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Wov Wov Oval Grandstand

## Defects lead to grandstand closure

Woy Woy Oval Grandstand has been closed for an indefinite period after it was found to have structural defects.

The grandstand has been fenced off, preventing access to Woy Woy Oval through the entry gates and to the grandstand seating.

Access to the playing field will not be affected, and games scheduled for the oval are expected to proceed.

Gosford Council's manager of open space and leisure services Mr Phil Moore said: "Access to the ground floor facilities of the building is acceptable.

"This will allow usage of the change rooms, kiosk, amenities and storage rooms to minimise disruption to the winter season

codes.

"It is understood that this will cause inconvenience to the clubs utilising this facility.

"However, in order to ensure no potential for injury to visitors to Woy Woy Oval, it is essential that the fencing is installed and that the associations and clubs ensure that no access is gained to these (fenced) areas under any circumstances.'

Mr Moore said two structural engineers reports had been commissioned on the facility to provide Council with a thorough understanding on the integrity of the building structure.

Both structural engineer reports confirmed that the grandstand had severe structural defects that could only be remedied by major re-construction.

The reports also detailed the

potential for the building to fail in the short term.

"Further advice is being sought from the structural engineers as to whether the concrete reinforcing between the two storeys is sufficient that in the worst case scenario of a roof structure failure occurring, the ground floor storey will not be significantly compromised," said Mr Moore.

Mr Moore said the grandstand facility was 34 years old, very dated and was built before the knowledge of current corrosion proofing solutions.

"The building condition has deteriorated over the last few years to the point where the actual structure is now in distress," said Mr Moore.

Media Statement, 27 Feb 2012 Phil Moore, Gosford Council Photo: Naomi Bridges

## Libraries lend electronic books

Woy Woy and Umina libraries now have an electronic book collection available to customers with over 1000 titles including fiction, nonfiction and young adult.

The collection was launched by master story-teller, author and actress Judy Nunn on Friday, March 2, at the Erina Library.

Gosford Council's manager of library services Mr Alan Flores said that the e-book collection created an unparalleled level of convenience and greater access to the library service.

"Residents will be able to browse the many titles currently in the collection anytime, day or night.

"Library members will have the opportunity to start downloading e-books from our online library catalogue onto a compatible e-reader, tablet or smart phone.

"This is another arm to the wonderful service provided by our libraries.

"We are committed to continuing to develop new and innovative ways to make books accessible to our entire community in a range of print and electronic formats," said Mr Flores.

File types supported by the e-book collection include WMV, MVA. EPub. MP3 and MP4.

Media Release, 24 Feb 2012 Alan Flores, Gosford Council



## **Umina plans** to be discussed

McDonalds litter in Woy Woy

Umina plans for the commercial area will be discussed at workshop organised by Gosford Council at Umina Surf Life Saving Club from 6pm-8pm on Tuesday March 20.

The workshop aims to provide a forum for the community to discuss

"Civic place" and transport the two planning studies for the "village centre" currently being undertaken by Gosford Council.

> The Transport Management and Accessibility Plan aims to improve manage traffic, parking, public transport and pedestrian and bicycle movements within the shopping centre and surrounding area.

The Masterplan for the Civic

Place precinct aims to create modern community facilities and a civic focal point.

Residents, business operators and landowners are expected to be involved in preparing the plans.

> Email, 29 Feb 2012 Brian McCourt, **Gosford Council**

## More oppose **McDonalds**

A petition with a further 908 signatures has been received by Gosford Council from the community of Umina opposing the McDonalds development application.

The petitioners said they were concerned with a number of issues that may impact on the community. Among their concerns were local family businesses closing down, an increase in vacant shop fronts on West St, traffic and parking issues, rubbish and potential late night disturbances.

> **Gosford Council Agenda** P.11, 28 Feb 2012

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### News

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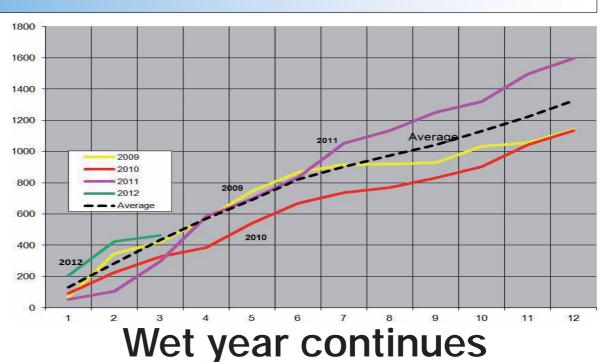
Peninsula News is giving two readers the chance to win a double pass to see the London Klezmer Quartet at Kantara House on Friday, March 23, valued at \$40 each.

The London Klezmer Quartet, which formed in 2009, is made up of Ilana Cravitz on fiddle, Susi Evans on clarinet, Carol Isaacs on accordion and Indra Buraczewska on double bass.

To win one of the double passes to see the London Klezmer Quartet, write your name, address and phone number on the back of an envelope and send to Peninsula News, London Klezmer Quartet competition PO Box 1056 Gosford, NSW, 2250, by the close of business Thursday, March 15.

The winner of last edition's Peninsula News Ettalong Beach Ball competition was M Steenson of Woy Woy.





February has ended with rainfall figures well above average, continuing a very wet start to the year.

# Peninsula directory of services, contacts and support groups

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Gosford 4324 6403 Gosford Family Support Service 4340 1099 Horizons (For men with children) 4333 5111 Uniting Care Burnside Gosford 1800 067 967

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### Libraries

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St Vincent De Paul Society HELPLINE 4323 6081 A total of 218.9mm fell for the month, compared to the monthly average of 152.5mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The total for the year to date was 424.1mm, 139.2mm or almost 50 per cent above average for this time of year.

By Friday morning, another 40.7mm had fallen – almost a third of the March monthly average of 149.3mm in just two days.

Temperatures for February ranged from 15.1 degrees on February 11 to 33.6 on February 28, according to figures from www. peninsulaweather.info.

Highest minimum for the month was 22.5 degrees, recorded on February 27.

Lowest maximum was 19.6, recorded on February 2.

Average maximum was 25.5, while average overnight minimum was 19.2.

Highest wind gust was 26.3 km/h recorded on February 6. Spreadsheet, 2 March 2012

Jim Morrison, Woy Woy www.peninsulaweather.info

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# Drainage work for The Bartizan

### Gosford Council has accepted a tender for drainage improvement works in The Bartizan, Umina.

The works will involve the removal and disposal of the existing butt-jointed reinforced concrete pipes to be replaced with new rubber ring joined spigot and socket type pipes, pit construction, road reconstruction and associated works.

Tender applications for the works closed on Tuesday, January 31, and Delcare Constructions of Holgate was accepted at Council's meeting of Tuesday, February 28. Tenders had also been received from C and D Constructions of Killarney Vale, Knock Contractors Pty Ltd of Buttaba, Scape Constructions of Erina and Statewide Civil Pty Ltd of Seven Hills.

The tenders were assessed against criteria including the tendered price, financial details, insurances, subcontractors, referees, previous experience, OH and S and environmental management.

Gosford Council's agenda of Tuesday, February 28, stated that it was considered that the tender from Delcare Constructions presented the best value to Council.

The report stated that the tender comparison-assessment indicated that Delcare Constructions ranked highly against all stated criteria.

The company has completed numerous projects for Gosford Council including Glenworth Valley Rd, Wendoree Park Drainage and Gunya Rd, Kincumber, Drainage Stage One. Council's report stated that

the projects had been completed on time and to a satisfactory standard.

Gosford Council Agenda COR.15, 28 Feb 2012



# Submit news items locally

## Readers of Peninsula News can now contribute news items locally.

Three stores on the Peninsula have agreed to act as drop off points for news items submitted by the community.

Contributions are still preferred by email, through our website, by mail or through our

Gosford shopfront.

However, for those who would find it more convenient, contributions may now be submitted in Woy Woy, Umina or Ettalong.

The drop off points are at Ettalong IGA, Peninsula Office Supplies in Umina and Woy Woy LJ Hooker Real Estate Agency.

Simply drop off your news item

or letter to one of these stores and they will be collected on the Friday before each publication.

We rely on the community to let us know about what's happening on the Peninsula and we hope these drop off points assist our valued contributors to

do so

Kaitlin Watts, 2 Mar 2012

# Workshop on dogs strategy

Gosford Council has held a workshop at Umina Surf Life Saving Club as part of its efforts to develop a Dogs in Open Spaces Strategy.

"The strategy aims to enhance the opportunities for exercising and enjoying dogs, while protecting natural environments and managing the impacts on users of open space areas such as beaches, parks, cycle ways and playgrounds," said Council's manager of open space and leisure services, Mr Phil Moore.

"It will involve extensive community engagement and Council has made online forums, surveys, workshops and consultations widely available to the community." Mr Moore said that the strategy would provide equitable directions for dog management in open space areas in the future.

"We are encouraging all residents to get involved in our workshops and surveys to ensure the strategy is a balanced document that will meet the needs of our entire community.

"With community input, this strategy will assist Council in continuing to provide functional, multipurpose open space that can be utilised fairly by all residents," said Mr Moore.

The meeting at the surf club was held on Wednesday, February 29.

Media Release, 24 Feb 2012 Phil Moore, Gosford Council



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## Boats had mechanical problems

The volunteers at Marine **Rescue Central Coast were** called to several boats around the Peninsula for help with a variety of mechanical and fuel problems on Saturday, February 25

Rescues began at 10am and continued through until 2pm and took place at Booker Bay, Horsfield Bay, Waterfall Bay, Paddy's Channel and Broken Bay

At about 10am, two people on board a five metre vessel at Booker Bay with a failed outboard motor phoned for assistance.

