



A transformer and pole changeover on Emerald Ave, Pearl Beach

## Electricity upgrade for Pearl Beach

**The electricity network supplying Pearl Beach will be upgraded over the next 12 months at a cost of \$2 million.**

The work is designed to improve reliability in the area, replace older equipment and cater for increasing demand from around 700 customers connected to the local network, according to Ausgrid Central Coast area manager Mr Tom Wilcox.

"Our crews are completely rebuilding large parts of the local network," he said.

"This includes replacement of almost 50 power poles and installation of more than five kilometres of cable designed for use in bushland areas.

"We will also be upgrading the

power lines, transformers and other electrical equipment in the area to provide for present and future energy demand," he said.

Mr Wilcox said up to 18 Ausgrid employees, as well as second, third and fourth year apprentices, would be working on the network upgrade.

The upgrade will involve the replacement of 46 power poles across the local network, the replacement and upgrade of overhead power lines, replacement and upgrade of electrical equipment in the Pearl Beach residential area, the installation of 5.3 kilometres of covered conductor to improve reliability, and tree trimming to maintain clearances from overhead electrical equipment.

"The work is needed to replace

equipment on the local network, and we are also aiming to make the power supply more reliable for customers," said Mr Wilcox.

"As many as 60 per cent of unplanned interruptions on the network are caused by environmental factors, including trees of branches coming into contact with power lines.

"By using covered power lines in Pearl Beach, where there is significant bushland, we can reduce the number of these interruptions.

"We have discussed the work with the community and will be keeping them updated through newsletters and Ausgrid's Facebook page," said Mr Wilcox.

**Media Release, 27 Jun 2011  
Allyn Hamonet, Ausgrid**

## Communications error blamed for wrong release

**A \$7000 relocation grant will not be available for people relocating to the Peninsula after all.**

Member for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein has retracted a media release published in the last issue of Peninsula News, which stated that the grant was available to people from Sydney moving here.

Cr Holstein said that the release was issued with incorrect information due to a "communication error".

"It was based on a release given to us by the deputy premier's office," said Ms Wendy Masula from Mr Holstein's office.

"Unfortunately, after it went out, we were then advised that the Central Coast is part of the Sydney metropolitan area," she said.

Mr Holstein said that "the Regional Relocation Grant will not include the Gosford, Wyong, Newcastle Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury, Wollondilly and Wollongong local government

areas as they would be included in the Sydney metropolitan area".

"However, people may still be eligible if they wish to relocate out of these areas to another regional location," he said.

Mr Holstein apologised "for any confusion or inconvenience caused".

The media release included a statement by deputy premier Mr Andrew Stoner that "by moving to places like Ettalong Beach and Woy Woy, families can escape the high cost of living and congestion of life in the big smoke".

Last week Mr Stoner stated: "There was a communications misunderstanding.

"We apologise for any confusion".

**Media Statement, 30 Jun 2011**

**Chris Holstein MP**

**Media Release, 24 Jun 2011**

**Wendy Masula, Office of**

**Chris Holstein MP**

**Email, 6 Jul 2011**

**Lis Davies, Office of**

**Andrew Stoner MP**

## Helicopter rescues stranded pair

**A 49 year old woman and her 13 year old daughter were winched from the rocks between Pearl Beach and Patonga on Sunday, July 3, after they found themselves trapped by an incoming tide.**

The mother and daughter were holidaying in the Peninsula area and decided to walk around the rocks from Pearl Beach to Patonga around 3pm.

The duo began to walk around the rocks, but found they could not get all the way round to Patonga and, with the rising tide, couldn't return to Pearl Beach.

The pair found shelter between rocks along the way but were stuck

with no food, warm clothing or water.

Police were contacted when darkness fell and the pair failed to return home.

Ground parties were unable to reach them nor could police helicopters.

However, Water Police managed to make contact with the stranded women.

The Ambulance Rescue Helicopter then assisted and winched them both out and dropped them at a nearby oval.

The 49-year-old woman was taken to Gosford Hospital for a bump on the head.

**Kaitlin Watts, 4 Jul 2011**

**Interviewee: George**

**Bradbury, NSW Police**

## Chamber welcomes intersection plans

**The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has welcomed news that the West Gosford intersection reconstruction works are on target for commencement of pre-works early next year.**

Peninsula Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said: "The business community is obviously pleased that works are set to proceed early next year.

"We were concerned that a

change of government would result in delays for the project as a result of the inevitable review of priorities

"However, we have been assured by the RTA that the detailed design work on the signalled intersection is well advanced and that the property acquisition process is nearly complete," said Mr Wales.

"The RTA has advised that pre-works such as demolition and service relocations will commence

early in 2012 with the main roadworks contracts due to be in place by the middle of next year

"Nobody is looking forward to traffic disruptions as a result of these major works but it is imperative that the project proceed as quickly as possible in order to resolve the traffic congestion problems at this vital intersection.

"Neither Peninsula businesses nor the Gosford CBD can afford to have this project delayed as

it is essential commercial trade, business deliveries and supply and commuters to have easy access between town centres," he said.

The Chamber said that its only concern is the ongoing funding commitments with the NSW Budget delayed until September this year.

"We all know that the September State Budget is going to be a tough one so we are naturally concerned that adequate funds will

be allocated to the West Gosford intersection", said Mr Wales.

"There are other competing roadwork projects including Wisemans Ferry Rd and Woy Woy that Rd have been promised by the new State Government and the Chamber obviously wants to see all these commitments honoured over the next four years."

**Media Release, 7 Jul 2011**

**Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**

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The winners of last edition's Peninsula News Russell Music competition are Susanne Bethune from Killcare Heights and Joshua Wickford from Woy Woy.

Kaitlin Watts, 8 Jul 2011

## Rain still above average

A total of 10.3mm of rain has fallen in the first week on July, bringing the total for the year to 844.7mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

Even if no more rain fell this month, July would finish above the average cumulative total of 839.6mm.

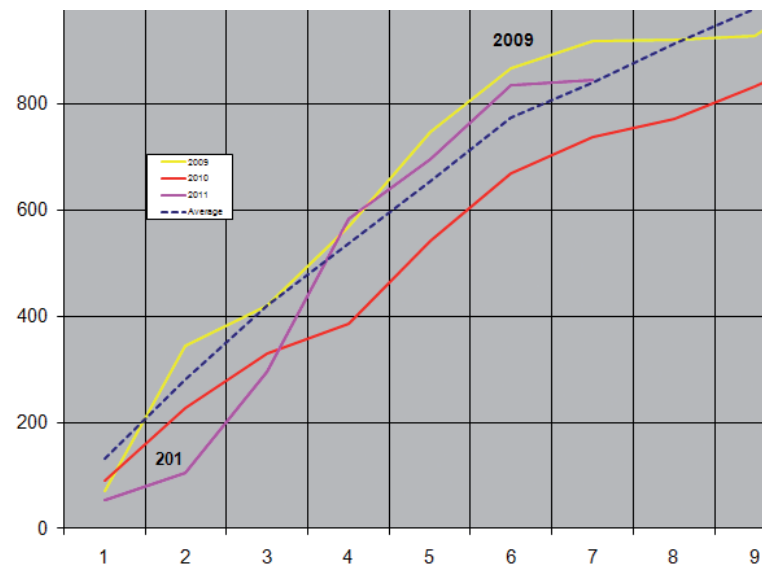
Average rainfall for July is 66.8mm.

