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Funding budgeted for rehab unit and Woy Woy Rd

Funding has been allocated in the State Budget for the Woy Woy Hospital Rehabilitation Unit and the upgrade of Woy Woy Rd, according to **Member for Gosford Cr Chris** Holstein.

The budget allocated \$500,000 to start planning for the return of the Woy Woy Rehabilitation Unit and \$1 million for investigation into the \$30 million four-year upgrade of Woy Woy Rd, he said.

Cr Holstein said this year's budget was tough but was aimed at rebuilding NSW, including roads and education.

"I suppose everybody was expecting a tough budget and, it was a stringent budget I must say, but ... two of the prime issues are

the Rawson Rd crossing and the Rehab back," he said. Rehab Unit," he said.

"I'm very pleased that we've got a portion of money for the commencement of both of those.

"That's a foot in the door to make those things a reality," he

Cr Holstein said there was "some planning to be done in regard to the Woy Woy Rehabilitation Unit".

He said he understood people were "getting a little toey two months after the election, saying why isn't anything happening".

"There are other irons on the fire," Cr Holstein said.

He said he was "looking at some other opportunities that might supplement the Rehabilitation

"We will bring the Woy Woy

"We're looking at everything we can do to enhance the Woy Woy Hospital and the Rehab proposal."

Mr Holstein said planning was also underway for the work at Woy Wov Rd.

He said he hoped construction would start in the second half of next year.

"The first set of money is about bringing all the information and investigations together, reviewing the information and seeing if it's still consistent and up to date.

"That's what the first million is to be used for - getting ourselves prepared."

> Media Release, 6 Sep 2011 **Chris Holstein MP** Kaitlin Watts, 13 Sep 2011 Interviewee: Chris Holstein

Continued Correa Bay siltation 'is likely'

Correa Bay is like to continue have historically occurred following to suffer from sedimentation, with Bulls Hill quarry being "an easily-erodible sediment source", Gosford Council has been told by its environment and planning director Ms Colleen Worthy-Jennings.

She was responding to a question raised by Cr Peter Freewater.

Cr Freewater asked council staff to investigate the source of the sediment that fills Correa Bay from Woy Woy Creek during rainfall events and provide an accurate report on the source.

The report stated that as a result of the topography of Woy Woy Creek, any silt and sand sediments that are transported from the catchment will deposit near the creek entrance.

It found that Woy Woy Creek was the source of sand within Correa Bay and other finer sediments would come from other parts of the catchment.

The other creeks in the area, Tip Creek, Railway Tunnel Creek and Everglades Creek, were not considered to be sources of the

Modelled average siltation rates in Correa Bay, which were investigated as part of the Brisbane Water Estuary Processes Study 2009, were in the order of 20mm per decade.

Near the outlet to Woy Woy Creek the siltation during average conditions was approximately 10mm per year.

Ms Worthy-Jennings said that, while detailed modelling suggested that siltation was concentrated near the entrance of Woy Woy Creek, these investigations were based on the current catchment land use and did not necessarily reflect siltation rates which may

major land use changes in the catchment.

The Draft Brisbane Water Estuary Management included the goal "to achieve a standard of water and sediment quality that protects and promotes a healthy aquatic ecosystem, and allows aesthetic enjoyment and appropriate recreational use".

A specific management option was included in the plan to investigate appropriate stormwater control measures to reduce sedimentation in Correa Bay.

This action followed observations of large sediment loads in catchment flows draining from Wov Wov Creek into Correa Bay after wet weather, she said.

The plan provided for an potential investigation of stormwater control measures aimed at providing some pretreatment of stormwater flows before they reached Correa Bay.

Ms Worthy-Jennings said it was possible that the system had the potential to retain a significant portion of total suspended solids currently deposited in the bay.

Action would be taken to achieve this as part of a larger Water Sensitive Urban Design strategy for the estuary catchment.

This would involve conducting a site inspection to identify sediment sources and assess site constraints and opportunities.

It may also require additional catchment modelling to assess options to reduce sediment loads in stormwater runoff, and to identify preferred stormwater control measures.

Priority would be given to tributaries contributing the highest sediment and pollutant loads, she

> Council Agenda COR. 103, 6 Sep 2011



Pearl Beach and Ettalong Beach will benefit from \$30,000 each in funding to manage, enhance and protect the local estuaries and coastline.

Government The

contribution will be matched by Gosford Council, bringing the total amount to be spent on these projects to \$120,000.

to develop a Pearl Beach Lagoon Rehabilitation Management Plan, to engage the community and

Kay Williams suspended

Pearl Beach resident Ms Kay Williams has been suspended from Gosford Council's heritage committee for alleged breaches of its code of conduct

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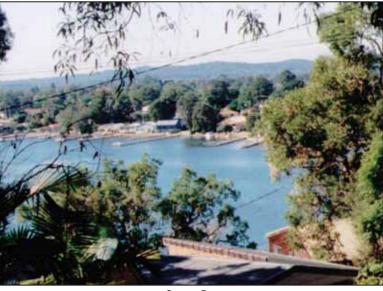
improve the lagoon's health," said Member for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein.

"Council has also been granted "Council will receive \$30,000 \$30,000 to investigate and assess possible options for the renourishment of Ettalong Beach,' he said

> Cr Holstein said: "The program recognises the important role estuaries play as habitat and nursery areas for marine species; the support they provide to commercial and recreational fishers, tourism and aquaculture industries: and their value as places of recreation and beauty."

> Both programs are administered by the Office of Environment and Heritage.

> > Media Release, 16 Sep 2011 **Chris Holstein MP**



Correa Bay

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This unique business structure made the small-scale enterprise viable and the structure remains.

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Peninsula News is a publication which relies heavily on voluntary contribution and which, by its nature, operates to different standards to the mainstream media.

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Peninsula News is a "community

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This means that we are basically reproducing contributions submitted to us on the basis that we are providing access to the media.

The contributions are equivalent to (and in many cases are) letters to the

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How we regard, and edit, such contributions is substantially different

It is also why we are transparent about the source of every article.

Our editing is therefore aimed primarily at removing uncontentious and obvious errors of fact, removing material that would inflame bad community relationships, generally making an item as readable as possible for our readers.

We do not hold ourselves out as arbiters of the truth nor do we seek to endorse or otherwise views expressed by contributors, as many in the media are very quick to do. And we resist pressure from others that would put us in that position.

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We have chosen to provide a local news service for a small community.

This means that the newspaper has to exist on about one 10th or less of the advertising revenue of the standard budget for a regional newspaper.

We rely heavily on voluntary contribution to provide a truly local newspaper as a service for the Peninsula community - even to the extent that the editor himself works voluntarily.

We do not have the time to check all the submissions in every respect ... and there are many items that portray the facts or imply interpretations that we may disagree with.

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News Ltd describes climate change as a "belief". where we would treat it as

Letters to our Forum section from "climate sceptics" may misrepresent scientific facts about, for example, sea level rise based on personal anecdotes

It can become unwieldy to check these facts. And what would we to do with them, when we find that the comment is not based on accepted

Do we deny publication of a genuinely-held view on a matter of public policy on this basis? This is a serious question in a democratic

Generally, we rely on other readers to correct these assertions.

Peninsula News does employ a journalist to cover council news and, where errors are found in these reports, we do publish corrections.

When we are corrections, it is because we are wanting to give people the opportunity to know what actually happened and we are wanting to be transparent about the way that the error came about.

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Mark Snell, 20 Aug 201

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Chamber calls for action on planning

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has called on the **State Government and Gosford** Council to "aet on with the job of sorting out the new draft Gosford planning instrument which has been languishing in the wings for over six years".

