

## Services day attracts 600 people

**More than 600 people attended the Peninsula Link Services Day held on Thursday, May 17, at the Peninsula Community Centre in Woy Woy.**

With an objective to link locals with services in their community, the Peninsula Link Expo provided residents of Ettalong, Umina and Woy Woy with a chance to meet a range of local service providers and to find out more about what they had to offer.

Open to the public free of charge, the event also offered live music and dancing, children's entertainment, lucky door prizes, massages and a free lunch.

One stallholder was the Jobfind Centre at Ettalong

"Our attendance was definitely worthwhile for both Jobfind and the community", said manager Ms Jacqui

McKenzie.

"We were asked a ton of questions regarding our services and employment opportunities in the area, and we were able to build even more relationships with local service providers to ensure we are able to offer the best advice and service to our job seekers.

"Quite a few job seekers from our Ettalong centre also took advantage of the day, with one of our long-term job seekers even volunteering to assist us with traffic control."

Other services providers on show at the event include the Department of Family and Community Services, the Department of Human Services, Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation, St Vincent de Paul Society and Mary Mac's Place.

**Media Release, 18 May 2012  
Ry Bradley, Jobfind**



*Danielle and Jade from Jobfind Centre Ettalong provide some live drum circle entertainment at the Expo*

## Working bees start on community garden

**Regular working bees will start on Thursday, June 7, on the Peninsula Environment Group's community garden.**

They will be held every second Thursday from 9:30am to 11:30am.

The project plan is to transform two currently vacant plots of land in Moana St into a lush and health-giving food-bowl for Woy Woy.

The gardens were founded by group member Jill Meredith and part-funded by Gosford Council.

Ms Meredith said her vision was to provide the community with theoretical information and hands-on experience on growing and using organic vegetables and fruits in an ecologically sustainable way.

The garden design that was drafted by a local horticulturalist and permaculturist Adam McCall.

Plans for the site include raised garden beds with vegetables, a small fruit grove, sensory and aromatic garden areas, culinary and medicinal herb beds and a bush tucker section

Gosford Council has contributed access to water,

supplied some of the garden beds and has granted a four year licence.

In addition, calls are already going out to home growers to save their seeds and to local organic seed suppliers for donations to the project.

"My vision is to see a place where fruit and vegetables are grown, where local residents can come and participate in the growing of the food, and where food and recipe ideas can be

demonstrated and shared.

"This will hopefully assist in improving the physical health of those participating, but also mental and emotional health, as friendships are formed and community connections are strengthened."

For more information, or to get involved, contact Jill Meredith on 4344 2704.

**Media Release, 24 May 2012  
Caroline Cumming, Peninsula Environment Group**



## Dumper caught red-handed

**Gosford Council rangers caught an illegal dumper red-handed on Saturday, May 12, in Brisbane Water National Park.**

rangers were patrolling along Woy Woy Rd On Saturday afternoon and noticed activity in the National Park.

Upon further inspection they found a man dumping a large amount of material from the back of a truck, including household materials and green waste.

He was fined \$750 and had to clean up the rubbish he had dumped and prove it had then been disposed of at an approved facility.

Gosford Council's manager of education and compliance Mr John Parkes said that rangers had been targeting illegal dumpers over recent months.

"Rangers have been patrolling for illegal dumping in

remote and low traffic locations for some time as a proactive approach on this issue.

"Illegal dumping has a severe impact on our natural environment as well as a significant cost to Council in cleaning up the mess," said Mr Parkes.

Mr Parkes added that Council was also relying on residents to assist in stopping illegal dumpers.

"We need the community to be our eyes and ears to assist our rangers in putting a stop to illegal dumping, if you see something you feel is suspicious be sure to report it to Council by calling 4325 8222," said Mr Parkes.

Council has landfill sites at both Kincumber and Woy Woy.

