

Brief issued for Umina masterplan

Gosford Council has issued a brief to consultants ahead of calling for tenders for a masterplan for the Umina commercial area.

The plan will result from one of two studies being commissioned by Gosford Council, following its adoption of its new draft Local Environment Plan.

The aim of the masterplan is to provide a focal point for the town centre.

The other study is expected to result in a "Umina Beach Village Centre Transport Management and Accessibility Plan".

This would provide safe and integrated pedestrian, cycle and vehicle routes and parking for the operation of the retail centre.

Council's acting director of environment and planning Mr Gary Chestnut said: "Council is looking at the future of this village to see whether or not there is an opportunity for the creation of a civic focal point and to enable public open space access and the potential for the commercial centre."

Mr Chestnut said the planning is hoped to start in December or January and extensive community consultation will take place.

"Within the consultancies brief for both studies there is an objective to encourage community interest, to ensure council has a full understanding of local needs," he said.

**Kaitlin Watts, 18 Oct 2011
Gary Chestnut, Gosford Council**

Chamber supports Umina plan moves

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said the Chamber would back Gosford Council's move towards the preparation of the Umina Beach Village Structure Plan.

Mr Wales said the Umina Beach Village Structure Plan would include a transport plan for the town centre and a civic masterplan for the Bullion St car park area.

"The commitment by Council arose from discussions with the Peninsula Chamber a number of years ago as part of the new Gosford planning instrument process and the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy," he said.

Mr Wales said the Chamber highlighted the importance of the Umina town centre at the time and the need for long-term strategic planning in light of increased interest by major retailers in the centre.

"The Council's decision to get on with the study is timely in view of major development occurring in the Umina town centre and with the prospect of Bunnings opening their store early next year in the old Flemmings building and McDonalds to follow later in 2012 on Ocean Beach Rd."

Mr Wales said Council has confirmed that a comprehensive

brief has been issued to a number of expert consultants to tender for the preparation of a Transport Management and Accessibility Plan and associated Civic Masterplan for the Council carpark in Bullion St.

"A key issue in the Umina Beach town centre is the lack of a central civic area and focal point where people can meet and public events can be conducted.

"The overall structure plan for the town is to include such a civic space, possibly utilising the area around the library in Bullion St and the existing Bullion St car park."

"The study will open up extremely important discussions with the community to ensure that the town centre grows and develops in line with the expectations of not only local retailers but the people that we want to encourage into the centre.

"This needs to be managed carefully as both pedestrian and vehicle traffic increases over time.

"The Peninsula Chamber has been encouraged by the proactive role that Council has taken and its willingness to consult with all groups as part of the future development of the Umina Village precinct," he said.

**Media release, 23 Oct 2011
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**

Two locations for Oyster Festival

The 11th Brisbane Water Oyster Festival will be held this year over two days in two different locations.

Festivities will begin on Saturday, November 12, at the Mediterranean-inspired Ettalong Market and Cinema complex with the main event continuing on Sunday, November 13, at the waterfront.

Each day from 9am to 4pm a plethora of musicians, amusements, competitions and animal rides will entertain locals and visitors at both venues.

Captain Long Joe, assisted by a shimmering mermaid, will raise funds for Gosford Hospital with the chance to win a family kayak.

There will also be a treasure hunt and a tug-o-war between the Woy Woy Roosters and Umina Bunnies as well as the Woy Woy Woodchop Spectacular.

Entertainment on Sunday will be led by Wayne Cornell and the All Star Big Band followed by Kamis, an act made up of six family members with big voices and bigger dance moves.

The theme of All Things Marine will echo throughout the mix of art, craft, retail, and corporate stalls.

The "How many oysters can you eat" competition will be on again, joined by a new competition "How many prawns can you eat".

**Email, 25 Oct 2011
Alex Quinn, Brisbane Water Oyster Festival**



Entertainment at the 2010 Brisbane Water Oyster Festival



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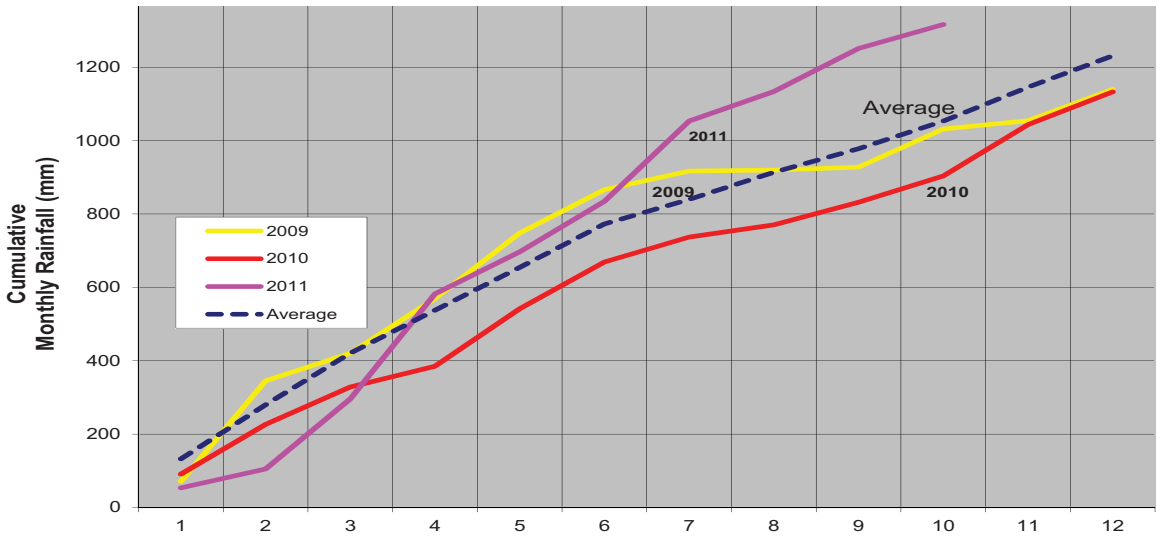
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The winners of last editions Sleepy Wings competition are D Medway of Umina, Anita Yates of Woy Woy, Crystal Dillon of Gosford and Rebecca Bush of Woy Woy.

Kaitlin Watts, 28 Oct 2011



Rain falls short

With just three days to go in October, rainfall for the month has finished 10mm below the monthly average.

Figures supplied by Mr Jim

Morrison of Woy Woy 65.4mm of rain fell in the month until October 28, 10mm below the average of 75.4mm.

Rainfall for the year to date remains well above average with a total of 1316mm recorded compared to the cumulative average at the end of October of 1053mm.

The year-to-date figure also exceeds the annual average of 1231.1mm.

Temperatures in October ranged between a minimum of 9.7 degrees on October 4 to a

maximum of 34.2 on October 24, according to figures from www.peninsulaweather.info.

Highest minimum was 19.3 on October 24 and lowest maximum was 16.1 on October 2.

The average daily maximum for the month was 22.1 and the average overnight minimum was 14.0.

The highest wind gust recorded was 37.4km/h recorded on October 25.

Spreadsheet, 28 Oct 2011

Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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'Demand exists' for fast food, says company

A fast food company has responded to letters in Peninsula News expressing concern about the development of an outlet in Umina.

McDonalds Australia media officer Ms Skye Oxenham said that while McDonalds was "sensitive to the local community's views, we are also aware that there is a demand for a restaurant at this site, and this is supported by the Council's decision to zone the area appropriately".

"McDonald's restaurants are popular, offering customers quick, convenient meals of reliable quality.

"We believe there is sufficient demand for a restaurant at Umina to consider submitting a development application for the site," said Ms Oxenham.

She said McDonalds will work closely with Council to take a consultative approach with the local community.

"It's early stages at this point.

