



Photo: Rowena Newton

Ms Sue Grahame with students from Ettalong Public School

Ms Grahame retires after a career at Ettalong

Ettalong Public School teacher Ms Sue Grahame was given a special send off at a school assembly at the end of last year to acknowledge her retirement.

Ms Grahame taught at Ettalong Public School for her entire 34 years of teaching.

Ms Grahame spoke at the school assembly and said she would miss all the stories, hugs, friendships and the community at Ettalong Public School.

She told the school to make the most of what they have at Ettalong because it was special.

She also encouraged the children to aim high and to work to reach their potential because "you do not know what you can achieve".

Principal Mr Colin Wallis said: "Mrs Graham has even managed to teach two generations within the same family, which really is quite extraordinary."

"It certainly would make that first day starting kindergarten a lot easier," he said.

"Teaching has been revolutionised in the time that Mrs Graham has been at Ettalong.

"With the introduction of the new electronic whiteboards in modern

classrooms, the old chalk board has become a relic of the past... almost like the old slate.

"Now, with the click of a few buttons, you can beam the internet up on the whiteboard, and read books online.

"Mrs Graham's retirement is also a big loss for her teaching colleagues.

"She will be very missed... unless of course she comes in to help with the reading.

"The gate will always open for Mrs Graham to visit," he said.

Media Release, 22 Dec 2011
Rowena Newton,
Ettalong Public School

Greens call for Minister to save Freewater

NSW Greens Local Government spokesman Mr David Shoebridge MLC has called on the Local Government Minister to intervene to ensure Cr Peter Freewater is not suspended as a Gosford councillor.

Gosford Council called in September for the Director-General of Local Government to suspend Cr Freewater after his comments that a weekend workshop was a "junket" were found to be contrary to the council's code of conduct.

A council-appointed conduct reviewer found that Cr Freewater was in breach of the code when he told the media that an \$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.

Last week Mr Shoebridge said that "Cr Freewater was raising legitimate matters for public debate and he should not have been prosecuted for raising them publicly".

"Cr Freewater has been found to have breached the code of conduct because he was a strident critic of some decisions of his council that he voted against.

"In effect, he has been found guilty of being a councillor."

Mr Shoebridge said that the case highlighted some of the problems with the Code of Conduct.

"Each of these complaints

should have been seen for what they were, political attacks on an inconvenient political voice.

"There needs to be a fundamental change in the way complaints under the Code are initially assessed, with an early, independent and objective review being undertaken by a person well removed from the council's political machinations.

"General managers, who only remain in office if they keep the political support of a majority of councillors, should have no role whatsoever in assessing Code of Conduct complaints.

"In many councils, code of conduct complaints have become political weapons and are used to fight essentially partisan battles using council resources."

"It is fairly clear that the Code of Conduct is not being used to raise the standard of councillor behaviour, rather it has become a petty political tool for those who are willing to use it," Mr Shoebridge said.

Mr Shoebridge said the NSW government was currently reviewing the Model Code of Conduct ahead of the September 2012 local government elections.

As well as calling on the Minister to ensure Cr Freewater is not suspended, Mr Shoebridge said: "We have put in a direct submission to the state government review of the model code of conduct to prohibit this kind of petty use of the code of conduct in future."

Media Release, 5 Jan 2011
David Shoebridge,
Greens NSW MP

Storm causes flash flooding

A thunderstorm on the night of Thursday, January 5, caused flash flooding across the Peninsula and an interruption to electricity supply, dumping 44mm of rain in less than 30 minutes.

Flooding was reported in Ocean Beach Rd and Veron Rd as the rainfall rate reached nearly 125mm

an hour.

The storm, which started at 11.15pm, was over by midnight, with lightning interrupting electricity supply at about 11.35pm.

A number of phone calls were made to the State Emergency Service from Peninsula residents requiring assistance.

Spokesman Mr Werner Klumpp said the storm "seemed like it was

going to be full on when it hit but moved on fairly quickly".

"We had about 12 calls in about 15-20 minutes so it looked like it was going to be fairly busy but the storm moved across and out to sea, so a lot of the jobs were cancelled," he said.

Mr Klumpp said the majority of the phone calls were from the Peninsula area including Umina,

Ettalong, Empire Bay and Daleys Point.

"Calls came in just after midnight between 12am and 12:30am.

"We called crews immediately and crews responded and were dispatched by 1am, but by then the storm had abated and we started to get calls from residents that assistance was no longer required and that was mainly on the jobs

that people had requested sand bags," he said.

Mr Klumpp said the Service only did about four jobs all night which consisted of protecting leaking roofs, one of which was in Woy Woy.

Kaitlin Watts, 6 Jan 2011
Werner Klumpp, Gosford SES
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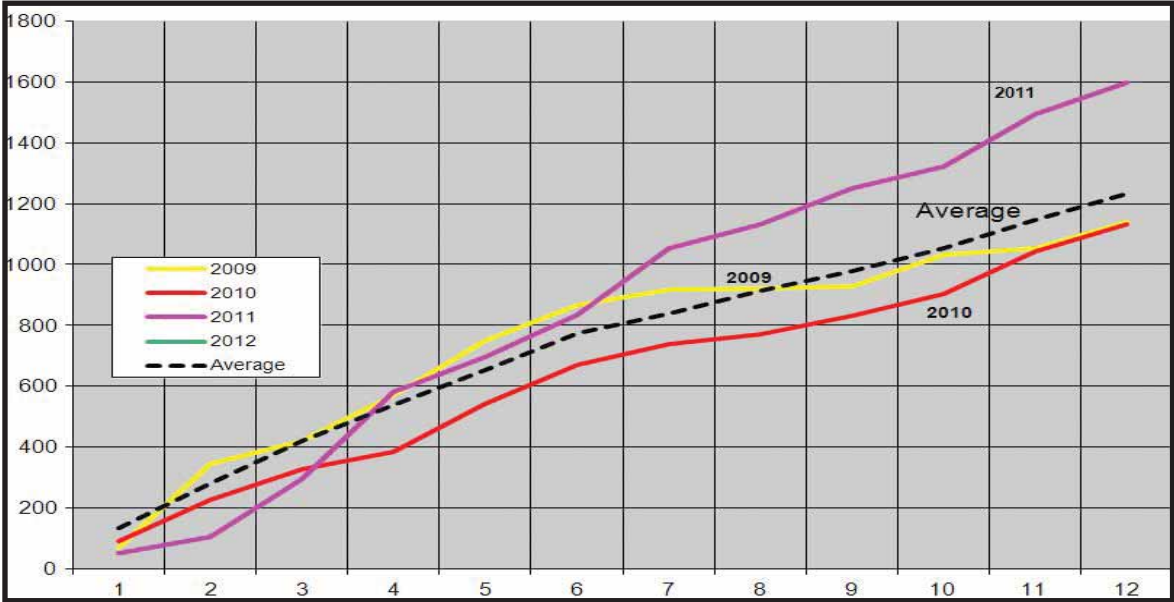
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The winners of last edition's Peninsula News Webers Circus competition were Margaret Barnes of Woy Woy, Mia Dalley of Springfield, Patricia Moffatt of Woy Woy, Ian Clarke of Umina and Annette Griffiths of Woy Woy

