputy principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

"There was no such bike race and whilst a few participants were a little disappointed, they all clapped and cheered when they saw the looks on the children's faces.

"At the conclusion of the bike making and after an afternoon tea

on the verandah of the Mantra, the children, including the children from St John the Baptist, were given a bike each," she said.

"It was a fabulous afternoon and the children of Ettalong Public School have made a booklet to send to Schneider, thanking them for their generosity and thoughtfulness," said Ms Balfour. Email. 25 Feb 2011

Lyn Balfour, Ettalong Public School





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Parenting program held at Umina

A parenting program is being held at Umina Public School on Thursdays from 9.30am to noon until early April.

The Triple P (Positive Parenting program) is a free intiative run by the NSW Government and is held at Umina Public School from 9:30am to 12pm.

The program is aimed at families with children aged three to eight years.

"This internationally acclaimed program, developed in Australia, aims to enhance the knowledge, skills and confidence of parents so that they can give their children a good start in life," said Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

"The group is free-of-charge and a wonderful resource, so I encourage all parents to consider attending," she said. "The great thing about Triple P is that it provides practical answers to every-day parenting concerns.

"It is based on a system of simple routines and small changes that can make big differences to families.

"Evidence shows that the support families have in the early years of their children's lives will have a lasting influence throughout the lives of their children.

"The NSW Government has delivered on its commitment to supporting NSW families by providing \$5.2 million to roll out Triple P across the state and has already trained 1000 trainers to run the programs," said Ms Andrews. Community Services delivers Triple P as part of the Families NSW early intervention strategy, in partnership with the Department of Education and Training, Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Housing NSW and NSW Health as well as parents, community organisations and local government.

Families NSW is offering Triple P through seminars, small groups or a self-directed program so families can choose the format that best suits their needs.

With inquiries, contact Jodi Humphreys on 4340 1585.

Media Release, 21 Feb 2011 Marie Andrews, Labor



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Out and About

Wagstaffe launch for children's novel

A children's mystery and adventure novel set on the Central Coast will be launched at the Wagstaffe Community Hall on Sunday, March 27, from 2pm.

Ducks Crossing and the Secret Shadow was written by Helen Menzies, with settings in the book taken from Wagstaffe, Pretty Beach, Hardys Bay and Killcare.

The book will be launched by actor Ms Anna Voldka who will read a chapter to the audience.

"The launch will begin with

three songs from the Half Tides Rock Community Choir, which was formed in the local area last year by music teacher and singer Meg Toon.

"One of the songs will be the very famous (and appropriate in this area) Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud, with the audience, as dictated by a tradition that even the Royal Family follow, joining in the final chorus," said Ms Harrison.

Email, 7 Feb 2011 Bronwyn Harrison, Hilliard Hudson Publishing



Last year's previous ASC conference

Songwriters' conference

cancelled

Audition this week

Woy Woy Little Theatre will be holding auditions this week and next for A Season of One Act Plays and Boy Meets Girl by Rebecca Gilman, which will be staged later in the year.

Director Ms Barbara Hickey will be holding auditions for Boy Meets Girl at 7:30pm on March 8 and 10 at the Peninsula Theatre in Woy Woy for performances from July 15 to 31.

Several actors are required to fill various roles including four

males aged from 30 to 70 and three females aged from 20 to 50.

Auditions will also be held for A Season of One Act Plays at 7.30pm on March 15 at the Peninsula Theatre, for the season from May 6 to 15.

The plays are Easy Steps, How to Make the Theatre Pay, the Jumper and Sorry Wrong Number.

Auditions are open to age groups from around 20 years. With inquiries, phone 4341 2931 Media release, 11 Jan 2011

Patrice Horne, Woy

The Australian Songwriters Conference, normally held in Ettalong over the June long weekend, has been cancelled this year due to a lack of funding.

Organiser Ms Lisa Butler said the conference would not be held, despite a grant of \$3000 from the Australian Performing Rights Association.

She said no other funding had been secured.

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promotion and wages, to run. "A great deal of time and effort has been spent in the search for

funding. "However, no other grants or sponsorships have been secured, so it is impossible to run the event this year," she said. Ms Butler said the conference team would now focus on seeking financial support to run the next year's event.