"We have only just lodged the development application with Council and as such Council will assess the application as it would with any application that they receive," said Ms Oxenham.

Media statement, 27 Oct 2011

Skye Oxenham,
McDonalds Australia



RTA regional general manager Hunter Mr Jim Peachman, minister Duncan Gay, member for Gosford Chris Holstein and RTA manager Central Coast Glen Weymer

Minister visits Woy Woy Rd

NSW Minister for Roads Mr Duncan Gay has visited Woy Woy Rd with Member for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein.

Cr Holstein said that Mr Gay visited the site along with two senior RTA officials to receive an in-depth briefing on the road.

With funding committed in the State Budget to the upgrading the road, Cr Holstein said the meeting was designed for the Minister to "familiarize himself with the scope of the task.

The Woy Woy Rd upgrade will upgrade 2km of Woy Woy Rd and includes a new underpass at the rail

line.

Cr Holstein said that \$1 million dollars had been allocated in the Budget to start planning the project.

The upgrade would eliminate the Rawson Rd level crossing near Woy Woy, he said.

Cr Holstein said he welcomed the Minister taking the time to inspect the project site and demonstrate his commitment to the road upgrade.

Media Release, 25 Oct 2011

Chris Holstein, member for Gosford

Hazard reduction burns

Three hazard reduction burns were conducted over the last two weeks in the Peninsula area.

NSW Rural Fire Service commissioner Mr Shane Fitzsimmons said the favorable weather enabled more than 70 hazard reductions burns in NSW including along Hawkesbury River St in Patonga, Bouddi National Park in Killcare and Pomona Rd in the Bouddi National Park.

"For this important work to be

effective the conditions need to be ideal, and now that the recent wet weather has cleared, agencies are taking full advantage of the situation," said Mr Fitzsimmons.

"This ongoing work is an important part of preparing for the bush fire season and agencies will continue to schedule these activities while conditions allow," he said.

Media Release, 21 Oct 2011

Shane Fitzsimmons, NSW
Rural Fire Service

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Cannot wait for store to open

What a shame Mark Waters of Umina (Peninsula News, 17 October) does not quite get the bigger picture when he asked "who will benefit from permanent employment" at the new McDonalds coming very soon to Umina.

Having a McDonalds in Umina will employ at least three fulltime and up to 60 casual employees.

This may only be three fulltime people but it gives more people the opportunity to gain employment,

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and helps another 50 or 60 casuals to know they can follow their dream of a job that could lead to them being the CEO of one of Australia's largest employers.

So who gains?

At least 80,000 employees around Australia, not to mention the world are employed by McDonalds in some capacity.

McDonalds makes a contribution to society with Ronald McDonald House and training for all staff

that equips them with the skills to be productive in our society and if they wish gain a University degree.

I cannot wait for this store to open as even the older members of our community will benefit from companionship and may be the only face they see each day as they eat the meals that they can afford.

So who gains?

We all do, and I don't even have a vested interest in McDonalds.

Email, 24 Oct 2011
Val Tanner Umina

A place for the old folks

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As for the question of litter, I don't think that you can blame them for that.

A litterbug will always be a litterbug no matter who ever the food supplier.

Bring it on McDonalds, I say.

Email, 18 Oct 2011

Peter Whiteman, Daleys Point

Gee! To say that I am shocked at the amount of hate mail poor ole Macca's has received in the last couple of weeks is an understatement.

Where else on the Peninsula can us old folks get a bacon and egg roll and a free coffee for under four bucks, an ice cream for 50c, a free read of a newspaper and the use of clean toilets?

It won't stop me frequenting the coffee shops of West St, but where are there toilets especially for us oldies?

Macca's gives employment for kids wanting to earn a few dollars as well as teaches them courtesy.

There always seem to be plenty of parking supplied.

It's a great place for kids to hang out (remember the milk bars in our day).

No newspaper competition on the Coast

The foreign-owned Central Coast Express Advocate won the coveted Community Newspaper of the year in 2009.

The award took place in the presence of News Corporation's chairman Rupert Murdoch at the Sydney Opera House.

Democracy is not well served when the powerful media magnate Murdoch controls a publication with no serious competition on the Central Coast.

Can the Express Advocate truthfully claim to be a newspaper when it frequently contains 90 per cent advertising and only 10 per cent news?

Its circulation of 250,000 copies each week is scattered on Gosford Council's public footpaths.

This method of distribution constitutes a breach of section 145 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act and gives the publisher an unfair advantage over

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other publishers who lawfully place printed material in letterboxes and community newspapers like the Peninsula News which lawfully circulate 28,000 copies each month with only 30 per cent commercial advertising.

The Department of Local Government on June 8, 2010, said that NSW councils have powers to prevent littering under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (POEO Act) but Gosford Council's co-ordinator ranger services (8th June 2010) claims section 146A(3) provides an exception for newspapers or any inclusions in a newspaper, from having to comply with the requirements of section 146A of the Act

Gosford Council tolerates and contributes to the printed matter scattered on its public footways twice a week and fails in its duty

to collect for the public revenue markets rent from a business that uses public footways for private profit.

This amounts to a substantial public subsidy to the Murdoch international media empire.

Australian politicians and councillors are aware that Murdoch's publications can reward them or punish them if they "rock the boat".

A person commenting on the possible fraud relating to the salary cap scandal in the Melbourne Storm (owned by Murdoch) said "dealing with News Limited is like dealing with a tobacco company – they are so powerful".

Can this be why Gosford Council does not enforce its littering laws against Central Coast Express Advocate and avoids collecting its rightful revenue?

Letter, 17 Oct 2011
John Collins, Woy Woy

More forum on page 8

Fred's letters in booklet

Many readers enjoyed Fred Landman's series of letters, published in the Peninsula News over some months, reflecting on life in the 50s and other items of interest regarding Woy Woy and the Peninsula area.

These articles have now been put together as a booklet –

Recollections of Woy Woy – and each of the libraries has a copy or two.

The Mitchell Library in Sydney also has a copy.

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Online submission, 25 Oct 2011
Jennifer Ahrens, Umina Beach



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Emergency services were called to Palm Tree Grove in Umina on Wednesday, October 19, after two women from Copacabana became disorientated on a bushwalk.

The women, aged 23 and 40, were walking in the bushland of Palm Grove Cres around 3pm, when they got lost.

They were able to locate a house

and yelled out to the occupant who notified emergency services.

The women were unable to access the house due to the steep terrain but the occupant was able to direct them to the road.

The uninjured women were met by ambulances, police and fire and rescue.

Kaitlin Watts, 20 Oct 2011
Interviewee: Inspector Nigel Webber

New supermarket opens

A new Aldi store will open its doors on Trafalgar Ave, Umina, on Wednesday, November 2.

Aldi's managing director for the Minchinbury region Mr Oliver Bongardt said the new store would provide Umina customers with the chance to experience Aldi's shopping innovations and exclusive brands.

He said the store would bring smarter shopping, employment opportunities and retail competition to the local community.

"We are the only major grocery retailer in Australia to list all products and prices online so consumers know the exact value they are getting when they shop at Aldi," he said.

"There has been a lot of

excitement leading up to the opening and our employees are gearing up for a busy day," said Mr Bongardt.

The new store will be open Monday to Wednesday 8.30am – 7pm, Thursday 8.30am – 8pm and Friday-Sunday 8.30am-7pm.

Media release, 19 Oct 2011
Rhianon Senior,
Consultant for ALDI



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The seminar, called Lifting the Lid that Restricts Business Success, will be run by Active Learning Centre International director Dr Carlos Raimundo who lives in Pearl Beach.

In the seminar, Dr Raimundo will address how to deal with external issues and pressures as well as those internal beliefs that restrict the ability to enjoy a successful life.