Kaitlin Watts, 6 Jan 2011



Rain falls in the first week

The year has started with 45mm rainfall in the first

week of the year, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

Average rainfall for January is 132.4mm.

Last year finished with a total 1597mm, 29.7 per cent above the annual average of 1231.1mm.

The December rainfall was 103.4mm, 20.8 per cent above the December average of 85.6mm.

Temperatures in December ranged from an overnight minimum of 12.7 degrees on December 4 to

a maximum of 28.0 on December 26, according to figures from www.peninsulaweather.info.

Average minimum for the month was 16.8. The average maximum was 22.5 degrees.

Highest minimum was 20.1 on Christmas Day. Lowest maximum was 18.8 on December 5.

Highest wind gust for the month was 30.2 km/h on December 4.

Spreadsheet, 6 Jan 2012
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy
www.peninsulaweather.info

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Christmas trading was 'strong'

Christmas sales at Deepwater Plaza this year have equalled the "strong 2009 figures", according to the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said the shopping centre seemed to have recovered from the disruptive effects of the construction of commuter car park and the Charlton St roundabout.

"These are good signs for 2012 and the Chamber intends to ramp up its relationship with Gosford Council in order to improve business conditions especially in the old retail section of Woy Woy," said Mr Wales.

"Umina has been pretty well packed to the rafters over the

Christmas break which has translated into brisk business for many retailers.

"Chamber members have commented that the entry of anchor retailers like Woolworths, Coles and Aldi have meant an increase in foot traffic and have attracted people from out of town who don't normally shop in Umina's main street.

"It is our view that retail conditions are slowly improving and businesses should look to review their business models and find ways to revamp and refocus their offer to shoppers," he said.

**Media Release, 31 Dec 2011
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**



Ferry Rd, Ettalong

Bushwalker airlifted

A 71-year-old woman was airlifted to Gosford Hospital from Bouddi National Park on Wednesday, January 4.

The woman was bushwalking on a fire trail near Box Head around 11am when she fell and dislocated her shoulder.

Ambulances, special operations, police and fire and

rescue located the woman before she was extracted by helicopter.

A skateboarder was also airlifted out of Umina Skate Park at around 8:40pm on Monday, January 2, to Royal North Shore Hospital with head and neck injuries.

**Kaitlin Watts, 5 Jan 2011
Interviewee: Inspector Col Woolsey**

Ferry access 'good', says council

Gosford Council has defended the state of signage and access to the Ferry Rd wharf in Ettalong.

Council's maintenance manager Mr Phil Mitchell said pedestrian access between the public wharf and Ettalong CBD was facilitated via a 1.2 metre wide concrete footpath which "upon inspection was in good condition".

He said pedestrian and vehicular access was also supported by parking restrictions in Ferry Rd and tourist signs provided at the wharf and the intersection with Ocean View Rd.

"Council has endeavoured to provide as much signage as

possible to assist residents and visitors in utilising the wharf and ferry service.

"Signs have been placed on the corner of Ferry Rd and Ocean View Rd and two signs on Ocean View Rd indicate directions from both the shopping centre and the Ettalong Town Centre," said Mr Mitchell.

"The southern end of Ferry Rd also has signage directing passengers to the wharf along with a new amenities block and undercover facilities used for waiting for the ferry," he said.

Mr Mitchell also said that as part of Council's ongoing Area Maintenance Program, routine maintenance activities were

carried out three times a year in the Ettalong area with reactive works also carried out in response to issues identified by Council staff and local residents.

"This ensures all Council assets are regularly inspected and allows maintenance action to be prioritised on a network wide risk basis.

"The most recent routine maintenance action in this area was undertaken in November of last year and included pavement repairs, footpath maintenance, drain clearing and graffiti removal works," he said.

**Media Statement, 5 Jan 2011
Phil Mitchell, Gosford Council**

Man dies in brawl

A man has died following a brawl in Ettalong in the early hours of Saturday, January 7.

Police received reports at about 4am of a group of people fighting on Memorial Ave, Ettalong, near the intersection of Ocean View Rd.

A short time later a man was taken by ambulance to Gosford Hospital where he died.

The circumstances surrounding his death are now under investigation by police.

Brisbane Water detectives are investigating the incident and are urging anyone with information to contact Gosford Police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

**Media Release, 7 Jan 2011
NSW Police Media**



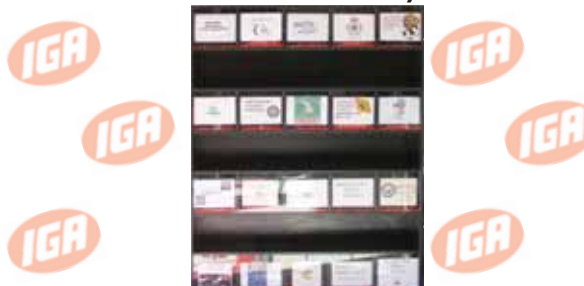
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Don't smother local entrepreneurs

So, all but two Gosford councillors believe Umina must have a McDonald's in spite of over a thousand residents having signed petitions against the development.