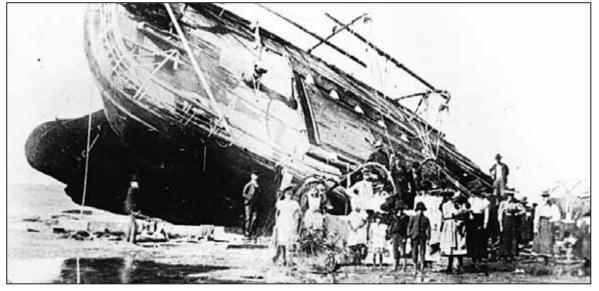
"Without songwriters, there would be no music in our lives." Media Release, 2 Mar 2011 Lisa Butler, ASC





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Information wanted about Maitland wreck

Gosford librarian Mr Geoffrey Potter is appealing for information about the wreck of the HRNSC paddle steamer Maitland in May 1898 at Cape Three Points off Broken Bay.

Gosford Library is seeking donations or loans of authentic photographs, documents and souvenirs relating to the disaster to be compiled into a book for the library.

"For this project, I am uncovering details and images never before published," said Mr Potter.

"I hope to present a history which tells more about the human side of the wreck than previously known," he said.

"These people were incredibly courageous in the face of amazing odds.

"Many local pioneering families were involved in the rescue, and I am hopeful that their descendants may still have some of the many souvenirs retrieved from the wreck.

"As time goes on (the wreck occurred 113 years ago), the opportunities to record these local family connections to the wreck will become more difficult.

"If you are related to the Cox, Davis, Warmoll, Riley or Murray families, there is a chance you may have something of interest.

"This is probably the last chance for those connections to be remembered.

"Woy Woy families in particular were extremely generous and caring in the support they gave to survivors in the days following the disaster.

"This is an amazing story, which deserves to be better known," said Mr Potter.

With inquiries, phone Mr Potter on 4325 8118

Email, 3 Mar 2011 Geoffrey Potter, Gosford Library

No further cleanouts on the Peninsula

Gosford Council has decided it will no longer hold its Household Chemical Cleanout at the Woy Woy depot due to traffic congestion.

Gosford Council failed to hold the clean-up last year at Woy Woy blaming State Government funding cuts.

However Gosford Council's senior waste officer Mr Sanchaya Parajuli said traffic congestion issues along Ocean Beach Rd make the site inappropriate.

"We used to have chemical collections at Woy Woy depot.

"As this site is prone to traffic congestion, Council is reluctant to use the depot as an appropriate venue," said Mr Parajuli.

Council held last year's Household Chemical Cleanout at its Erina depot but according to Mr Parajuli, about 1000 cars attended the event causing major traffic congestion issues along the Central Coast Hwy.

Following the failure of the household Collection Cleanout on both the Peninsula and in Erina, Council decided to hold the Cleanout in the carpark of Gosford Showground on Saturday, March 5.

"Enthusiastic responses to previous collections have seen a build-up of traffic along the Central Coast Hwy when collections were held at Council's Erina Depot.

The Cleanout allows residents of Gosford City to dispose of potentially hazard chemicals such as paints, pesticides, gas bottles, fire extinguishers and pool chemicals.

Kaitlin Watts, 4 Mar 2011 Interviewee: Sanchaya Parajuli



Op shop has birthday

Umina op-shop, Restore, is celebrating its first birthday this month after opening to raise money for the Religious **Education Ministries.**

"The shop has become an accepted part of the business community in Umina and also has a regular group of customers, some of whom call in just for a chat with our huge army of volunteer staff," said board member Ms Sharyn Teasdale.

"Our customers often tell us how much they appreciate the high quality and prices of our merchandise.

"We invite the local community to pop in for a browse around the store and to check out the bargains, also to come along and share the birthday celebrations with us," she said.

Email, 28 Feb 2011 Sharyn Teasdale, REM

Pet sitting nomination

A Umina pet sitting business has been nominated for an award in a national competition run by a dog breeders' association.

Pet Sitting Plus has been nominated for a Pet Sitting Award in the Owner's Choice Award category with the Master Dog Breeders and Associates of Australia.

Bronwyn Price, who runs the mobile pet minding and dog walking service, will fly to Melbourne on Saturday, March 19, for a formal awards presentation.

"It was a surprise and I'm excited," said Ms Price. "I was quite honoured actually.

"I think it will just be fantastic for the business." she said.