The seminar will look at how to recreate or confirm the definition of success, identify what conditions facilitate the best to emerge, identify external and internal issues that cap success and discover limiting and disempowering beliefs that affect potential.

Dr Raimundo runs public training courses and works privately with large corporations and organisations in the areas of leadership, management, conflict resolution and cultural transformation.

In 2004, he won the New York Innovator's Award for his coaching and counselling method, the Play of Life.

Email, 13 Oct 2011
Carlos Raimundo, Pearl Beach

Second best sausages in State



Photo: Naomi Bridges

Marc Edwards with his prize winning sausages

A Woy Woy butchery has placed second in the Australian Lamb-Open Class in the NSW State Sausage King competition.

Edwards Family Butchery was one of 67 independent local butchers throughout NSW and the ACT that entered their prized sausages in the state final after winning their regional heat.

The State Final was held in Civic Park, North Sydney, on Saturday, October 15.

Butcher Marc Edwards said the secret to his sausages was the fresh ingredients.

"Ninety-five per cent of butchers use a packet mix with water. Ours are natural," said Mr Edwards.

"We hand-make our sausages.

"I make them from scratch with rice flour, salt, black pepper, feta, sun dried tomato and lamb.

"We've got a trophy to show off... second in the state is not bad," said Mr Edwards.

Media Release, 17 Oct 2011
Leonie Migachov, Australian meat Industry council
Elyse Gunner, 25 Oct 2011
Interviewee: Marc Edwards

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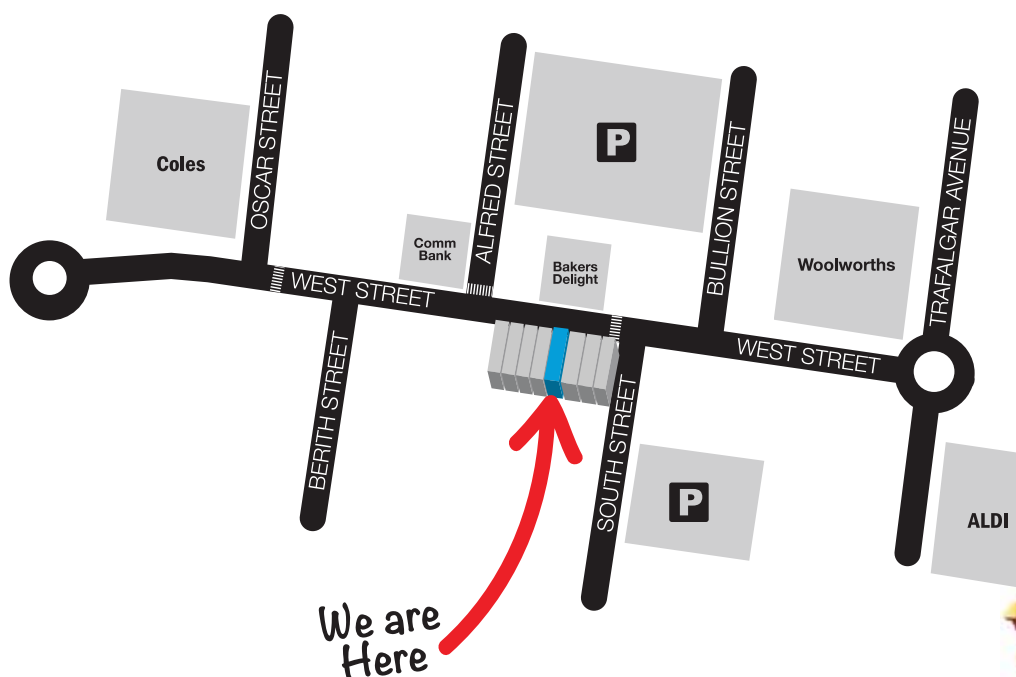
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Littered with broken promises

I congratulate Ms Deborah O'Neill for offering closure on the long running dispute about federal funding for the Woy Woy Rehab unit, littered with broken promises from both sides of politics.

It is my understanding that the Member for Gosford Chris Holstein

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had made certain undertakings for the Woy Woy Rehab Unit, but that after the state election nothing came of these.

One needs to ask what the time frame will be for the beds promised by Ms O'Neill and I invite

her to commit to a timetable for implementation so that residents of the Peninsula can have confidence that this will be a promise which is kept.

Email, 25 Oct 2011
Michael Jakob, Copacabana

Wyangong hospital is at Kanwal

It would be really good if everyone who mentions Wyong Hospital reminds readers it is 20km north of Wyong by taxi at Kanwal.

It is very important to people

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without cars and of frail disposition with no one to run them around at the drop of a hat.

Online submission, 15 Oct 2011
Edward James, Umina

The name was Kyle

I have just been made aware of this article "Cattle success at Gosford" in the Peninsula News and feel sad that the writer could not get the name of the boy leading the

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winning steer-heifer correct.

The lad's name is Kyle not Kylie. I know this because he is my grandson.

I feel the people writing these articles should be a little more professional and get the correct information.

Online submission, 12 Oct 2011
Jamie O'Brien, Chittaway Point

Cannot afford dog walker

In regard to Gosford Council investigating a fenced dog area on the Peninsula (Peninsula News, August 23) I think I speak for a lot of the older residents on the Peninsula with health problems who can no longer walk their dog.

I love my dog too much to re-

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home it.

For those who have disabilities like me, their dog is their only company and they cannot afford a dog walker.

Online submission, 12 Oct 2011
Janet Lindsay, Woy Woy

Congratulations

The Ettalong Beach Business Group, on behalf of its members, would like to congratulate Michelle Allen of Webstuff.biz on winning the Business Women Connect – Business Woman

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of the Year award.

This is indeed an excellent achievement and illustrative of the cutting edge professional talent on the Central Coast.

We are also thrilled that Michelle has embraced Ettalong as her home - a very warm welcome.

Email, 24 Oct 2011
Jeanette Polley, Ettalong

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Deborah O'Neill MP

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Deborah O'Neill
Federal MP for Robertson

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Good wishes

The charity mentioned in the story Funds raised for Kenyan village (Peninsula News, 17 Oct) sounds like a very worthwhile charity.

I wish them every success with their endeavours.

Online submission, 21 Oct 2011
William McIlveen, Heathcote

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William Scott

Five volunteers recognised

Five Peninsula residents have been recognised in this year's NSW Central Coast Volunteer of the Year Awards, presented on Thursday, October 13 at Niagara Park.

They were Katie Dixon of Umina, who volunteers with Surf Life Saving NSW; Brian Hart of Woy Woy, who volunteers with the MV Cape Don Society; Heather Huntington of Woy Woy who volunteers with Geoff Wright Cottage Dementia Day Care Centre; Coral Kahrmanovich of Blackwall who volunteers with Community Care Services; and William Scott of Umina who volunteers with Central Coast Tourism.

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saver Katie Dixon was nominated for the voluntary time and effort she put in with Surf Life Saving NSW.

Katie said that, as part of her community work, she patrols beaches, works as a training officer and commands the radio base.

"I listen to the radio, and support the life savers on the beach," she explained.

Katie started life saving as a nipper, going along on the weekends with a friend.

She continued with the club and achieved her bronze medallion when she was 15.

Earlier this year Katie was awarded the Australian Life saver of the Year award.

Woy Woy man Brian Hart was

nominated for his voluntary work with the MV Cape Don Society.

The MV Cape Don Society was founded in 2005 to carry out the refurbishment and conservation of the historic Lighthouse Supply and Nav Aids Maintenance Ship MV Cape Don.

Mr Hart had been retired for several years before he joined in 2008.

"I was beginning to get a little bored so I wanted to do some sort of volunteer work," he said.

"I'd been in the army for 20 years as a maritime engineer, so I thought I'd offer my services.