All Councillors should read Anni Taylor's letter to the editor in the December 12 edition of Peninsula News to know what so many of us feel about this plan.

Umina Beach is coming alive slowly with small, often unique, businesses.

We should not spoil this growth

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by pushing too hard and too quickly and smothering the small entrepreneurs before they are given a chance to achieve their potential.

We live here and love it here.

Visitors enjoy coming here because we are a bit different and they know they can relax with us.

Council has an opportunity now to thoughtfully develop Woy Woy CBD as an attractive gateway to the Peninsula that encompasses the laid-back villages of the

southern parts of Brisbane Water.

And councillors, don't forget, when doing your planning for the Peninsula, that we live on a mostly flat, coastal sand plain on top of an aquifer.

The health of that aquifer and those who live above it depend on your very best planning.

Please do keep all this in mind every time you install kerb and guttering or allow large-scale development.

Email, 23 Dec 2011
Fran Adams, Umina

More forum on Page 13

Deputy mayor acted like wounded rhino

I refer to the letter from Jenny Walder as published in Peninsula News on December 23.

I tend to agree that the deputy mayor behaved a bit like a wounded rhino on steroids.

But let's face it: the meeting had a pre-determined outcome and was only staged for entertainment purposes.

It was entertaining if you enjoy a good Christmas pantomime.

I should say it would have been pantomime if we were allowed to boo the baddies.

Anyway the meeting wasn't

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about approving a McDonalds DA it was about rezoning land that McDonalds own.

Believe it or not.

In my opinion, the interesting part of the meeting was the deputy mayor's response to a question from an owner of an adjacent property who asked why he was not advised of the proposed development.

The abrupt reply was that the council had no legal requirement to inform him personally, next question please.

In the business world, most organisations are striving to improve their image and customer service outcomes.

At Gosford Council, we have the deputy mayor declaring that the standard for customer service is the minimal legal requirement, or dare I say, they are striving for mediocrity.

Astounding.

The deputy mayor is upholding the stereotype for council workers by introducing the clerical equivalent of leaning on the shovel.


Email, 27 Dec 2011
Tim Haylor, Umina

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Rezoning for employment – where are the details?

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Who do councillors represent when they don't support the community?

Are they more interested in major players than the local community?

What was Cr Craig Doyle's response to the pro rezoning irrational staff report to all councillors on August 2, 2011?

It seemed to me that the report was stacked with irrelevant information to enhance rezoning.

Was this another example of "some fairly passionate points of view put forward"?

The report presented to councillors by staff reported that there would be 130 full time and part time jobs created.

McDonalds media relations manager reported to the Central Coast Express Advocate that there was a discrepancy and that the job figure was between 80-100 casual and full time jobs.

Has any staff member or councillor contacted McDonalds to obtain an updated estimate on employment creation?

The site is being rezoned primarily to generate employment, yet neither staff nor councillors know any of the significant details.

It is therefore no surprise that the community opposes the rezoning when Council cannot supply accurate information.

Public transport was highlighted as a plus for the changed use by staff who said "the centre was a focal point for bus services in the local area and the land was located on a major bus route".

This statement was contradicted under a later section with "traffic impact that would need to be assessed when a development application is considered by the

Council".

How much of the original report was relevant?

Some examples to question are the biodiversity, bushfire management and coastal protection.

The site has been residential since the 1940s so biodiversity and threatened species considerations are superfluous.

What are the chances of the site being evacuated due to bushfire risk?

If the bushfires were close to Umina should we be asking Council to review management of the adjacent petrol stations?

Under Coastal Protection are the following sections: Aim to protect and preserve beach environment and beach amenity (f), to protect and preserve native coastal vegetation (g), to protect and preserve rock platforms (i).

You will be pleased to know that the rock platforms are okay.

The question is, seeing that the management of this issue has been paltry to date, what can the community expect in the future when the development application is debated?

Letter, 31 Dec 2011
Norman Harris, Umina



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Chamber proposes committee for Woy Woy

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce is pushing to form a working committee for the Woy Woy town centre which would consist of retailers, commercial property owners and Council staff.

The Chamber's decision to support a working committee followed "a successful meeting with mayor Laurie Maher", said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"The Peninsula Chamber has for some time been highly concerned at the drop in retail business in the old section of the Woy Woy town centre," said Mr Wales.

"This led to an eight-person delegation of Woy Woy retailers and commercial land owners meeting with the mayor and senior Council staff just before Christmas with the view to exploring ways to stimulate long term sustainable business activity in Woy Woy.

"It was a highly pro-active discussion and the Council has agreed to support the creation of a working group that will liaise with Council over the next 12 months," said Mr Wales.

The aim of the committee would be to identify strategies and civic improvement works that would help to stimulate the old retail sector of

Woy Woy and empower retailers and commercial land owners to push for those initiatives.

"The Chamber understands that funds are very tight," said Mr Wales.

"However, if you don't identify the things that need to be done, then we will never be in a position to lobby for funding in the future.

"Mayor Cr Laurie Maher was particularly supportive of the involvement of the business community and this will lead to the formation of the working committee early in 2012.

"It is important that both retailers and land owners are involved in the process so that you have broad business support.

"We are also very grateful for the strong support of Deepwater Plaza general manager Julie Marr who instigated this process.

"The Chamber has acknowledged that it is vitally important to link the old retail section of Woy Woy with Deepwater Plaza in order to strengthen the local economic base.

"It is our view that you need to link all segments of the Woy Woy town centre not only physically but through co-operative marketing," said Mr Wales.

**Media Release, 31 Dec 2011
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**

Busy time for Marine Rescue

Marine Rescue Central Coast made a number of rescues in the Peninsula area over the New Year period.