**Media Release, 17 May 2012  
Gosford Council Media**

# Peninsula News

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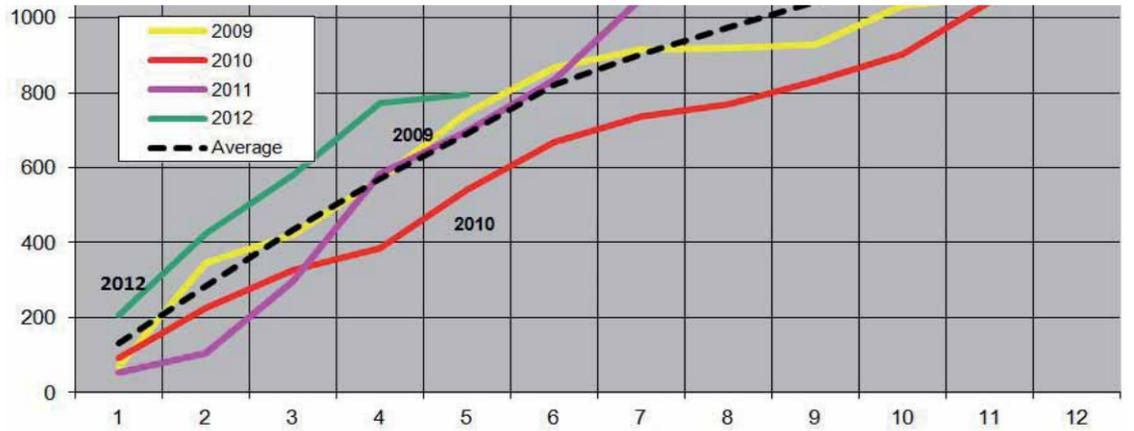
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## Rainfall stands at less than 20 per cent

**Rainfall this month is likely to be well below average with only 20mm having fallen by Friday morning, May 25.**

This is less than 20 per cent of the average of 119.2mm for May, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

However, even with such a low monthly rainfall, the cumulative

total for the year to date remains well above average.

So far this year, a total of 793.6mm has fallen, almost 15 per cent above the average at the end of May of 691.1mm.

Temperature for the month has ranged between a low of 8.0 degrees on May 13 to a high of 27.1 on May 10, according to figures

from [www.peninsulaweather.info](http://www.peninsulaweather.info).

Highest minimum was 16.3 degrees on May 3, while the lowest maximum was 15.9 degrees on May 24.

Highest wind gust was 19.8km/h on May 5.

**Spreadsheet, 25 May 2012  
 Jim Morrison, Woy Woy  
[www.peninsulaweather.info](http://www.peninsulaweather.info)**

## Your Chance to Win

**Peninsula News and Earth Greetings are giving one reader the chance to win a stationery pack valued at \$101.85.**

The Earth Greetings prize pack contains an assortment of Australian inspired greeting cards, gift cards and stationery with all of the style and less of the environmental impact.

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The stationery set also contains 16 double-sided writing sheets, with matching envelopes and sticker seals, and a stylish bamboo pen.

To win the Earth Greetings stationery pack write your name,

address and phone number on the back of an envelope and send to Peninsula News Earth Greetings Competition PO Box 1056, Gosford, NSW, 2250, by the close of business Thursday, June 7.

The winner of last edition's Peninsula News Seriously Twisted competition was Ms Beverlie Smith of Booker Bay.

**Kaitlin Watts, 25 May 2012**



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# Bollards to be installed in Nambucca Dr

**Gosford Council will install bollards at the front of the Nambucca Dr reserve in Woy Woy in an attempt to stop vehicle access to the reserve.**

Council's Manager of Open Space and Leisure Mr Phil Moore said Council was trying to stop access for the safety of people accessing the reserve and for the environmental protection of the natural area to the rear of the playground.

He said Council had had problems with unauthorised vehicle access to the reserve in the past.

"Not just access but also illegal dumping of vehicles.