Skipper Ted Leeson and his crew on Central Coast 11 located the boat and towed it to Davistown.

At about 12:15pm, another phone call was received from a six metre ski boat in Horsfield Bay, again with its motor no longer functioning.

The boat, with six adults and three children, was towed to Lions Park at Woy Woy by Central Coast 11 with Skipper Peter Alderton in command.

Just before 1pm, the base had a phone call from a six metre runabout in Waterfall Bay with three men on board.

They advised their motor had failed and sought help.

Alderton and his crew on Central Coast 11 towed the vessel to Davistown.

At about 2pm, the boat crew again responded to a phone request for help from a 5.5 metre



outboard runabout with a fuel problem in Paddy's Channel.

The boat and the three people on board were towed to Lions Park by Central Coast 11.

At the same time, an eight metre motor cruiser with a transmission problem which prevented the vessel from going backwards or forwards called Marine Rescue for help

The vessel was east of Lion Island in Broken Bay and had two people on board.

The rescue was tasked to

Central Coast 20 and Skipper Norm Smith and his crew towed the vessel to its berth in Hardy's Bay.

Marine Rescue Central Coast public relations officer Mr Ron Cole said that a disturbing feature of that Saturday's calls was that they were all made by phone rather than marine radio and that none of the vessels were logged.

He said that the number of vessels with mechanical-fuel problems may have come as a result of older engines using E10

ULP fuel.

"Older engines and some fuel tanks are affected by the alcohol content of E10," he said.

"The impact can be engine failure.

"E10 also absorbs water if stored for longer than three weeks and this is not unusual for boats.

"A water filter should be fitted to improve reliability," he added.

Media Release, 27 Feb 2012 Ron Cole, Marine Rescue **Central Coast** 

## Anti-social behaviour increasing

Anti-social behaviour has been on the rise in recent months on Woy Woy Bay Rd with the cars hit by eggs, letter boxes destroyed and cars spat upon, according to Bays Community Group publicity officer Mr David Cochrane.

Mr Cochrane said the acts were "mean sprited and cowardly".

"They seem to be targeted attacks and have been brought to the attention of the community at our last community meeting," he said.

"As a community, we have a zero tolerance to any anti-social behaviour and the victims have all our support.

"Egging of cars and any antisocial behaviour are criminal offences and all is being done to catch those responsible."

> Newsletter, 23 Feb 2012 Greg McMullen, Bays **Community Group**

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Participants in last year's Anzac Day service at Empire Bay



# Council cleans up waste

Gosford Council has arranged for the cleanup of waste and maintenance of vegetation in West St, Umina. Shop owners in West St have complained that there were over 20 TVs dumped in this area and the grass was severely overgrown. Council's acting manager

of education and compliance

Ms Gillian Cullen said Council investigated the matter and observed that the waste has been dumped on the land identified as Council's road reserve.

Ms Cullen also said Council officers were unable to determine the owner of the items.

Kick up your heels this month at the.

Media statement, 1 Mar 2012 Gillian Cullen, Gosford Council **Anzac service at Empire Bay** 

An Anzac Day service will be held at the cenotaph near the waterfront at Empire Bay at 11am on Wednesday, April 25.

service is conducted The

annually and last year attracted around 400 people with more than 20 wreaths laid by exserviceman and children who were representing their fathers and grandfathers.

The service will include a flag raising ceremony, a wreath laying ceremony and several speeches. Media Release, 28 Feb 2012 Geoff Melville, Empire Bay and **District Progress Association** 



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## CWA group history is wanted



Woy Woy CWA members on Scotland Day

The Woy Woy Country Women's Association is calling on community members who may have information or memorabilia pertinent to the Association's history to come forward and help celebrate the association's 80th birthday.

The group will hold a birthday luncheon at Woy Woy RSL on Wednesday, June 6.

The CWA already had sufficient information regarding the history prior to 1940 but was wanting information from this period onwards, said publicity officer Ms Robyn Smith.

Mrs CJ Staples sponsored

the inaugural meeting on June 8, 1932, at her home and was elected the first president.

Later meetings were held in the supper room of the Woy Woy Cinema and the Thistle Cafe on The Boulevarde and raised money by balls, garden fetes, street stalls and jumble sales.

On December 10, 1940, land was leased in Wharf Rd and a cottage built which also housed the Baby Health Centre.

It employed a nursing sister for two and a half days a week and was a free service to mums until the 1980s.

Anyone with information about the group's history should phone Barbara on 4341 6576.

Email, 22 Feb 2012 Robyn Smith, Woy Woy CWA

# VISIT TELSTRA STORE WOY WOY

# Man faces court

A Woy Woy man is facing court after being found to be in possession of alleged child abuse material.

Acting on information received, police arrested the 53-year-old man at Killara Railway Station on Thursday, March 1. His laptop computer and two USB drives were seized.

Police have alleged these were found to contain images of child abuse material downloaded from the internet.

The man was taken to Hornsby Police Station and subsequently charged with possessing child pornography.

He was refused bail and appeared in Hornsby Local Court on Friday, March 2.

Media Release, 2 Mar 2012 NSW Police Media

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Mai Wallis with her dog Will, and Barbara Craig, Central Coast Support Group President who will be present at the Woy Woy stall

# Guide dog stall

A fundraising stall for the Central Coast Guide Dogs volunteer support group will be held in Deepwater Plaza in Woy Woy on Wednesday, March 7, from 9am-3pm.

Group president Ms Barbara Craig said she was very dedicated to volunteering for Guide Dogs and was always looking for new members to assist the enthusiastic

efforts by the small group who regularly visit Central Coast shopping centres selling Guide Dog merchandise.

Guide Dogs clients and their guide dogs also attend the stalls and answer questions from the community about what it is like to live with impaired vision.

Media Release, 17 Feb 2012 Lynne Lillico, Central Coast Guide

**Dogs Volunteer Support Group** 

# Energy experts in Woy Woy

Energy experts will be working in Woy Woy and Umina until Friday, March 9, to assist local families to save power and money.

Member for Gosford Mr Chris Holstein said trained energy experts would be working on the Peninsula as part of a region-byregion state-wide campaign.

Mr Holstein said energy experts from the Home Power Savings Program had already helped more than 4700 Central Coast households to reduce their energy costs.

"All eligible residents are invited to book an appointment with an energy expert to get a free inhome power assessment, power savings kit worth around \$200, and a tailored Power Savings Action Plan," Mr Holstein said.

"The kit contains practical items to help people start saving straight away, such as a standby saver power board, energy efficient light bulbs, draught proofing, a water efficient showerhead, tap aerators and a shower timer.

"It comes fully installed on the spot at no charge.

"By using the power savings

kit and by following the advice of the energy expert, households can expect to save an average of \$265 a year," Mr Holstein said.

NSW Environment Minister Ms Robyn Parker said the Home Power Savings Program was available to 220, Centrelink and Veterans' Affairs cardholders as well as social housing tenants and energy utility hardship customers.

To book an appointment, phone 1300 662 416.

Media Release, 17 Feb 2012 Chris Holstein, Member for Gosford

# Healthy balance

The Bays Community Group released its financial report on Thursday, February 23. The group recorded a surplus of

\$578.65 for the year.

Income for the year was \$80,451.13 made up of grants totalling \$51,000, a private donation of \$10,000 and income from activities.

Expenditure was \$79,872.48 which included hall repairs and improvements of \$65,742, rates, insurances and utilities of \$3,019.30 leaving a carry forward balance of \$5 323.76.

The Bays group has a term deposit held on behalf of the History Group of \$5500 and has commenced a special building and maintenance fund which has a current balance of \$941.27 to provide for ongoing maintenance of the hall.

> Newsletter, 23 Feb 2012 Greg McMullen, Bays **Community Group**



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Michael Crowhurst and Raelene Mara with Gemma Crow and Joe Crowhurst

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they receive one token for every \$20 spent to support a local charity," said Ettalong IGA retail manager Ms Raelene Mara.

"They are given the tokens from the checkout operator to put in the charity box of their choice.

"In the short time that the program has been running IGA Ettalong has donated over \$24,000 to local charities."

Email, 29 Feb 2012 Raelene Mara, IGA Ettalong Photo: Naomi Bridges

# Don Leggett remembered

Everglades Country Club will honour the memory of Don Leggett, who died in June last year, with a memorial bowls tournament.

A former Gosford mayor, Mr Leggett was a described as a "golf and bowls stalwart" by the club's senior bowls vice-president Mr Peter Arnold.

The tournament is being held in recognition of Mr Leggett's service to the community in addition to his final action which saw the club provided with lighting for the two front grass greens, Mr Arnold said.

He said the club expected those attending to include many dignitaries from local government, Woy Woy Rugby League, the Ocean Beach Surf Club and other Peninsula community organisations who held high regard for Mr Leggett and his achievements.

"As well as being a benefactor to Everglades Country Club along with his wife Val, Don was a very competitive golfer and a club champion bowler in all categories of the game," said Mr Arnold.



Mr Leggett was Gosford's first mayor from 1980 to 1982, shire president from 1977 to 1980, deputy shire president from 1974 to 1977 and a councillor at Gosford Council from 1974 to 1983.