June finished with a total of 137.6mm, 19.1mm above the monthly average of 108.5mm.

Top temperature for the month to July 8 was 22.9 degrees on July 4, according to www.peninsulaweather.info.

Low temperature was 5.4 degrees on July 7.

Highest minimum was 11.8 on July 6, while lowest maximum was 15.1 on July 1.



Average temperature has been 13.8 degrees. Highest wind gust was 21.2km/h on June 7.

Atmospheric pressure has ranged between 1030hPa on June 1 and 1006hPa on June 5.

Spreadsheet, 8 Jun 2011  
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy  
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# Tributes are paid to Don Leggett

**Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher and Member for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein have both paid tribute to Mr Don Leggett, who died on Thursday, June 26, aged 83.**

The funeral of the man who was Gosford's first mayor was held on Monday, July 4, at Greenway Chapel and Memorial Gardens.

Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher said: "On behalf of Gosford City Council, I would like to express my deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Don Leggett.

"Don has been an influential figure in the direction of our City thanks to his selfless contribution to all aspects of our community.

"He was a hard-working man who had a passion for bettering Gosford City as a region and a community," said Cr Maher.

"His contribution to the establishment of the Peninsula Retirement Village was vital in getting the project off the ground.

"Don played a significant role in both the Woy Woy and Umina Rotary's and was a great citizen to the Central Coast community.

"Don was a Gosford City Councillor from 1974 to 1983 and served as the first Mayor of our City in 1980, a fantastic achievement for a committed and dedicated public servant.

"He was a great community worker and had a strong involvement with the Woy Woy Roosters Rugby League Football Club.

"He was a friendly and likeable character who did everything he could for the City of Gosford.

"He will be sorely missed but his contribution to our region will not be soon forgotten," said Cr Maher.

Member for Gosford Mr Chris Holstein also expressed his condolences.

"His achievements were countless," said Mr Holstein.

"Don was a 'doer', with a profound love of the Peninsula and the

community.

"The community has lost a true gentleman and I would like to send my condolences to his family and friends at this sad time," Mr Holstein said.

Mr Leggett held positions including Woy Woy and District Meals on Wheels chairman in 1983, Umina Old Aged Pensioner Group president and board chairman, Ettalong Financial Services foundation director in 2002-3, Woy Woy Rotary Club president in 1972 and Umina Rotary Club president in 1977.

He was involved with the building of the Everglades golf course and had an active association with Ocean Beach Surf Club and Umina Surf Life Saving Club.

**Media Release, 28 Jun 2011**  
**Wendy Masula, Office of Chris Holstein MP**  
**Media Statement, 6 Jun 2011**  
**Laurie Maher, Gosford Council Book, 2009**  
**Margaret Hardy, Significant Men of the Central Coast**



Mr Don Leggett and his wife Val

## Erosion study at Patonga

**The Community Environment Network has received funding to conduct an erosion study at Patonga Creek.**

The study involves measuring the rate of erosion at several locations using stainless steel pins.

The project will also provide information to local residents on what plants aren't suitable along the creek and in gardens and will run a workshop to demonstrate how to eradicate them.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, July 30, from 9:30am to 12pm, and will be followed with a weed of the month campaign to remove asparagus fern from the Patonga area in the month of August.

"Asparagus fern forms large clumps which can completely cover the ground layer inhibiting the germination of native species," said

Network project officer Ms Jennifer Dwarte.

"It is easily spread by birds that eat the numerous berries and dispel

the seed over large areas.

"Participants will also receive two free local native plants suitable for gardens in Patonga.

"The plants will provide connectivity of native vegetation between the creek and residences and will enhance the natural habitat

of their garden for fauna," said Ms Dwarte.

**Media Release, 6 Jul 2011**  
**Jennifer Dwarte, CEN**

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# Appreciation service held after appeal

The success of this year's Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal on the Peninsula was celebrated with a special Appreciation Service at Umina on Sunday, July 3.

The hundreds of volunteers who participated in this year's door knock weekend were thanked.

The service saw volunteers receive participation awards for their collection efforts during May's Red Shield Appeal and the official fundraising result for the Peninsula was announced.

"Overall, the Peninsula raised an impressive \$43,940 for the 2011 Red Shield Appeal," said local appeal chairman Mr Richard Sharpe.

"This is a fantastic effort considering volunteers had to battle very wet and windy weather over the door knock weekend," he said.



Central Coast Appeal director Mr Rodney Dibley, Doorknock chairman Mr Richard Sharpe, Peninsula Doorknock Director Major Nellie Moed and Doorknock associate director Mr Garry Beitsch

This year's collection amount is 10 per cent less than that raised in 2010.

"Unfortunately, torrential rain

and horrible weather worked against us this year, but I am positive that the Peninsula community will continue to band

together and show their support for the appeal in the coming years," said Mr Sharpe.

"We can only hope that next

year's door knock weekend is met with clear, sunny skies."

The Salvation Army spends \$4 million annually on providing services to the Central Coast through its various services including The Salvation Army Welfare Centre in Umina.

"We thank the people of the Peninsula who have contributed so generously to the Red Shield Appeal and the hundreds of volunteers who participated in the door knock weekend.

"Without this support, the Salvation Army would not be able to continue its wide range of social and community services, assisting those who are disadvantaged in our society," said Mr Sharpe.

After the service, guests were treated to a barbecue lunch as thanks for their generous assistance.

Media Release, 6 Jul 2011  
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News under the name of former branch chairman Mr Don Leggett was false.

They claim the letter, published in the June 26 edition of Peninsula News, was written by the branch's company secretary Mr Brian Wright.

In a "without prejudice" letter from their solicitor, former Gosford councillor Mr Trevor Drake, the Wales claimed publication of the letter "purportedly from D Leggett" defamed them.

"We are instructed to provide a concerns notice for your attention," Mr Drake wrote.

"The defamatory imputation our clients instruct that are carried by the publication are as follows:

1. Mr and Mrs Wales are unnaturally aggressive;
2. Mr and Mrs Wales when on the board of Bendigo Bank worked against the interests of the bank

and its shareholders,  
"3. That Mr Leggett and Mr and Mrs. Wales were the only directors of Bendigo bank, when there were seven other directors.

"4. The behaviour of Mr and Mrs Wales adversely affected Mr Leggett's health which may have lead to an untimely death."

Mr Drake said he had been instructed that the illness suffered by "the author of the letter to the editor" in "the last four to five weeks of his life" meant that he "could not have authored the published letter".

"In fact, our client rang your office and queried this, and was informed by one of your staff that Mr Leggett did not write it, and it had been written by a Mr Brian Wright on his behalf.

"Without prejudice to any claims our clients may have, they would be seeking at the least publication

of an apology in your paper, including the statement that ... Brian Wright was in fact the author.

"We await an offer to make amends, noting the time restrictions on such."

Peninsula News editor Mr Mark Snell said he understood the letter from Mr Leggett had been submitted by Mr Wright who was acting on Mr Leggett's behalf, in the same way that Mr Drake had submitted the Wales' concerns on their behalf.

Mr Snell said he had seen no evidence to suggest that Mr Leggett's illness had prevented him writing the letter.

He said Ms Wales had spent around an hour speaking with a Peninsula News reporter about the bank branch for the previous edition but had declined the opportunity to have her comments published.