"I'm now the president of the society," he said.

Mr Hart said he wasn't disappointed in not winning the Volunteer of the Year award, but hoped that his nomination would help get some attention from the public.

Heather Huntington was

recognised for her contribution to the Geoff Wright Cottage and Dementia Care Centre in Woy Woy.

"Heather is an amazing person, still giving help to other people at an age of 83 years," said nominator Coral Kahrmanovich of Blackwall.

"Heather assists the clients at the Dementia Day Centre Yaringaa at Woy Woy and ensures that the clients have a safe but enjoyable day.

"Heather helps with all activities, including bingo, bowls, quizzes, craft and scrabble; morning tea, lunch, kitchen duties and any other chores needed during the day," added Ms Kahrmanovich.

"She is an asset to the Centre," said Ms Kahrmanovich.

Coral, a volunteer with Community Care Services in Woy Woy, was herself nominated for her work with Community Care Services.

She said she did the work

because she loved helping people.

"It doesn't matter how little or how much," said Ms Kahrmanovich.

"If you can make someone's life brighter, it's worth it."

Ms Kahrmanovich said she has made lots of friends working with Community Care Services and said that at the end of the day she comes home feeling happy and fulfilled.

William Scott of Umina has been recognised for his contribution to Central Coast Tourism.

"William (Bill) delivers exceptional customer service assisting visitors with recommendations of things to do, places to stay, driving directions, events and must see and do activities," said nominator Ms Jacqui Greaves who works as the business development manager at Central Coast Tourism.

Mr Scott relocated to the Central Coast for retirement and in 1990, commenced his volunteer services at the Umina Beach Visitor Information Centre.

He is responsible for the initial overview and training of new recruits and product updates.

He has managed the roster for up to 15 volunteers, who operate out of the Gosford Visitor Information Centre.

"Bill has never missed a Saturday shift in 15 years," said Ms Greaves.

Media releases, 14 Oct 2011, 25 Oct 2011

Kristin Romanis, NSW Volunteer of the Year Award Manager
Email, 25 Oct 2011

Jacqui Greaves, Central Coast Tourism

Esther Savage, 21 Oct 2011

Interviewees: Brian Hart, Katie Dixon, Carol Kahrmanovich

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Review local policing, says chamber

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has written to the NSW Police Minister asking that the centralised policing system in the Gosford area be reviewed as part of the NSW Police Audit.

"We voiced a number of concerns sought assurances that the current system would be reviewed as part of the audit

process," said chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"The business community wants to see more autonomy and resources for policing on the Peninsula including dialogue on the Umina Police shopfront advocated by the Member for Gosford prior to the election."

The letter was written in July in the hope that former NSW Police

commissioner Peter Parsons would address the issues in his audit of the police service.

"To date, the Peninsula Chamber has not heard back from either the Police Minister or Mr. Parsons as to how the business community's issues are being dealt in the audit process."

"The Chamber fully backs the audit process, however, there

needs to be more engagement with the business community to ensure that our concerns are fully addressed", said Mr Wales.

"With the increase in business activity in the Umina Beach retail centre, the Chamber is keen to ensure that more locally focused police resources are available over the next few years."

"We are not suggesting that

the incidence of crime is on the increase but it is important that resources are properly directed so that the Peninsula gets its fair share," he said.

Mr Wales said the chamber was calling for an urgent update on the status of the NSW Police Audit.

Media release, 23 Oct 2011
Matthew Wales, President of the Peninsula Chamber for Commerce

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Gosford 10

Two vessels rescued

Volunteers at Marine Rescue Central Coast rescued two vessels from Paddy's

Channel on Sunday, October 23.

The first call came from five people aboard a 6.5 metre Southwind runabout who sought assistance due to mechanical failure.

The duty boat crew towed the runabout from Paddy's Channel to Restella Wharf in Davistown.

The base received a call at 3pm from a 4.8 metre Quintrex

runabout, also in Paddy's Channel, this time with a flat battery.

Gosford 10 again responded and the crew assisted with a jump start to get the motor started.

The two incidents followed a boating safety briefing given by the volunteers on Saturday, October 22.

Media release, 24 Oct 2011
Ron Cole, Marine Rescue NSW Central Coast Unit

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Businesses co-operate for charity

Two local businesses are co-operating to raise money for the Movember charity appeal.

A barbecue will be held at Campbell's Hardware in Woy Woy on Friday, November 11.

It will be coordinated by Wilsons Estate Agency and will begin at 7am, running until noon.

"This is the second year we've run the barbecue and we raised around \$4000 last year," said organiser Mr Ben Crain.

"We're hoping to do that again or maybe get up to \$5000 this year.

"It's for charity, men's health, and we're trying to raise as much money as we can and awareness obviously as well," he said.

Mr Crain said the Wilsons Estate Agency employees John Steel, Greg Quilkey, Andrew Quilkey, Ian Willis, Jim Martin and Ben Crain would begin growing their mostaches from November 1.

"Ian won last year. He was leaps and bounds ahead of everyone.

"He grows a mo by the end of the day," said Mr Crain.

Email, 26 Oct 2011

Ben Crain, Wilsons Estate Agency

Event raises \$26,000

A local fundraiser for the National Breast Cancer Foundation has raised \$26,000 in its 10th year at Hardys Bay RSL

Committee member Ms Tammy Jackett said: "Last year we banked \$14,219.55 and we set our sights much higher this year, raising \$26000 thanks to a turnout of 160 women.

"We are a group of local ladies; Marg Berry, Heidi Holt, Tanya Magee, Julie Oliver and Mandy Steven, who have come together to actively raise money for research for the National Breast Cancer Foundation."

This was the 10th year of the event, which was held this year on

Friday, October 14.

"Socially, the luncheon has become a great day for women to support one another whilst at the same time raising money," said Ms Jackett.

"Although we have seen much progress in treatment through raising awareness, this disease continues, impacting on the lives of friends and family.

"The silent auction was a huge success with bidding starting weeks earlier; sheets were displayed at the club promoting the sponsors and flyers distributed throughout our surrounding areas," she said.

Online submission, 18 Oct 2011
Tammy Jackett, NBCF Central Coast

Volunteers wanted for breakfast club

Red Cross is seeking volunteers to assist for a few hours each morning with the Ettalong Public School Good Start Breakfast Club.

Good Start Breakfast Clubs are run by Red Cross to provide nutritious morning meals for children who might otherwise go without.

The first Red Cross Good Start Breakfast Club was established in the Hunter Region in 1991.

The program has since expanded to every State and Territory in Australia with 2000 volunteers now providing 800,000 breakfasts each year in 250 schools.

Red Cross youth programs project officer Ms Celeste Yarnold said: "Up to a quarter of Australian

kids miss out on breakfast and begin their school day distracted and hungry.

"Our breakfast clubs teach kids about healthy eating and give them important life skills they can hopefully pass down to their own children one day.

"Kids need a good breakfast and the Good Start Breakfast Club program has been shown to increase concentration from children in class, improve school behaviour, attendance rates and punctuality, and increase the sense of community within a school.

"It has also been shown to reduce crime in highly disadvantaged areas.

"Volunteers are the backbone of the Good Start Breakfast program" said Ms Yarnold.

"Without their commitment and

support, the program would just not be possible".

For more information about the Good Start Breakfast program or to enquire about becoming a volunteer call Celeste on 4324 3411.

Media Release, 27 Oct 2011
Bruce Wardley, Red Cross

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Camp day

Year 1 students from Umina Public School took part in a camp day on Thursday, September 22.

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with a bushwalk to the beach where they rotated among different activities and made sand models of sea creatures.

"Parents helped cut up the fruit, cook the sausage sizzle and

transport the food to the reserve," said principal Mr Chris Andrews.