> Kaitlin Watts, 4 Mar 2011 Interviewee: Bronwyn Price

Coins on the ground

Umina Public School has raised \$777 for schools affected by the Queensland floods.

The school participated in Maroon Day on Thursday, February 17, to raise the money.

Students dressed in maroon mufti clothes and brought in gold coins to place on large words on the ground that said "Maroon Day: Kids for Kids QLD"

Email. 1 Mar 2011 Elizabeth McLean. Umina Public School

Support group

The Broken Bay Mission Support Group is inviting community members to attend a meeting held on Tuesday, March 15, at Ettalong Uniting Church Hall.

The guest speaker will be Mr Brian Cooper from Hand Brake Turn, an organization assisting marginalised people.

There will be a sales table and a gold coin donation is requested.

For further information, contact support group secretary Ms Sue Webster on 4344 6188.

Email, 1 Mar 2011 Sue Webster, Broken Bay **Mission Support Group**

One third normal rainfall

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February finished with about one third its normal rainfall. recording 51.3mm just compared to a monthly average of 147.mm.

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The total for the year to date is less than 40 per cent of the average rainfall for this time of year, with a total of 108.7mm compared to an average of 279.9mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The February rainfall was the lowest in the seven years Mr Morrison has been keeping figures, and the January rainfall the second lowest.

Temperatures for the month

ranged from a minimum of 16.1 degrees recorded on February 24 to a high of 42.5 on February 5, according to figures from www. peninsulaweather.info.

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Average minimum overnight temperature was 21.1 while the average maximum was 29.4.

Highest minimum was 27.4 on February 5 and lowest maximum was 22.3 on February 7.

Atmospheric pressure ranged between 1004hPa and 1027hPa. and a maximum wind speed of 32.5km/h was recorded on February 6.

Spreadsheet, 4 Mar 2011 Jim Morrison, Woy Woy www.peninsulaweather.info





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Not for profit community organisations

Animal Care

Animal Welfare

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

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

4325 0666 arc@wildlife-arc.org.au

Art

Central Coast Art Society (284) Meets for lectures, demonstrations and discussion. Weekly paint-outs ea Tues at varying locations 4369 5860. Workshops 9.30am 1st & 3rd Wed ea month Gosford City Art Centre 4363 1820. Social Meetings 1.30pm 4th Wed ea month, for demonstrations 4325 1420 publicity@artcentralcoast.asn.au PO Box 4168 - East Gosford

Community Activities

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

Hospital Art Australia

(284)Meets every Friday 9am til 2pm 109 Birchwood Ave, Umina Painting and Canvas

drawing Volunteers welcome 4341 9920

Community Centres

Peninsula Community Centre (256c)

Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd Woy Woy Child Care - Before & After School, Vacation, Family, Day & Occasional **Children, Teenagers**

& Adults - Dance, Singing, Guitar, Drama, Music, Physie, Karate, Belly Dancing and

muliticultural support Children - Little

Kickers, Indian Dance, Playgroups, KindyGym, Teenagers - "The Web" Youth Support Services. Adults - Bridge, Yoga,

Cake Decorating, Zumba, Scrabble, Weight Watchers, Boot Scooting, Song Writing, Community College, free tax help, Post

& Pre Natal Exercises. Counselling - Drug, Alcohol, Relationship, Financial, Gambling, Weight Control. Over 55's - Social Outings, Oil Painting, Multicraft, Needlework, Bushwalking, Stroke Club, History, Tai Chi, U3A, Scrabble, Arthritis Assoc, Gentle Exercise, Free Seniors Internet Kiosk, Discussion Groups. **Function & Meeting Rooms** for 2 to 500, catering facilities avail. See www.pccinc.com.au 4341 9333

Ettalong 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre (262) Mon to Fri Cards, Computer Lessons, Dancing, Indoor Bowls, Fitness Handicrafts, Leatherwork Line Dancing, Painting Scrabble, Table Tennis Tai Chi, Yoga, Darts 4341 3222

Gosford 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre (formerly Senior Citizens) (262)

Handicraft, Leatherwork, Painting, Knitting, Tai Chi, Scrabble, Darts, Table Tennis, Indoor Bowls, Patchwork, Yoga, Fitness, Gentle Swimming, Line Dancing, Cards, Dancing, CPA, Womens Group, Crochet, Computer Class 4324 4749