"The building industry needs certainty and that means getting our planning controls right," said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"This also includes the State Government reviewing the State planning laws urgently and making changes that will streamline development approvals and reintroducing an alternative the recently abolished Part 3A provisions", he said.

"It also means that the State Government and Gosford Council need to closely examine development controls so that housing yields in places like the Peninsula meet demand and can provide affordable accommodation.

"If development controls are too tough and unrealistic, then developers will not be able to make a decent return on their investment and this will ultimately affect housing

"Local developers and business people are going through a really tough time at the moment so quick action by the State Government by kick-starting the State economy is welcomed by us all.

"Most important to the local Peninsula economy is the rebuilding of the West Gosford intersection which has faced a large degree of uncertainty in recent months", said Mr Wales.

> Media Release, 4 Sep 2011 Matthew Wales. Peninsula **Chamber of Commerce**

Jeannie wins environment award

Umina resident Ms Jeannie Lawson has been awarded Pride of Australia **Environment Medal for the** time and effort she has put into projects aimed at protecting the marine environment.

Ms Lawson was nominated by a friend who had witnessed the effort she put into her environmental projects which involved 30 to 70 hours of volunteer work each week

"I tried to discourage her from putting in the form, but she did it anyway," Ms Lawson said.

"I know that I do put in a lot of time and energy to the things that I am passionate about, such as the marine environment," she said.

Ms Lawson was informed that she had been nominated when she was contacted by a Sydney newspaper, but was not told she had won the prize until she was on stage with the other two finalists.

"It really was quite a shock when they read my name out as the winner," Ms Lawson said.

Ms Lawson said she had mixed feelings about winning.

She said many people had contacted her to congratulate her and tell her she deserved to win, but she does not think she has

done anything special.

"I am sure there are lots of others out there putting in just as much time to the community in various ways," Ms Lawson said.

"I think it is important for each of us to make a difference in our community in whatever way you can - the ocean and its life are my chosen projects."

Ms Lawson said she hoped winning the award would give her cause more credibility and that her group Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives would benefit from it.

According to Ms Lawson, more attention needs to be given to the issues and conservation of the marine environment, from both the community and decision makers.

She said that part of what drove her to do volunteer work was other people realising there was a problem but not being willing to do anything about it.

"My pet hate is when I hear someone say 'Someone should do something about that'," Ms Lawson

Her advice was: "Get out there and make the change that is needed to make things better.

"Stop relying on 'someone else'," she said.

Email, 2 Sep 2011 Jeannie Lawson, Umina Beach



Jeannie Lawson with her medal

Photo: Naomi Bridges

Dune impact halts tree removal

Gosford Council is not alive and their root system was touching two trees that have fallen onto the beach near Ferry Rd Wharf for fear of damaging sand dunes.

Council's maintenance manager Mr Phil Mitchell said the location is of a sensitive nature and Council officers "have instructed maintenance staff to leave the trees until an appropriate removal procedure is determined to minimise the impact on the sand dune system".

He said the trees were still

embedded into the dune.

They fell onto the beach due to erosion in the area.

Mr Mitchell said the Ferry Rd Wharf and the surrounding area was regularly inspected for litter and rubbish with safety inspections carried out every eight weeks.

"Maintenance work is generated from these inspections as well as resident requests," said Mr Mitchell.

Kaitlin Watts, 15 Sep 2011 Interviewee: Phil Mitchell, **Gosford Counci**



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Gosford Council takes Kay Williams off committee

Gosford Council has suspended Pearl Beach resident Ms Kay Williams from the council's Heritage Committee.

The council decided at its August 23 meeting "that she be suspended until such time as she addresses the issues in correspondence from Council to the satisfaction of Council".

It also resolved that "Ms Williams be given the opportunity to meet with the director of community services and organisational development and the chair of the heritage advisory committee to discuss the reasons why she has been suspended".

The resolutions were moved by Cr Craig Doyle and seconded by Cr Jim Macfadyen, following discussion behind closed doors.

The move by Cr Doyle followed an unsuccessful motion from Cr Peter Freewater that "Council review the matter and how it has been dealt with and seek an alternative recommendation".

Cr Freewater was supported by heritage committee chair Cr Terri Latella.

However, Ms Williams claimed last week that she had not been provided with the details of the allegations.



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Ms Williams said she was being denied natural justice.

She said she "cannot find out specifically what I said or did".

Ms Williams has been suspended for Code of Conduct breaches but she said the council would not specify how she breached the Code.

She said she had written to the council's organisational development director Mr Terry Thirlwell about the allegations, "which keep changing each time I write to him".

"I cannot answer for or defend behaviours he won't specify," she said.

Mr Thirlwell told Peninsula News he was waiting for Ms Williams to meet with him to discuss the alleged breaches of Council's Code of Conduct.

Ms Williams, however, said she refused to meet with Mr Thirlwell until her alleged breaches were addressed in writing.

"I have told him I want them in writing in order to address them before I meet with him," said Ms Williams

She said she has written to him a number of times requesting information regarding the alleged breaches

"Instead he has emailed and written back changing the charges against me but still not telling me what I said or did."

Mr Thirlwell refused to comment on the allegations.

"I won't describe the details of that because that's personal to Mrs Williams," he told Peninsula News.

"I can't make any comment on that until she gets back in contact with me and provides an explanation back to me," he said.

Ms Williams said Mr Thirlwell appeared at a Heritage Committee meeting earlier in the year and

accused her of speaking publicly about items on the agenda.

"He also said I had gone to the press about a matter before the Heritage Committee and this was a breach of the Code of Conduct."

Ms Williams said she had gone through the Code of Conduct and could not see where she was in breach of it.

"If I were to guess, I would say Terry was referring to my speaking with the press about Council's failure to act on a Heritage report they obtained about Mill Creek and advising State Heritage Office of this.

"However this matter was not referred to the Heritage Committee until after I spoke to the press about it, which was one of my complaints," she said.

Ms Williams also said that the second letter she received from Mr Thirlwell did not repeat the initial charges but instead stated Ms Williams was "rude to Council officers".

She said Mr Thirlwell asserted Ms Williams behaviour towards staff was "disrespectful and dismissive, it is not acceptable".

"My fellow community members on the committee assured me they have not witnessed such behaviour, though I do accept that I have spoken critically of some issues before the committee," she said.

"This is a denial of natural justice - the right to know what you are accused of.

"I do not expect to be reinstated or to be able to change what Mr Thirlwell has already told Council officers, that resulted in my being named in Council minutes.

"The Local Government Ministry advised me I had a right to seek a written statement of what I was accused of and I have continued unsuccessfully to do this," she said

Kaitlin Watts, 12 Sep 2011 Interviewees: Terry Thirlwell, Kay Williams

Wilson determines committee breaches

Allegations of breaches of Gosford Council's Code of Conduct by council committee members do not go to an independent review panel.

They are investigated and determined by the Council's general manager Mr Peter Wilson.

This contrasts with allegations of breaches of the code by councillors, which are referred by Mr Wilson to an independent reviewer or panel if they are serious enough.

The Code, published on the council's website, stipulates that complaints about the conduct of committee members "should be addressed in writing to the general

manager".

"The general manager is responsible for making inquiries, or causing inquiries to be made, into complaints alleging breach of the Code of Conduct regarding ... members of council committees (other than councillors), and will determine such matters," the code states in clause 12.3.

The code lists sanctions for committee members which "depend on the severity, scale and importance of the breach".

These include censure, requiring the person to apologise, counselling, prosecution and removing the person from the committee.

Council policy, June 2008
Code of Conduct, Gosford Council

Code misused, says CEN

Community Environment Network chairperson Mr John Asquith has claimed that Gosford Council's Code of Conduct is not being used to address conflicts of interest, but to suppress free political expression.