**Newsletter, 11 Oct 2011
Chris Andrews, Umina Public School**



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Principal was 'developed'

Ettalong Public School principal Mr Colin Wallis has attended the State Primary Principals Conference in Sydney.

"This was an opportunity for me to be developed over the three days in leadership by a range of quality speakers," said Mr Wallis.

"It was a most rewarding time. "Quality professional learning is a priority for our school at all levels as it is vital in raising performance capacity and thus enhancing students, learning outcomes," he said.

**Newsletter, 25 Oct 2011
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**

Teachers attend development day

Teachers from St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School joined Catholic school teachers from across the Central Coast in a staff development day on Monday, October 17, at The Entrance.

The workshops were conducted by professors from the University of Auckland and focused on how the teacher could improve the learning outcomes for all students.

As a result of the lectures and workshops, the school resolved to set a course to build upon the work already started with spelling and maths.

"Already this term the staff now undertake 10 minutes basic drilling of maths facts prior to the start of each maths lesson to complement the use of concrete material to

build maths understanding," said principal Mr Frank Cohen.

"Something similar will also commence with how we teach spelling so that all children for each grade of learning understand all rules and conventions linked for each chronological age group.

"Our NAPLAN results over the past few years indicate that as a school compared to others similar to ours we are doing exceptionally well.

"However, it is our goal now to aim for higher benchmarks and the work completed on Monday is one more step in realising this," he said.

**Newsletter 19 Oct
Frank Cohen, St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School**

Chess

Umina Public School students participated in a chess tournament held at Wyong High School at the end of last term.

Around 138 competitors from a number of Central Coast Primary

School played seven games each. Umina students placed between 30th and 98th.

**Newsletter, 11 Oct 2011
Chris Andrews, Umina Public School**

Symphony orchestra

Ettalong Public School students travelled to the ABC Studios at Ultimo on Tuesday, October 25, to view a performance by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

The performance was designed especially for primary school

students.

"It is a fantastic program and introduces students to the orchestra in a fun and engaging manner," said principal Mr Colin Wallis.

**Newsletter, 25 Oct 2011
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**

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Gone fishing

Year 6 students from Ettalong Public School have participated in the Get Hooked on Fishing program throughout the week of Monday, October 17.

Principal Mr Colin Wallis said the program was designed to introduce the most senior students

to a positive and engaging free-time activity.

"All students who attended agreed that it was an enjoyable, worthwhile and positive opportunity," said Mr Wallis.

**Newsletter, 25 Oct 2011
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**



Award for canteen

Ettalong Public School's canteen has achieved the Healthy Canteen 2011 Accreditation under the Live Life Well program at the Central Coast's Area Health Service.

It has also received the Central Coast Healthy School Canteen award.

Principal Mr Colin Wallis

said: "Thanks to our canteen coordinator Cheryl Lynch, the P and C executive and the canteen workers, our school can boast an outstanding canteen that provides an invaluable service to the students and staff by providing healthy and nutritious food at reasonable prices," said Mr Wallis.

**Newsletter, 18 Oct 2011
Collin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**

Fete raises \$20,000

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School held its fete on Saturday, October 15, and raised over \$20,000.

Principal Mr Frank Cohen said the money would be directed into the school's play area and rejuvenation of the oval.

"The fete was a huge success and my deepest appreciation goes to Glenn Huntley, Margaret Channing, Joanne McGill, all members of the P and F and Fete committees and parents who graciously volunteered their time to run the stalls and events held throughout the day," said Mr

Cohen.

"The school board and P and F will be working diligently to make some major changes for the benefit of all the children."

**Newsletter 19 Oct
Frank Cohen, St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School**

Day for athletic girls

Students from Umina Public School participated in an elite girls sports academy day for gifted and talented

students at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina on Thursday, September 15.

"Girls were selected based

on their athletic ability and so we had a variety of skills in the group ranging from netballers, soccer players and dancers," said college

coordinator Ms Sheree Gilchrist.

"Students worked in small groups with Year 9 members from the Elite Girls Sports Academy, as well as Ms Spencer, an elite sports person herself, to better understand methods of fitness focusing on speed and agility.

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**Newsletter, 11 Oct 2011
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Performers' contest at Everglades



Lisa Butler

A songwriters and performers contest is being run every Friday evening until December 23, from 7pm-10:30pm at Everglades Country Club, Woy Woy.

The contest began on Friday, October 21, and includes six heats and three semi finals with final to be held on Friday, December 23.

The free contest is open to all songwriters and performers.

Contestants each have 20 minutes to perform up to four songs on the auditorium stage.

Winners are selected by a combination of popular vote and judges' choice.

Organiser Mr Russell Neal from SongsOnStage runs about 50 songwriters and performers concert and contest nights every month in and around Sydney.

Australian Songwriters Conference founder and coordinator Ms Lisa Butler also agreed to lend her support and assistance to the contest.

"Lisa has done fantastic work organising Annual Songwriting Conferences at Ettalong, attracting international presenters and mentors," said Mr Neal.

"Her efforts supporting the Central Coast song writing community have been awe inspiring," he said.

Prizes for the contest include \$500 cash from Everglades Country Club, a photo shoot with Image Focus Australia, a gift voucher from Macron Music, four vocal coaching sessions with Doreen Van Bree, a song-career consultation with Lisa Butler Music Consulting, recording studio time and membership with the Songwriting Society of Australia.

Email, 26 Oct 2011

Russell Neal, Songs on Stage



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Linda said sellers are able to show off properties in their best light during spring with home improvements generally made over the cooler months.

"Spring is one of the best selling periods of the year as most properties look their best – lush trees and gardens and plenty of sunshine.

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"Secondly, local real estate agents are a great source of information on the local market, prices and types of property available and someone for you to be in contact with about your specific needs. A good agent will contact you when they have a listing that fits your criteria or prospect buyers for your property," concluded **Linda**.

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Out and About

Author seeks ghost stories

A Woy Woy author is asking people from the Peninsula who have had supernatural experiences to contact her to be included in her ghost stories book.

Ms Kerrie Bakewell said she decided to compile a book of ghost stories from people on the Peninsula because she just "loves a good ghost story" and has had numerous personal experiences.

"My mother and my dad both

had experiences and would tell the best ghost stories - the sort of stories that would make the hairs on the back of your neck stand up," she said.

Ms Bakewell said she planned on writing a series of books, starting with the Peninsula and then the 2251 post code area.

With information, contact Ms Bakewell on 4320 3250.

Email, 20 Oct 2011

Kerrie Bakewell, Woy Woy

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Brian Smith's winning photograph

Millions will see picture

Pearl Beach resident Mr Bryan Smith, a former presenter of the science and technology television show *Beyond 2000*, has won a global photographic competition.

Mr Smith retired from his career in TV to follow his passion for photography.

He was named one of three winners of the Skywards Future Artists Competition.

Mr Smith's modernist photo will be viewed by over six million people next year across 236

countries and territories as it will be featured on the Skywards 2012 frequent-flyer membership cards.

Mr Smith's winning design was selected from over 2250 entries from around the world.

Mr Smith captured his winning image by positioning the camera upwards to follow the architectural lines of the building.

He said he chose this particular image as it conveyed interest and evoked an emotional response from the process of trying to read the image.

In addition to the year-long global exposure of his art, Mr

Smith will receive a commission of US \$5000 and will be flown to Dubai where the artist's winning entry and design portfolio will be exhibited at the Art Dubai Fair early next year.

Art Dubai is the leading contemporary art fair in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia and is attended by art critics, collectors and gallery owners from around the world, he said.

Email, 24 Oct 2011
Ebony Atherton, Professional Public Relations

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Big fish thrown back

Bill Matthews of Woy Woy has reported finding a 4.5kg flathead with a Jonah bream in its mouth on the sand at Woy Woy on Friday, October 14.