Community Groups

ABC (257) "The Friends" support group for Public Broadcaster. Aims: safeguard ABC's independence, adequate funding, high standards. Meetings through the year + social afternoons Well-known guest speakers Ph. 4341 5170

Fellowship of First

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

Hardys Bay Residents Group (271c) Working for a positive &

Healthy Environment in our Community allanbw@bigpond.com

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

Northern Settlement Services (282)

Provides socialisation for migrants. Volunteers assist with home visits, shopping and social days. Clients from all over the world

enjoy time together. Every Thur Peninsula Community Centre 93 McMasters Road Woy Woy - 4334 3877

N.M.B.V.A.A Inc **National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association Australia** (277)

Meet on 1st Sat each month except January. 2pm at Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club 51-52 The Esplanade. Looking for more veterans, all welcome - 4342 1107 P.O. Box 7284 Kariong

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

Vietnam Veterans'. **Peacekeepers' and** Peacemakers' (284) Assist all Veterans and their families with pension & welfare matters. Drop in for a chat. Cnr Broken Bay Road & Beach Street Ettalong. Mon & Wed 9am-1pm 4344 4760 vietvetsgosford@bigpond.com PO Box 505, Ettalong

Volunteering Central

Coast (270c) Refer potential volunteers to community orgs. Support both volunteers and community orgs. Offer training for volunteers and managers of volunteers. We interview potential volunteers and refer them to their choice of volunteer roles. Offer regular general info sessions at Woy Woy. sharanpage@

volunteeringcentralcoast.org.au 4329 7122

Community Restaurant

Mary Mac's Place (262) Providing hot, freshly cooked meals

Mon to Fri 11am-1pm in a welcoming, friendly environment with support, information and referrals to appropriate community services.

marymacs@woywoycatholic. org.au PO Box 264 Woy Woy 4341 0584

Disabled Services

Riding for the Disabled (282c) Horse Riding as a therapy for those with intellectual or physical disabilities Volunteers always required No Previous experience Necessary - School hours only - Mon to Sat 4340 0388

stateoffice@rdansw.org.au

Environment

Peninsula **Environment Group**

Talks, films, social events, workshops, renewable energy and recycling projects, organic food buying group www.peg.org.au

Health Group

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

Woy Woy Stroke

Recovery Club (67/278) Peninsula Community Centre 2nd Tuesday monthly at 11.30 Light lunch available Company, up-to-date information Hydrotherapy, bus trips Phone 4342 1316 or 4341 7177

Service Clubs

Rotary Club of Woy Woy (259)

A fellowship of business, professional and community leaders through which the club provides service to others, promotes integrity and advances world understanding,

goodwill and peace. Everglades Country Club Woy Woy, ea Tues 0412 065 098 secretary@woywoyrotary.org.au PO Box 175, Woy Woy NSW 2256

Rotary Club of Umina

An international service organisation of business leaders seeking to improve the lives of young people and those in need in our community and abroad. **Everglades Country Club** ea Wed 0409 245 861. curleys@ozemail.com.au

Sport

Woy Woy Judo Club

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Women's Groups

Country Women's Association Woy Woy (284)

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 (260c) 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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GOSFORD CITY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRES CELEBRATE



Sunday 27th March 2011 is National Neighbour Day. Neighbourhood and community centres are being involved by offering neighbours the opportunity to get a FREE hamper to celebrate Neighbourhood Day on Sunday 27th March. All you have to do is have an activity with your neighbours eg morning tea, BBQ, cricket game, and invite a neighbour you don't know. .

Neighbour Day is about getting to know the neighbours around you who may be isolated, building better relationships with people who live around us and creating a safer and healthier place to live.

Hampers may contain BBQ goodies, such as sausages, bread, sauce and desert and a few surprises or whatever is suitable for your activity. All you have to do is fill out a form, answer some questions and a hamper could be yours. Number of hampers are limited to the amount of funds we have available, so get in early! Contact your nearest neighbourhood or community centre for more information. Gosford/Narara Community Centre 4329 4477 - Green Point Community Centre 4367 7591 Kariong Neighbourhood Centre 4340 1724 - Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre 4363 1044 Peninsula Community Centre 4341 9333 - Wyoming community Centre 4323 7483