Media Release, 20 Feb 2012 Peter Arnold, Everglades Country Club

# Banking volunteer

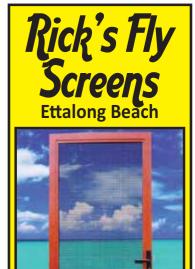
Ettalong Public School is looking for a volunteer who can act as the school banking coordinator.

The school actively participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program which teaches students how to save regularly.

The position would take a volunteer's time for part of one day a week.

Principal Mr Colin Wallis said any help with the program would greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and would also help the school with fundraising.

Newsletter, 14 Feb 2012 Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School







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## **Binless day**

Ettalong Public School will participate in Binless Day on Thursday, March 7, to increase awareness of the impact waste can have on marine environments and landfill.

On this day, the school will have

no bins in the playground and students are encouraged to bring a waste free lunch and snacks for recess.

Students who bring wrappings will be asked to take them home with them.

Newsletter, 28 Feb 2012 Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

## Annual meeting

Ettalong Public School P and C's annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14, at 7pm in the school's library.

All executive positions have

been declared vacant.

All nominees must be members of the Ettalong Public School P and

C Association prior to the meeting. Newsletter, 14 Feb 2012

Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School



## **Bowled heads?**

A number of staff members from Ettalong Bowling Club will have their heads shaved on Friday, March 16, from 7pm as part of the World's Greatest Shave.

The club will also offer hair

colouring with coloured hairspray for a donation of \$5.

The alfresco restuarant will donate \$1 from every meal sold during their night trade to the cause.

Email, 24 Feb 2012 Glen Purse, Ettalong Bowling Club Brisbane Water Marine Watch has donated two training kits valued at \$698 and \$717 to Marine Rescue Central Coast.

One kit (red) contains realistic simulation material for wounds and broken bones.

The other kit (green) donated

### earlier includes oxygen and other aids to enable advanced resuscitation.

Training kits donated

The donated kits are expected to assist in ensuring reality for First Aid training and help satisfy the requirements of the new First Aid competencies required of Marine Rescue crews. Marine Rescue must have a current Advanced First Aid certificate.

The money is from funds that, in previous years, were used to host the Putt Putt Regatta.

Marine Watch is no longer directly involved with that event. Media Release, 28 Feb 2012

> Ron Cole, Marine Rescue Central Coast

All the volunteer members of

## Gosford City Council - Public Notice Umina Beach Village Centre Community Planning Workshop

Gosford City Council in conjunction with consultants is presently undertaking two important planning studies for the Umina Beach Village Centre.

1. A **Transport Management and Accessibility Plan** that will help us better manage traffic, parking, public transport and pedestrian & bicycle movements within the Umina Village Centre and surrounding area.

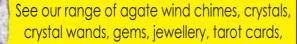
2. A **Masterplan for the Civic Place precinct** that will look at opportunities for the creation of modern community facilities and a civic focal point for Umina Village Centre.

Council is keen to involve residents, business operators and landowners in preparing these plans. Interested members of the community are encouraged to participate in a workshop to have your say about traffic issues within the Umina Beach area and how the Civic Place project could best meet community needs now and into the future.



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We look forward to meeting you at the workshop.

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Peter Wilson – General Manager

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### Ideas for a dog park When will the road be sealed?

#### Thanks for an alwavs interesting and entertaining local newspaper.

I was wondering what has happened to the Council's plan to seal the unsealed section of Maitland Bay Dr?

It was stated in last year's information pamphlet from the council as having funds of \$200,000 allocated, but as yet nothing has happened.

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As we are getting to the end of the financial year I am wondering if anything is going to happen.

The road is used continuously by locals and considering the amount of traffic using it, the sealing of it is badly needed as are urgent repairs to the already sealed section.

The current use by many trucks servicing the development at The

Bells has also degraded the road to one full of potholes and disrupted surfaces.

Although it would be detrimental to me and my use of the road, it may be appropriate to make this a one way street (west to east) as the turn onto Wards Hill Rd is dangerous at best and there have been many near misses.

Email, 22 Feb 2012 Mike Barnard, Killcare

A meeting was held on Wednesday, February 29, at Umina Surf Club to discuss dogs in both on and off leash areas.

The community proved how passionate they are about their doas with over 200 people attending, amongst them local businesses, residents, children and dogs.

Lots of ideas were shared that will all be taken into account by the council in their consideration for a fenced dog park and assist in how

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to manage the existing off leash areas.

If you couldn't attend the meeting, a survey can be picked up from the Council, Paws On The Coast Umina or filled out online.

It is important for us all to work together so we can co-exist happily with our dogs as an important part of our community.

> Email, 1 Mar 2012 Jody Mckinnon, Umina

## Come clean on CDO loss

The Australian Financial **Review reports that Gosford** Council has suffered another multimillion dollar loss on its US CDO investments.

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ratepayers may pay dividends. The "we haven't lost a cent approach" is wearing thin.

I pay my rates 90 days late, as a sign of protest.

If we all do the same, they will suddenly be forthcoming with the truth in this tawdry episode.

Email, 1 Mar 2012 Warren Cross, Wagstaffe

## Thanks for help

A huge thank you to Brad, Renay, Chris and Sandi who helped me when I fell in Woy Woy on Tuesday, January 17.

Also to the nurse who stopped, but didn't leave her name, and the lovely girl from the shop who gave

More forum on page 23

Where's the proof?



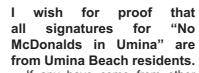
My family and I are very grateful for their help.

Letter. 9 Feb 2012 Fay McParlane, Tascott

## Gosford City Neighbourhood Centres celebrate

**Neighbour Day** 

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If any have come from other areas they don't count and need to be crossed out.

Otherwise you need to increase your population base to Peninsula residents and that is 35,000 which makes 3000 or 1500 signatures(Peninsula News, February 20) that the Council has stated to have received to be a very small percentage indeed.

The lovely man collecting signatures from people leaving Umina Beach one day was asking holiday makers to sign as well.

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Their names cannot stay on any list against McDonalds.

This whole McDonalds debate is way over the top.

It is a restaurant for goodness sake

McDonalds will put back into the community, employ young teens in the area and anything that can supply extra jobs needs to be encouraged as the unemployment rate for teens is high in Umina.

McDonalds supports sporting groups, provides a place where teams can go after a game to have a meal together and all kids love a McDonalds birthday party.



It is a restaurant that can cater for large groups without a booking and it has good clean toilets for everyone to use.

Also, what about the great work Ronald McDonald House does for families with sick children?

Without the support from McDonalds restaurants, these people would have no accommodation near their sick children.

The debate about rubbish created is not a McDonalds' problem, it reflects on people who have no respect and pride in their own area.

That is not McDonald's fault.

For all the people out there against McDonalds, don't go to McDonalds when it arrives in Umina

But stop trying to take away the choice of people who like McDonalds and would welcome it when it arrives.

> Email, 20 Feb 2012 Colleen Boyd, Umina



You do need to apply and meet certain conditions. Number of vouchers are limited so get in early. Cut off point is Friday 16th March Contact your nearest neighbourhood or community centre for more information.

## Sunday 25th March 2012 is National Neighbour Day.

Gosford neighbourhood and community centres are being involved by offering neighbours the opportunity to get a FREE food voucher to make up a hamper to celebrate Neighbourhood Day on Sunday 25th March. All you have to do is have an activity with your neighbours eg morning tea, BBQ, cricket game, and invite a neighbour you don't know. .

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

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## We can't ignore her gender

### I missed the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth but I was there for Billy McMahon's.

It was awful in its cruelty and I prayed I'd never have to witness another.

But now we are at it again, attacking Julia Gillard's personal integrity, denying her obvious leadership abilities, her loyalty and vision for a better and fairer Australia.

Some of the media are scurrilous in their reporting of her story adding innuendo to gossip.

Seeking to entertain us, they exaggerate life's trivia into major catastrophes.

They heap insult upon insult linking her with horrible comparisons from history.

They don't bother with details about the Labor caucus forcing Rudd's resignation.

There were no knives, no plots but the simple fact is that he was a poor leader and lost the support of important allies.

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How dumb he was.

At the Lobby Restaurant on Australia Day, the federal police, rather than wrestle with a small group of protesters, children among them, took an easier way and removed the Prime Minister instead.

The indignity inflicted on Gillard was unforgivable and the photo of her being so violently removed that she lost a shoe should never have been published.

But it was and doubtless flew round the world in minutes.

Had it been a male Prime Minister would that have happened?

Certainly not.

They'd have formed a phalanx around him and calmly escorted him to his car.

The visual message in that photo is of a heroic minder dragging a poor defenceless woman to safety. It says that it takes a man to govern Australia and women aren't up to the job.

Not so.

Gillard's background in industrial law and national student union politics plus many years of service in Labor makes her well qualified.

Australia does not have a tradition of women Prime Ministers.

Gillard is the first to have made her way to the top so let's stop pretending we can ignore the fact of her gender.

She is not the presidential style leader we are accustomed to.

She is a negotiator, a mediator. She is so different from the men who have gone before her and it makes no sense to expect otherwise.

We may be proud of our economic achievements but we should hang our heads in shame for the way we treat our first woman prime minister.

> Email, 24 Feb 2012 Joan Patrick, Ettalong

## Lunch alternatives

### Lunch in Umina?

There are some great restaurants offering lunch specials for under \$8.

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cheeseburger.

What's more, these businesses are locally owned.

Email. 20 Feb 2012 Lindsay Partridge, Pearl Beach

## Sharks

Further to June Mitchell's letter about the shark attack at Horsfield Bay in 1935, I recall reading a report that a 12-year-old boy dived into the bay and disappeared.