Letter, 7 Jun 2011  
Trevor Drake, Drake and Associates

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## Funding for black spots

The Federal Government will fund roadworks at two "black spots" in Empire Bay Dr, according to the Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill.

The intersection of Empire Bay Dr and Wards Hill Rd at Empire Bay has been allocated \$56,000 to install a concrete median island in Wards Hill Rd, upgrade signage and reduce speed limit, she said.

The intersection of Empire Bay Dr and Greenfield Rd has also been allocated \$50,000 to install a median island in Greenfield Rd with additional signage.

Ms O'Neill said, since being

elected in 2007, the Federal Labor Government had allocated more than \$1.6 million to fix 11 black spots across the Robertson electorate.

"This investment is helping to make our local roads even safer for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, with four of these projects already completed," said Ms O'Neill.

"And the good thing about our Black Spot program is that anyone can suggest an intersection or section of road they believe should be considered for a safety upgrade."

Media Release, 1 Jul 2011  
 Matt Pulford, Office of  
 Deborah O'Neill MP



Rock bolting below heritage road

## Edge lines for West St

Gosford Council resolved to provide edge lines in West St, Umina, to provide 3.5 metre travel lines, after it was recommended at Council's Local Traffic Committee meeting on Monday, June 6.

Investigation by Council's Road Safety and Traffic Unit revealed that edge lines were required on both sides of West St, between its intersections with Trafalgar Ave and Barrenjoey Rd, in order to provide continuity with the adjoining collector roads of

Barrenjoey Rd and Broken Bay Rd.

The section of carriageway in West St was 12 metres wide with a dashed centreline and the adjoining collector roads were 12 metres wide with centrelines and edge lines, providing narrow travel lanes encouraging a lower speed environment.

Council's Traffic Committee said entering West St from these roads gave drivers the perception of a wider road and could have resulted in high vehicle speeds.

Council Agenda TR.11.37, 5 Jul 2011

## No heritage impact, says council

Gosford Council has issued a statement claiming that there has been no impact on the heritage value of the road around the foot of Mount Ettalong despite the drilling of rock bolts under the road.

It was responding to claims by local activist Mr Ed James and Council Heritage Committee member Ms Kay Williams that assessments of the heritage impact of the works had not been published.

Gosford Council's acting engineering services manager Ms Margie Azmi said: "Council undertook the rock bolting work in order to maintain the long-term stability of the road embankment"

"The recent activity is an extension of previous stabilisation works which were carried out last

year. "Prior to doing the work an environmental assessment was carried out in accordance with Part 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.

"The assessment was also further reviewed and considered by Council's Heritage Planner prior

to the works proceeding.

"The work has now been completed.

"There has been no impact on the heritage value of the track as a result of the work," said Ms Azmi.

Media Statement, 7 Jul 2011  
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## Laneway to be closed

**Gosford Council has resolved to close an unnamed laneway between Beach St and Ridge St, Umina.**

The proposed closure was welcomed in a petition with 16 signatures.

The closure was initially proposed by local residents who requested that bollards be placed in the laneway to stop vehicles speeding down the lane, and also to stop trucks backing up into

Springwood St.

The residents provided two options including a closure in the laneway near the rear of 60, Beach St, or blocking the laneway off at the other entrances into the laneway.

Council's initial discussion with resident's confirmed that a mid-block closure was favoured.

Council Agenda TR.11.37, 5 Jul 2011  
Council Agenda, TR.10.92, 25 Jan 2011

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# Bastille Day, July 14, not just for France

**Bastille Day commemorates the seizing of the Bastille prison by the people on July 14, 1789.**

This was the start of the French Revolution.

The prison, despite only holding seven prisoners at the time of its capture, was a symbol of the absolute power of King Louis XV1.

By capturing the prison, the people signalled that the monarchy's reign, and oppression, was over.

An interesting, and political comment, was expressed by Klaas Woldring of Pearl Beach saying how different the republican situation is in Australia.

He mentions how one could even speak of Republican apathy here in Australia.

How can this be explained?

"Firstly, there is fact much agreement that a Republic should be established with a directly elected President."

Klaas expresses the opinion that recent opinion polls from

United Management Research suggest that over 80 per cent of those polled favour this.

That is exactly what the major parties don't favour and why this issue is on the back burner, until the Queen abdicates.

"Secondly, many Australians want to know what kind of Republic they will end up with."

He surmises there is clearly much dissatisfaction with the current parliamentary system.

Here on the coast there are a few things going on which celebrates the day locally.

Fleur de Lys of East Gosford are organising their celebration by proving customers with a little something special.

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## Relocation Reaction

### No doctors for new arrivals

**Wow those poor people coming to the Coast.**

God help them when they become sick.

I've been living on the Coast for two years now.

I rang a doctor's surgery in Umina on Saturday and asked if I could see a doctor, only to be told by the person on the phone: "Sorry, we are booked out. Come

back in five days."

I was told to go to Gosford hospital, where I sat for six hours.

The person there had no heart. Many people were coming in and being told to wait.

I even watched a child who was spewing repeatedly and was told to wait.

Please can it be rewritten that we are happy for you to come to the Coast, but please do so at your

own risk.

I've rung many doctors on the Coast and there is no same day service like there is in Sydney.

Put the money into our local doctors. Don't hand it out like lollies.

The Coast needs doctors. It's drowning.

**Online submission, 30 Jul 2011**  
**Jamie Burke, Umina**

### Decentralisation won't work

#### Forum

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See Page 2 for contribution conditions

**Which idiot dreamed up the idea of paying Sydney residents \$7000 to move to the Central Coast?**

Why not a bounty for any Central Coast resident who can persuade somebody to move here?

What about a homebuyer subsidy to inflate house prices here again?

Shouldn't the Councils be doing their bit by slashing newcomers' rates at the expense of existing property owners?

What is the benefit to anybody of these kinds of handouts?

This is just another in a long history of political stunts supposedly aimed at shifting the population distribution to accord with some fancied merit in building up the parts of the state that few people want to live in.

They haven't worked in the past, and they won't work now.

By world standards, Sydney is just a medium-sized city, but the present population hasn't got there and doesn't stay there by accident.

People live in the city because the wide selection of employment is there, the entertainment facilities are there, and the medical, educational and other services are there.

It would involve a mammoth cost to create an alternative magnet that would be in any way effective in drawing a significant number of households out of the

metropolitan area, and we should all suffer economically as a result of this waste of money.

This is not to mention that the levels of infrastructure and services on the Central Coast are nothing much to write home about already, so what would be the effect of adding large extra numbers of families to the mix?

People who can get jobs here and can see a financial advantage in moving out of Sydney don't need to be bribed to make the move, and anybody who will be influenced by such a paltry incentive probably won't be a great asset to the region.

I am already canvassing everybody I know in Sydney to move here and collect the \$7000, after which they can return to Sydney and we can split the profits.

**Email, 28 Jun 2011**  
**Bruce Hyland, Daleys Point**

### More Forum - pages 19 and 22

### Not enough infrastructure

**Families paid \$7000 to move to the Central Coast.**

We don't have enough infrastructure for the families already here.

The Central Coast is surely part of Sydney by this time.

I feel sure the grant is meant

#### Forum

to help people move to country towns, not Ettalong and Woy Woy.

The road traffic is congested enough as it is and the peak hour trains are at capacity.