"The nature ranges from illegal access to damage to reserve area

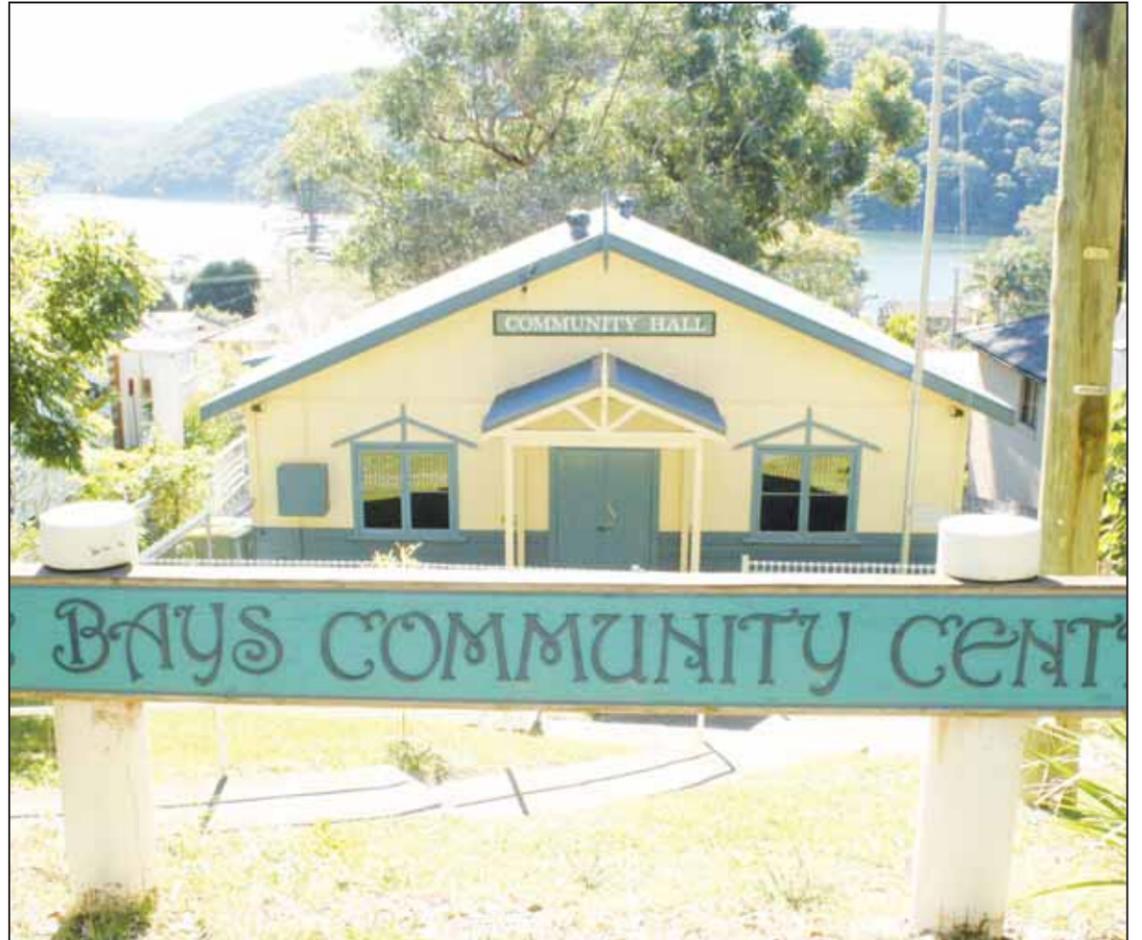
and also to the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland, which is an endangered vegetation community," he said.

Work will commence the week beginning Monday, May 28, and is expected to be completed the week beginning Monday, June 4.

The work, which will cost about \$11,000, is being funded by the Waste and Sustainability Improvement Payments program which supports environmental initiatives.

Mr Moore said the works were a result of long standing discussions with community, Bushcare representatives and the Office of Environment and Heritage.

Kaitlin Watts, 25 May 2012  
Interviewee: Phil Moore



# Hospital Alliance meets Saturday

**The Woy Woy Hospital Alliance has scheduled its next meeting for Saturday, June 9, at 2pm in the St Luke's Church Hall in Woy Woy.**

Woy Woy Hospital Alliance member Ms Marge Cleere said schools, sporting bodies, retirement villages, nursing homes and families were urged to spare one hour a month to attend the

meetings or present their views in writing.

The meetings are held every second Saturday of the month.

"It is now time for new, perhaps younger, members to take over with ideas of what should be available for the hospital which was first envisaged in 1971," she said.