It was assumed he was taken by a shark, though his body was never recovered.

In the early 1960s, a man, John

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Orr, swam from South Woy Woy to Phegans Bay to test the waters so to speak.

We all breathed a sigh of relief when he returned unscathed.

Letter, 20 Feb 2012 Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

One party system is inferior

Klaas Woldring (Peninsula News, 20 Feb 2012) is once again advocating some sort of revolution when he states that "we need a maximalist republic that would develop a new political system" and that "the two-party tyranny (of the Westminster system) must go"

Well Mr Woldring is free, in this country where we enjoy the benefits of our constitutional monarchy, to express his viewpoints but I don't think there would be many people who would agree with him.

To advocate a one-party-only government in Australia is asking us to take a massive backwards step that would lead to disaster for us.

One needs only look around



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the world to observe the wretched republics in which the people would suffer as a consequence of this inferior system of government.

An extreme example would be the so-called "People's Republic" of China, in which an unelected one-party government has ruled the country for over 60 years without ever allowing an election for the people to vote them out.

This is not to say that the system here is perfect. Of course not.

But how many people do we see cramming on to leaky boats to escape persecution in Australia to flee to one of those republics? Only a ratbag would even contemplate it.

In the year in which we are rejoicing with our Sovereign Queen of Australia in Her Majesty's 60-year Diamond Jubilee reign, we should be happy to be enjoying the citizenship of this great nation.

Long live our most loyal queen. Advance Australia fair. Don Parkes, Woy Woy Letter, 24 Feb 2012



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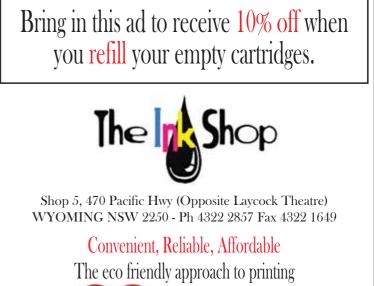
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# Baby caps presented to hospital



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A presentation of baby caps for premature babies will be made from the Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre to the Gosford Hospital Auxiliary on Thursday, March 15.

The idea was born 13 years ago following the birth of a premature grandchildren to one of the members of the centre.

"During this time, the families of premature babies soon learn all about the needs of these fragile little people and one such need is to ensure their heads stay warm," said centre publicity officer Ms Sue Sullivan.

"The babies can lose an enormous amount of heat through their heads and the neonatal ward at the hospital provided some little caps for this purpose.

"This grandmother perceived a need for a good supply of these little caps for all the new premature babies being born during a period where there was quite a baby boom in our area.

"The suggestion was taken back to the quilting group at the arts and craft centre and the idea was embraced by the members.

"All this happened 13 years ago and the craft centre stitchery group continues to focus on the needs of the community by looking at new projects as an outlet for their skills.

"Gosford Hospital Neonatal ward can now confidently look forward to their supply of caps being maintained for the future," said Ms Sullivan

Media Release, 29 Feb 2012 Sue Sullivan, EBACC



Peninsula Village seminar venue

## Planning for their older age

A free seminar will be held at Peninsula Village in Umina on Wednesday, March 7, for those who wish to gain a further understanding of planning for their older age.

Peninsula Village executive assistant Ms Linda Grant said the seminar was about considering your values and beliefs and discussing them with those closest to you.

"It does not have to be an onerous and complicated process," said Ms Grant.

"Planning ahead is important to all of us.

"We just don't know what is around the corner.

"Everyone needs to plan ahead and have discussions about their preferences with family members well in advance of a healthcare crisis."

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GP Dr Michael Crookes said he was a strong advocate for patients taking more control and planning ahead.

"It is so important for everyone to discuss their preferences with their GP and their family and friends.

"We just don't know what lies ahead.

"It is never too early to start the conversations."

Dr Crookes will address seminar attendees about the importance of gaining health literacy and forging discussions with family and carers.

Amanda Martin from DonateLife will also provide an update on organ and tissue donation and highlight the need to inform your family of your wishes.

Participants will learn more about the tools and resources available and receive a free workbook developed by the carer support unit of Central Coast Local Health District.

The legal issues of consent for healthcare and lifestyle choices will be detailed by the NSW Public Guardian.

Life Circle will lead a session on mentor support for carers embarking on end of life care at home.

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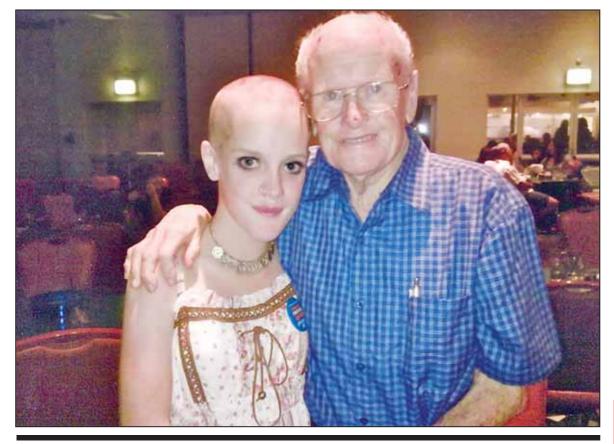


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## Johannah to shave her head again



Brisbane Water Secondary College student Johannah Kemp, 15, will shave her head on Saturday, March 17, in Umina Park as part of the World's Greatest Shave.

This is the second year she will participate in the shave.

Johannah said her goal was to raise \$500 but has raised \$1200.

She said she was inspired by her grandfather Brian Crawley of Umina who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2009 and died on September 29 last year.

He joined the Everglades Country Club in 1978 and made lifelong friends which saw him elected as president in 1993.

He held this honour from 1993 to 2008 and is still the longest serving president to date.

Mr Crawley had to stand down

because of his health and, after many doctors appointments and countless tests, it was discovered in 2009 he had cancer of the blood.

"The event held at the Everglades Country Club on the 12 July, 2011, was a great success," said Johannah's mother Ms Lee Kemp.

"There was not a dry eye in the place.

"She managed to raise \$1200."

Johanna said she chose March 17 to shave her head as it was her grandfather's birthday.

To donate to her cause, visit her Facebook page: Jo's Brave Shave.

> Email, 1 Mar 2012 Lee Kemp, Tascott

## Stroke club president turns 90

Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club president Mr Ernie Williams turned 90 on Wednesday, January 11.

His milestone was celebrated with a birthday party at Lizotte's restaurant in Kincumber on Saturday, January 14.

The party was hosted by his son Geoff and grandson Ben and attended by friends and relatives from WA, SA and NSW. The Point Clare local also received seven letters of congratulations from federal and state politicians, along with the NSW governor.

Mr Williams joined Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club in 1997 after his wife Grace had a stroke.

He was appointed president in 2002, a position which he still holds today.

Prior to taking up residence at

Woodport Retirement Village in Point Clare, Mr Williams lived in Umina.

In 1985, he began an 18 year service to Woy Woy Meals on Wheels, an organisation of which he is now a life member.

E-mail, 21 Feb 2012 Helen Anderson, Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club

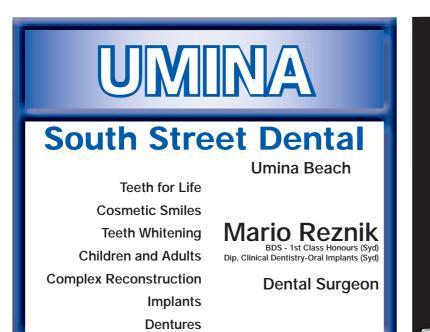
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## College hosts 'taster lessons '

### **Brisbane Water Secondary** College Umina campus hosted "taster lessons" for primary school students on Thursday, February 23.

Nearly 80 students school experienced high maths, English, technology and woodwork and "had a fantastic day", said Umina campus teacher Ms Sheree Gilchrist.

"In maths, students were taught about fractions and angles by constructing moving three-dimensional shapes using coloured paper and elements of origami as well as mathematical concepts.

groups to analyse poetry through images and music.

"Featuring Man from Snowy

River read by Jack Thompson, students also discussed and compiled a storyboard and gained a better understanding and appreciation of poetry as an art form.

"Up-and-coming tech-heads "In English, students worked in used three different computer programs (including Prezi, Cooltext, and Publisher) to create their own product advertising campaign.

"Mrs Martin was impressed with the computer skills of students," said Ms Gilchrist.

"Mr Charles also bravely opened up the wood work rooms and allowed students to use wood working tools and machinery to create a decorative door stop.

"Students were able to take home their projects.

"The weather was beautiful and during the lunch break, students enjoyed a sausage sizzle while they chatted with new friends and our peer mentors," said Ms Gilchrist.

All received a certificate for participating in the day.

Newsletter, 29 Feb 2012 Brad Lewis, Empire **Bay Public School** 



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## Students in clean sweep

Two groups of students from Brisbane Water Secondary College's Special Education Unit completed a sweep of the Pearl Beach foreshore on Friday, February 17, as

part of an ongoing program to keep the Central Coast's foreshores clean.

The students retrieved only small items of litter from the foreshore but three trips to Lion



Island and Middle Head beach also gleaned two bags of small plastic items and a large anchor rope which was cut and removed.

All litter was deposited in the council's bins adjacent to the beach.

Additional tasks were abandoned when the propeller came off their boat's motor.

Coordinator Mr Grahame Johnston said the day allowed the students to have positive networking with the locals and have plenty of recreational fun.

Mr Johnston said he intended to return to Pearl Beach with the group before the end of autumn.