The expressway is at times a

car park.

The government is asking people to move out of Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong.

Soon, they will be asking people to move out of the Central Coast.

**Email, 29 Jul 2011**  
**Joan Dalglish, Narara**

### Contrary to legislation?

**The article on the front page of the last Peninsula News appears to contradict the legislation.**

It specifies Gosford LGA as one of the metropolitan centres which

#### Forum

someone has to move from in order to be eligible for a grant.

That is, one would have to move

from the Central Coast to regional area to be eligible rather than from say Sydney to the Central Coast.

Confused ?

**Online submission, 2 Jul 2011**  
**Colin Dunn, Ettalong**

### Congested enough

**In relation to the Liberals \$7000 Regional Relocation Grant, thanks, but no thanks**

The Woy Woy Peninsula is already congested enough and groaning under the aging infrastructure.

Where are they going to live?

Last time I looked Gosford City was still linked in with the greater Sydney metropolitan strategy, which somehow says we aren't regional NSW anymore.

Enough spin, do something practical Chris and fulfill your election promises.

**Email, 6 Jul 2011**  
**Mark Ellis, Woy Woy**

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## New room at health centre

The new group room at the Women's Health Centre is opened

Renovations have been completed at the Peninsula Women's Health Centre, with

the addition of a new group room available for use from tomorrow, Tuesday, July 12.

The new room will enable the centre to cater for childcare for women attending groups, workshops and counselling.

"We have a book club, which meets each month on the second Wednesday of the month from 10am to noon, starting on July 13," said Community Development worker Ms Kate Bradfield.

"We will also have a Sacred Space workshop on Thursday, July 21, from 10am to noon"

"This workshop will explore how to create a sacred space in your life."

Email, 6 Jul 2011  
Kate Bradfield, Community Development worker



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Letter, 4 Jul 2011

Pat de Carle, Hospital Art

## Libraries host knit-in

The ABC Local Radio Knit-In returns for its ninth year, with both Woy Woy and Umina libraries participating in the charity drive, which runs throughout July.

The drive entails participants knitting 10 by 10 inch squares, using four millimetre needles and eight ply yarn, with the aim of joining the squares collected to make blankets for underprivileged

communities.

Nearly 200 libraries, city councils and National Trust properties across NSW are supporting the knit campaign by hosting knitting sessions in the lead-up to a live broadcast across local and regional ABC stations in NSW.

Media release, 1 Jul 2011

Sara Harrington, ABC local radio marketing

## Book fair

Woy Woy Rotary Club held a Bonanza Book Fair at the Scout hall in Ettalong, on the weekend of June 11 and 12.

More than 500 people attended the fair to browse a variety of book priced at \$2.50 each

Proceeds from the Bonanza Book Sale will be allocated to local charities which will be confirmed at the next club committee meeting.

Email, 24 Jun 2011

Fiona Hunt, Woy Woy Rotary Club

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## Charity day for prostate cancer

**More than \$8000 was raised at the Ron Pursehouse Charity day on Thursday, June 23, at Umina Bowling Club, with the involvement of Everglades, Ettalong and Woy Woy Bowling Clubs.**

The Ron Pursehouse Charity Day has been held for the past three years on the anniversary of the death of Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club life member Mr Ron Pursehouse.

It raises money to assist the Central Coast Health in its treatment and research into prostate cancer.

An initiative usually only undertaken by Umina Bowling Club, this year the club was asked to expand the event to include the other bowling clubs on the Peninsula.

"On what was a perfect winter afternoon, 132 bowlers descended on the club for an afternoon of fun and bowls," said Central Coast Health Network media liaison officer Mr Ian Jarratt.

"Several raffles had been organised with donations from a number of businesses and private connections.

"The major prize was a holiday at Forster and two buffet cruises on Sydney Harbour," he said.

An auction of three paintings by local artist Mr Fred Hawkesworth, a basket of goodies from Vittoria Coffee and a unique bottle of port were also auctioned off by Club Umina's general manager Mr James Gallen.

Central Coast Health fundraising manager Mr Jan Richens praised the efforts of all the clubs involved and thanked the Umina Club for including other bowling clubs.

"This inaugural combined event also appears to have been highly successful and we're hoping that the Peninsula clubs will make this an annual fundraiser for prostate cancer," Ms Richens said.

Media Release, 1 Jul 2011  
Ian Jarratt, Central Coast Health



Jan Richens from Health Central Coast

## Managing anxiety

**A free six session group on managing anxiety will begin on Thursday, July 28, at the Peninsula Women's Health Centre, Woy Woy, from 10am to 12:30pm.**

The group will provide information and support and is designed as a guide towards positive change for women who

suffer from anxiety.

The group will use a gentle approach to touch on ways to reduce stress and worry, relieve tension and address negative self-talk that leads to avoidance and phobic situations.

With inquiries, phone Honour McGill on 4342 5905.

Newsletter, 30 Jun 2011  
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach PS

# Chiropractic Plus

by Peter Grieve of the Umina Chiropractic Centre

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More and more of our youth are becoming sicker due to our modern environment and attitude towards health.

We have completely changed the environment that we live in, we are eating worse, moving less and stressing more, with less social connection to help us cope with it all.

Many people want to fix the end result or measurement of poor choices with surgery, medications or the "quick fix solution", but when we look at the stresses we place on our bodies each and every day, whether physical, emotional or chemical (food, drink, environment etc), it is no wonder our bodies are giving us symptoms and/or signs to tell us that they cannot adapt any further and change is needed.

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## Research project shows Twitter's worth

Woy Woy Bay resident Mr Daniel Stone has been awarded a University Medal for Exceptional Merit by the University of Technology for his major research project conducted last year.

Mr Stone was the sole recipient of this award amongst a competitive field of students from across the university.

Mr Stone's major research project explored the ways people engage in political debate and develop their understandings of political issues through discussions on social networks, such as Twitter.

The project specifically explored the impact of these technologies on the way people came to understand and report on the Rudd leadership spill of June last year.

The project used a variety of interviews with significant political and media figures as well as data analysis to reach its findings.

"The whole incident kind of came out of nowhere and thousands of people flocked to real-time networks to try and get a handle on what was happening in Canberra," said Mr Stone.

"Many people commented to me afterwards that this was the



Mr Daniel Stone

moment where Twitter started to 'make sense', even reporters from major outlets confided that there was really something going on there," he said.

Mr Stone is continuing his research while also working within the University of Technology and as a digital journalist with Sky News.

Email, 29 Jun 2011  
Daniel Stone, Woy Woy Bay

## Teachers recognised at Umina campus

Four teachers from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus have received Central Coast District Awards.

They are Susan Andrew, Sheree Gilchrist, Robert Kidd and Tulia Price.

The awards are designed to allow each school to recognise members of its school community who have made a valuable contribution to the education of its students.

"Sue has made a significant contribution over the 11 years that she has been at Umina, initially being appointed as a PDHPE teacher," said principal Mr Frank Gasper.

"She is held in high regard by her fellow teachers and students," he said.

"Sheree has moved from head English teacher to head teacher Teaching and Learning in 2011,"

"She has made a significant impact on our Year 6-7 Transition program by forming partnerships with our local primary schools and organising a series of Learning Days involving visits by primary students.

"She receives a College Award

for her outstanding contribution to Brisbane Water Secondary College," said Mr Gasper.