Fax, 25 May 2012  
Marge Cleere, Umina

# Off-street parking investigated

**Gosford Council is expected to release a survey in June about off-street parking at the Bays Community Hall.**

Bays Community Group president Mr Bob Puffett met with Council at the Bays Community Hall on Tuesday, April 17 to discuss the provision of off-street parking.

Council's manager of infrastructure and planning Mr Ed Sukesh said Council's survey and

design resources were limited and were focussed on approved capital works projects.

However, Council did examine design options and costs for parking in the road reserve or access for parking on site or a combination.

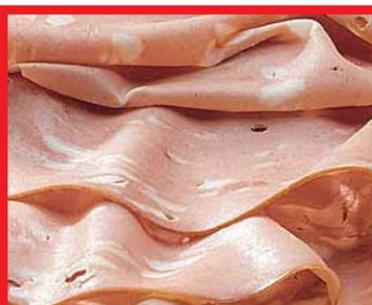
Mr Sukesh said, following the survey, design options would be investigated.

Mr Puffett said he understood the project may take some time but

he was "eagerly awaiting Council's advice with concept designs and costing".

"Off street parking for our hall would be a godsend for those using the hall," he said,

Media Statement, 14 May 2012  
Ed Sukesh, Gosford Council  
Newsletter, 11 May 2012  
Bob Puffett, Bays Community Group  
Photo: Naomi Bridges



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# Vibrant mural for drycleaner's wall

A vibrant mural has been created on the back wall of a drycleaners in Ettalong in an attempt to stop the constant graffiti of the wall.

Ettalong Beach Drop Your Pants Drycleaners owner Mr Rex

Mayes, who is also the Ettalong Beach Business group's Scrap Committee representative, contacted the Graffiti Art project to get the ball rolling.

The Scrap Committee meets regularly to discuss issues of

security across the Gosford LGA.

Mr Mayes is now negotiating to have some more of this work done in town.

Email, 25 May 2012  
Rex Mayes, Ettalong Beach Business Group  
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## Arrested at Woy Woy railway station

**A 19-year-old man was arrested at Woy Woy train station on Wednesday, May 30, around 6pm following a police pursuit two days earlier on the F3.**

The man was charged with a total of 37 offences including three counts of police pursuit, not stop, drive recklessly, 11 counts of take and drive conveyance without

consent and four counts of break and enter.

Officers attached to Tuggerah Lakes Local Area Command stopped a Honda Accord for a speeding offence on the F3 at Ourimbah about 10.15am on Monday, May 21.

It was alleged the car stopped for a short time before speeding away.

A pursuit was initiated and

continued for a short distance before the Honda left the road and rolled.

Two males ran from the car into nearby bushland and an extensive search commenced.

However, police were unable to locate them.

The Honda was later confirmed to be stolen.

The 19-year-old man was then arrested at Woy Woy train station

two days later and taken to Gosford Police Station.

The charges related to the alleged pursuit on Monday, May 21, as well as two pursuits in Woy Woy earlier this month (May 15 and 20).

The break and enter charges related to three alleged break-ins at motorcycle shops in the Gosford region in April and May as well as the break-in of Ettalong Public School earlier this month.

The 19-year-old was also charged with offences relating to multiple alleged car thefts, driving with a cancelled licence, and resisting arrest.

Police are continuing inquiries in an attempt to identify the second man involved in Monday's pursuit and are appealing for anyone with information to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Media Release, 24 May 2012  
NSW Police Media

## Drama class performs

**Brisbane Water Secondary College Year 7 CAPA drama class will perform its intertextual production *Once Upon a Time in Wonderland* at a range of event including Education Week and Variety Night.**

The students devised and produced their production as part of their Year 7 assessment and are working in close collaboration with Year 8 CAPA and Year 9 drama classes.

The production centres on bullying issues within a fairytale genre.

Newsletter, 21 May 2012  
Frank Gasper, Brisbane Water Secondary College



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# Girls followed by white van, say police

**Police are investigating two incidents where young girls were followed by a white van on the Peninsula.**

Police said a 12-year-old girl was walking on Carpenter St, Umina, about 2:50pm on Friday, May 11 when she noticed a white van travelling slowly behind her.

She turned around and noticed two males in the car.

The passenger got out and started walking behind her, following her for a period of time.