The service's rescue boat Centaco 011, formerly known as Brisbane Water Lifeboat, responded to a call from a local resident at Ettalong around 2:30pm on Tuesday, January 3, about a yacht firmly stuck on a sandbank near Half Tide Rocks.

The 45-foot yacht with four people on board was reported as just to the south of the port channel marker on the northern side of Half Tide Rocks.

Duty skipper Hunter Leeder and

his crewman Andrew Mackellar were able to move the yacht to navigable water and allow its crew to enjoy the rest of their holiday.

At 3:20pm, Centaco 011 was sent to Lobster Beach to assist a 24-foot half cabin launch with six people on board.

The boat had reported an electrical failure.

The rescue boat towed the vessel to its berth at Blackwall.

Another call was received at 5pm from the owner aboard a 4.3m runabout at Orange Grove that had a mechanical failure.

The four people on board asked for assistance to get the vessel back to Lions Park at Woy Woy.

As this task was being completed, the volunteer crew and Centaco 011 were assigned another task.

Another 4.3m runabout with two people on board had a mechanical problem and was aground near an oyster lease in Paddy's Channel.

This tow was picked up at about 5:35pm and taken to Lintern Channel at Davistown.

**Media Release, 3 Jan 2011
Ron Cole, Central Coast Marine Rescue**



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Hardys Bay RSL

Club to be revamped

The registered club in Hardys Bay is expected to be revamped after a new president and board were elected.

New president Terry O’Flaherty claims 30 years of experience in the club industry and said he would lead a new team to the task ahead. The level of clubhouse comfort

at Hardys Bay RSL is the focus of the revamp with the removal of the deck bistro and plans to repaint the exterior.

“Thanks to a generous donation, a new 60-inch flat screen TV has also been installed to cater for sports lovers,” said Hardys Bay Residents Group publicity officer Mr Allan Wilson.

“The board’s aim is to help strengthen the community spirit of all groups in the area by making the club’s entertainment facilities, as well as the Naked Chilli bistro, more attractive to patrons,” he said.

Newsletter, 5 Jan 2011
Allan Wilson, Hardys Bay Residents Group

Group develops plan for Hardys Bay

The Hardys Bay Residents Group has developed a proposal to improve Hardys Bay in line with the Brisbane Water Estuary Management Plan.

The group has formulated a “Residents Environmental Action Plan” with goals that are consistent with the council’s management plan for the bay, according to group president Mr Adrian Williams.

“It seems appropriate that our Group should employ its resources to work with Council in more readily achieving its objectives, namely those designated for Hardys Bay within the Brisbane Water Estuary Management Plan,” he said.

He claimed the benefits of the proposal would include enhanced recreational usage in the foreshore precinct which would be carried out through the improvement of public access to those relevant

foreshores which are zoned as recreational.

The proposal would also provide greater access to water sports including kayaking, windsurfing, canoeing and fishing in the foreshore precinct and the improved aesthetic enjoyment for tourists and locals through the enhancement of the natural and visual character of both the foreshores and waterways, he said.

The minimisation of rubbish accumulation in the foreshore precinct would also be a focus which would enhance water quality and reduce sedimentation through better water flow.

“We are currently reviewing our options to obtain government funding to implement phase one of our strategy,” said Mr Williams.

Newsletter, 5 Jan 2011
Adrian Williams, Hardys Bay Residents Group

Christmas lunch stretched on at Umina

Uturn Ministries of Umina put on a special Christmas lunch for those in the community who were alone on Christmas day.

It was to be held from 11.30am until 2.30pm but stretched out for some until almost 4pm.

Pastors Max and Suzanne Watters said that was what the day was all about, to be able to spend

time with others and be nourished with food and friendship.

“There is no age barrier to loneliness,” said Ms Watters.

“We had people to lunch that spread over three different generations,” she said.

She said that she had received comments that “it was wonderful to share the love and friendship, and

being able to talk with others” and that “it made an otherwise lonely day magic”.

Ms Watters said: “We are already thinking of our next community event so we can engage those in the community that seem to be overlooked and slip through the cracks of having meaningful relationships in their

lives and help them be a valuable part and a contributing member of society.”

Email, 2 Jan 2011
Max and Suzanne Watters, Uturn Ministries

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Mary Mac's has 185 for Christmas lunch

Mary Mac's Place celebrated Christmas last year with just over 185 people at the midday Christmas celebration.

"Many residents from the Peninsula and further afield enjoyed lunch due to the generous donations of local businesses and individuals," said Mary Mac's project coordinator Ms Christine Burge.

Ms Burge said she was overwhelmed with some of the comments from people who attended such as a gentleman with whom she shared lunch.

"He was sitting at home depressed due to being broke at Christmas and it was his day to have access to his children.

"A friend rang him and encouraged him to come to Mary Mac's for Christmas lunch.

"He was overwhelmed with the generosity and friendship Mary Mac's volunteers extended to a newcomer," said Ms Burge.

"We also had a visit from Mr and Mrs Claus with one of our very generous volunteers donating a car load of presents.

"Children and their parents left with a gift and a hamper, all due

to generous donations from our community," she said.

Ms Burge said that, even though Christmas was over, the community was still thinking of those less fortunate with hams, eggs and lots of excess goodies from a local's vegetable garden brought in.

"Without this type of assistance, Mary Mac's Place would not be able to do the good work it does," said Ms Burge.

Media Release, 6 Jan 2011
Christine Burge, Mary Macs Place

Death of brigade member

The Hardys Bay Residents Group newsletter has reported the death of Killcare-Wagstaffe Fire Brigade member Mr Steve Dunlop.

He died from a heart attack while holidaying in Bali in September.

Mr Dunlop joined the brigade in 2004 and, during his time as a member, he attended 132 fire calls, five campaign fires and went away on one extended deployment to Bathurst.

He was elected to the position of brigade secretary in 2007.

It was recorded at the Killcare-Wagstaffe Brigade general meeting in October that: "Steve would be greatly missed, both as a friend and for the contribution he made to the local Brigade and the local community."