He said the code was designed to make sure that councillors reported conflicts of interest and did not take advantage of their postions.

Mr Asquith said he had looked at four cases of breaches of the code within Gosford Council and "didn't find any where the code of conduct breach was initiated by an alleged conflict of interest".

Kaitlin Watts, 15 Sep 2011 Interviewee: John Asquith

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Spring selling made easy

As the weather warms up so does the property market says local real estate agent Linda Donovan from LJ Hooker Woy Woy.

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If you are considering selling there are a number of considerations to take into account including choosing an agent, the method of sale as well as presenting your property so that it stands out from

the crowd.

Linda Donovan says that when deciding on an agent to sell your property you should work with a trusted real estate expert who you are confident can negotiate the best possible price for your property.

"When deciding on an agent, you should remember that they will be the one presenting your property to potential buyers so make sure you have confidence in their local experience and professionalism," **Linda Donovan** continued.

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'Junket' comments were code breach

Council 'welcomes criticism', says Thirlwell

Public comments by a councillor that a weekend workshop was a "junket" have been found to be contrary to Gosford Council's Code of Conduct.

This was one of the findings of the council-appointed conduct reviewer investigating allegations of misconduct by Cr Peter Freewater, according to a staff report to Gosford Council.

The reviewer found that Cr Freewater was in breach of the code when he told the media that a \$8000 weekend workshop for councillors and senior management at Rafferty's Resort, Lake Macquarie, was a "junket, completely unnecessary and a waste of ratepayers' money"

Another comment that the "Council are arrogant. They're unbelievable." was also found to be in breach of the code.

The staff report did not disclose the full detail of the allegations made against Cr Freewater or the full text of the reviewer's findings.

The conduct reviewer is reported as stating that Cr Freewater's comments about the weekend workshop were "in serious breach of clause 4.8 and 6.3 of the code in that the comments do not treat others with respect at all times".

"I further find that the comments, so far as they refer to senior staff, to be in breach of clause 9.7(f) in that the comments make personal attacks on council staff in a public forum."

Council staff would not release the name of the reviewer, but he is believed to be Gosford solicitor Mr Peter Reynolds.

While the reviewer did not make any recommendations of sanctions, he said: "The number of breaches of the code of conduct make the complained about actions by Cr Freewater to be



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The council decided to censure Cr Freewater for misbehaviour and refer the matter to the Director-General of Local Government for his suspension.

He was also required to make apologies at a council meeting and in media advertisements.

According to the council

resolution, Cr Freewater had breached six clauses of the code. Gosford Council Agenda COM.17, 6 Sep 2011

Gosford Council Media, 6 Sep 2011 Kaitlin Watts, 6 Sep 2011 Media Statement, 9 Sep 2011 Cr Peter Freewater Gosford Council's organisational development director Mr Terry Thirlwell said he considered critical statements made about Council as providing an opportunity for the council to look at its processes.

He said he did not consider them to be bringing Council into disrepute, which was forbidden under the council's Code of Conduct.

He was responding to claims that moves to suspend the committee membership of Pearl Beach resident Ms Kay Williams and to censure of Cr Peter Freewater were attempts to silence critics.

Mr Thirlwell said any comment of a negative nature can be seen as an opportunity to "examine how we do things".

However, community groups have reported that some council staff had regarded differences of opinion and disagreements over policy to be a personal affront or attacks on them, rather than part of the democratic process.

Community Environment Network (CEN) chairman Mr John Asquith said the network had found some council staff to be defensive.

"There's defensiveness about comments from the public rather

than a more open approach," he said.

"Things just don't get very far when that happens.

"CEN always tries to focus on the issue.

"We want to be out working on the environment.

"We really don't want to be spending our time on side issues."

Mr Asquith admitted some tension had developed between council staff and the CEN over their respective views about the draft Local Environment Plan.

Kaitlin Watts, 14 Sep 2011 Interviewees: Terry Thirlwell, Gosford Council John Asquith, CEN

Panel independence questioned

Following his censure on Code of Conduct breaches, Cr Peter Freewater has questioned the independence of Council's conduct review panel, which includes former Gosford councillors Mr Trevor Drake and Mr Peter Hale.

Cr Freewater said the reviewer in his case had an on-going relationship with the council and therefore was not independent.

Peninsula News asked Gosford Council's director of organisational development Mr Terry Thirlwell what tests were used to ensure those appointed to the review panel were independent.

Mr Thirlwell said the external

reviewers employed by Council were "selected on the basis of their skill and experience and their knowledge of local government and also the law".

"We go outside the council and we look for the person that has that experience and has the professional status and is governed by certain professional regulations or code.

"It would not be in the interest of Council or any person being accused of breaches to not have someone that is independent from Council."

For the investigation into allegations against Cr Freewater, "the person that we have is a qualified, practicing solicitor who is very experienced in the law and

is very well abreast with all the procedural fairness and the code of conduct and understanding of legislation," he said.

Mr Thirlwell said this particular solicitor has been used on a number of occasions by Council.

"We have used him before to carry out investigations across a range of things as an independent reviewer and that's why we've engaged that person.

"We provide the information to him and that's all we give and then they make their assessment based on the information they have in front of them.

"They carry out their investigations independently from us.

"They interview and follow up independently from us and if they need any further information from us we will provide that and then at the end of that they provide a report back to us," said Mr Thirlwell.

Kaitlin Watts, 14 Sep 2011 Interviewee: Terry Thirlwell, Gosford Council



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Fire brigade holds open day

will hold an open day on Saturday, September 24, at its fire station in Wattle Cres, Phegans Bay.

The day aims to raise awareness of the coming fire season and how residents can assist fire services in preparing their properties.

"Fire protection is a collaborative arrangement between fire fighters and the residents as the work done by property owners prior to the fire season can assist us greatly in defending and saving properties from bush fires," said deputy captain Mr Stephen O'Donoghue.

The event will run from 10am

The Bays Rural Fire Service until 2pm and will include face painting, a jumping castle, water games using the fire equipment and a display of the station's fire fighting appliances.

> The station will also have its Fire Wise trailer showing how to prepare a property for the fire season, and providing information and advice on preparing a property.

> Following the open day the fire service will be holding workshops on how to prepare a bush fire survival plan, with the dates of the workshops being advertised at the open day.

> > Email, 5 Sep 2011 Stephen O'Donoghue, The Bays RFS



Photo: Naomi Bridges

Stop-gap repairs made to seawall

Gosford Council's foreshores coordinator Ms Kim Radford has told the Hardys Bay **Residents Group that seawall** repairs in the area were stopgap measures.

The sea wall stretches along Araluen Dr from the public wharf at Killcare to RSL Creek, and has a number of holes, indentations and eroded areas behind it.

Ms Radford has told the group that the holes had been filled with geo-textile, to prevent dirt washing through the gaps, and blue metal and then covered in soil.

Ms Radford said Council identified a need to construct a new sea wall with a more suitable design.

This was recognised in the Brisbane Water Estuary Management Plan, she told the group.

"Funding is not yet available for these works as the rock revetment (retaining wall) could potentially cost in the vicinity of \$250,000.

"We have had the contractor deal with the immediate issue of public safety," Ms Radford said.

Ms Radford said the areas could be filled with concrete or excavated to prevent soil washing into the bay, but the costs would be better directed towards rebuilding the wall.

> Newsletter, 12 Sep 2011 Adrian Williams, Hardys **Bay Residents Group**

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 conduct a workshop that will demonstrate the study, including conducting a creek cleanup and weed demonstration of problem weeds along the creek.