She eventually hid behind a tree and noticed the man looking down the street.

Police said she was of the belief the man was looking for her.

The girl then saw the white van

drive away.

The man who followed the girl was described as caucasian, about 50 years old, tanned skin, with a black beard, black hair, and a bright yellow workman's shirt.

The driver was described as caucasian with a bald head.

The car was described as a dirty, older model van, white in colour.

It had black and yellow NSW number plates, with 'WY' in it.

Police said that, in a separate incident, two 12-year-old girls were walking along Edward St in Woy Woy at about 4.40pm on Saturday, May 19, when they noticed a white van driving slowly behind them.

The girls turned into Melba St

and, shortly after, so too did the van, stopping intermittently as it drove along the street.

Worried that the van was following them, the girls ran from the scene to one of their homes nearby.

They reported the matter to a parent who immediately called police.

Officers from the Brisbane Water Local Area Command would like to speak to anyone who may have seen a white van, with no window at the rear, in the Peninsula area.

Anyone with information about either of the incidents should contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Media Releases, 14 and 21 May 2012  
NSW Police Media



## Information on confirmation

**An information night on the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at Walter Baker Hall, Woy Woy, on Thursday, June 7, from 7:30pm.**

The Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula will begin a program to

prepare baptised Catholic children who have reached the age of discretion, usually around seven years of age, for the sacrament of confirmation.

A parent or guardian must attend the information night with

the child in order to enrol in the program.

With inquiries, phone the parish office on 4341 1073.

Newsletter, 15 May 2012  
David Harris, Point Clare Public School

## Soap stall starts

**A handmade soap stall has started at the Ettalong Markets.**

Stall holder Mr Mick Gaut said Azmick's Handmade Soaps offered a range of locally handmade soaps, bath bombs and massage bars.

The soaps contain no animal fat

and are paraben and preservative free, he said.

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Email, 19 May 2012

Source: Mick Gaut, Azmick's Handmade Soaps

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# Umina resident curates museum exhibition

**Umina resident Ms Em Blamey has been working on coordinating the Deep Oceans exhibition to be held at the Australian Museum from June 16 until October 14.**

As the exhibition project coordinator, Ms Blamey is responsible for delivering the exhibition on time and on budget, planning, seeking approvals from stakeholders, sourcing content and materials and purchasing.

Along with Australian Museum scientists, she has been curating the content of the exhibition, "working out which of the many wonderful stories to tell, and writing the exhibition text".

"So I've been pretty busy," said Ms Blamey.

From the Vampire Squid and

Dragonfish to the Sea Mouse, Fangtooth and Squat Lobster, the Deep Oceans exhibition will showcase all the weird and wonderful animals that make their homes 4000 metres below the sea.

Ms Blamey said Deep Oceans would unravel the mysteries that have fascinated people for generations.

"More people have walked on the surface of the moon than have descended to the deepest ocean trench.

"The deep ocean makes up over 95 per cent of the living space on earth yet less than 10 per cent of it has been explored, leaving our imaginations to fill in the blanks.

"Deep oceans are already under threat from pollution, ocean acidification, trawling and mining but we don't know enough to fully appreciate their impacts.

"We really need to understand, appreciate and protect this unique environment before it's too late," she said.

The family-friendly exhibition features interactive exhibits, multimedia and real specimens collected by Australian Museum scientists.

Elyse Gunner, 23 May 2012  
Interviewee: Em Blamey  
Media Release, 23 May 2012  
Michelle Van Doninck,  
Australian Museum



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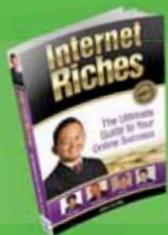


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## Karise in second live show

Former Woy Woy resident Karise Eden has made it through the first live round of the Voice Australia competition and will perform her second live show on Monday, May 28, from 7:30pm.

Ms Eden said she felt "pretty cool" about the whole thing and, despite being slightly overwhelmed, she maintained that she was still "grounded and relaxed at the same time".

She said getting through the first round was a "shock for the good and the bad" and saying goodbye to two of her teammates was hard.

Ms Eden said she has built a few friendships within the group but said she felt a special bond with fellow contestant Emma Louise Birdsall.