Steve's mother, Ms Ruth Dunlop, said she wished to extend her sincere thanks to the many people in the community who had passed on their kind condolences over his sad passing.

Newsletter, 5 Jan 2011
Allan Wilson, Hardys Bay Residents Group

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Education



Pam McAlister

David Allomes is new principal

Brisbane Water Secondary College has welcomed its new senior campus principal Mr David Allomes.

Mr Allomes, who transferred from Erina High School, was appointed following the retirement of Ms Pam McAlister.

Ms McAlister taught on the Peninsula for 14 years of her 36-year teaching career.

Ms McAlister was first appointed to Woy Woy High School as leading teacher in 1998, later became the deputy principal and

was instrumental in the formation and development of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

In 2008 she became the principal of the senior campus, worked tirelessly to drive continuous improvement through developing quality systems, lifted the aspirations of students and significantly improved the professional learning and physical resources of the campus.

**Newsletter, 24 Dec 2011
Kirrily Harvey, BWSC Woy Woy**

Team makes softball finals

Umina Public School's softball team has received a certificate for making the finals of the School Knockout Competition.

Over 300 schools entered the competition and Umina won five games to make it into the final round.

The other schools to make it to the finals were Coffs Harbour – Naranga Public School, Wagga Wagga – Sturt Public School and Orange – Bletchingly Public School.

Due to the rain the finals were cancelled and could not be rescheduled because of the distances these schools would have had to travel.

Consequently no champion school was declared and all four schools were awarded certificates.

**Newsletter, 13 Dec 2011
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School**

Good results in HSC

Brisbane Water Secondary College has recorded fantastic results from last year's HSC, according to principal Ms Pam McAlister.

Maani McMillan-Truu was listed on the HSC All Rounder list for achieving a Band 6 in all subjects.

This was the second year in a row the college had a student on this list.

Seventeen students from the college were also listed on the HSC Distinction List.

Six students achieved two or

more Band 6 results.

They were Maani McMillan-Truu, Hannah Brown, Erin McDonald, Ashleigh Knight, Daniel Scarratt and Jack Walters.

Eleven students achieved a Band 6 or Band 4 in Extension.

They were Josephine Clark, Ebony Dicks, Joshua Keane, George Margin, Ellen McCracken, Caitlon McKinnon, Souzana Mohamed, Luke Silas, Jordan Stuart-Tatham, James Williams and Lachlan Woods.

**Newsletter, Dec 2011
Pam McAlister, BWSC Woy Woy**

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**Website, 4 Jan 2011
Umina United Soccer Club**

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Breakfast for the Stars

Students at Brisbane Water Secondary College Senior Campus with a consistent academic commitment to their courses have been honoured in a "Breakfast for the Stars".

The breakfast was organised by the school's welfare team at the end of last term.

Every five weeks, teachers from the college's Woy Woy Stars Program nominated students for Stars commendations.

Those students who displayed a strong commitment to success, through fine attendance and the completion of coursework to a high standard, were duly recognised by their teachers.

A breakfast feast was organised for around 70 Year 10 and Year 11 students.

Students were also presented with a Semester II Stars Certificate by Principal Ms Pamela McAlister.

Newsletter, Dec 2011
Pam McAlister, BWSC Woy Woy

A little Christmas spirit

Students from Umina Public School visited Peninsula Village Retirement Home on Wednesday, December 7, and entertained residents.

"Both the children and the residents had a great time," said principal Ms Lyn Davis.

"It was lovely to share a little Christmas spirit with some elderly folk in our community.

"I believe it is important that our children learn to give a little back to the community," she said.

Ms Davis said the association with Peninsula Village would continue this year.

Newsletter, 13 Dec 2011
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School



Students recognised by Parks service

Students from the Brisbane Water Secondary College Support Unit have been awarded with certificates from the National Parks and

Wildlife Service.

National Parks representative Mr Alan Henderson presented the students with certificates for "their fantastic efforts and enthusiasm" in their outdoor education program last term.

As part of the program, students participated in activities such as kayaking, abseiling, bushwalking and boating along the Hawkesbury River.

During these adventures the group also picked up and disposed of rubbish that had washed up on the shoreline.

Newsletter, Dec 2011
Pam McAlister, BWSC Woy Woy

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Students open cafe

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus hospitality students opened their own cafe at the school in the final term of last year.

Principal Ms Pam McAlister said the cafe was "a runaway success".

A new group of hospitality students will be trained to operate the cafe this year.

Newsletter, Dec 2011
Pam McAlister, BWSC Woy Woy

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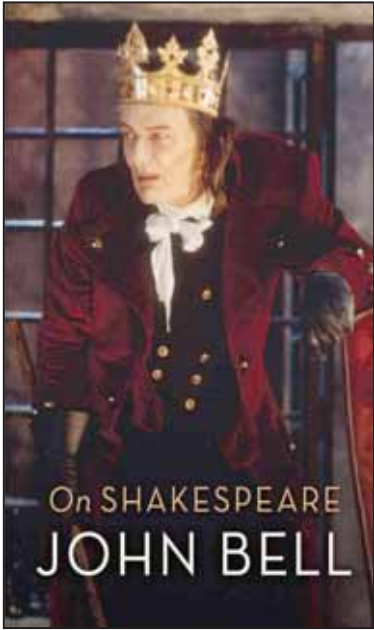
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Bell speaks on Shakespeare



John Bell from the Bell Shakespeare Company will visit the Peninsula on Thursday, January 19, to speak about his book On Shakespeare.

The free event will be held at the Peninsula Theatre from 6:30pm.

Actor, director and producer, John Bell is one of Australia's theatrical icons.

He will speak about his passionate relationship with Shakespeare and offer a unique backstage pass to the histories, tragedies, comedies and romances and a memorable insight into the sonnets.

"John Bell is highly regarded and we are lucky that Bell often holidays on the Peninsula - and

that he has agreed to do this talk to promote his new book whilst he is technically on holidays," said Book Bazaar proprietor Ms Mandi McIntosh, organiser of the event .