"The fish was found high and dry near the leaning tree at Woy

Woy," said Mr Matthews.

"A Parks Bay resident at first thought it was a crocodile.

"It was a bit on the nose and too smelly to fillet, so it was thrown back to the crabs.

**Letter, 14 Oct 2011
Bill Matthews, Woy Woy**



Robin, Jill and Josette

Sale features art and craft

A sale featuring oil and silk paintings, mixed media and folk and porcelain art by three Ettalong artists, Josette Guimbeau, Jill Wilson and Robin Robins, will be held on Sunday, November 13..

Ms Wilson and Ms Robins are sisters who moved to the Central Coast 17 years ago.

Ms Robins is an experienced artist, who has been painting for over 25 years and specialises in oil landscapes and seascapes.

Mr Robins grew up in the Australian outback and said she is inspired by the Australian colours.

Ms Wilson will display her hand painted silk scarves, folk-art and

gift cards at the stall.

Ms Guimbeau began working with art over seven years ago when she moved to the Central Coast from Sydney.

Her art works can be described as post modern, abstract art in mixed media.

She uses oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolour, spray paint, bitumen, tiling filler, foil glue and any other material that may be deemed appropriate to create her unique style.

Ms Guimbeau said her passion is discovering new techniques which have no boundaries.

Artists Claire Pansini and Margaret Towler will also display their wares at the stall.

The sale will be held at 32 Bream Rd, Ettalong, on Sunday, November 13, from 9am to 4pm.

Email, 25 Oct 2011

Josette Guimbeau, Ettalong

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Directory - Not for profit Community Organisations

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Animal Welfare League ^(ADS)

provides assistance to sick and injured animals and finds homes for surrendered dogs.

Meet 2nd Tues, Spike Milligan Room Woy Woy Library, 10am.
Debra 4344 4435
awlcentralcoast@virginbroadband.com.au

Art

Ettalong Beach Art & Crafts Centre ⁽²⁸⁷⁾

Adult Classes in Patchwork & Quilting, Pottery, Folk Art, Silk Dyeing, Oils, Acrylics, Pastels, Drawing, Watercolour, Silvercraft and Children's Art & Pottery Classes
Mon - Sat 10am - 3pm
4341 8344
info@ebacc.com.au

Central Coast Art Society ⁽²⁸⁴⁾

Weekly paint-outs
Tues 4369 5860.
Workshops 9.30am 1st & 3rd Wed Gosford City Art Centre 4363 1820.
Social Meetings
1.30pm 4th Wed for demonstrations 4325 1420
publicity@artcentralcoast.asn.au

Hospital Art Australia ⁽²⁸⁴⁾

Meet every Friday
9am-2pm - 109 Birdwood Ave, Umina - Painting and Canvas drawing
Volunteers welcome
4341 9920

Community Centres

Peninsula Community Centre ^(39/290)

Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd Woy Woy Child Care - Before & After School, Vacation, Family, Day & Occasional
Children, Teenagers & Adults - Dance, Singing, Guitar, Drama, Music, Physie, Karate, Belly Dancing and multicultural support
Children - Little Kickers, Indian Dance, Playgroups, KindyGym,
Teenagers - "The Web" Youth Support Services.
Adults - Bridge, Yoga, Cake Decorating, Zumba, Scrabble, Weight Watchers, Boot Scooting, Song Writing, Community College, free tax help, Post & Pre Natal Exercises.
Counselling - Drug, Alcohol, Relationship, Financial, Gambling, Weight Control.
Over 55's - Social

Outings, Oil Painting, Multicraft, Needlework, Bushwalking, Stroke Club, History, Tai Chi, U3A, Scrabble, Arthritis Assoc, Gentle Exercise, Free Seniors Internet Kiosk, Discussion Groups.
www.pccinc.com.au
4341 9333

Ettalong 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre ⁽²⁸⁷⁾ (formerly Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre)

Mon - Fri
Cards, Computer Lessons, Dancing, Indoor Bowls, Fitness, Handicrafts, Leatherwork, Line Dancing, Painting, Scrabble, Table Tennis, Tai Chi, Yoga, Darts
4341 3222

Gosford 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre (formerly Senior Citizens) ⁽²⁸⁷⁾

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

Community Groups

AACC COMPUTER CLUB Inc. ⁽²⁹¹⁾

www.aacc.asn.au
Help with computing problems - Program demos + Q&A sessions 7 to 10pm
2nd & 4th Wed - Windows - 3rd Wed - Linux -
Narara Valley High School - Day 'meet & greet' - 12.15 - 3.15pm 3rd Tues - East Gosford Progress Hall
10 Henry Parry Dve - secretary@aacc.asn.au
4362 1918

ABC ^(284c)

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Beachside Family Centre ⁽²⁸⁷⁾

School-based community centre for families with children from birth to 8 years old. Group programs and community activities
4343 1929
Umina Public School
Sydney Ave

Bridge ^(286c)

Tues 12.15pm is a friendly game without pressure.
Duplicate Bridge Mon Thur
Fri Sat at 12.15pm and
Wed 9.15am and 6.45pm
Brisbane Water Bridge Club
Peninsula Community Centre
93 McMasters Rd. Woy Woy
www.brisbane-water.bridge-club.org

Cash Housie ^(56/294)

50 Games every Sat night
St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong Beach,
Free Tea and Coffee. 7.30 - 10.30pm. Proceeds to Woy Woy Catholic Parish.
www.cphousie@hotmail.com

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

Spinning and weaving, patchwork and quilting felting and other fibre and fabric crafts
Workshops and community quilting bees
Day and night groups
4325 4743
www.thecottage.org.au

Central Coast Family History Society Inc. ⁽³⁰¹⁾

All the resources, information and advice needed to study your family's history are available through the Society.
Meetings 1st Sat ea mth 1pm Lions Community Hall, behind the Society's Research Centre 8 Russell Drysdale St, East Gosford.
www.centralcoastfhs.org.au
Visitors welcome
4324 5164

Hardys Bay Residents Group ^(60/296)

Working for a positive & Healthy Environment in our Community
allanbw@bigpond.com

The Krait Club ^(58/295)

Community Centre - Cooina Village, Neptune St, Umina
10.30am Open to senior members of Woy Woy/ Umina Community
Gentle exercises, quizzes, games, social activities, guest speakers, entertainment and occasional bus trips
4341 0698

Mary Mac's Place ⁽²⁸⁷⁾

Providing hot, freshly cooked meals
Mon to Fri 11am-1pm in a welcoming, friendly environment with support, information and referrals to appropriate community services.
marymacs@woywoycatholic.org.au
4341 0584

Northern Settlement Services ⁽²⁸²⁾

Provides socialisation for migrants. Volunteers assist with home visits, shopping

and social days. Clients from all over the world enjoy time together. Every Thur Peninsula Community Centre
93 McMasters Rd
Woy Woy - 4334 3877

Probus Club of Umina Beach ^(81/298)

Friendship, Fellowship and Fun - Advancing intellectual, cultural and social interests for active retirees 55yrs+
Non Political and Non Sectarian - 2nd Wed every mth, 10am, Everglades Country Club
uminabeach@probusclubs.com.au
P.O. Box 443 Woy Woy

Seniors Computer Club Central Coast Inc. ^(83/301)

Beginners' classes held Mon or Tues. Also classes Mon - Fri as published on the Club Website. 10am to 12md or 1- 3pm Kincumber & District Neighbourhood Centre. PC and Mac
Meetings also held at Avoca Beach Bowling Club 1st Mon with a Guest Speaker
4369 2530

Umina Beach Scrabble Club ^(65/302)