The workshop will be held on Thursday, September 29, from

"Participants will rotate through various activities along the creek and will travel to different sites by punt," said CEN project officer Ms Jen Dwarte.

"The workshop is ideal for school aged children under adult supervision as the workshop is very hands on," she said.

Bookings are essential, phone 4349 4756 to register.

Media Release, 12 Sep 2011 Jen Dwarte, CEN

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Umina man charged

A Umina man who police claim was manufacturing drugs has been charged child pornography offences following a search of his home on Wednesday, September 14.

Police executed a search warrant at a home unit on The Esplanade, Umina.

Police allegedly located and ized computers, external hard drives, flash drives and other electronic storage devices.

As a result of the search warrant, police also located what they described as "a clandestine drug laboratory", allegedly being to manufacture methyl amphetamine.

Police from Brisbane Water Local Area Command were assisted by specialist forensic officers and investigations are continuina.

A 44-year-old man was arrested and taken to Gosford Police Station.

The man was subsequently charged with possess child pornography and was refused bail. Media Release, 15 Sep 2011

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No to McDonalds

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Do they know how many small businesses there are struggling to keep there doors open?

We have about 20 shops offering a wide range of food.

If Gosford Council allows

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McDonalds to go ahead, it will have a huge effect on already struggling businesses.

I am one of these businesses owners and the feedback from our holiday makers is that they like the fact that there is no McDonalds in our beach town.

We have one in Woy Woy.

One on the Peninsula is more than enough.

Put it in Terrigal, where Council invest all their money.

Here's a thought Council: How about you repair our roads and footpaths in Umina, before you think about congesting it anymore. We say No to McDonalds.

Online submission, 14 Sep 2011 Maree Smith, Umina

Republic issue not dead

Keith Whitfield (Battlers Rejected Republican Idea, August 22) hit the nail on the head when he stated that it was the Malcolm Turnbull republic that was rejected by the electorate in 1999.

The people saw through this republic as a power-grab by the politicians, and as in previous suchlike referendums since Federation, deservedly threw it out.

But we must not consider that this issue is dead and buried as Senator Bob Brown of the Greens is advocating a plebiscite and another referendum to follow.

A plebiscite is nothing more than a glorified opinion poll with no legal standing and a second referendum would offer nothing new that the republicans had not already advocated.

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However, if they change tack and go for a president elected by the people, US-style, then we would be faced with a president with a mandate to challenge the prime minister on any issue he-she disagreed with, which could inevitably end in loss of governmental process and an indefinite stalemate.

All of this makes our current system of governance look good.

Perhaps the only thing that appears to need improvement is the quality of candidates in preselection who wish to represent us in Parliament.

We can only live in hope.

Letter, 12 Sep 2011 Don Parkes, Woy Woy

Only for the elderly

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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

My family and I reside in Woy Woy, which we love.

My husband and I are both over 50 with the usual aches and pains.

Though still working, we thought we would join an over-50s group that has gentle exercise with the side benefit of making some friends to share our up and coming retirement with.

I grabbed a brochure for Active Over 50s that has Tai Chi and swim classes available.

Evidently they are only for the

elderly during the week and during school hours.

We were very disappointed to be advised by the staff at the Central Coast Health that there is only one class on the Central Coast on the weekend, which is not close to us.

Where can you go to get gentle exercise and make friends of your own age when your relatively new to the Coast?

Online Submission, 15 Aug 2011 Suzanne Dunn, Woy Woy

Start in Indonesia

If the Government wants to stop the boats, it might be a good idea to have processing transit camps in Indonesia because that is the country the people smugglers are operating from.

I do not like off-shore processing at all and favour the Greens' and the ALP Left's position on this - as do 54 per cent of voters apparently.

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However, time and again, the Prime Minister and Minister Bowen say that their principal objective is "to stop the boats".

If that is really true, start processing in Indonesia itself.

Would the few applicants who fail persist in coming in boats? Highly unlikely.

The Indonesian Government would be happy to assist one would think.

Not long ago they claimed that 10,000 refugees principally from Afghanistan were "on their way" to Australia via Indonesia.

Email, 14 Sep 2011 Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

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Umina man shares in jackpot

A Umina man is part of a syndicate which won \$1 million from the \$2 million Lotto jackpot on Monday, September 5.

The man, who was unaware of his good fortune until he received a phone call confirming his win from a NSW Lotteries official, shared the

win with a 20-share NSW Lotteries the man, who is in his late 40s. network syndicate.

The winner, who at first thought the phone call was a joke, said he was overjoyed with the news.

"It is such a relief to know we can clear any debts we have and help our kids out," he said.

"They are hard workers so we are happy to help them out," said

"I don't think I will buy myself anything special.

"I'm just happy to look after everyone else first.

The winning ticket was purchased from Umina Beach Newsagency.

Media Release, 6 Sep 2011 **Media Monitors**



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Plans for **BID** money

Gosford Council's **Environment and Planning** director Ms Colleen Worthy-Jennings has provided a report to Council on plans by the Ettalong Beach Business Group to spend a \$25,000 grant.

She was responding to a request by Cr Jim Macfadyen.

The Ettalong Beach Business Group received the \$25,000 from the council after Ettalong was approved as a Business Improvement District last year.

Ms Worthy-Jennings Council had approved the installation of up to 25 flagpoles in the Ettalong Beach business district as part of the funding.

She said Council would fund the flagpoles and their installation, but the funding of the flags was the responsibility of the Group.

An amount of \$8000 had been allocated for the purchase of flags which will include a generic Ettalong Beach logo, festival and festive season flags.

She said that the flags would be installed in the final quarter this year.

The group allocated \$5000 toward direction signs in the area and signage location and final numbers were currently being organised for submission to Council for approval, Ms Worthy-Jennings said.

She said that the group had allocated \$5000 for tree planting for the walking circuit along Ferry Rd to Picnic Pde, along the beachfront, up Picnic Pde, into Ocean View Rd and back to Ferry

The group had also allocated \$5000 for the enhancement of the main street in Ettalong, including lighting in trees in key areas including Picnic Pde and the

An allocation of \$2000 has been made for miscellaneous expenditure on projects including facilitation of the public meeting held in September last year.

Ms Worthy-Jennings said the group believed "it is not in the group members' or the community residents' best interests to embark on a program of expenditure, simply to 'spend' the seed funding".

Gosford Council Agenda COR.103, 6 Sep 2011



Polluted water in Hardys Bay

No action on water pollution

The Hardys Bay Residents Group has claimed Gosford Council has turned its back on water pollution problems in the bay.

Group president Mr Adrian Williams said the group had been forwarded a memo from the council stating that "the matter has been thoroughly investigated and no further action is proposed by council staff at this time".

He said the memo stated: "A number of investigations have been undertaken in the catchment to identify sources of pollution, including dye testing, CCTV operations and smoke tests.

"These investigations have concluded that the sewerage network in the area is not the source of pollution and there is no overflow into the stormwater

"The sampling sites chosen by Waterwatch and other volunteers do not meet the criteria for primary contact activities such as swimming".

"There is a great deal of action the Council can, and should, take

to rectify this matter," Mr Williams

"What council needs to do is clear the stormwater channels so there is proper flushing of the area.

'The proposed clearing of the stormwater channels is part of the Brisbane Water Estuary Management Plan.

"That's pretty much what we'd like to see happen.

"The point that council makes that it is not a designated swimming area is irrelevant because children play in the area, people launch kayaks, dinghies water craft etc and so there is concern, a significant concern in respect to the health issues.

"They just need to clear the area so the tidal flush can clear the

water," he said.