"Thanks to the cooperation of the Woy Woy Little Theatre Company who have agreed to host the event in their wonderful venue, we are able to present this wonderful opportunity for Shakespeare fans to hear Bell speak, in the environment that he is most know for - a theatre," she said.

Although the event is free, bookings are necessary and can be made by calling Book Bazaar on 4342 2482.

Email, 6 Jan 2011
Mandi McIntosh, Book Bazaar



Textile artworks on display

The Patonga 24x7 Visitors Art Space will be displaying work, arranged and curated by local Patonga textile artist Diana Perlowski, next month.

The exhibition will feature works by Ms Perlowski, the Embroiderers Guild of NSW and the Lateral Stitchers Group and will feature contemporary creative embroidery and textiles.

The works on exhibition were created using a variety of techniques with backgrounds that

may have been hand painted, printed, monoprinted or dyed.

"Artists often begin with sketch books to record and research topics which are then manipulated and changed to achieve the final design," said Ms Perlowski.

"Inspiration may be taken from the local environment, personal experiences or photographs," she said.

Email, 5 Jan 2011
Jocelyn Maugham, Patonga Bakehouse Gallery

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Wed, 18 Jan	7pm-9pm	Marine Discovery Talk
Thu, 19 Jan	10am-3pm	Little Urchins Kids Club
Fri, 20 Jan	12:30pm-1:30pm	Rockpool Discovery - Bateau Bay
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Out and About



Festival to run over three days

The Ettalong Beach Festival will this year run over three days from March 16-18.

Already a number of community engagement workshops are being held, according to organiser Ms Ylenna Zajec.

Local community artist Ms Nina Angelo began a screen printing festival flags workshop on Friday, December 9, with Ettalong Primary School children, Ettalong Arts and Crafts Centre, Mingaletta and the senior citizens centre in Ettalong.

This year's festival will feature the inaugural Ettalong Beach Ball which will be held at the senior citizens' centre on Friday, March 16, and will be used to raise funds for the festival.

A Big Sing workshop will also be held on Saturday, March 17, from 10:30am until 3:30pm also at the senior citizens' centre.

The workshop will be led by ARIA award winning singer-songwriter and choral conductor Kavisha Mazzella.

She will also perform a solo and then sing with the choir on Sunday, March 18.

A Festival Film Night will be held at Cinema Paradiso from 7pm on Saturday, March 17.

The night will explore the theme of Then and Now through stories from local seniors to the youth and a mix of interviews spliced with historical film footage and photos of Ettalong.

An indigenous smoke ceremony will be performed by Gabby Duncan and the Ganang Spirit Dancers, on Sunday, March 18, as well as will performances by the Dusha Balkana dance troupe and reggae band King Tide.

The festival was started by the Ettalong Beach Business Group Inc to counteract the retail slump that occurred in the autumn period of the year as well as foster community pride in the town, said Ms Zajec.

Media Release, 6 Jan 2011
Ylenna Zajec, Ettalong Beach Festival



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New silvercraft classes

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Ms Fisher has experience
in various aspects of jewellery-
making but said she fell in love
with metalwork, and particularly
silver, when she took a community
college course three years ago
with the centre's previous tutor
Marcelle Clelland.

Ms Fisher continued to develop
her skills at the Central Coast
Lapidary Club where she learnt
to combine silverwork with the art
of cutting and polishing the semi-
precious stones used in jewellery
making.

She tutored students in
silverwork at the Central Coast
Lapidary Club for the past year
and has won a number of prizes at
various shows for her unique one-
off pieces of jewellery.

She is particularly interested in
mixed metal work.

During a recent trip to the
United States she undertook an
intensive workshop at the School
of Metalsmithing and Lapidary
Design in Taos, New Mexico.

"An open mind and love of the
unusual led Robyn to continually
experiment with different
techniques and materials, and to
enjoy passing on what she learns,"

said publicity officer Ms Sue
Sullivan.

"This class will cater for novices
who want to learn the skills of the
delicate art of working with silver
as well as those who already have
some experience in this craft," she
said.

The classes begin on Monday,
January 30, with the first two held
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Media Release, 6 Jan 2011
Sue Sullivan, EBACC

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But the main reason I like McDonalds is because you get a free read of the paper, a free coffee (seniors), a cheap meal and yes, you guessed it, clean toilets.

Email, 31 Dec 2011

Peter Whiteman, Daleys Point

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It is the anchor businesses that generate the customer traffic and the business opportunities that arise.

It's then up to individual businesses as to how they respond to those opportunities including Ms Smith.

Ms Smith also made the statement that I speak for those who pay to be part of the Peninsula Chamber.

Correct! That is what I am elected to do.

My job, which is voluntary, is to firstly look after the interests of our growing Chamber members while being mindful of the interests of the broader business community.

And as to Ms Smith's statement that I have a vested interest in the issue, I absolutely do!

I have an interest in ensuring that Umina Beach is commercially successful and that the best possible business conditions are created to maximise opportunities for both large and small operators.

As to Ms Smith's claim that

somehow McDonalds would take away business from Woy Woy by splitting the available business, it is worthwhile noting that this has not been the case with either Woolworths or Coles.

Our advice is that trade in both Woy Woy operations has held steady and that the new Woolworths at Umina and the Coles upgrade has drawn additional customers from areas outside the Peninsula.

If this is the case, then all retailers should see this as a further business opportunity.

One well established Umina retailer recently commented that they are seeing a whole new set of customers in town since Woolworths opened.

These are customers with greater spending power.

Finally Ms Smith appears not to want "to live in a busy commercial town" or for it to be successful.

A strange statement from a business woman.

Well I do.

It's called Umina Beach.

I would rather live and do business in busy West St than struggle to keep my business afloat in a dead city heart like Gosford.