Media Release, 21 Feb 2012

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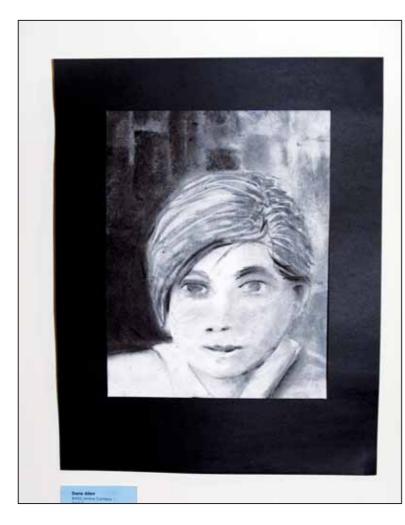
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## Tennis trials

tried out at the local tennis selection trials on Friday, February 10.

Principal Mr Colin Wallis said "both girls played extremely well" and showed a "great effort and result".

Newsletter, 14 Feb 2012 Colin Wallis, Ettalong **Public School** Photo: Naomi Bridges

## Dane wins art prize

Year 7 Brisbane Water Secondary College student Dane Allen has been awarded the Junior Art Prize in the Gosford **Regional Gallery's annual** exhibition Α Central Vision.

The exhibition, which will be on display until Wednesday, 14, allows local March secondary public schools to select the best works from students and have them displayed in a professional exhibition.

Gosford Regional Gallery curator Mr Tim Braham said that this year saw 80 students selected from over 300 entries from 14 local schools.

"We've had a fantastic response from local schools some terrific works with entered.

"It's really great to see students excelling in the visual arts

"This exhibition provides a professional platform for young people to display their talent and I'm sure visitors to the gallery will be very impressed with the standard of works in the show," said Mr Braham. Mr Braham said that A Central Vision was just one of the opportunities provided to local school students to exhibit

at the gallery.

"We are very committed providing exhibiting to opportunities for local school students.

"Other annual projects, which include Sculpture by the Bay and the Indigenous Mural Project, are always extremely successful in helping develop young aspiring artists.

A Central Vision is organised in partnership with The Department of Education and Communities NSW and was opened by Education for Hunter and Central Coast deputy director Mr Frank Potter.

> Media Release, 28 Feb 2012 Tim Braham. **Gosford Council** Photo: Naomi Bridges

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# New books for home reading

The Woy Woy Public School P and C has donated \$1000 worth of new books to the school's home reading program.

"Not only have they given this very generous donation of funds to purchase books, but they have also given of their time to cover these books to keep them in good condition," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"The school purchased more books from their funds at the end of last year as well, giving us an up to date supply of books.

"Enthusiasm is on a high with our students reading every night.

"As every new program implemented into the school takes a little time to get running smoothly so will our new home reading program.

"We are grateful to the parents coming each day to help our teachers in classrooms with updating student books ready for the night's reading.

"Reading is the means to gain knowledge and opens a world of imagination.

"Together we can develop a love of reading for all our students," she said. Newsletter, 28 Feb 2012

Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School Photo: Naomi Bridges

## Animal carers learn about horses

The Brisbane Water Secondary College student group Kids who are Animal Carers



attended an AAA horse riding excursion at Cooronbong on Wednesday, February 29. The students went on a one hour trail ride and had the opportunity to

trail ride and had the opportunity to groom the horses, crack a whip and learn basic care principles when around a horse. Students were then taught about

Students were then taught about what feed was appropriate for what horse as protein plays a key role in the horses temperament and management.

They learnt about colic, a disease which can occur swiftly and maim a horse.

They were also told about the dangers of keeping a halter on a horse when it was in a paddock.

"Some of these students have never been on a horse before.

"They had a great time while other more experienced students enjoyed the outlook and challenges of the ride," said teacher Ms Nerrida Lewis.

Email, 29 Feb 2012 Nerrida Lewis, Brisbane Water Secondary College





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# Handicraft judging

Out and About

Umina Country Women's Association held its annual handicraft judging day on Wednesday, February 29.

A large variety of articles made by members were displayed.

"The standard was high and the branch should win some prizes at the CWA Northumberland Group judging," said handicraft officer Ms Jill Colwell.

Following the judging, members learnt to make a simple four patch

coaster.

Secretary Helen Parkinson reminded members that the next general meeting would be on Wednesday, March 7, at 9.30am in the Umina rooms.

Craft days are held all other Wednesdays.

An evening craft group will also begin on Monday, March 12, anytime from 6-9pm.

Media Release, 29 Feb 2012 Jill Colwell, Umina CWA



Gwen Brinckley, Jill Colwell, Olga Speechley, Diana Moon (president), Helen Parkinson (secretary), Beryl Finch, Una Bemrose, Jean Bedford, Olive Burrows, Lorraine Denning



## **Music** school open day

The new owners of a local music school will hold an open day on Saturday, March 17.

Led by two instructors from 9am until 11am, parents and toddlers will explore new instruments, sounds, dancing and musical activities.

From 12pm onwards the program will cater for all ages by offering free lessons in piano, guitar, bass, ukulele, violin, drums, flute and vocals

Attendees will have the option of taking the guitar lessons individually or in a group.

Lucky door prizes will be drawn throughout the day.

"We want to give everyone a chance to try the instruments especially the less common ones like the violin which they might not have tried before," said Woy Woy School of Music co-owner and organiser Ms Madeline van DerMast.

"Because we're the new owners we just want to let the community know that we're still here and we are in it for the long haul," she said. "We want to create an opportunity for the community to come together and enjoy music, to socialise and to learn new things and introduce ourselves and the newly renovated school to everyone. "We want to strengthen the musical community, to create awareness of the joys of music and to host a free, fun, social and musical day for all ages." Media Release, 16 Feb 2012 Madeline van DerMast, Woy Woy School of Music Harley Cattini, 27 Feb 2012 Interviewee: Madeline van DerMast



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## **Reward for stone pot**

A reward is being offered for the return of a unique hand carved stone pot that was stolen on Tuesday, February 21, from a home in Woy Woy.

A \$500 reward for the return of the pot and conviction of the thieves is being offered or \$300 for the return of the pot and no conviction.

The pot was stolen from Mr Warren Greenway's front yard in Railway St and weighs around 350kg.

"It's awkward to move," said Mr Greenway.

"When I got them (the pot is part of a pair) it took four tradies to drag it up a ramp onto a low trailer. "I am tired of the crime in my area and this is not the first time I have had stuff stolen."

If you know the whereabouts of the pot please phone warren on 4341 7736.

Email, 28 Feb 2012 Warren Greenway, Woy Woy



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## **Italian** festival in April

The Central Coast Italian festival will be held on April 14 and 15 at the Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort.

The resort will be filled with classical and modern Italian tunes throughout both days and well into Saturday night, where the festival will give way to the Viva Nightclub.

A plethora of Italian vendors from all over the coast and Sydney will set-up for the event and, together with the permanent Ettalong Markets stallholders, provide attendees with a truly European shopping experience.

"Those looking for a quick bite and a cup of coffee could treat themselves to an Italian crepe or piadina," said organiser Mr Chris Farnon.

"Those looking to uncover the secrets of true Italian cooking will be treated to intimate cooking classes.

"There will be something for everyone at the Central Coast Italian Festival.

"Italian language classes. coffee courses and cooking demonstrations run all day, while the kids are kept busy with carnival rides and a permanent play-centre built into the markets.

"Now in its third year the Italian Festival is shaping up to be a landmark event that takes its visitors on a wonderful journey every year, right into the heart of Italy.'

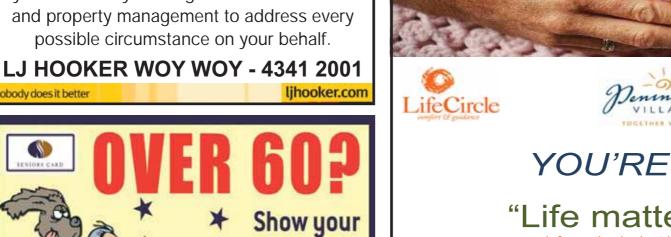
Media Release, 1 Mar 2012 Chris Farnon, Central **Coast Italian Festival** 

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## and About

## **Bowen and Clare** at folk club

at the next Troubadour meeting to be held on Saturday, March 17, at the Woy Woy CWA Hall.

Darryl Bowen, an Australian of Irish descent, has been performing Irish and Australian music for well over a decade, starting as front man for Sydney bush band Barbwire.

He penned some of the tracks on Barbwire's album Come to Dinner and, in 2003, he produced a solo album of both originals and covers titled Just a Sniff.

Bowen's musical partner Lvdia Clare came from a musical background with her father Norm and her brother Gary working as brass and woodwind technicians.

Clare began performing in the late 90s as an original member and songwriter for Sydney folk band Wild Honey.

Bowen and Clare came together in 2007 and produced their 14-track debut album Hillbilly Hippy in 2011 with Bill Chambers.

They said this was inspired

Bowen and Clare will perform by the peace of the bush and the pioneer spirit that permeates their home in Wheeny Creek, NSW.

The duo won the mountainbluegrass section at the 2011 Canberra Country Music Awards for the album's title track.

"They're down to earth singersongwriters of what they call Croak Music," said Troubadour publicity officer Ms Willy Timmerman.

'They're like sugar and spice. "She's soft and sweet and he's bold and earthy.

"If they're not singing songs you know and love, they're singing songs you'll grow to love. "Their music is catchy and

energetic with an authentic sound and a raw edge that conjures up who they are, simple folk, simply living.