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The Peninsula Diarp

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Tuesday March 8

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

Wednesday March 9 Peninsula Women's Health Centre Book Club, 10am-2pm, free

Thursday March 10 Triple P Program, Umina Public School, 9:30am to 12pm, free

\$6205 Saturday March 12 School Easter Festival, seniors week concert, Opera in the arboretum, Ettalong 50 + Leisure and 1pm \$80,000 Crommelin Native learning Centre. Arboretum in Pearl Beach Fun with Sounds Play Friday May 6 \$10,000 morning, beachside Family Singers workshop, Season of One Act Plays, \$4000 Umina CWA Hall, 2pm-3pm Centre, 10:30am to 12pm, Woy Woy Little Theatre \$11,000 free \$4500 **Tuesday March 15** Friday July 15 \$90,000 Saturday March 26 A Season of One Act Boy Gets Girl, Woy Woy Council \$700 Plays auditions, Woy Woy Election Little Theatre Little Theatre, 7:30pm Troubadour Folk CLub \$42.000 Dementia Information CWA Hall Woy Woy 7pm Friday October 28 School (2010) Everglades session, The Mousetrap, Woy \$4000 Country Club, 9:30am to Sunday March 27 Woy Little Theatre \$2000 Equipment 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.

2pm, free Broken Bay Mission Support Group meeting, Ettalon Uniting Church hall

Saturday March 19 Multicultural Learn to Surf above Camp, Umina

Sunday March 20 Ettalong Beach Festival, 10am - 4pm

Wednesday March 23 \$2500 Marie Andrews Final Empire Bay Public

Ducks Crossing and Secret the Shadow book launch, Wagstaffe Community Hall, 2pm National Neighbour Day See advertisement

Wednesday March 30 Superfoods workshop, Peninsula Women's Health Centre, 10am -12pm, fee

Saturday April 2

nt and About 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 vear.

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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Woy Woy Public School raised \$739 for Queensland

- Floods Umina Public School raised \$777 for Queensland \$777 floods
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 - Randalls on the Beach raised \$3200 for flood appeal
- \$4000 Empire Bay Tavern raised \$4000 for the flood appeal \$3514 Rotary Club of Woy Woy donated \$3514 to the Rotary District 9680 Flood Appeal.
- Everglades Country Club \$8700 to Flood Relief \$8700
 - Brisbane Water Bridge Club donated \$3000 to the Web Youth Services
- Rotary Club of Woy Woy donated \$1160 to First Woy \$1160 Woy Sea Scouts
- Rotary Club of Woy Woy donated \$1160 to Blackwall \$1160 **District Girl Guides**
- Rotary Club of Woy Woy donated \$1160 to The Web \$1160 Youth Support Group
- Rotary Club of Woy Woy donated \$1160 to Riding for \$1160 the Disabled
 - Rotary Club of Woy Woy donated \$920 to Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus
 - Deepwater Court retirement Village in Woy Woy raised \$750 for the Queensland Flood Appeal
- Randalls on the Beach donated \$3187 to the \$3187 Queensland Flood Appeal
 - Rotary Club of Umina raised \$6000 for Queensland Rotary Clubs
 - 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
 - Ettalong Bowling Fishing Club \$1000 for the Gosford Hospital burns Unit and \$1500 for the Queensland flood appeal
 - Lodge Morning Star \$1000 to the Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club and Working Age Group
 - Woy Woy Public School P and C \$20,000 to Woy Woy Public School
 - Woy Woy Aged Care \$2500 Woy Woy Womens refuge and Men's Prison Ministries
 - Peninsula law team \$6205 for the 2010 MS Sydney to

the Gong bike ride Pearl Beach Progress Association \$80,000 toward rock pool costs Pearl Beach Progress Association \$10,000 Community Hall upgrades Ettalong Beach Club \$4000 to Movember Woy Woy South PS \$11,000 for the school Ocean Beach Surfclub \$4,500 Careflight Charity Queens - Oyster Festival \$90,000 Cancer Woy Woy Rotary Club \$700 to 1st Woy Woy Sea Scouts CUB PACK Umina Public school P&C \$42,000 to Umina Public Rotory Club of Umina Beach \$4,000 to Coast Shelter Woy Woy South Public School \$2,000 for School Funds donated earlier in the year have been removed to allow space for more recent donations





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Forum



Hospital needed for general health needs

Forum

was over 60 years of age.