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Email, 29 Dec 2011

Matthew Wales, Umina Beach

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Peninsula Community Centre ^(39/290)

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Fountains Road, Narara
2nd Wed of Month (Feb-Nov)
Windows 7pm to 10pm
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East Gosford Progress Hall

10 Henry Parry Drive (cnr Webb Rd)
3rd Wed of month (Feb-Nov)
Linux 9.30am-12.30pm
4th Thu of month
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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)

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Lions Community Hall, behind the Society's Research Centre 8 Russell Drysdale St, East Gosford. www.centralcoastfhs.org.au
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Hardys Bay Residents Group ^(60/296)

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The Krait Club ^(58/295)

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Northern Settlement Services ⁽²⁸²⁾

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Probus Club of Umina Beach ^(81/298)

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Rotary Club of Umina ^(6/294)

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organisation of business leaders seeking to improve the lives of young people and those in need in our community and abroad.
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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
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Volunteering Central Coast ^(57/295)

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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
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Disabled Services

Riding for the Disabled ^(282c)

Horse Riding as a therapy for those with intellectual or physical disabilities
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Environment

Peninsula Environment Group ⁽²⁸⁷⁾

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

Arthritis NSW ^(9/292)

Meet 3rd Tues Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr

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Peninsula Women's Health Centre ^(285c)

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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.
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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

Research grant is offered

Tertiary students, individuals and companies are being offered the opportunity to secure funding for environmental research projects relevant to the Gosford Local Government area.

Research topics could include using indicator organisms within Brisbane Water to assess the effectiveness of ecological management actions in the estuary or the calculation of a nutrient budget for Brisbane Water to assess the potential for eutrophication of the more

enclosed portions of the waterway. Reference should be made to the current water quality modelling in the Brisbane Water Estuary Processes Study.

The research undertaken must be original, and could take the form of final year projects, Honours, Masters or PhDs.

Gosford Council's coordinator environmental health and protection Mr Shannon McKiernan said that while proposals addressing the suggested topics were preferred, any proposal in the area of ecological sustainability would be considered.

"The ecological research grants

program is an exciting opportunity for Council to support scientific research as well as improve our approaches to working within our natural environment.

"The results from past projects have contributed to the adoption of new practices by Council that have significantly benefited the environment and the community," said Mr McKiernan.

The closing date for applications is Friday, February 24, at 5pm

**Media Release, 4 Jan 2011
Shannon McKiernan,
Gosford Council**

Bridge club makes Christmas donations

Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its annual Christmas party on Monday, December 19, at the Peninsula Community Centre.

Throughout the morning, 106 members played cards in an atmosphere laced with the festive spirit.

Judy Wulff, Marilyn Whigham and Ed and Robin Vaughan were winners in the open division, Adam Moffat, Robyn Lang, Lucy van Veen and Joan Walsh were winners in the restricted division

and Lyn Dwyer and Colin Wilson succeeded in the novice division.

Two Peninsula Women's Health Centre representatives were also presented with a cheque for \$2600, which was raised through a number of fundraising events throughout the year.

The Salvation Army was also represented and received three hampers of food items and cash donations on the day.

**Media Release, 24 Dec 2011
Heather Tarrant, Brisbane
Water Bridge Club**

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Folk club returns

The Troubadour Folk Club will return from its Christmas-New Year break with a month of activities starting on Monday, January 23.

The first meeting will be the Troubadukers Ukulele group at Everglades at 6pm for dinner and 7pm ukulele.

A session afternoon will be held at the Woy Woy CWA Hall from 3pm on Sunday, February 12.

A special concert will be held on Sunday, February 19, featuring touring guest artist George Mann from America.

**Email, 4 Jan 2011
Marilyn Russell,
Troubadour Folk Club**

The Peninsula Diary

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Monday January 9

Umina PCYC Musical Drama workshop, 10:30am-12:30pm

Umina PCYC Indoor Scooter and Skate session, 10:30am-12:30pm and 1pm-3pm

Tuesday January 10

Umina PCYC gymnastic workshop, 10:30am-12:30pm and 1pm-3pm

Kids Club Yoga, Memorial Hall, Pearl Beach, 11am-11:45am

Wednesday January 11

Umina PCYC gymnastic workshop, 10:30am-12:30pm and 1pm-3pm

Walk on the Wildside, Crommelin Native Arboretum, 10am-12pm

Thursday January 12

Umina PCYC gymnastic workshop, 10:30am-12:30pm and 1pm-3pm

Friday January 13

Umina PCYC Indoor Scooter and Skate session, 10:30am-12:30pm and 1pm-3pm

Umina SLSC Annual Golf Day, Springs Golf and Country Club, Peats Ridge

Monday January 16

Umina PCYC Musical Drama workshop, 10:30am-12:30pm

Umina PCYC Indoor Scooter and Skate session, 10:30am-

12:30pm and 1pm-3pm

Tuesday January 17

Citizens for Constitutional Change Central Coast meeting, Blackwall

Kids Club Yoga, Memorial Hall, Pearl Beach, 11am-11:45am

Wednesday January 18

Umina PCYC gymnastic workshop, 10:30am-12:30pm and 1pm-3pm

Summer by the Sea art workshop, Memorial Hall, Pearl Beach, 10am-12pm

Thursday January 19

Umina PCYC gymnastic workshop, 10:30am-12:30pm and 1pm-3pm

Friday January 20

Umina PCYC Indoor Scooter and Skate session, 10:30am-12:30pm and 1pm-3pm

John Bell author talk, Peninsula Theatre, 6:30pm

Sunday January 22

Weet Bix Kids TRYathlon, Peninsula Leisure Centre and James Browne Oval

Benefit concert for Imogen Sage Lindquist-Callow, Wagstaffe Hall

Tuesday January 24

Kids Club Yoga, Memorial Hall, Pearl Beach, 11am-11:45am

Thursday January 26

Australia Day fun and beach games, Pearl Beach beachfront, 8am-12pm

Australia Day celebrations, Wagstaffe and Woy Woy Waterfront

Sunday February 5

Beginners Paddle our Parks Discovery Tour, Brisbane Water National Park, 9am-4:30pm

Thursday February 9

YWCA NSW Encore exercise program, Woy Woy, free

Saturday February 18

Discovery Tours walk, Flower Track to Box head, 9am-1pm

Sunday February 19

Troubadour Folk Concert, Woy Woy CWA Hall

Friday February 24

Woy Woy Little Theatre's "Natural Causes" begins, Peninsula Theatre

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Deborah Anne Russell
(Dazzling)
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annual birthday song,
"happy birthday jam tart",
the clever Christmas
summary of her happy,
crazy, testy, jam packed
year. Deb is the only
person who knew the
words to every song and
every ad jingle written. Her
concern and compassion
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Sport



Fancy dress at Malibu day

The Ocean Beach Malibu Club conducted its annual Long John Memorial Old Mal Day on Sunday, December 4.