"They've been engaging and moving audiences with toe tapping guitar, mandolin and harmonica in a fusion of country, folk, bluegrass and more."

> Media Release, 19 Feb 2012 Willy Timmerman, Troubadour Central Coast Inc.



Bowen and Clare

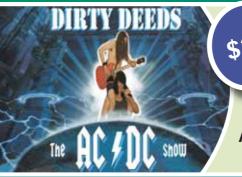


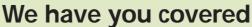
Left to Right - Gail Cumming. Sue Norton and Dawn Diversi They were shopping on West St Umina - They are all from Umina.



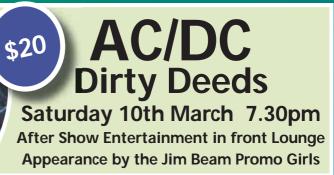












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Joanne Smith, Ambah Noonberger and Tammy Toth shopping on Ocean View Rd, Ettalong

# Festival program announced

The Ettalong Beach Business Group has announced the program for the Ettalong Beach Festival to be held from Friday, March 16, to Sunday, March 18.

The festival will include the Ettalong Beach Ball, workshops with eminent Australian percussionists, a film festival night and an all-day street festival.

The Ettalong Beach Ball will be held on the night of Friday, March 16, and will feature a performance from the Spooky Men's Chorale.

Their repertoire ranges from Georgian drinking songs to whisper perfect ballads and a string of improbable original hits.

For those who like a twirl on the dance floor, 60s and 70s surfie band The Shallows will also perform on the night.

The Big Sing workshop will be held the following day from 10:30am until 3:30pm.

The workshop will be run by Kavisha Mazzella who will lead the

group in "vibrant explorations of songs and roof raising harmonies". The workshop is open to singers of all ages and experience.

All enthusiastic participants will be invited to perform the next day at the Ettalong Beach Street Festival.

The festival will continue into the night with the Festival Film Night at Cinema Paradiso.

Doors open at 5pm for a 5:30pm screening.

The film will be an original documentary by Bob Fitzgerald which will explore the theme of Then and Now.

It has original stories from local residents including a mix of interviews spliced with historical film footage and scenes of Ettalong over the last century.

True stories about the town's past characters, the shops, the waterslide, the connection with Sydney's underbelly and the fire that wiped out the Ettalong Beach town are among the themes visited

in the film

The festival will conclude on Sunday, March 18, with the Ettalong Beach Street Festival Day from 10am until 4pm on Ocean View Rd.

Holden classic cars and a mix of artisan and food market stalls will line the street on the day.

The flags that will be on display along Ocean View Rd have been made especially for the festival in workshops by local community artist Nina Angelo with the help of local school and community groups.

The main stage will feature Australian festival circuit performers along with indigenous and local talent.

A kid's zone with art, crafts and rides will also be available for children to enjoy.

Flyer, 20 Feb 2012 Jeanette Polley, Ettalong **Beach Business Group** 





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## Easter fete at Patonga

The Patonga Progress Association will hold its annual fundraising Easter Fete on Saturday, April 7, from 9am until 1pm at the Patonga Progress Hall.

Patonga Easter Fete organiser Ms Judy Singer said the fete was a much-loved village tradition and has been held in the Patonga Progress Hall for as far back as Patongans can remember.

Held on Easter Saturday, the Patonga Fete is on the same day as the ever popular Pearl Beach Book Fair.

"Visitors and locals have a great opportunity to enjoy the hospitality and beauty of both little villages by making a day of it and supporting both events," said Ms Singer. This year the Patonga Fete will feature arts, crafts, antiques and collectibles, jewellery and market stalls from local Central Coast traders. Also on sale will be a selection of homemade cakes, preserves, plants, books, bric-a-brac and gifts. "The barbecue will be fired up to sell sausage and egg sandwiches and a morning tea with homemade scones and jam will also be on sale," said Ms Singer "We will be spinning the giant chocolate wheel all morning for a chance to win some Easter egg prizes and an Easter egg hamper will be raffled at the end of the fete," she said.

All money raised this year will go towards community projects such

as improvements to the Progress Hall which has been the focal point for community events in Patonga for over 50 years."

Media release, 29 Feb 2012 Judy Singer, Patonga Easter Fete



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## Broaden the options

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In general, the Westminster system already severely restricts the potential for recruiting quality politicians.

Ministers have to be in and of the Parliament meaning they must be elected.

Others cannot be drafted, most unintelligent.

The national membership of the ALP is down to 32.000 or 0.16 per cent of the population, not a wide choice either.

Such severe restrictions suggest that it is sheer luck if any government has adequate

Forum

competence in its ranks. Of course, there are those

who say it doesn't matter that the Ministers are functional amateurs.

The senior public servants are there to provide professional and impartial expertise.

Really?

That may have been the case in the past but the public services have been politicised, many senior public servants are on contracts thus lacking tenure and many are very highly paid.

Not surprisingly the people are disenchanted with parliamentary politics.

Australians Can start considering alternatives, other than the American Presidential system?

> Email, 1 Mar 2012 Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

Our present system may not suit everybody but it has lasted some 200 years.

The last revolt was some time ago called the Eureka Stockade. Since then the changes have

been slow and minimal.

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System serves well

People come to this country because it is peaceful and, with hard work, you can live a good life. If or when the monarchy goes, it would cost the people more money to run the country and it could cost the people a lot of the freedom we now enjoy.

Be careful of what you wish for. It could cost more than you can imagine.

Email. 23 Feb 2012 Les Walker, Killcare

## Support is unnecessary

Mussali's offer Ron to support our community is unnecessary.

We'll be just fine without him. The McDonald's fast food outlet at Woy Woy adequately caters for the needs of the people of the Peninsula.

It would be appreciated if

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you cease demeaning my son's sporting efforts by awarding him a cheeseburger every year.

The paltry prize is a pitiful reward for his efforts.

My daughter attends dance classes.

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Email, 14 Feb 2012 Tim Haylor, Umina



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## Council should not sponsor company advertising

More than 600 children aged between seven and 15 took part in the Kids Tryathlon at Woy Woy in January last vear.

The marketers of the event, Weet-Bix (Sanitarium), claimed it planned and managed this event, but Gosford Council approved the application by X-Tri Australia P/L to hold the event on Council's roads, parks and the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

X-Tri Australia claimed it was a non-profit organisation and Council subsidised the event by waiving thousands of dollars worth of charges and fees payable for the use of its public properties.

As an 86-year-old former veteran athlete, I have done my share of swimming, cycling and running marathons.

I am still associated with the

They don't have sponsors or

I can appreciate that young people get this opportunity to test their endurance in this well organised sporting event, but Gosford Council should recognise that Sanitarium is in this to advertise its product and defend its share of the breakfast cereal market

The user-pays principle should apply and Council should collect for the public revenue fair rent when public assets are use for private commercial profit.

Letter, 6 Jan 2011 John Collins, Woy Woy

Park for 40 years.

public subsidies and they have even donated thousands of dollars to real charities.

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### HISTORV

## A history of Woy Woy Chamber of Commerce

### The Woy Woy and Districts' Chamber of Commerce was established in 1946.

The initial meeting to form a Chamber was held at the Masonic Hall, Woy Woy, on May 29, 1946, and a provisional Council was elected with Mr R L Colman as chairman, to draw up a constitution. A draft constitution and set of rules was submitted to a largely attended meeting held at the Woy

Woy Bowling Club on June 25 and unanimously adopted. The first properly constituted Council was then formed.

Mr R L Colman was elected

president and Mr W A C Murdoch was elected treasurer.

Some weeks later Mr J Candrick was appointed secretary.

The constitution sets out the objects of the Chamber and this in general terms is to improve business and engage in efforts to promote the welfare of the

Breakfast in the Bays, Woy

Woy Bay Community Hall, 8:30-

4WD Explorer Series: Tunnels,

Umina CWA branch meeting,

Tanks & Sugarloaf Tag-along

Discovery Tour, Brisbane Water

Saturday March 31

Wednesday April 4

10am, Umina CWA Hall

10:30am

National Park

community.

Any businessman or woman carrying on legitimate business in Woy Woy or surrounding districts was eligible for membership.

Since its inception, the Chamber has compiled a long list of achievements; some of the most important are arranging the continuation of the Kincumber ferry, increasing car parking facilities, better street lighting, increase in local police strength, Ocean Beach improvements scheme and Esplanade Rd, No. 2 Woy Woy Oval, Woy Woy direction sign at Piles Creek, establishment of housing commission homes in the area, support for local building societies, Olympic pool, representations for Rip Bridge, reconstruction of Ocean Beach Rd. District Tourist Leaflet, representations for filling of Dunban Rd swamp, resulting in recreation field of Rogers Park and the installation of two flashing pedestrian crossing symbols in Woy Woy.

As of 1970 the business of the Chamber was conducted by an annually elected Council of Management of eleven members which met once a month.

A quarterly general meeting of all financial members took place at which the president made a periodical report and invited suggestions or requests from members, and these were dealt with by the Council of Management at the next meeting.

The annual general meeting was held in July when the election of officers was conducted and the financial statement presented

Meeting notices were circulated to all members by letter.

The President for 1970-71 was Mr. P D Tonkin and the Honorary secretary-treasurer was Mr W T Hoskin.