Newsletter, 12 Sep 2011 Adrian Williams, Hardys **Bay Residents Group**



hair awards hairdresser Ms Heather Anderson has won

Apprentice wins long

two awards at the Hunter Tafe Central Coast Hair and Beauty Awards held on Monday, September 12, in Wyoming.

Ms Anderson is a second year apprentice at Urchin Esque Uber Hair hairdressing salon in Ettalong.

She was awarded first place in Long Hair Design and also won the Lynn Kriss Perpetual Trophy in Long Hair Design.

She received 100 per cent in her theory and practical assessments in Long Hair Design in the two weeks prior to the awards.

"Heather spent all day in



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Ph: 4343 1888 Yaringaa Building 93 McMasters Road Woy Woy (opposite Rogers Park) preparation, culminating in a photo shoot and then presented her work at the awards ceremony," said Urchin Esque Uber Hair owner Ms Sherri Wakefield.

"She was inspired by the movie, Black Swan.

"Her friend Lara Clarke generously offered to be her

"Heather was also assisted by Brenda Orlowski, who created the body artwork on the model's arms and did her eye makeup.

"I'm so proud of Heather.

"She is only 18 and is already becoming a really accomplished hairdresser.

"It's great to see her skills and creativity recognised in this way," said Ms Wakefield.

Online submission, 13 Sep 2011 Sherri Wakefield, Urchin **Esque Uber Hair**

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Carole and Malcolm Christie with Margaret Underhill from the Inner Wheel Club of Port Hacking showing off the singlets and beanies

Singlets for AIDS children

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The Rotary Club of Umina is knitting singlets for children of AIDS victims in South Africa.

The singlets will be forwarded to the Rotary Club of Port Alfred on the east coast of South Africa and distributed by those members to local hospitals and baby clinics.

"Last week Malcolm and Carole

Christie from the Rotary Club of Port Alfred visited our local area and met up with one of our knitting groups at Peninsula Village Retirement Centre, Umina," said Umina club public relations officer Mr Geoff Melville.

"We have several members of the Inner Wheel Club of Port Hacking who have been knitting the singlets and beanies for nearly two years and their representative, Margaret Underhill, brought up another supply for our next shipment," he said.

Email, 15 Sep 2011 Geoff Melville, Rotary Club of Umina

Luncheon for cancer research

A fundraising luncheon for the National Breast Cancer Foundation will be held on Friday, October 14, in Hardys Bay.

The event, now in its 10th year, was organised by a group of local women who came together to actively raise money for cancer research.

Last year, the event raised over \$14,000.

This year, the target is much

In previous years, the event catered for 90 people.

This year, it will accommodate 160 people.

The event will allow women to come together socially and show support for one another, according to luncheon organiser Ms Tammy Jackett.

The event will be held at the Hardys Bay RSL and will include a silent auction.

Email, 7 Sep 2011 Tammy Jackett, NBCF

Donation for vaccine fridge

A local golfing group has presented a cheque of \$2000 to the Central Coast Local Health District to be used toward the purchase of a transportable vaccine fridge for its Child and Family Health Unit.

Health district fundraising manager Ms Jan Richens attended a presentation at Everglades Country Club to receive the cheque from the Swampies Golf Club on Tuesday, September 6.

The transportable vaccine fridge will provide outreach immunisation clinics and home visiting immunisation to families for reasons or situations that prevent

them attending routine primary vaccination services.

Children with special medical needs, isolated parents with no transport, parents who are housebound with disabilities or medical reasons and are unable to transport children to mainstream services also benefit from this service.

"As a result of the Swampies" donation, this fridge will allow greater flexibility and peace of mind when transporting vaccines safely to outreach clinics and home visits," said Ms Richens.

Email, 8 Sep 2011 Bruce Medhurst. **Swampies Golf Club**

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Village wins aged care award

Peninsula Village Retirement Centre in Umina has won a \$10,000 prize as part of the Positive Living in Aged Care Awards.

The awards were the centrepiece of the Positive Mental Health for Older People Seminar held at Luna Park, Sydney, on Monday, August 29.

Peninsula Village's Mosaic Project won the award for best preventative strategy, for promoting the mental health of residents and increasing protective factors to reduce the risk of developing symptoms of mental health conditions.

As part of the mosaic project, five groups of five residents were guided through conceptualising, designing, and producing large images from pieces of coloured tiles.

Artist Suzie O'Donnell, with

the help of mosaic expert Miriam Ross, helped residents with the completion of their works, which were then hung up around the village.

Ms O'Donnell said art therapy was increasingly being used in aged care as a non-pharmacological intervention for mental health issues like depression and neurological diseases like dementia.

Participants in the project were asked about their overall satisfaction with life before and after completing the project, with the average score rising from 45 per cent before the project to 85 per cent after, according to Ms O'Donnell.

"Expressing thoughts and feelings is crucial to enjoyment of life," Ms O'Donnell said.

Email, 31 Aug 2011 Paula Newman, Peninsula Village



Residents of Peninsula Village with the Mosaic Project

Craft sale for health charities



Members of the Craft Group Eunice Worrall, Yvonne Stanger, Beverly Lapacek and Jean Westbrook who designed and made the Water Lilly patchwork quilt to be raffled

The Pearl Beach Craft Group will hold its ninth Biennial Craft Exhibition and Sale over the long weekend of Saturday, October 1, between 10am and 4pm at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

Entry to the exhibition is free and a portion of the sales will go to charities including Medecins Sans Frontieres and the National Stroke Foundation.

"Every year around 100 Australians work in the field as volunteers from the medical and health sectors," said exhibition organiser Ms Bev Lapacek.

"This is why we have chosen these charities to receive proceeds from our charity stall raffle," she said.

"In choosing the National Stroke Foundation, the Pearl Beach Craft Group wanted to support a charity that works closely with the public, government, health professionals, patients, carers and stroke survivors to reduce the impact of stroke on the Australian community," she said.

Long time craft group member Ms Eunice Worrall said: "The Pearl Beach Craft Group is proud of the strong community spirit which has been developed over the years.

"Members of our group have

produced a beautiful handmade water lily patchwork quilt to be raffled with proceeds being donated to the Stroke Foundation," she said.

A variety of hand-crafted items will also be for sale including patchwork, silver jewellery, Christmas decorations, stoneware pottery, driftwood artifacts, clothing and knitwear.

There will also be homemade cakes and jams available for sale.

An additional raffle of a dolls' house will be held to raise funds for the Scleroderma Foundation.

Email, 18 Aug 2011 Bev Lapacek, Pearl Beach Craft Group

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Danielle Joan Boothby

Danielle's Difference Day

A Fun Day will be held at Ettalong Public School on Sunday, September 25, from 10am to 4pm, in memory of baby Danielle Joan Boothby, who died of a brain tumour just days before her one month birthday.

Danielle's Difference Fun Day will raise money for the Children's Cancer Institute Australia, an independent medical research institute dedicated to research into the causes, prevention, better treatment, and ultimately a cure for childhood cancer.

The day will include a jumping

castle, children's rides, face painting, a petting zoo, market stalls and live entertainment by The Mentalist, Mr Sean Taylor, at 12pm and 2pm.

A fire truck from Umina Fire Brigade will attend and raffles with thousands of dollars worth of prizes will be drawn.

Danielle's mother, Ms Jennifer Brown said: "By creating Danielle's Difference, I am making sure Danielle makes the mark on this world that she didn't get the opportunity to make herself".

"The difference in the world that I know she would have made if she weren't given such a short lease

of life - because I would have let her know that she could achieve anything.

"Danielle showed amazing strength in the weeks she was ill, and she will continue to be an inspiration to all.

"Research is vital so that children and families do not have to go through this in the future," said Ms Brown.

Donations to the Children's Cancer Institute Australia can be made at https://www.gofundraise. com.au/page/DaniellesDifference.