"Robert is an outstanding counsellor and has made a significant difference to the school and personal lives of many students in the six years he has been with us.

"His friendly, caring manner and sensible approach to all counselling issues have made him a great support for students and a key part of student welfare support in that capacity," he said.

"Tulia had been with us for several years in a temporary capacity before we were fortunate enough to have her appointed as a permanent member of staff this year.

"She has an array of skills and personal qualities that make her such an exceptionally good teacher.

"I am delighted that we have the opportunity to publicly recognise four outstanding members of the teaching profession at the Central Coast District Awards Ceremony to be hosted at Woy Woy Senior Campus on July 26 at 4pm," said Mr Gasper.

Newsletter, 1 Jul 2011  
Frank Gasper, BWSC Umina

### ETTALONG BEACH ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTRE

Are you ready to try something a bit different?

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## Illustrating habitat

Year 9 illustration students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus have attended Kiddies Corner at Umina Beach, on Friday, May 6, to collect information on the natural habitat of Umina.

Students Kayla Thrift and Ellye Woods from year 9 described their experience.

"We began the day by collecting objects from the marine platform and natural surroundings.

"We then found a spot on one of the rocks and did a watercolour painting of the landscape in front of us.

"We did some sketches of what

we had gathered, for example: shells, flowers and seaweed.

"We then went for a walk along the rocks to the point.

"We searched around there and found some beautiful shells.

"When we got back we did some drawing.

"We then walked up to the shop for some lunch and made the shopkeeper's week.

"We walked back and had some group photos then finished some illustrations.

"After this excursion, we will be completing a large artwork if the natural history of the area."

Newsletter, 1 Jul 2011  
Frank Gasper, BWSC Umina



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## Literacy volunteers wanted

**Empire Bay resident Ms Alayna Sutcliffe is encouraging local residents with a spare hour a week to become a volunteer in the Program to Aid Literacy.**

Ms Sutcliffe has been a PAL volunteer and course trainer in the Peninsula area for a number of years.

She said she was a big fan of the initiative that currently has volunteers in Empire Bay, Woy Woy and Umina Public Schools.

"When you're helping a child with reading and you see the progress they make, it's a privilege to share in their achievements," said Ms Sutcliffe.

"The quality of training and support we give our volunteers is very high and schools have come to love the reliability and responsibility of their PAL volunteers".

Being a PAL volunteer takes only one hour a week and volunteers meet with a child at their school to help them improve their reading and writing.

Volunteers can be parents, grandparents, carers or community members who have a love of reading and want to share that with a local child.

The course has been developed in consultation with the NSW Department of Education and Training K-6 English Syllabus.

A PAL training course will be held in Gosford at the St John Branch in Mann St beginning Wednesday, July 20.

The course covers both the theoretical and practical aspects of the reading process.

To find out more about becoming a PAL volunteer, phone 9745 8738.

**Media Release, 1 Jul 2011**  
Louisa Milward, St John NSW



Jonathon Milanovic

## Leadership aspirations

**Brisbane Water Secondary College student Jonathon Milanovic from Blackwall has returned from a week in Canberra on a select leadership program.**

Jonathon joined 29 other young students at the National Aspiring Leaders Summit, held in the ACT on the week of Monday, June 20.

The summit was delivered by Outward Bound Australia with the support of The Smith Family through their Learning for Life program.

The course ran for eight days and aimed to equip participants with the leadership skills and experience necessary to make a difference in their community.

Over the duration of the course,

the participants developed a community action project designed to improve people's lives in their region.

Jonathon will be leading an initiative to arrange counselling for people with substance abuse in the region.

**Media Release, 27 Jun 2011**  
Mitchell Fox, Professional Public Relations

## Open day

**Students from Pretty Beach Public School will participate in Education Week from Monday, August 1, to Wednesday, August 3.**

Students will take part in various science activities including viewing a science show and a helping with a mini science fair.

The science fair will be held on the school's open day on Wednesday, August 3.

"We hope to see as many parents and community members at our school during open day," said principal Ms Deborah Callender.

**Newsletter, 30 Jun 2011**  
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach PS

## Dancing

**Six schools in the Peninsula area are participating in this year's Central Coast Dance Festival at Laycock St Theatre.**

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina and Woy Woy campus', Ettalong Public School, Pretty Beach Public School, Woy Woy Public School and Woy Woy South Public School were among the 60 schools involved in the seven nights of performances held until Tuesday, June 28.

There were 1800 students participating, ranging in age from kindergarten to Year 12.

A wide range of themes and styles are presented, including, contemporary, jazz and hip hop.

**Email, 24 Jun 2011**  
Kelly Vine, Central Coast Dance Festival

## Playing in State titles

**Woy Woy South Public School student Casey Youngberry has been selected in the Sydney North Touch Football team to play at the state titles in St Marys from August 2 to 4.**

Student Kyle McLean is also currently away at the Rugby League State Titles representing the Sydney North Area.

"The selection process for these Sydney North Area teams is quite exhaustive with students from Wyong down to Manly involved in a

number of trial days," said principal Mr Terry Greedy.

From the state titles, a state team will be selected from those athletes participating in the carnival.

The state teams will then go on to participate in the national carnivals run by Sports Australia.

"We wish both athletes the best of luck in their endeavours to gain selection to the next level of competition," said Mr Greedy.

**Newsletter, 21 Jun 2011**  
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School

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# Out and About



## Public Library at folk club

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Email, 23 Jun 2011  
Willy Timmerman, Troubadour



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## Award for Umina campus project

Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus have been involved in an environment program with MacMasters Beach Surf Life Saving Club, which has earned a NSW Environment Award.

The students helped clean up and survey sections of the Hawkesbury River and Brisbane Water, using IRBs and sea kayaks.

The prestigious award for Macmasters Beach was a result of the efforts to keep on top of the litter and to inform NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service of the status of sections of the National Park that front the waterways.

"Graham Johnson was the leader of the excursions which not only gave students an opportunity for community service, but heaps of fun at the different jump and rope spots that are available along the river," said principal Mr Frank Gasper.

Students Jarred Keat, Scott Crossingham, Preston Doudle, Bryson Cole, Jessy Coyle all contributed to the effort.

"Thanks go to Croft teacher Mike Milanovic for the use of his pontoon boat, which was used often as the mother ship," said Mr Gasper.

All of this was part of the Croft's Outdoor Education program which aims at involving the students with the local environment.

Newsletter, 1 Jul 2011  
Frank Gasper, BWSC Umina

4341 1999 - enquiries@ettalongbeachtouristresort.com.au



## Artists demonstrate painting techniques

Central Australian aboriginal artists Billy and Lulu Cooley have talked about and demonstrated their walka board painting techniques at Killcare recently.

The artists, members of Maruka Artists of Uluru, were at Bouddi Gallery on June 25 and 26 promoting their art.

"The artists explained in detail how burning images onto wood and painting over the top was a method used only by the Pitjantjatjara people", said gallery director Ms Jody Deamer

Mr Cooley, who started life working on cattle stations as a stockman, has become known for his liru (snake) carvings that have been acquired by collectors and institutions, including the National Gallery of Australia and the Australian Museum.

In September last year, a truck manufacturer commissioned Mr Cooley's work in a project, where Indigenous art was displayed on the sides of long haul vehicles.