> Courtesy Woy Woy-Umina-Ettalong and District Town, 1970

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Umina CWA branch meeting, 10am, Umina CWA Hall Triple P Positive Parenting

Program, Beachside Family Centre, Umina, 10am-12pm

### Sunday March 11

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

### Monday March 12

Umina CWA Beginners' crochet lesson, 9-9pm, Umina CWA Hall

### **Tuesday March 13**

Don Leggett Memorial Bowls Tournament, Everglades Country Club, 6pm

### Friday March 16

Ettalong Beach Festival Ettalong Bowling Club World's Greatest Shave, 7pm

Saturday March 17

Ettalong Beach Festival Johannah Kemp World's Greatest Shave, Umina Park

Sunday March 18 Ettalong Beach Festival

Monday March 19 4WD Tagalong Discovery Tour, Brisbane Water national Park

### **Tuesday March 20**

Mt Ettalong Panoramic Lookout Discover Tour, Brisbane Water National Park

### Saturday March 24

Opera in the Arboretum, Crommelin Native Arboretum, Pearl Beach Senior's Positive Living Gala Day, 9am-3pm, Peninsula Village

### Sunday March 25

Bays Community Saturday April 7 Pearl Beach Easter Saturday Book Fair, Memorial Hall, 9am-

### Saturday April 14

Central Coast Italian Festival, Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort

Wednesday April 18 Bays Community Group general meeting, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall, 7:30pm

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HISTORV

## The life of Essie Wilson

second edition Α of "Significant Women of the Central Coast 2007" was published as an International Women's Day project.

The first edition was published lin 2006.

It was collated in 2007 by Ms Margaret Hardy, Gosford Council's Citizen of the Year,

Essie Wilson was born in Richmond on the October 5, 1899, the daughter of Arthur Thomas and Ada Melvina Wilson, the eldest of five children.

Essie grew up at Richmond and Kurrajong and at the age of 11 years developed cancer of the neck glands.

She was treated by Sir Alexander McCormack, a top surgeon of the day, had several op-erations and Essie said she remembered having quite a few massive hemorrhages.

At one time she had one at Parramatta Station and had to lay in the waiting room for hours until an ambulance arrived.

It was only after Essie's death, that her daughter Margaret found her Grandma's diary in which she had written that Essie was admitted to Carisbrook Private Hospital on November 26, 1910, for radium treatment.

Margaret did not know her mother had received radium treatment until she found it in the note book.

Essie was 11 at this stage.

on behalf of the Multi Arts Confederation and Friends of Caroline Bay Inc and printed by Gosford Council in March.

Women included in the publication were nominated by their friends and admirers of their work, according to Ms Hardy.

"Most have a social conscience which drives them

She had several operations at St Vincent's Hospital which were not successful and, at the age of 15, she overheard the surgeon tell her parents there was nothing further to be done and that they should take her home to die.

At this stage, a friend (who was not a doctor), asked if he could treat her as he had a cure for cancer and had been trying for years to get the medical profession to test it.

Of course they would not have anything to do with a quack, but her parents were desperate and agreed to let him try.

Essie was cured but always maintained 'the cure was worse than the disease', but she did live till her 90th year.

Essie wanted to be a nurse but her parents were not happy about this due to her ill health.

At 22 Essie commenced Midwifery Training at St Margaret's Hospital, one of the first to do formal training (1921).

Her training included district nursing which allowed two nurses to deliver babies in their homes.

Many a weird experience did these

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to make a difference, correct injustices, create works of art, or are creative in their approach to people and life," Ms Hardy said.

Peninsula News has been given permission to feature the profiles of women of the Peninsula in further recognition of their contribution to the community.

### **Cec Bucello**

nurses have, as the district was the poorer areas of Sydney, such as Surry Hills etc, where many criminals lived.

The nurses were given one penny for tram fares and had to carry the placenta back to the hospital wrapped in newspaper to be inspected by the

Essie lost her penny once, and was driven back to the hospital by a man the matron recognised as a well known criminal of the time.

After completing her training, Essie worked at West Wyalong for a few years and then was asked by Sir Charles Mawson to take charge of his maternity hospital "Milby" at Campbelltown.

Sir Charles was the brother of Sir Douglas Mawson, the explorer, who Essie was privileged to meet on several occasions.

She worked at "Milby" for about five years.

One night the husband of a woman who had given birth, brought his friend Tom Davin to see the new babe.

She was introduced to this big, quiet Irishman and told a friend, "That's the man I'm going to marry", which she did in October 1929 at the age of 30

Her son was born in December 1930, followed by Margaret in 1932 and another daughter in 1938.

In 1940 Tom, who was a Lands Department Inspector, was sent to Sydney to learn about the 'gas producers', a coke burning attachment for cars used during war time to save petrol. Twelve men and an instructor were in a room at Ultimo Technical College with all windows closed, when the gas producer was lit and all the men were affected by carbon monoxide.

Tom developed chronic renal failure and was retired from the public service.

Not a penny was paid in compensation and the doctors gave Tom less than 12 months to live.

Essie rose to the occasion and said "I won't let him die, we have three children to raise".

They came to Woy Woy to live as Tom loved the area and it was close to Sydney doctors and hospitals, where



much fewer than today.

The Emergency Room was the kitchen table.

Often the dinner would be cooking away on the wood stove with all those lovely cooking smells pervading the air, the table would be set and her three children waiting to eat, when occasionally a knock on the door would herald a disaster.

The table would be stripped, a green baize cover would be put over it and it became the emergency room table.

Fishhooks were a common problem and secondly young babies brought in pale, blue, cold and nearly dead from gastro-enteritis.

In those days the water was mostly pump water and it was loaded with minerals, particularly iron.

Young babies arriving for holidays who had bottles made with this mineral laden water, often developed very severe gastro-enteritis.

Essie would wrap the baby up, give it to one of the children to nurse while she ran glucose and saline into its bottom.

She never lost a baby.

The deed performed, mother and baby would go home, the table re-set, and a belated meal enjoyed.

Essie did not believe in expectant mothers going past their expected date of confinement and occasionally a woman would turn up for Essie's induction of labour.

This consisted of a large does of castor oil, followed by a hot bath.

Her children would light the chip heater for hot water and Margaret was allowed to help make the castor oil mixture, a squeezed orange, half the juice in a glass, then the castor oil with more juice on top.

This would be put on a plate with a spoon containing a teaspoon of sodium-bicarb, which was put in the mixture just before the lady drank it, to make a fizzy orange drink to take the castor oil taste away.

This led to the children believing the concoction followed by a hot bath, in a day or two, you would get a baby.

> Significant Women of the Central Coast. 2007 Margaret Hardy

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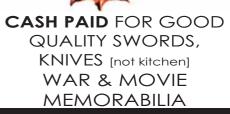
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- Mal's Seafood & Charcoal Chicken of Ettalong Beach
- Simon Jones, All external cleaning and sealing services
- Renotek, Tascott
- ASCO BRE Concreting
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- Michelle Umback 2 Funky, Terrigal

he spent some time.

Essie became the bread winner of the family, hung up her brass shingle with 'ESSIE WILSON, A.T.N.A.' a gift from her father when she graduated. Her working life was a mixture of great variety.

She delivered babies privately. When the aged doctor would not go out at night, he would ring Gordon' Bain's Taxi and direct him to pick up Essie and take her where she was needed, maybe a death, maybe an injection for pain or some wound requiring stitches or some other problem.

She gave insulin injections to diabetics, sometimes once a day or occasionally four hourly, these were



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### 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 (309) 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 publicity@artcentralcoast.asn.au 4325 1420

#### Point Clare Arts & Crafts (309)

Wed - Adult Class Approaches to Visual Arts, supported by History of Art, to develop your own style Wed & Frid - Adults Bunka Embroid, Cards, Scotchet, Cross Stitch or bring your own \$3/session Point Clare Community Hall 10am - 12noon 4325 5007

Hospital Art Australia (309) 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 muliticultural support Children - Little Kickers, Indian Dance, Playgroups, KindyGym, Teenagers - "The Web' Youth Support Services. Adults - Bridge, Yoga, Cake Decorating, Zumba, Scrabble, Weight Watchers, Boot Scooting, Song Writing, Community College, free tax help, Post & Pre Natal Exercises. Counselling - Drug, Alcohol, Relationship. Financial. Gambling, Weight Control. Over 55's - Social Outings, Oil Painting, Multicraft, Needlework, Bushwalking, Stroke Club, History, Tai Chi, U3A, Scrabble, Arthritis Assoc. Gentle Exercise. Free Seniors Internet Kiosk, Discussion Groups. 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

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 all Computing problems Program demos + Q&A sessions Narara Valley High School Fountains Road, Narara 2nd Wed of Month (Feb-Nov) Windows 7pm to 10pm Supper provided 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 Social Meeting + Windows 12.15pm – 3.15pm Afternoon tea provided 4362 1918

### **ABC** (309)

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

### **Beachside Family Centre**

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 patchwork and quilting felting and other fibre and fabric crafts Workshops and community quilting bees Day and night groups 4325 4743 www.centralcoasthsguild.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 - Cooinda 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

### 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, Followship 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

### Rotary Club of Kariong/ Somersby (309)

This international service club exists to improve lives of communities in Australia and other countries. Why not join us for fun-filled activities, fellowship and friendship. We meet for breakfast at Phillip House 21 old Mount Penang Road (opp Shell) Fridays 7:15am 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. vrc@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**

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

Meals on Wheels (81/298) Delivered meals and flexible food options for people with a functional disability 4382 9401

### Mary Mac's Place (287) Providing hot, freshly cooked

Woy Woy Judo Club (287) Kids Classes - \$5 Fri 5.30 -

### Veterans

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**Ettalong Markets** 

0428 712 251

**Peninsula Women's** 

Health Centre (285c)