Email, 15 Sep 2011 Jennifer Brown, Ettalong

Fruit and vegie week

Pretty Beach Public School sold a variety of different fruit and vegetable items in its canteen in the week of Monday, August 29, to promote Fruit and Vegie Week to the students.

Principal Ms Deborah Callender said: "Many students enjoyed tasting items they wouldn't normally eat with the free taste test."

"During this week, a group of eager students also planted more seedlings of lettuce, spinach and tomatoes in our school garden.

"These along with the sugar snap peas and corn already will be used in the canteen during next term," she said.

> Newsletter, 9 Sep 2011 **Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School**

Trivia night

Woy Woy South Public on last year's event. School held its annual Trivia Night on Saturday, September 10, at Ettalong **Bowling Club.**

The school raised more than \$830, despite numbers being down

Principal Mr Terry Greedy said the funds raised on the night would go to the benefit of Woy Woy South

> Newsletter, 6 Sep 2011 Terry Greedy, Woy Woy **South Public School**

A day at the beach

Year 5 students from the Brisbane Water Learning Community, including Ettalong Public School students, participated in a fun and active Gifted and Talented Students day at Ocean Beach on Monday, August 15.

Each school sent 20 students to work with teachers and Year 8 mentors from Brisbane Water Secondary College campus.

Through group exercises, students were expected to gain a better understanding of mathematical concepts such as prediction and probability, centre of gravity, and measures of fitness including agility and speed.

Newsletter, 6 Sep 2011 Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

Father's Day breakfasts

A number of local schools on the Peninsula celebrated the lead up to Father's Day with barbecue breakfasts on Friday, September 2.

Students at Ettalong Public School held a breakfast of sausages, bacon and eggs at 7:30am.

The event concluded with a performance by students from kindergarten to Year 4.

Principal Mr Colin Wallis said the morning had a terrific feel and the performance by the students was touching.

"I did notice some moist eyes in our audience," Mr Wallis said.

Woy Woy South Public School also had a barbecue breakfast on the Friday from 8am, with a local real estate agent helping to cook and serve the breakfast.

Principal Mr Terry Greedy said it was a "Herculean effort" by teachers to organise the event. who did not receive any overtime for their efforts.

"The only reward is the satisfaction their students feel from performing for their families," Mr

Greedy said.

Pretty Beach Public School also had a barbecue breakfast.

Staff arrived as early as 6am to ensure the morning's success, said principal Ms Deborah Callendar.

She said it was a great team effort, which was enjoyed by a number of fathers and their children

Newsletter, 6 Sep 2011 Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School Newsletter, 6 Sep 2011 Terry Greedy, Woy Woy **South Public School**

Transition activities at Pretty Beach

Year 6 students from **Pretty Beach Public School** participated in a "boot camp" at Kincumber High School recently as part of their transition program to high school.

Students worked through activities to build resilience against bullying.

The day focused on encouraging team work, emphasising positive peer interactions and developing student links within the community.

Next year's kindergarten

students visited Pretty Beach Public School for an hour on Tuesday, August 30, and familiarised themselves with the school and its surroundings.

"Our 2012 Kindergarten students joined Year 5 students who read them stories and showed them around our school," said principal Ms Deborah Callender.

She said the current Kindergarten students sang Wiggly Woo to the new students.

> Newsletter, 9 Sep 2011 Deborah Callender, Pretty **Beach Public School**



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Seeds wanted

Ettalong Public School is requesting donations of fruit and vegetable seeds or seedlings for its vegetable garden.

The vegetable garden will use old tyres to grow its vegetables, as

part of the school's environmental

Principal Ms Colin Wallis said one of the fathers donated the tyres for the garden.

Newsletter, 13 Sep 2011 Collin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

Talent shown

Students from Woy Woy Public School held a talent show in their school hall on Friday, September 16.

Parents and community members donated a gold coin to attend and watch the performance.

The money raised by the talent show will go towards the school's World Vision Sponsor Child.

Newsletter, 12 Sep 2011 Ona Buckley, Woy Woy **Public School**

School concert

Students from Woy Woy South Public School have presented their Creating the Future school concert to parents and community members.

Students performed Wednesday, August and Thursday, September 1.

Principal Mr Terry Greedy said:

"Teachers and students invested a great deal of time and energy in to preparing for these nights and to see it all come together, and to see the enjoyment on the faces of the performers, made this investment worthwhile.

> Newsletter, 6 Sep 2011 Terry Greedy, Woy Woy **South Public School**



Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill with teachers and students from Pretty Beach Public School at Parliament House in Canberra

Pretty Beach students visit parliament

Jenolan Caves trip Bathurst Goldfields, the Sheep and

Year 4 students from Woy **Woy Public School travelled** to Jenolan Caves and a number of other locations on the way as part of two day excursion on Monday, September 5, and Tuesday, September 6.

On their excursion, students visited the Three Sisters in the Blue Mountains, Jenolan Caves, the

Cattle Drome and the Wereiwang power station.

The students said they enjoyed the trip and were well behaved according to teacher Ms Rayner.

"All of our students behaved well, were polite, well mannered and enthusiastic about all of the places we visited," Ms Rayner said.

> Newsletter, 12 Sep 2011 Ona Buckley, Woy Woy **Public School**

from **Pretty** Students **Public** School Beach visited Parliament House in Canberrra on Tuesday, September 13, as part of a school excursion.

Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill spoke to the students on a number of issues, including the importance of working hard at school, being good citizens, and looking after their local environment.

"It's great that students from Pretty Beach have come to parliament, to learn more about how government works," said Ms O'Neill.

"What happens in the Australian Parliament - the laws we pass, the decisions we make - affect all Australians, so it's important for young people to know how these laws and decisions are made."

Ms O'Neill said she encouraged the students to take an interest in politics, and even consider joining a political party when they are old enough.

"It's important that political parties reflect the views of young people." Ms O'Neill said.

"Young people's voices and views are equal to other adults and we need to listen to them more closely."

The students from Pretty Beach Public school asked Ms O'Neill a number of questions.

In response to one question, Ms O'Neill told the students how in Australia Prime Ministers were elected by their parliamentary

Ms O'Neill mentioned some benefits of her job such as how she got to announce \$890,000 in funding for the Coast Shelter Community Centre last week.

The Member for Robertson praised the Pretty Beach students for being good representatives for their families and their school in Canberra

> Media Release, 13 Sep 2011 Nakitah Morison, Bourke **High School**

College students entertain

Woy Woy Public School students were entertained by students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus on Monday, August 22.

A variety of performers entertained the students including singers, dancers, actors, musicians

Above average

Ettalong Public School has performed well in the **UNSW Global Assessment** in English with Year 4 results well above the state average.

Sophie Allister of Year 3-4 achieved a high distinction, while Dylan Lom, also of Year 3-4 received a distinction.

Principal Mr Colin Wallis said it was "an outstanding achievement by these two very able students".

Newsletter, 13 Sep 2011 Collin Wallis, Ettalong Public School and gymnastic artists.