Email, 13 Jun 2011

Jody Deamer, Bouddi Gallery



Mr Billy Cooley

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# Out and About



One of Ms Fletcher's works titled Hot Poppies

## Wine, cheese and art promotion

**A Wine, Cheese and Art Night will be held on Saturday, July 16, at the Bays Community Hall from 7.30pm.**

It will feature works from Springfield artist Ms Zoe Fletcher and wine tasting from Rutherglen Estates.

The exhibition will continue on Sunday, July 17, from 11am to 4pm, for those unable to attend the Wine, Cheese and Art night.

Ms Fletcher's collection incorporates original oil paintings on canvas and board, pastel and silk paintings, startling prints and

coloured silk scarves.

Ms Fletcher will attend, as will feng shui consultant Marli Jung for those who would like advice on painting placement in their residence.

Ms Fletcher has been exhibiting in galleries, at markets and art fairs on the east coast of Australia for 14 years.

Before this she ran a fashion business, making and selling silk scarves, applique clothing and art wear in England and Western Australia.

Her artwork has featured in 11 solo and 28 group exhibitions and

her Wingdom animal fantasy series of fine art giclee prints and art cards have retailed from 17 solo displays.

"I have loved colour ever since I can remember," said Ms Fletcher.

"Colour and nature inspire me most of all.

"The endless patterns on birds, butterflies, animals, sea creatures and plants, on sunsets and skies, feel like a gift from Earth to me," she said.

Tickets for the evening are \$20 with proceeds going towards hall maintenance and improvement.

**Email, 1 Jul 2011  
Tom Flood, Springfield**

## Visit to The Rocks

**Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus students participated in an excursion to The Rocks in Sydney on Thursday, June 9.**

Students undertook a guided tour of Susannah Place, which was a working class terrace built in 1844 by Irish immigrants and was occupied until 1990.

The students said they were fascinated with how people of those times lived differently in so many ways and how people living modern lives today take so many conveniences for granted.

**Newsletter, 23 Jun 2011  
Pamela McAlister, BWSC Woy Woy**

## Education awards

**Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus will host the Central Coast Education Awards on Tuesday, July 26.**

"At this ceremony nominated staff, students and community members from all schools across the Central Coast are recognized for

their fine contribution to their schools and to public education generally," said campus principal Ms Pamela McAlister.

"The event is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the great talent of our students," she said.

**Newsletter, 23 Jun 2011  
Pamela McAlister, BWSC Woy Woy**

## Paralympian visits school

**Paralympian Marty Mayberry visited St John the Baptist Catholic School on Wednesday, May 29.**

"The interesting thing about Marty is when you first meet him, depending on what he is wearing, his disability is not apparent," said assistant principal Ms Yvette Owens.

"I met him in our school foyer and was bewildered as to what his disability was; he seemed to be physically fit and healthy.

"Dressed in a tracksuit, he presented as a tall, good looking young man who was articulate and confident.

"He spoke to the students, telling them about the Paralympic movement and his involvement as an athlete.

"At this point his disability was still not obvious.

"Marty then told the students that at the age of 16 he contracted meningococcal disease.

To save his life the doctors had to amputate both his legs.

He uses prostheses for both limbs.

"Marty brought with him the silver medal he won at the last Paralympics.

"The students and staff alike were struck by this man's ability and attitude to life in the face of adversity.

"It was wonderful for them to see that.

"This was a valuable experience for our students and an opportunity to learn that, no matter what, almost anything can be achieved," she said.

The visit was part of the Paralympic Education Program, which allows schools the opportunity to have a Paralympian visit them and talk to students about their life and Paralympic experiences.

"Initially, they were not able to accommodate us but fortunately for us another school had to withdraw, so we jumped at the opportunity," said Ms Owens.

**Email, 26 Jun 2011  
Yvette Owens, St Johns School**



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## Three-day weekend?

Woy Woy South Public School hosted Point Clare Public School in the third round of the Premier's debating challenge earlier this month and placed second.

The Woy Woy South Didactics argued that Australia should have a three day weekend.

"Kayla Dingwall was first speaker and had a personal best in the role, speaking confidently and introducing the topic, she forgot to define the topic however," said Woy Woy South debating coordinator Mr Tim Kendall.

"Ali Baker followed, showing more confidence and personality beginning to convince the audience of her cause.

"Lastly Roanya Krishna as third speaker used her devastating rebuttal powers to stop the other team's arguments.

"Alas the lack of definition at the beginning let the Point Clare Pointers through for the win," said Mr Kendall.

Newsletter, 21 Jun 2011  
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School

## Stitchery group

Members of the Ettalong Beach Art and Craft Centre are inviting those interested in sewing, knitting, crocheting and embroidery to join a new group for stitchery days.

The group will begin on Thursday, July 28 from 11am to

3pm.

"This is a great opportunity for like-minded people to pursue their favourite craft in a social setting, sharing ideas and personal techniques," said publicity officer Ms Sue Sullivan.

Email, 6 Jul 2011  
Sue Sullivan, EBAC

## Hottest 100

Pretty Beach Public School held its Hottest 100 Fundraiser at a local restaurant on Saturday, June 18.

"The many raffles, trivia, delicious food and the upbeat disco music which was so easy to dance to, all combined to produce a fun night of entertainment," said principal Ms Deborah Callender.

Profits from the fundraiser will allow the School to set up a cricket program, free of charge, in term four, she said.

Newsletter, 30 Jun 2011  
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach PS



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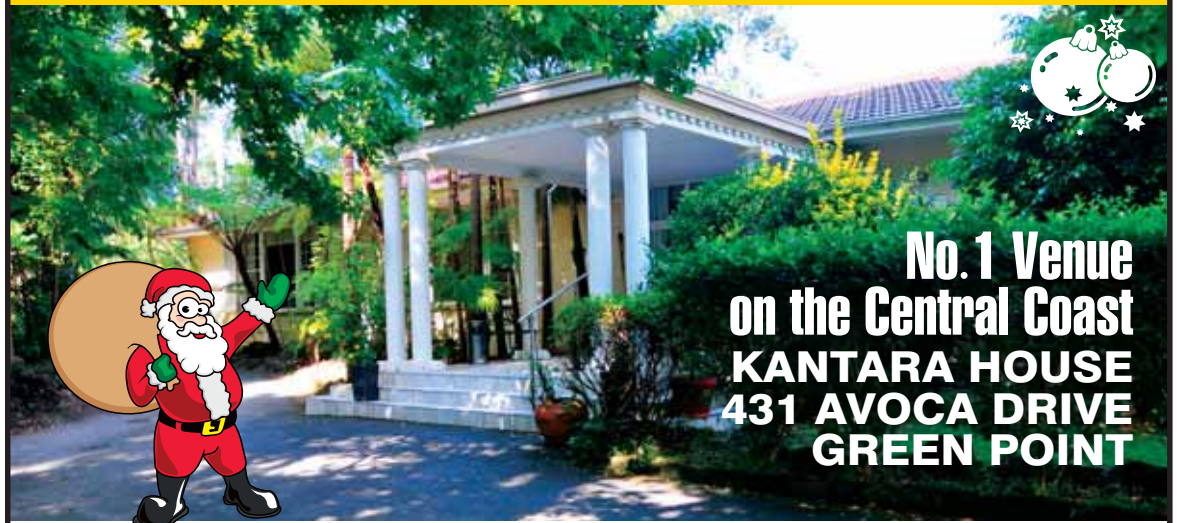
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#### Central Coast Art Society (284)