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and community education;

drop-in; support for women in

crisis; advocacy

4342 5905 Wed and Thur

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Woy Woy www.ccwhc.com.au

**Woy Woy Public** 

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4342 1316

**Marine Rescue** 

Central Coast Unit (287)

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Sport

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

### Country Women's Association Umina

Branch meeting 1st Wed of the Month, 10am Day craft and friendship all other Wed 9.30 Evening craft and friendship enquire CWA Hall Umina - 2 Sydney Ave Umina - All Welcome 4369 5353

### 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 4342 2283

### 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

Inner Wheel club of Gosford North (92/309)

Women making a difference with friendship, personal service and international understanding. Many social activities combined with fund raising for local, national and international projects 2nd Wed each month (ex Jan) 7pm Phillip House Kariong gosfordnorthiw@live.com.au 4324 7176 If you would like your Community Organisation listed here, call us on 4325 7369

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. wwcphousie@hotmail. com 4340 4529 kersuebay@philliphouse.com.au

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 curleys@ozemail.com.au 0409 245 861

Central Coast Handweavers, Spinners and Textile Arts Guild Inc (286c) Spinning and weaving, Seniors Computer Club Central Coast Inc. (83301) Beginners' classes held Mon or Tues. Also classes Mon -Fri as published on the Club Website. 10am to 12md or 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

### **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 6.30pm 6 14yrs Adult Classes Tue & Fri 6-8pm 15yrs+ - 1st Lesson Free 4 Week Trial Ettalong 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre 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

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## Calendar raises \$1340 for cancer

The Ocean Beach Malibu Club has raised \$1370 for the **Prostate Cancer Foundation** of Australia through sales of its 2012 nude calendar.

This was reported after the club held its first surfing contest for 2012 at Umina Beach on Sunday, February 5.

Four times women's club champion Maddie Cook made a return after a two year absence, along with her friend Sally Oman who managed to defeat the current women's champion Cyndi Zoranovic in their round two heat.

Men's club champion Kai Ellice-Flint continued his good form from last year to win the day from Hayden Emery and Bryce Williams.

Rob McCaughan put the wind up a few of the more fancied surfers by winning his first round heat in fine style but found the going a lot tougher in round two when he surfed against all other first round winners.

Another surfer to return to the club after many years away was Paul Brandon who also won his first round heat.

The most improved surfer for the month went to the club's major sponsor Tony Irwin who won the heat of the thirds.

The club's next contest is scheduled for Sunday, March 11, at Umina.

> Media Release, 21 Feb 2012 Craig Coulton, OBMC



Nic 'Blocker' garnett on the charge at the recent darwin Hottest 7's

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# New season for Woy Woy rugby

has started training for the coming season.

The club has had an influx of new players as well as a number who have returned after a year or two away

The club has retained Ross Hopkins as the first grade coach and he will again be assisted by Grant Brooks.

"After being away from the club for five years coaching in Sydney, last year was a learning experience for me to come back to country rugby," said Hopkins.

"I hope this year that with some of the cultural and structural

Woy Woy Rugby Union changes we achieved last year on and off the field, we can improve on this year.

> "If we can keep players injury free, then the club should do well.

> "Off the field, the club is powering with a huge junior base and the junior-senior committee are doing a great job attracting new sponsors and interest in the club.

> "The time is now for the seniors to embrace the challenge of becoming one of the powers of Central Coast Rugby," Hopkins said.

Second grade will be coached by Grant McLellan who has played at the club for over a decade and has experienced premiership success at the club.

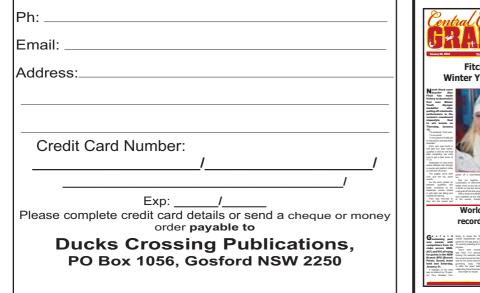
Third grade will be coached by Paul Gooley who, after a decade of playing first grade rugby, has decided to enjoy what third grade rugby has to offer.

The club will field a Colts side and, after coaching the Under-17s to a premiership last year, John Stokie will be in charge of the side and will be assisted by Rob Boxsell.

Email, 21 Feb 2012 George Simpkins, Woy Woy Rugby Union



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## Cricket success for Tristen

Pretty Beach resident Tristen McDonald, 19, currently sits among the top run scorers in all of Sydney first grade cricket.

Tristen played junior cricket at Woy Woy and graduated to first grade for Woy Woy in the 2009-10 season.

At the beginning of the 2011-12 season, he moved to play cricket for Northern Districts in Sydney, and soon found himself playing in first grade.

An opening batsman, Tristen has represented the Central Coast at all levels from Under-10s up to Under-21s before he moved to Sydney.

Tristen was selected to play for NSW in the Futures League match against the ACT held in Canberra.

"This is another success story for Central Coast Cricket and an example of what dedicated, hard-working young cricketers can achieve," said Central Coast Cricket Association executive officer Mr Aiden Cuddington.

Media Release, Feb 17 2012 Aidan Cuddington, Central **Coast Cricket Association** 

# Rugby 7s for Year 7s

7s competition was held on Friday, February24, at Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus.

Around 180 13-year-old Central Coast boys from 13 high schools each played at least six games of Rugby 7s in contest of the inaugural Jesse Parahi Cup.

Jesse, an Avoca Beach Junior

The Rugby 7s for Year and former Kincumber High will hopefully inspire the next student, is a current member of the Australia 7s squad.

> Jesse was present on the day and presented trophies and signed autographs.

"It so good to see so many students playing rugby on the Coast and to think not too long ago that was me," said Jesse.

"Fulfilling my dream of representing my country in rugby

batch of Central Coast rugby players to maybe strive to be future Olympians in our Rugby 7s program," he said.

St Edward's College were the eventual winners of the Cup with the winning try scored in the last seconds of the match against Brisbane Water Umina Campus.

Email, 27 Feb 2012 Michael Magriplis, Australian Rugby Union

## Trophy event

held a trophy event, Umina Pairs, on Friday, February 24, at the Peninsula Community Centre.

The winners were Virginia Dressler and Ian McKinnon with 60.3 per cent closely followed

## Brisbane Water Bridge Club by Louis Koolen and Edward

Mallinson on 59.9 per cent. In third place were Jacqueline

Wilson and Murrell Jarvis. Sixteen pairs competed for the

trophy. Email, 24 Feb 2012

Heather Tarrant, Brisbane Water Bridge Club

## Sherriff rewarded for good year

**Ettalong Memorial Bowling** Club's Aron Sherriff has been rewarded for an outstanding year during the Bowls Australia's Awards Night in Melbourne on Monday, February 20.

The Australian superstar captured two of the night's major accolades while state and national teammate Natasha Van Eldik secured the third.

After Van Eldik edged out Cabramatta's Karen Murphy to be crowned Female Bowler of the Year, Sherriff claimed the first of his trophies when he was announced as the Male Bowler of the Year.

Moments later the 26-year-old Australian contingent producing a was back on stage after securing whitewash of the series. the International Bowler of the The team dropped only four

last year's inaugural winner Mark Casey.

Having ended 2010 by claiming the World Champion of Champions title, the world number five continued his rich vein of form on the international stage in 2011 with a dominate display against New Zealand at the Trans Tasman.

This was followed by a performance at the Moama International series that assisted the home nation secure an overall victory against England and Scotland.

The performances assured Sherriff of a position in the Australia v South Africa test series, with the

Year award over Van Eldik and of the 24 games played against one of its fiercest rivals, after the Springboks ended Australia's gold medal hopes twice at the Delhi Commonwealth Games.

The defining moment in Sherriff's year came at the 15 nation biennial Asia Pacific Championships where a powerful showing on the international stage saw him skip his fours team to gold and his triples to silver medals. in the process ensuring Australia of the overall winners' and overall men's trophies.

In a testament to his outstanding year, Sherriff secured 44 votes to finish 27 clear of his nearest rival, as voted by his peers.

Media Release, 20 Feb 2012 Aidan Davis, Bowls Australia

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Haydn Paine, James Johnson, Jack Steed, Zac South and Brandon William

Taylah Press, Indigo Verhoeven, Priya Johnson, Rachel Woo

## New Zealand hopefuls swim here

The Peninsula Leisure Centre played host to some of New Zealand's Olympic hopefuls over the week of Monday, February 20.

The squad, currently in Australia following the NSW Open Swimming Championships held earlier this month, were based on the Central Coast until Friday, February 24.

In preparations for their London 2012 campaign, the squad worked hard in the gym and pool facilities of the centre.

The New Zealand squad boasts past Olympians including Corney Swanepoel, who is currently preparing for what will be his third Olympics and Melissa Ingram, a bronze medalist at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne.

Gosford Council's manager of open space and leisure services Mr Phil Moore said that hosting the squad was a real recognition of the aquatic facilities available to the community.

"It was a pleasure to host the New Zealand Swimming Squad at the centre.

"Having Olympic and Commonwealth medallists training here is testimony to the quality of the facilities we have here.

"The squad made use of our 50m Olympic pool, recovery pool, gym and hard court area while also

being five minutes from Umina and Ocean Beach for outdoor training," said Mr Moore.

Mr Moore said it was great to be able to play a small role in each athlete's preparation for London 2012.

"We hope that the squad's time here on the Central Coast can in some way assist them in achieving their best and winning medals in London," said Mr Moore.

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