For all levels and ages
Every Wed, 9am - 12pm, relax, enjoy a cuppa while you play Scrabble
322 West St (Rubys) Umina
4341 4859

Volunteering Central Coast ^(57/295)

Refer potential volunteers to community orgs. Support both volunteers and community orgs. Offer training for volunteers and managers of volunteers. Regular general info sessions at Woy Woy.
sharanpage@volunteeringcentralcoast.org.au
4329 7122

Wagstaffe to Killcare Community ⁽²⁸⁵⁾

Work to protect and preserve the environment and low density residential nature of the Bouddi Peninsula and to strengthen community bonds
2nd Mon, 7.30pm
Wagstaffe Hall
4360 2945
info@wagstaffetokillcare.org.au

Disabled Services

Riding for the Disabled ^(282c)

Horse Riding as a therapy for those with intellectual or physical disabilities
Volunteers always required
No Previous experience Necessary - School hours only - Mon to Sat
4340 0388
stateoffice@rdansw.org.au

Environment

Peninsula Environment Group ⁽²⁸⁷⁾

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

Health Group

Arthritis NSW ^(9/292)

Meet 3rd Tues Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr McMasters Rd and Ocean Beach Rd,
Woy Woy - 4341 5881

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) ^(64/278)

12-step fellowship helping those suffering from eating disorders i.e. compulsive overeating, bulimia, anorexia. No dues, fees, or weigh-ins.
Peninsula Corn. Cntr, cnr. Mc Masters Rd & Ocean Beach Rd.
Woy Woy, Rm 5
Every Fri 7:30- 8:30pm
www.oa.org
0412 756 446

Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club ^(67/278)

Peninsula Community Centre 2nd Tues 11.30am
Company, up-to-date info, hydrotherapy, bus trips
4342 1316

Marine Rescue

Central Coast Unit ⁽²⁸⁷⁾

Marine Education Courses:
Radio Licences, Boat Safety & Boat Licence & PWC Licence Tests, Navigation, Seamanship and Meteorology.
4325 7929
www.coastalpatrol.org.au
pr.centralcoast@marinerescuensw.com.au

Music

Central Coast Concert Band ⁽²⁸⁸⁾

Every Tues 7:15 - 9:30pm
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Service Clubs

Rotary Club of Umina ^(6/294)

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

Sport

Woy Woy Judo Club ⁽²⁸⁷⁾

Kids Classes - \$5 Fri 5.30 - 6.30pm 6 14yrs
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0434 000 170
www.wwjc.org.au

Political Group

Australian Labor Party

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

Veterans

N.M.B.V.A.A Inc National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association Australia ^(66/302)

1st Sat (except Jan) 2pm
Ettalong Beach
War Memorial Club
51-52 The Esplanade.
4342 1107

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

Assist all Veterans and their families with pension & welfare matters.
Cnr Broken Bay Rd & Beach St Ettalong.
Mon & Wed 9am-1pm
4344 4760
vietvetsgosford@bigpond.com

Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL Sub Branch ^(79/297)

Provide help with pensions and welfare etc.
Shop 5/382 Oceanview Rd Ettalong. Tues & Thurs 9am to 1pm
4341 2594

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
Everglades Country Club, 10.30am. Friendship
Social days, 3rd Wed
Uniting Church Hall, Picnic Pde Ettalong, 10.30am.
Coach trips 4341 2559

Gosford RSL Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliary ^(61/296)

Invitation to women over 18 years to join. Raise money for welfare of veterans and their families RSL Club
West Gosford 4th Mon 2pm
4323 7336

Peninsula Women's Health Centre ^(285c)

Clinic sister; counselling; alternate therapists; groups and community education; drop-in; support for women in crisis; advocacy
4342 5905 Wed and Thur 9.30am-3pm
20a McMasters Rd,
Woy Woy www.cowhc.com.au

If you would like your
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listed here, call us on
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Tuesday November 1

Melbourne Cup Picnic, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, 12:30pm

Thursday November 3

Peninsula Women's Health Centre third mural meeting, 10am-12pm

Friday November 11

Movember Barbecue, Campbell's Hardware Woy Woy, 7am-12pm

Saturday November 12

Brisbane Water Oyster Festival, Ettalong

Sunday November 13

Brisbane Water Oyster Festival, Ettalong

Combined art and craft sale, 32 Bream Rd, Ettalong, 9am-4pm

Sunday November 20
Arboretum working bee, Crommelin Native Arboretum, 9am-12pm

Thursday November 24

Business and Finance seminar, Pearl Beach, 7:30-8:45pm, Free

Saturday November 26

Jazz in the Arboretum, Pearl Beach Arboretum, 3-5:30pm

Sunday November 27

Breakfast in the Bays

Wednesday December 7

Pearl Beach community dinner, Memorial hall

Sunday December 16

Arboretum Christmas Party

Wednesday December 21

Bays Community Group General Meeting

Friday December 23

Pearl Beach Twilight Carols, tennis courts, 6pm, free

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

Charity Barometer 2011

The Peninsula community is renowned for its generosity.

Time and time again, you'll read articles in this paper about funds raised for charity, but nobody knows how large a sum this is every year.

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If you're part of an organisation that has raised and donated funds to charity, please let us know. Contact details are on page 2.

\$211,477

\$26,000

National Breast Cancer Foundation at Hardys Bay RSL raised \$26,000

\$20,000

St John the Baptist raised \$20,000 from its school fete

\$1000

Rocktoberfest raised \$1000 for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

\$107

Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club raised \$107.50 for Stroke Awareness Week

\$20,000

Danielle's Difference Fun Day in Ettalong raised \$20,000 for the Children's Cancer Institute Australia

\$2000

Brisbane Water Secondary College donated \$2000 to Legacy Day

\$3000

Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club raised \$3000 for the ICA Strong Women Safe Children organisation

\$500

Everglades Men's Bowling Club donated \$500 to Woy Woy Hospital

\$1262

IGA Ettalong \$1262 to charities on Central Coast

\$4000

Umian Beach Mens Bowling Club donated \$4000 for Prostate Cancer

\$4400

Woy Woy community members raised \$4400 for Prisoners Assistance Nepal

\$2000

Woy Woy Junior Rugby Union raised \$2000 for the McGrath Foundation

\$5000

Freemasons Lodge Morning Star raised \$5000 for Peninsula Community Centre

\$1000

The Bourke Rd Store raised \$1000 for breast cancer

\$635

IGA Ettalong \$635 to charities on Central Coast

\$2500

Peninsula raised \$2500 for careflight

\$43,305

Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal raised \$43,305 on Peninsula

\$270

Kmart Woy Woy raised \$270 for Ocean Beach and Umina SLSC

\$810

IGA Ettalong \$810 to charities on Central Coast

\$500

Full Life International Church donated \$500 to Mad Monday Cooking and Craft

\$3812

IGA Ettalong \$3812 to charities on Central Coast

\$1407

Woy Woy Public School raised \$1407 from Mothers Day stall

\$162

Woy Woy Public School raised \$162 from Easter raffle

\$3000

IGA Ettalong donated \$3000 to Woy Woy Community Aged Care

\$5000

Everglades Country club raised \$5000, split by Glenvale School for Children with a Disability and Camp Breakaway

\$12,888

IGA Ettalong \$12888 to charities on Central Coast

\$739

Woy Woy Public School raised \$739 for Queensland Floods

\$777

Umina Public School raised \$777 for Queensland floods

\$571

Empire Bay Public School raised \$571 for Flood appeal

\$3200

Randalls on the Beach raised \$3200 for flood appeal

\$4000

Empire Bay Tavern raised \$4000 for the flood appeal

\$3514

Rotary Club of Woy Woy donated \$3514 to the Rotary District 9680 Flood Appeal.