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#### Hospital Art Australia (284)

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### Community Groups

#### AACC COMPUTER CLUB Inc. (291)

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#### Cash Houseie (269c)

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#### Central Coast Handweavers, Spinners and Textile Arts Guild Inc (286c)

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#### Hardys Bay Residents Group (271c)

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#### The Krait Club (270c)

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#### Umina Beach Scrabble Club (277)

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#### Wagstaffe to Killcare Community (285)

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### Disabled Services

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### Environment

#### Peninsula Environment Group (287)

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### Health Group

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### Overeaters

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#### Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club (67/278)

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#### Central Coast Unit (287)

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### Music

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### Service Clubs

#### Rotary Club of Umina (269c)

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### Sport

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### Political Group

#### Australian Labor Party

Umina Ettalong Branch (293) Political Discussions concerning National, State and local government issues 2nd Mon at Umina Beach Bowling Club 7.30pm 4341 7323

### Veterans

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

Meet 1st Sat (except January). 2pm Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club 51-52 The Esplanade. Looking for more veterans, all welcome - 4342 1107

#### Vietnam Veterans', Peacekeepers' and Peacemakers' (284)

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### Women's Groups

#### Country Women's Association Woy Woy (284)

Friendship Mornings 1st and 2nd Wed 10am Meetings 4th Wed 10.30am - 4324 2621

#### The Endeavour View Club, Woy Woy (287)

Luncheon, 1st Mon at Everglades Country Club, commencing 10.30am. New members welcome. Friendship Social days, 3rd Wed Uniting Church Hall, Picnic Pde Ettalong, 10.30am. Coach trips avail, (men welcome to travel). 4341 2559

#### Gosford RSL Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliary (272)

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# Still no rehabilitation unit

## Forum

The mood of members of the Woy Woy Hospital Alliance at the June meeting had changed from the one of trust, tempered by impatience, of the May meeting to one of anger and a sense of betrayal.

Despite Mr Holstein's clarion pre-election declarations of last March, nothing constructive seemed to have happened in the Central Coast Health Complex.

The City of Gosford was still without a rehabilitation unit in its public hospitals, and there had been no sign that Woy Woy Hospital would have its unit restored.

Mr Holstein has not communicated directly with us and we are not impressed by his published statements.

There is in them no note of

concern, but rather one of "all will be well and we might know more in September".

Mr Holstein and his Minister knew in March that the rehab ward was being partitioned for various other uses.

What instant steps did his government take, on election, to stop those works and have the contract bought out in the early stages at low cost?

Mr Holstein said that a new unit may be in another position in the hospital.

Has the Department of Planning been approached and the hospital consulted?

Will existing services be displaced?

Members have expressed fears that the administration of the newly liberated Central Coast Health

Complex may contain staff who were responsible for the closure of the unit.

Is this so?

Have our newly elected government MPs satisfied themselves that there are no entrenched bureaucrats who will stand in the way of even Ministerial intentions?

Finally, why was the unit closed in the face of a Health Department report of 2007 to double its size?

No credible reason has ever been given.

Perhaps we shall never know.

However, it must be restored without delay.

Potential patients and their families have suffered for nearly three years because of the original blunder.

Email, 6 Jul 2011  
Kay Williams, Pearl Beach

# Airport would create employment

## Forum

I wrote a letter about Somersby for a second airport to the Express Advocate some 18 months ago saying that it would be a good idea, but it was rejected by some of the residents of

Somersby.

Somersby was mentioned as a middle range possibility in 1985 when some serious studies were produced in a report by the

Government.

The planned site is around 12 km from the residential area and the flight path would not be over it.

Now this would be an employment creating opportunity.

Email, 2 Jul 2011  
Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

# Set fire to dune scrub

## Forum

After complaining once before of the disgusting condition of the overgrown scrub along The Esplanade, it is pleasing to see that something has been done to beautify the area.

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about the Australian flora and native birds that can be found there.

That is, of course, if you can find them amongst the overgrown rubbish which adorns the site.

Why not erect a sign showing

a picture of the bay which this rubbish obscures or perhaps a picture of what it would look like if converted into a park with planted trees?

Or better still just get a can of petrol and a box of matches.

Email, 28 Jun 2011  
Peter Whiteman, Daleys Point

# The Peninsula Diary

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

### Thursday July 14

Cancer council information session, Woy Woy Library, 10am-11:30am

Warrarah Trig walk, CEN, 9:30am-12pm  
Bays Community Group  
Devonshire Teas

### Friday July 15

Boy Gets Girl, Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy

### Saturday July 16

Bays community Group, Wine, Cheese and Art night, 7:30pm, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall

50+ Singles Social Group, Dine Dance and be entertained, Ettalong Bowling Club, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Woy Woy hospital Alliance meeting, St Luke's Anglican Church Woy Woy, 2pm

Pink Sock Day, Woy Woy Oval

### Sunday July 17

Arboretum working bee, Crommelin Native Arboretum, 9am-12pm

### Monday July 18

Wee Week

### Tuesday July 19

Woy Woy Roosters Dog Night

### Wednesday July 20

Program to Aid Literacy workshop, St John Branch Gosford

### Thursday July 21

Sacred Space workshop, Peninsula Womens Health Centre, 10am-12pm

### Saturday July 23

New York Public Library, Troubadour Folk Club

### Sunday July 24

National Pain week

### Monday July 25

Independence week

### Wednesday, July 27

Everglades Wine Appreciation Club Dinner, Star Room, Everglades Country Club, 6pm

### Thursday July 28

Managing Anxiety sessions begin, Peninsula Women's Health Centre, Woy Woy, 10am-12:30pm  
World Hepatitis Day

### Sunday July 31

Breakfast in the Bays  
Cerebral Palsy awareness week

### Monday August 1

World Breastfeeding week

### Friday August 5

Empire Bay Public School Biennial Art Show, Empire Bay Public School hall, 7pm

Jeans for Genes Day

### Monday August 8

National Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorders (EGID) week

### Thursday August 11

Bays Community Group  
Devonshire Teas

### Monday August 15

Woy Woy Roosters Golf Day, Everglades Country Club,

### Wednesday August 17

Bays Community Group General Meeting

### Sunday August 21

Arboretum working bee, Crommelin Native Arboretum, 9am-12pm  
Speech Pathology week

### Friday August 26

Daffodil Day

### Saturday August 27

National Cardiomyopathy Day

### Sunday August 28

Breakfast in the Bays

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## Relocation Reaction

# Decentralisation record is plainly appalling

A lead article (Peninsula News, June 27) which suggests that member for Gosford Chris Holstein is inviting young Sydney dwellers to move to the Central Coast encouraged by a \$7000 house grant seems to be contradicted by a front page report in the Sydney Morning Herald (June 29).

In that report, it is made clear that the \$7000 is meant to encourage people to leave the rat race "to move from Sydney, Newcastle or Wollongong to regional NSW".

The Government definition of Sydney "stretches from the Hawkesbury to the Blue Mountains and the Central Coast".

This would suggest that the Central Coast is not included in the scheme.

If it was, and the sentiments expressed by Mr Holstein seem to suggest that, the plan would be grossly short on logic.

### Forum

Why should people be encouraged to move to the Central Coast from Sydney?