Competitors again entertained crowds on the beach by surfing in fancy dress.

Hayden Emery was declared

the best dressed as his character The Joker.

He surfed his way to second place in the final behind 2011 club champion Kai Ellice-Flint with Matt Sing and Chris Irwin claiming third and fourth positions.

Email, 22 Dec 2011
Craig Coulton, Ocean Beach Malibu Club

Five trials for junior Roosters

Woy Woy Roosters Junior Rugby League Football Club will begin the 2012 season with five trials which will start on Sunday, March 4.

The first trial will be against Cessnock at Woy Woy secondary college campus followed by Toronto at Toronto on Sunday, March 11, Berkeley Vale at Berkeley Vale on Sunday, March 18, North Lakes at North Lakes on Sunday, March 25 and Terrigal at Terrigal on Sunday, April 1.

The trials are expected to give all players a good build-up before the season proper and allow coaches to have a good look at all players for grading.

As part of the club's 50th year celebrations, a Roosters Family Picnic Day has been organised at Patonga for Sunday, April 15, for

all players, coaching staff, their families and supporters.

The first round of the season is Saturday, April 21, which will see the club return to its old home ground, Woy Woy Oval.

The Roosters' major fundraiser will this year be a State of Origin Raffle, with tickets on sale from Friday, January 13, at Woy Woy Leagues Club.

First prize is two tickets to the 2012 State of Origin Game one on Wednesday, May 23, at Etihad Stadium, Melbourne, with return air fares and accommodation.

Second prize is a 127cm LG Plasma Razor Frame TV and third prize is a State of Origin Football signed by NSW's Kurt Gidley.

Email, 6 Jan 2011

Tim McParlane, Woy Woy Roosters

Record number of Nippers

The Killcare Surf Life Saving Club's summer season had a record 170 Nippers attending the first championship day last month.

"It is great to see that the Nippers are gaining in confidence each week and learning more skills which are tested on championship days," said junior activities coordinator Ms Yvonne Hayter.

"They have welcomed the interesting variety of regular group activities which, according to

age, include flags, sprints, board training and water activities."

Newsletter, 5 Jan 2011
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Jason plays for Colts again

Woy Woy Premier League cricket team member Jason Hayward has been selected in the NSW Country Colts Carnival team to play in the Illawarra Zone competition later this month.

Jason has had a successful junior representative career which saw him play representative cricket

for the Central Coast since he was 10-years-old.

He represented NSW in the under-17 team at the National Championships in 2009-10.

This is his third year in the Central Coast Colts XI.

Email, 6 Jan 2011
Aiden Cuddington, Central Coast Cricket Association



Physie club wins national places

Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club had a successful year last year.

The club had 28 national competitors, 16 junior, seven senior and five women representatives.

Out of the 28 competitors, Woy Woy Physie had 11 national finalists who made it to the top 15 in Australia.

Those top 15 competed for one of five places and this year Woy Woy Physie had six national placegetters.

Teacher Ms Kristy Stephen said she couldn't be more thrilled with the results.

Laura Vilensky was the National Champion in the 15 years section in the Senior National Finals on Sunday, December 4.

Bec Bennett was the National Champion in the first year Ladies National Finals on Wednesday, November 2.

Hollie Synnott placed third in the over-17 second year Senior National Finals on Sunday, December 4.

Shenae Northey placed fourth in the over-18 Novice Senior National Finals on Sunday, December 4.

Georgia Riley placed second in the 10 years section at the Junior National Finals on Sunday, November 27.

Kristy Stephen placed fifth in the under-33 years Ladies National Finals on Wednesday, November 2.

The club also performed well in the National Teams Competitions in November at the State Sports Centre in Homebush.

The club recorded a first place in the 5-6 year age group, a second place in the 7-8 year age group, a fourth place in the 9-10 year age group, a fifth place in the 11-12 year age group, a first place

and overall champion in the 15-16 year age group, a third place in the second year seniors class, a first place in the first year ladies class and in the second year ladies class and a fourth place in the under-33 years class.

"I'm one very proud teacher and so are the other two teachers Robyn Stephen and Tracey Bradley," said Ms Stephen.

Email, 4 Jan 2011
Kristy Stephen, Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture



Rachel, Kiesha, Harry and Claire

Nippers represent Central Coast

Umina Surf Life Saving Club sent four of its young nippers to represent the Central Coast at the NSW Inter branch Titles held at Redhead Beach on the weekend of December 10 and 11.

Those who attended were Claire Gaffney who competed in the Under-14s, Kiesha Bovill and Rachel Wood in the Under-13s and Harry Braddish in the Under-12s.

The Central Coast Branch Team came third overall in the final placing and the young nippers helped the team for the final points tally.

"Kiesha and Rachel won the Board Rescue against the best in

the State so hopefully this gives them the confidence again for Kingscliff State Titles in March," said Umina club secretary Ms Christine Lavers.

"Harry performed well on the beach and was a great asset for the relay teams.

"This was Claire's second time in the team and if her recent results are an indication of her performance she will surely have a chance again next year for selection," said Ms Lavers.

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Christine Lavers, Umina SLSC

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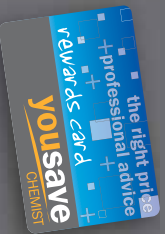
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