Now that the hospital is being downgraded, 35 per cent of the population is over

In any event, the hospital is intended to cater for the general health needs for all ages

On average, it cost the profit of a dozen lamingtons for each brick.

Thank goodness for the carefully managed card nights, bus trips and raffles, thank you Ladies Auxiliary and their partners and customers.

Would you believe it?

Our health representatives, North Sydney Central Coast Health and sadly some of our sitting representatives political have downgraded the services previously available at Woy Woy by closing down our rehabilitation ward and moving beds and exercise equipment to Kanwal.

A courtesy bus for visitors is provided on three days per week from Woy Woy Hospital to Kanwal and return of course.

It's frustrating to be stuffed around by experts but to be stuffed around by your choice is degrading.

Email, 1 Mar 2011 Marjory Cleere, Umina

Try visiting Kanwal

all readers urge attempt to travel from the Peninsula public transport to the rehab facility (as recommended by clinicians) at Wyong Hospital, which is actually at Kanwal.

There are no transport connections available, so make sure you have plenty of money for a taxi fare.

Alternatively you can ring Area Health and organise a bus pickup so you can visit your loved one at Kanwal.

You get up before dawn, make a couple of cut lunches, pack a change of clothes, arrive at Kanwal too early for visiting hours, get a coffee at the canteen and then get told that the

I am writing to you regarding the item Footpath Work 'Low **Priority**' (Peninsula News, February 21).

"Medium term solutions" are not good enough for Flounder Rd, Ettalong.

This danger was created by the council.

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This will provide some

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bus is now returning to the Central Coast before visiting hours have started. Whoops. Sorry, you missed out.

You need rehabilitation services and there are none available at Kanwal so you get referred to Hornsby, then to Ryde, Parramatta and so on until you give up>

Of course, that is what the Government wants because it thinks it's saving money.

Well I now realise that there are many other choices besides political parties.

I will be considering the great value of my precious vote.

> Letter, 19 Feb 2011 Zoe Russell, Umina

Not good enough

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Surely their budget can allow for immediately addressing dangers to the public such as this.

Email, 4 Mar 2011 Vanessa Cairns, Woy Woy

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than them all standing around at the same time and place.

More emphatic education is needed about drugs. alcohol and, particularly, hepatitis C.

Email, 1 Mar 2011 Louise McIntyre, Umina

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Swimmers improve times

Representative swimmers from Woy Woy Swim Club have improved on their times after returning from Championships Country in Homebush, held on the weekend of February 26 and 27.

The Woy Woy group entered relay teams for both the under-12 male and under-12 female age groups and surpassed the club's expectations said Woy Woy Swim Club publicity officer Ms Sandra Wood.

Both teams entered the 4 x 50 freestyle relay with the boy's team reducing their time by two seconds and the girls by three seconds which moved them from fifth place, to third.

"The big improvers on day two were the boys, Ethan Dodds, Hayden Boyd, Jordan Boyd and Myles Bailey who knocked off nine seconds from their 4 x 50 Medley Relay which catapulted them into sixth position," said Ms Wood.

"The most outstanding individual performance for Woy Woy at this meet was Rachel Wood who brought home two individual bronze medals and five Top Ten Finalist Ribbons out of a hectic eight individual events plus the two



Coach John Young, Ethan Dodds, Myles bailey, Jordon Boyd, Hayden Boyd, Claire Gaffney, Rachel Wood, Sienna Inglis and Laura Ghali

relay events," said Ms Wood. Other Top Ten Finalists were Tom MacParlane, Sienna Inglis, Myles Bailey, Ethan Dodds, Indigo

Verhoevan, Hayden Boyd and Claire Gaffney.

Media Release, 2 Mar 2011 Sandra Wood, Woy Woy Swim Club

Malibu starts

The Ocean Beach Malibu Club conducted its first long board contest for the year at Umina Beach on Sunday, February 13, with a record 48 surfers competing.

The Club gained 20 new whom can surf, according to club members on the day of the president Mr Craig Coulton. competition which included four previous members who returned to in great form, defeating last year's the club after a few years absence.

Included in the 20 were three new women competitors, all of

"Kai Ellice-Flint started the year club champion Hayden Emery to gain maximum points for the day in the round two battle of the firsts," he said.

"In round one, the first heat was always going to be a cracker with former club champion Marty Skewes returning to the club and coming up against Hayden Emery in his very first heat, Hayden getting a narrow points decision over Marty, with Mark Williams taking third place," said Mr Coulton.