"Our students were enthralled and impressed," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

Newsletter, 29 Aug 2011 Ona Buckley, Woy Woy **Public School**



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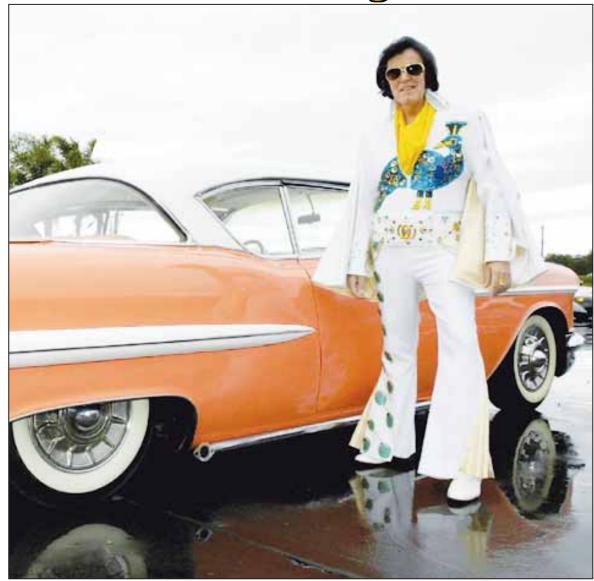
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Duf and About





Tribute to Elvis

A Tribute to Elvis Rock 'n' Roll Dance will be held in Woy Woy on Sunday, September 25, from 3:30pm.

Mr Norm Baker will perform his tribute to the "King of Rock 'n' Roll" at Woy Woy Leagues Club, to commemorate the death of Elvis Presley 34 years ago.

Mr Baker has been performing his Elvis tribute act for 24 years.

"There is only one Elvis, and in our lifetime there will be no other like him," Mr Baker said.

Entry is free and prizes for best dancer and best costume will be awarded at the event, with rock 'n' roll groups invited to participate.

> Email, 12 Sep 2011 Norm Baker, Medowie



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Longest running play

The world's longest running play, Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap, is coming to the Peninsula Theatre next

The Mousetrap holds the record for the longest running stage play of the modern era.

The play opened in the West End of London in 1952 and has been running continuously since

The play is a murder mystery and is based around characters staying at Monkswell Manor, where a snowstorm prevents anyone leaving and everyone becomes a suspect in the murder of a local woman.

The play will be presented by Woy Woy Little Theatre, will be directed by Mr Brendon Flynn, and will run from October 28 to November 13.

Two extra shows have already been added due to popular demand.

> Email, 3 Sep 2011 Patrice Horne, Woy Woy **Little Theatre Inc**

Craft displayed at festival

Students from Woy Woy South Public School have submitted arts and crafts to make a display at the Australain Springtime Flora Festival at Kariong.

The Woy Woy South display was a part of the Australian Plant Society (Central Coast Division) stall and included various forms of arts and crafts.

Two other Central Coast schools also exhibited at the festival, with visitors voting for a winning display.

The festival ran from Thursday, 8, to Sunday, September September 11.

Newsletter, 6 Sep 2011 Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School

Pie shops win medals

Two Peninsula pie shops have won medals in this year's Great Aussie Meat Pie Competition.

Bremen's Patisserie in Umina won three gold medals for its Seafood Gourmet Pie, Pepper Steak Pie and Rabbit Gumbo Pie, two silver medals for its Mango Curry Chicken Peanut pie and its Italian Bolognaise pie and two bronze medals for its Chunky pie and Mince pie.

Ettalong Beachside Pie Shop won eight silver medals in the red meat and poultry categories and 11 bronze medals in the seafood, poultry, red meat, vegetarian and plain categories.

Website, 13 Sep 2011 John Ross, Official Great **Aussie Pie Competition**



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Play written for Peninsula Theatre

Gosford Council has commissioned a new play, set on the Central Coast, especially for the Woy Woy Peninsula Theatre.

The comedy The Next Big Deal was written by Copacabana playwright John AD Fraser and stars local actors.

The play follows the fortunes of brothers Benny and Fernando as they make the most of the chances that come their way.

Gosford Council program coordinator Mr Leon Hammond said the project was an opportunity for Gosford Council to support the development of local scriptwriting and professional theatre on the Central Coast.

"We set out to showcase the amazing talent we have on our doorstep and demonstrate how it contributes to the artistic, economic and social life of our region," Mr Hammond said.

"My role is to support the viability and vitality of the Australian theatre industry and I could think of no better way of doing that than by producing something new and original from our region."

Although the play is still in development, Mr Hammond said participation was community welcome.

Three public readings of the next-to-last draft of the original script will be held at the Peninsula Theatre from September 20 to 22.

Mr Hammond said that this was a unique opportunity for the community to be involved in the creative process.

"It's going to be the first time the play comes to life and



The cast of the Next Big Deal

Photo: Naomi Bridges

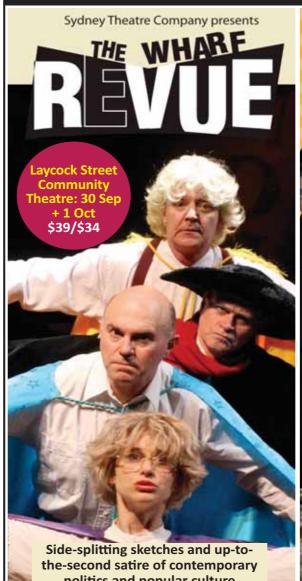
we're inviting audiences to join us and witness the thrilling transformation from script to stage," he said.

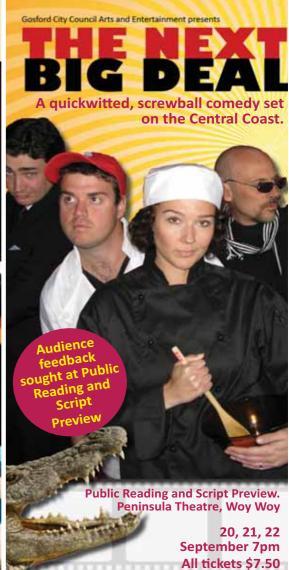
Audience reaction and comments will influence rewrites of the play.

The final product will be staged at the Peninsula Theatre in early February next year.

Media Release, 12 Sep 2011 Jan Wells, Gosford Council







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Out and About



Art show held at Wagstaffe

The Wagstaffe Art Show, Fresh Collections, will be held on the weekend of October 1 and 2 at Wagstaffe Hall from 10am to 4pm.

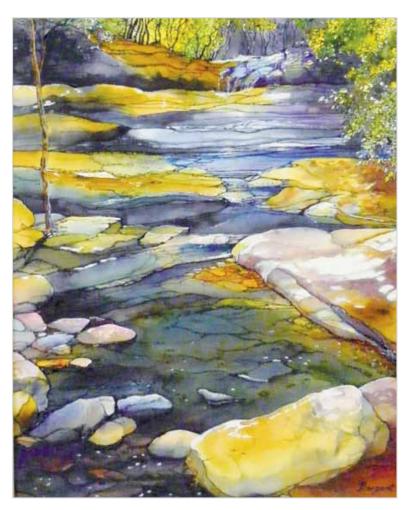
"Stylish and fashionable wearable art created by Cherry Steele will be just one of the highlights of a vibrant and exciting exhibition of contemporary art by Central Coast artists at Wagstaffe during the October long weekend," said art convener Ms Jean Scott.

Ms Steele of Gosford, will treat visitors to demonstrations of her nuno felting techniques each day of the exhibition at 2pm, as well as displaying a range of her work.

Ms Steele's talks will be followed by Avoca artist Ms Margaret Fortey who will discuss how she creates landscape paintings on silk, and Felicity O'Connor of Avoca who will explain the trials and tribulations of an abstract painter.

Complementing the colour and diversity of the Fresh Collections exhibition will be works by awardwinning colourist Sheila White from Matchum, Barbara Aubrey of Kincumber and Denny Hoffman and Jean Scott, both of Killcare.

Email, 14 Sep 2011 Jean Scott, Killcare



Stepping Stones, one of Margaret Fortey's landscapes on silk

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Park-to-park bike ride

A Park-to-Park Bike Ride from Lions Park, Woy Woy, to Lions Park, Gosford, will be held on Sunday, September 25, to celebrate NSW Bike Week.