\$8700

Everglades Country Club \$8700 to Flood Relief

\$3000

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

\$1160

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

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Calendar of events

NOVEMBER

Saturday 12th - 8am to 1pm

Gosford City Markets

Dress up your pets competition- judging 9.30am

Thursday 24th - from 6pm

Lighting of the Christmas Tree

Saturday 26th - from 11am

Gosford City's Gigantic Christmas Parade



DECEMBER

Saturday 10th - 8am to 1pm

Gosford City Markets

Saturday 12th - 24th

Gosford City Christmas Caroling

Saturday 31st - from 5.30pm

Gosford City's New Years Eve Festival



FEBRUARY

Saturday 11th - 8am to 1pm

Gosford City Markets



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Entertainment

The Troubadour Acoustic Music Club
meets at the
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Woy Woy
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Glitch denies Woy Woy gold

A "technical glitch" has denied Woy Woy Judo Club gold medals at the Australian Masters Games, hosted in Adelaide on the weekend of October 7 to 9.

Organisers had "lost or deleted" Woy Woy's results and first place was awarded for the highest score that remained on record, according to club publicity officer Ms Lindy Simmons.

Woy Woy Judo Club assistant coach Mr Mike Griffiths entered in the judo kata competition to compete with partner Ernie Wakamatsu from Zenbu Judo Club, Olympic Park, on the Saturday.

"Their performance was well tuned and they received the highest marks as well as the acknowledgement from the crowd," said Ms Simmons.

"Being the clear winners, they were left dumbfounded when they were not called to the dais for the Gold Medals," she said.

"The crowd showed their dissatisfaction at the announced winners."

"Even the winners questioned the results," she said.

"The organiser gave only an apology and offered Mike and Ernie a bronze medal," said Ms Simmons.

She said Mike was determined to achieve an actual gold medal on the Sunday.

This he did in the under-73kg division of the shia competition.

"Mike drew a bye first round then fought a first kyu brown belt by getting him to the ground, turning him over and holding him down," said Ms Simmons.

"Mike waited for the repechage and came up against a third dan black belt in the final.

"Mike threw his opponent to



Mike congratulated by head coach Danny Simmons

score wazari (five points) and followed this through with another hold down to win the bout," she said.

This win put Mike in contention for the Commonwealth Championship Games Masters

Division to be held in Wales in January next year.

Email, 17 Oct 2011
Lindy Simmons, Woy Woy Judo Club

Life saving numbers increase

Surf Life Saving Australia has increased its numbers at Umina and Killcare.

Umina Surf Life Saving Club is currently boasting 330 nipper recruits, and Killcare has 154 members so far this season, according to figures released earlier this month.

Umina numbers have risen by 20 recruits while Killcare has risen by one.

Registrations are not final and figures are expected to continue to increase.

The Nippers program, for children aged five to 13, promotes water safety skills and confidence

in a safe beach environment, according to Surf Life Saving Australia's development manager Ms Vanessa Brown.

"Nippers participate in fun and interactive activities covering surf safety, first aid, sun safety, communication and physical skills including surf swimming, board-paddling and beach sprinting.

"Nippers provide valuable life skills and knowledge for use on and off the beach while participants make friends and have fun," she said.

Email, Oct 21 2011
Allison Brennan, Surf Life Saving Australia

Surf championships held at Ocean Beach

The NSW Endurance Championships were held at Ocean Beach on Saturday, October 29, and marked the opening of the 2011-2012 Surf Sports season.

It is the first time the event has been held on the Central Coast since 2005, according to Surf Life Saving NSW surf sports manager Mr Chris Parker.

Surf boat races were included in the event timetable for the first time and the ski race was open to the general public with the iconic Lion Island as the turning buoy.

The swim and soft sand run was also open to the general public again this year.

"The NSW Endurance Championships is a great community event and we are very pleased to welcome the general public to participate," said Mr Parker.

"Ocean swims have boomed in NSW in recent years so this event provides a unique opportunity for the average member of the public to challenge themselves alongside surf lifesavers of all ages between 15 and 50 plus," he said.

He said the elite competitors used the Endurance Championships as a test of their winter training.

Media Release, 26 Oct 2011
Arielle Bird, SLS NSW

Rugby Sevens team competes in Darwin

Woy Woy Rugby Union Sevens team will participate in the Darwin Hottest 7 Tournament from January 22 to 23 next year.

Club representative Mr Matthew Hopkins said the competition was a four-tiered competition.

"We haven't competed in the competition since 2005, but we

have a young group of players who are eager to compete and represent the Peninsula in a positive manner," he said.

"We are looking for sponsorship to assist us in succeeding in the tournament.

"We will be taking a total of 14 players and seven touring members, which will include

physiotherapists and team managers.

"We are asking for any sort of donation to help us represent the Peninsula," said Mr Hopkins.

Email, 17 Oct 2011
Matthew Hopkins, Woy Woy Rugby Union Sevens



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This is the fourth year that Peninsula yogis have taken part in the international charity fundraiser.

"Yoga Aid has developed an online fundraising vehicle hosted

on the Yoga Aid website which is easy to use, secure, and ensures 100 per cent of donations go straight to charity," said Ms Macnair.

"All expenses are supported privately:

"Yoga Aid takes no deductions from any donations for the running of the organisation or events.

"You can register online at www.yogaid.com and join the Umina Beach team."

For more information you can contact your local Yoga teacher Helen Macnair on 0431732143.

**Online submission, 28 Oct 2011
Helen Macnair, Umina Beach**



Umina Masters line up at Forster

Roosters junior presentations

Woy Woy Roosters Junior Rugby League Football Club held its presentation day on Sunday, October 16, at the Woy Woy Leagues Club.

Of the 258 registered members, around 45 were recognised at the presentation.

Award winners included Jason Uptin who was awarded the International Player with the Most Potential, Kyle McLean who was awarded Mod League Player with the Most Potential, Marc Phillpott who was awarded Mini League Player with the Most Potential,

Mick Bovis who was awarded Coach of the Year and Christine Jones, the canteen co-ordinator and 13/1s manager, was awarded Club Person of the Year.

The Under-16s Player's Player award went to Zac McDonald while the Under-15s Player's Player award went to Marc Sheehan.

The President's Trophy Most Improved Under-16s went to Phil Coates, the President's Trophy Most Improved International went to Joe Williams and the 2012 Club Captain went to Aaron Redhead.

**Media Release, 24 Oct 2011
Tim McParlane, Woy Woy JRLFC**

Umina Surf Life Saving Club has won at the 2011 Weekend of Surf for the fourth year in a row.

Umina placed first with 420 points, Shelly Beach second with 231 points and Terrigal third with 182 points.

Over 40 clubs competed in the competition held on the first weekend in October at Forster with 202 competitors for Saturday's Ironman Event and 330 competitors for the Sunday.

Umina had 20 competitors compete in Saturday's Iron person event with nearly all finishing in the top 10.

Lachlan Braddish placed first in the under-10 boys Iron person while Mimi Henderson placed first in the under-12 girls, Jemma Smith

third in the under-13 girls, Indigo Verhoven first in the under-15 girls, Lara Reineker second in the under-15 girls and Helen Krucler third in the under-17 girls.

Hollie Spender placed first in the 30s female Iron person event while Kerry Armstrong Smith placed second in the 40s female and Steve Murphy third in the 40s male.

Sunday was the Carnival Day and the Umina team was made up of 50 competitors, ranging in ages

from under-10s to over-50s.

Umina dominated in all age groups despite a water temperature of 16 degrees with black, white and blue caps seen all over the beach.

Overall point score winners for the Sunday Carnival were Lachlan Braddish in the under-10s, Hollie Spender in the 30s female and Kerry Armstrong Smith in the 40s female.

**Email, 26 Oct 2011
Christine Lavers, Umina SLSC**

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