"It would be really hard if Emma was eliminated, I would be really devastated, but I know nothings

going to stop her.

"We've already agreed to keep in contact after the show," said Ms Eden.

With the numbers getting smaller in each group, Karise said she is getting to spend more one-on-one time with coach Seal.

"I feel the show has helped me with my confidence and self esteem more than anything but I do have a lot of different tones in my voice so I just feel like the show has given me a chance for every colour in my voice to show," she said.

Karise said that the support she has had from her home town on the

Peninsula had been phenomenal.

"I get mobbed, in a good way, every time I go back home.

"When I walk down the street and people know me, it's a pretty cool feeling.

Ms Eden said she wanted young people who were wanting a career in music to know that if music is what they want to do they should just "keep playing, and if it's what you want to do, it's who you are, it's not just a hobby".

Kaitlin Watts, 25 May 2012  
Interviewee: Karise Eden  
Photo: Ken Gordon

## Late night train delays

Woy Woy train travellers may experience delays on the Newcastle and Central Coast line from Monday, May 28, to Friday, June 1, Saturday, June 9 to Tuesday, June 12, and Saturday, June 16, to Monday, June 18.

From Monday, May 28, until Friday, June 1, some trains will operate up to 15 minutes later than the normal timetable due to track work between Hornsby and Thornleigh from 11:40pm to 3am.

Buses will replace trains between Newcastle and Central from 2am Saturday, June 9, to 2am Tuesday, June 12.

Buses will also replace trains between Newcastle and Broadmeadow from 2am Saturday, June 16, to 2am, Monday, June 18.

Buses will depart stations from Newcastle to Hamilton up to 15 minutes earlier than the normal timetable on these days.

Website, 25 May 2012  
Cityrail

## Constitutional change

A public meeting is being convened by the MINGALETTA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation and the Concerned Citizens for Constitutional Change (Central Coast) on Thursday, May 31.

The meeting will be held at the MINGALETTA Hall, Umina, from 6pm and will discuss how the Australian

Constitution may be changed to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

A light supper will be provided, and entry is by gold coin donation.

For further information, phone 4344 5954.

Email, 23 May 2012  
Noel Olive, Concerned Citizens for Constitutional Change

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# Students attend beef week for first time

**Brisbane Water Secondary College has attended the prestigious Wingham Beef Week 2012 for the first time between Sunday, May 13, and Saturday, May 19.**

Wingham Beef Week celebrated its 25th Year of Competition and presented the largest program in the show's history.

A record number of schools and pastoralists attended from throughout NSW representing 280 students and 125 cattle.

"The quality of cattle presented was of a very high standard providing an extremely competitive field," said college teacher Ms Nerrida Lewis.

The college's agriculture department presented six cattle for various classes.

The school received the ultimate honour and won Overall Champion of the Show and Reserve Champion on the Hook.

The steer was led by Joshua Cottam, bred by Mr and Mrs Scott of Bathurst and sponsored by

Umina Rotary Club.

Another highlight of the show was the Paraders Competition with over 250 students competing in the Cattle Paraders Classes.

Amy Marlin placed second in the 17-year class, Shaniah Tucker placed third in the 13-year class and Joshua Cottam placed fourth in the 16-year class.

Clint McAnally placed fifth against approximately 120 students in his class.

Best Presented Parader and

Best Presented Steer were two classes new to the college students.

Joshua Cottam won the Best Presented Parader of the Show and the school won second and third place in Best Presented Steers of the show.

Kyle McCue O'Brien received a highly commended for All Rounder representing the school and Luke Brooks, Joshua Cottam and Amy Marlin received encouragement awards for effort throughout the

show.

A diverse range of educational programs were conducted throughout the show which students said they found very interesting and beneficial. □

The Wingham Beef Week the end of a successful autumn show season for Brisbane Water Secondary College.

New cattle have arrived in preparation for the coming spring season commencing in August.

Media Release, 22 May 2012  
Louisa Briggs, BWSC



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## Drain considered

**Gosford Council has listed the drainage improvement works in Bowden Rd, Woy Woy, for consideration in framing the Capital Works Program for future budget allocations.**

In a letter to a Bowden Rd resident regarding the drainage problems, Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher said the recommended remedial works would involve major capital funding and would include increasing the capacity of the open drains and duplicating the pipes at the access crossing.