The recreational ride will follow the shared pedestrian-bicycle path route and will run from 10am to 12pm.

Gosford Council's cycleways officer Mr David Gillett said the week was an opportunity to promote the benefits of utilising our local shared

"In Gosford City we have over 100km of purpose built shared paths for everyone to enjoy, they provide a safe and secure way for residents to travel locally.

"We hope that this week can encourage people to use cycling as a healthy and environmentally friendly alternative to driving," said Mr Gillett.

Media Release, 12 Sep 2011 **David Gillett, Gosford Council**

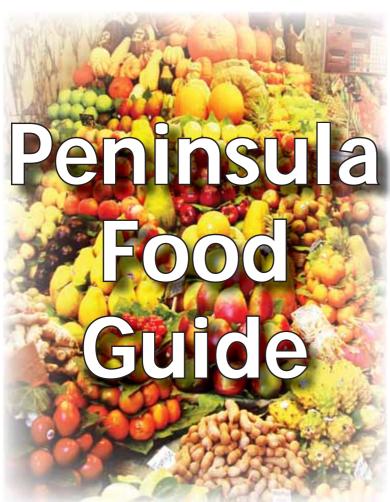
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Central Coast

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Peninsula Community

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Woy Woy Stroke

Recovery Club (67/278)
Peninsula Community
Centre
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Wed and Thur 9.30am 3pm - 20a McMasters Rd, Woy Woy www.ccwhc.com.au

Out and About



Under-10s' soccer final win

The Umina United Eagles under-10A soccer team won its grand final against East Gosford 2-1 on Saturday, September 10, at Pluim Park, Lisarow.

Coach Jack Guinta said it was a "deserved victory to a team that has been the bench mark over the past few years and winning this grand final was the ultimate accolade it could have received".

"The boys were upbeat as we knew that we were playing a team that has never defeated us," said Mr Guinta.

"Our pre-game talk was about playing to our potential and having composure on the ball in front of goal," he said. "Our boys started well and I thought we had the better of play in the first half."

The team's first goal came from Darcy Coleman who out passed and dribbled past the East Gosford defence to slot the ball past the keeper with a neat right foot shot into the back of the net.

"In the second half, a change in tactics from East Gosford saw them playing the long ball forward and chase more so than what they were doing in the first half," said Mr Guinta

"This allowed them to bypass our indestructible midfield for a little while and eventually created the chance they were looking for where our defence failed to clear the ball only for the East Gosford number 12 to score a great individual goal to level the score at 1-all.

"Our defence continued to soak up what East Gosford was throwing at them with their long ball tactics.

"With two minutes to go, the ball was played out from the back to our midfield on the right hand side and, with a switch of play to the middle of the park, the ball came to Darcy who dribbled it towards the left hand side of the box.

"With a wonderful left foot strike, he beat the keeper and won the Grand Final for his Umina team with one minute remaining."

Email, 14 Sep 2011 Jack Guinta, Umina United Eagles

Wednesday October 5

Sunday October 9

Thursday October 13

Devonshire Teas

-12pm, Woy Woy

Hardys Bay RSL

Hall, 7pm

Saturday October 15

reunion, Ettalong Beach Club

National Nutrition Week

National

12:30am

Craft Workshop, Bobby Pinz

National Polio Awareness

Community

YWCA Encore program, 10am

Breast

Woy Woy High School 20 year

Troubadour variety Concert,

Eve of Distinction, Woy Woy CWA

Foundation Fundraising luncheon,

Group

Cancer

Hair studio, Woy Woy, 9:30am-

The Peninsula Diary

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Wednesday September 21

Superannuation and personal insurance workshop, Woy Woy Bowling Club, 6:15pm, free

Friday September 23

Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics registration day, McEvoy Oval Umina, 4-6pm

Saturday September 24

Troubadour, CWA Hall, Woy Woy, The Rhymer from Ryde, 7pm

Bays Rural Fire service Open Day, Fire Station, Phegans Bay

Sunday September 25

Breakfast in the Bays
Global Stay in Bed Day
Danielle's Difference Fun Day,
Ettalong Public School, 10am4pm

Tribute to Elvis Rock 'n' Roll Dance, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 3:30pm

Ettalong Beach working bee, 10am, Rocks Arcade car park

Park-to-Park bike ride, Lions Park Woy Woy, 10am

Wednesday September 28

Craft Workshop, Bobby Pinz Hair studio, Woy Woy, 9:30am-12:30am

Thursday September 29

CEN erosion study, Patonga Creek, 1:30pm-4pm

Saturday October 1

Mental health week
Girls Night In – Nationwide
Lupus Awareness Month
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Carley Chapman with her medals

Winning beginner

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Carley, who had never skied before, had three lessons before competing in the inaugural Special Olympics State and National titles.

In the beginners section, she won the State Titles and came second in the National Titles.

"It was cold and tiring but also fun," said Carley.

Email, 8 Sep 2011 Carley Chapman, Umina

Third soccer title in six years

Umina's first grade soccer team won its third title in six years in the Central Coast Men's Premier League grand final at Pluim Park, Lisarow.

Umina defeated the minor premiers Berkeley Vale in extra time on Saturday, September 10.

The sides were locked at 3-3 at the end of regular time, and this remained the score until David Brewer sealed the victory for the Peninsula club with two minutes

The match was a fitting farewell for Umina captain Andrew French, who played his last game for the side after 20 distinguished years in the top grade.

Email. 13 Sep 2011 Chris Powell. Umina **Eagles Soccer Club**

Big launch for gymnastics

Umina PCYC will hold a grand opening day to launch its gymnastics group on Tuesday, September 27, from 10am to 3pm.

The club's latest activity will be officially launched in the first week of school holidays with gymnastic demonstrations and workshops for the children.

Newcastle PCYC Gymnastics will join Umina PCYC in celebrating the launch of the event.

Email, 6 Sep 2011 Allison Carpenter, Umina PCYC



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Three teams in grand finals

Three Woy Woy teams played their grand finals in the Central Coast Junior Rugby Union on Saturday, September 10, at Bluetongue Stadium in Gosford.

Minor Premiers, Woy Woy under-12s, won their third straight title by defeating Terrigal 29-15.

Zac Doak-Stride received Plaver of the Grand Final for his performance in this game.

In the under-14s, Woy Woy was not so lucky, being defeated by Terrigal 33-5.

In under-17s, minor premiers Woy Woy defeated Avoca Beach 22-17.

Hayden Parish of Kariong-Woy Woy was named the under-17s Representative Player of 2011.

Media Release, 12 Sep 2011 Ian Cameron, CCJRU





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Third premiership running

The Woy Woy Junior Rugby Union under-12s team won its third consecutive premiership in the grand final against Terrigal at Bluetongue Stadium on Saturday, September 10.

The Woy Woy team won 29-10 with plenty of "heart pounding moments", according to Woy Woy under-12s' manager Mr Billy MacLean.

Forward Daniel "Boof" King scored the first try of the game and

played well, said Mr MacLean by "supporting runners and making tackles".

The game went in to half time with a score of 17-nil but Mr MacLean said the team didn't

"Knowing the way Terrigal come back in the second half, it was still a little unnerving.

"The half time discussion was mainly about using the ball more in the backs and keeping up the pressure on Terrigal's outside backs," said Mr MacLean.

"The second half was a bit shaky but the boys put on two more tries as did Terrigal.

"When the siren sounded it was 29-10 and Terrigal had the ball.

"They ran it and scored in the corner.

"That ended the game and we'd won a third consecutive undefeated premiership.

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Email, 14 Sep 2011 Billy MacLean, Woy Woy **Junior Rugby Union**



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