The next Ocean Beach Malibu Club contest is scheduled for March

> Email, 23 Feb 2011 Craig Coulton, Ocean **Beach Malibu Club**

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Aron wins bowls titles

Ettalong Club bowler Aron Sheriff has won the men's singles and men's pairs at the Trans-Tasman test series in Invercargill, New Zealand.

Despite this, the Australian team failed to win the overall title to New **Zealand**

The Australian team lost 13-11 after the overall series was tied at 3-3 on Friday, March 4.

"There are lots of positives to take out of this series," Australian coach Steve Glasson said.

"We've experimented with new combinations, so it's a great stepping stone to the future.

"We've basically been beaten by one game, and there were a lot of narrow losses."

Sheriff won the Men's Singles over New Zealand's Shannon McIlroy 21 to 12.

In the Men's Pairs, Brett Wilkie and Aron Sheriff beat New Zealand's Matt Gallop and Ali Forsyth in a close 24 to 23.

Media Release, 4 Mar 2011 **Richard Goodbody, Bowls Australia**

Jessica is regional winner

Jessica Rooke of Umina Surf Life Saving Club has been announced the winner of the Lions Youth of the Year regional final.

Jessica will now move on to represent the Central Coast region at the district judging on Saturday, March 12, in Toronto.

The Lions Youth of the Year Quest is designed to encourage student interest in leadership and the qualities required to take an active and constructive role in the community.

The quest seeks a high level of academic, leadership, sporting, public speaking and citizenship achievement in its potential winners.

Jessica's journey started in November when she was asked by East Gosford Lioness Club to nominate for the Lions Youth of the Year Quest.

Jessica won this initial round

and moved on to represent the club at zone level on Friday, February 24, taking out the Youth of the Year title and the public speaking award.

Jessica was then named the regional winner and now awaits the district judging.

If successful, Jessica will go on to State and then possibly the national quest.

In each round, Jessica goes through an interview process and at the award dinner is asked to give two impromptu speeches of two minutes as well as one prepared speech of five minutes.

"Umina Surf Club and their members are very proud of Jessica and know that being a member of the surf club has helped her achieve part of what is required to win these prestigious awards," said Umina Surf Lifesaving Club secretary Ms Christine Lavers,

Media Release, 2 Mar 2011 **Christine Lavers Umina SLSC**

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Outriggers race across Broken Bay

Seventy-three teams from across the state competed at Broken Bay on Sunday, February 20, as part of the Australian Outrigger Canoe Racing Association OC6 series.

The regatta, hosted jointly by the Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club and the Ocean Beach Surf Living Club attracted teams from Cronulla, Port Stephens, Ulladulla and Port Macquarie.

The Ocean Beach director of education and training Mr Richard

Grimmond said: "The support that Ocean Beach SLSC provides to the annual event allows organisers to gain authorisation for the event.

"We are a community club and are pleased to be able to help out another local organisation."

Races were held over distances varying from 4km for the juniors and novices to 16km for the women's and men's events.

Races commenced in front of the Mantra Resort to the sounds of Hawaii Five-O music and boats headed out around Box Head and Lion Island before returning to the

Mantra.

The regatta provided competition for club paddlers from all over NSW and the opportunity for the general public to view the canoes up close.

Since the first Australian regatta held in 1981, Outrigging has become a popular sport among both men and women with divisions ranging from Juniors (10 to 19) through to Golden masters (over 55s).

Email, 22 Feb 2011 Aaron Camp, Ocean Beach SLSC



The Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club

Touch team wins State Cup

The Peninsula Junior Touch 16 Boys team have won the NSW Junior State Cup held on the weekend of February 19 and 20 at Wollongong.

Coach Mr Daniel Nicholls said the team played well and deserved to win.

"The boys were over the moon but I think relieved in a way because most of the team has been playing for four or five years and come so close over the years and never won it.

"So to finally win one was a massive relief," said Mr Nicholls. To get to this level the Junior

Touch 16 Boys team played in the Peninsula Touch Competition before being selected to trial. The team trained twice a week since the start of November.

"I was proud and happy to be a part of such a great achievement," said Mr Nicholls.

Email, 2 Mar 2011 Daniel Nicholls, Peninsula Junior Touch

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