The unemployment rate here is significantly higher than the average and employment generation is in fact a high priority.

Encouraging people to move here, by the enticement of \$7000, would add to the already high level of people commuting to Sydney.

Surely, we need employment generation encouragement here not the overflow of people wanting to leave Sydney.

The Government is to be congratulated in aiming to decongest Sydney but moving Sydneysiders to regions immediately adjacent to Sydney, here and on the South Coast as well, would simply mean further extending Greater Sydney - and its problems.

That is not decentralisation and de-urbanisation.

As to the merit of the Government's decentralisation plans, employment generation surely would have to precede or accompany the movement of people leaving Sydney for the (country) regions.

What will they do about that?

Have they got the will and the resources for it or is this a major national problem which would involve abolishing the states altogether?

The record of effective decentralisation by state governments is plainly appalling.

Email, 29 Jun 2011

Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

## Puzzled by bribe

We are puzzled by the article on the front page of the last Peninsula News.

The Herald told us that people from the Central Coast and up and down the coast from Newcastle to Wollongong could get the bribe if they were willing to go to the regions.

We got the view that Holstein was saying that people could get the bribe to come to the Peninsula. Perhaps we misread it.

Email, 5 Jul 2011

Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

## The State Government announced the Regional Relocation Grants on June 24.

The Member for Gosford put out a press release that day which appeared in your edition on June 27.

It spoke in glowing terms of the scheme and how it provided opportunities for families to relocate to the Central Coast and in particular the Peninsula region.

It went on to quote the deputy premier and to lavish praise upon his party for their efforts and the positive outcomes which would follow.

Nothing unusual you would think.

Wrong, as apart from the name of the scheme the media release was entirely erroneous.

Such a scheme provides

### Forum

families relocating from the Sydney metropolitan area to a regional area who sell and purchase real estate to make application for a grant to assist in offsetting the costs involved.

The scheme is administered by the Office of State Revenue and the metropolitan -regional area is defined by reference to Local Government.

By definition Gosford and Wyong council fall into the metropolitan area.

Either the Member is completely incompetent or else he was deliberately misleading.

I don't know which alternative is the worst.

Email, 4 Jul 2011  
Katie Smith, Umina

## Directly contradicted

I trust you noted the front page coverage of Chris Holstein's announcement that people will be paid to relocate to Central Coast is directly contradicted by the front page story of the Sydney Morning Herald (Wednesday, June 29).

### Forum

It states that they will be paid to leave the Central Coast for regional areas such as Bathurst, Albury etc.

Email, 30 Jun 2011

Kay Williams, Pearl Beach

## Why?

I write n response to the front page article on June 27, Families paid \$7000 to move here.

I am just wondering why we would want to encourage more people here?

Online Submission, 26 Jun 2011  
Ross Cochrane, Woy Woy

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## Lions win two matches

The Woy Woy Lions Rugby Club have won their last two matches played against The Entrance and Terrigal, giving them a slim hope of being involved in the play offs later in the year.

The side travelled to The Entrance on Saturday, June 25, and won a hard-fought contest 18 points to 5.

Try scorers for the Lions were Angus Stewart, Mitch Hyde with Andrew McNamara kicking two conversions and a penalty.

Best for the Lions on the day were Nick Garnett, Matthew Hopkins and Angus Stewart.

The side then had its first home game in a month against Terrigal on Saturday, July 2, eventually winning 19 points to 12.

The game was delayed due to an injury which resulted in an ambulance being called during the second grade game.

This was followed by two more ambulances being called during

the course of the first grade game to cart Terrigal players off to casualty.

The game eventually ended under lights and stretched close to two and a half hours due to all the stoppages.

"The Lions were never headed on the score board and while the score line flattered the Terrigal side, the Lions showed that if they play out the 80 minutes then they can match it with any side above them in the competition," said Lions publicity officer Mr George Simpkins.

Tries went to Nick Cama, Kevin Pike and Kane Byrne with Andrew McNamara converting two of the tries.

Best for the Lions on the day were Glenn Touzel, Danny May, Paul Gooley, Dave Best and Matthew Hopkins.

They play Northlake's at Woy Woy Oval on July 9.

Email, 4 Jul 2011

George Simpkins, Woy Woy Lions

## Umina is best regional surf club

Umina Surf Life Saving Club has taken out the title of Club of the Year at the regional Awards of Excellence ceremony held by Surf Life Saving Central Coast at Mingara Recreation Club on Saturday, June 18.

The award was accepted by the club's vice president Mr Rick Boylan on behalf of the 34 club members in attendance

"This award is for the consistent hard work and dedication of the management committee and members of Umina Surf Club" said club secretary Ms Christine Lavers.

"The award is evaluated on our strengths, the number of skilled members we have patrolling our beaches and the results in competitions across all age groups, as well as the administration and education at Umina SLSC," she said.

"As a result of winning this major award, Umina Surf Life Saving Club has been nominated to represent the Central Coast branch at the NSW awards of excellence, which will be held on Saturday, July 23, in Sydney.

"Competition, this season was at our best and this was reflected in the results, which also included 41 state medals across all age groups and five Australian medals in the masters; not to mention numerous local and other carnival winnings and rankings within NSW," said Ms Lavers.

Umina SLSC has won several other competitions alongside its latest victory.

"We placed in the top three at most carnivals this season," said Ms Lavers.

"Umina SLSC had, for the first time, a team and an individual competing in the Coolangatta Gold competition and are training again for the next one.

"Our young female boat crew placed third in the Peter's Boat Series, maintaining their good results.

"Four Members were selected to be a part of the Central Coast



branch touring team, competing against all teams from NSW," she said.

The club also partook in Rotary Exchange during February this year, with more than 20 students from seven different countries invited for an afternoon surf and education session hosted by Umina SLSC.

"The visitors were hosted in the

local area by Rotary and spent the afternoon at the beach," said Ms Lavers

"If our club wins the upcoming NSW leg of the awards of excellence in July, we will be the first club on the Coast to achieve that result," she said.

Email, 5 Jul 2011

Christine Lavers, Umina SLSC

## Swim club finishes 18th

Woy Woy Swim Club competed at the NSW State Open Swim Championships held over the weekend of June 3 and 4 at the Homebush Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

The club finished 18th in the state and first of the Central Coast clubs.

Woy Woy Swim Club recruited four swimmers to race.

Three of those swimmers, Dean

Mackay, Claire Nicholls and Sam McKeown-Paterson, collated 116 points between them for their club, with many top 10 finishes along with a number of personal bests achieved by all.

Sam McKeown-Paterson broke the NSW State 15 years male 800 metre freestyle short course record by 7.5 seconds in his 1500 metre race on the Saturday.

Twelve year old Rachel Wood also participated by qualifying for the 13 years 400 metre freestyle event, swimming a six second personal best.

Email, 9 Jun 2011

Sandra Wood, Woy Woy Swim Club

## Woy Woy plays at State titles

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association competed in the NSW State Age Championships in Bankstown and Wollongong on the weekend of July 2 and 3.

"We had teams at Bankstown and Wollongong in Division two and Division three," said media liaison officer Ms Ellie Hamilton.

"Our 12s and 13s both came fourth in their division, our 14s came 10th and our 15s came seventh in their division," she said.

"Everyone had a wonderful but very hectic time and we are very proud of how our girls went."

Email, 5 Jul 2011

Ellie Hamilton, WWPNA

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