He said these works were not included in Council's currently

adopted four-year Capital Works Program.

"As Council's funds for such improvement works are limited, all projects to be included in the Capital Works Program are reviewed on merit and a priority given to those works where houses are affected by over floor flooding and the safety of the public at risk," said mayor Cr Maher.

He said Council's maintenance section would continue to inspect and undertake routine maintenance of Bowden Rd as part of the area maintenance program.

Letter, 9 May 2012  
Paul Shaw, Woy Woy

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# Garden club started in 1985

**The Killcare Heights Garden Club has been a great success story over the last 25 years, according to Bouddi Peninsula CD project coordinator Mr David Dufty.**

Mr Dufty said there was still a waiting list to join the group.

Killcare Garden Club was founded in May 1985 and was the 18th garden club to be opened on the Central Coast.

Its principle was to give "knowledge and enjoyment of nature and our surroundings" with special reference to gardens.

The inaugural meeting attracted 26 people with zone coordinator Doris Killian presiding.

A committee was formed with the founder of the group Mrs Val Woods elected president.

The first outing was a visit to the Bouddi Nursery for a talk by Chris Wilmot.

Regular monthly meetings have been held since that time on the second Monday of each month.

The first general meeting was held in February 1986 when the decision to ask for a subscription of \$5 per household was made.

Regular raffles and "bring and buy" times were held to augment the kitty.

At that stage there was only 49 cents in the kitty.

In 1988, members of the club won first prize for a floral display at a flower show.

President at the time Ms Kathleen Pile said: "We were absolutely delighted when our club came in first at the Umina Bicentennial Flower Show."

"It was our first attempt at staging a display.

"We chose the poem Bellbirds by Henry Kendall as our theme.

"As a few of us have some natural native gardens, it was not difficult to make a model of our lovely bush with a fine looking waterfall to set it off.

"The verses of the poem were also displayed.

"In this way, we added a little to one Bicentennial event.

"Have you noticed the abundance of native flowers this spring?

"It's as though nature has put on a very special display of her own for 1988," she said.

Rules and regulations within the garden clubs started in 1993 so Jim Shires began proceedings for incorporation which was completed and formally adopted in July that year.

One of the early projects was looking after the surroundings at the Marie Byles Lookout on the Scenic Road which was upgraded and opened in 1993.

In January 1994, Joan Graham, Anne Shires and Barbara Boot formed a subcommittee to garden regularly, maintaining the area as well as planting more local, easy-care plants.

This work continued until 2003, when it was discontinued due to insufficient help and lack of support

from the Council.

However, the native plants still flourished in the area.

The group became publishers in 2000, when a small booklet of Handy Hints was put together by Anne and Jim Shires and Margaret Finney, which sold quite successfully among all garden clubs.

The year 2000 was also the year of Bouddi 2000 and the Garden Club was highly visible at the grand parade, which went from Turo Park to Wagstaffe.

The group had impressive hats and the mayor at the time Cr Chris Holstein was raked in to raise the

profile.

As the group had no official meeting place, they met at nurseries, member's gardens, or on trips.

A Christmas party was organised for the December meeting of the club each year.

In 2007, a trip to Japan took advantage of Gosford City's sister city link with Edogawa and included home stays.

In 2010, the club was still limited to 60 members and still had a waiting list.

CD-ROM, 2010  
David Dufty, The Bouddi Peninsula



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## Practical advantages of monarchy

**Apropos to my definition of the Australian Constitution and the response of Bruce Hyland (Peninsula News, May 14,) I wish to add some further salient points of clarification to show the practical advantages of our system of governance.**

The dismissal of the Whitlam Government in 1975 demonstrated the application of the reserve powers vested in the Governor-General as our active Head of State.

That the Governor-General made the right decision was confirmed in the general election that followed, when the Labor Government was thrown out in a landslide.

The Governor-General was not empowered to take over the reins of a government but left it for the people to decide, thus avoiding the development of a constitutional crisis.

As for the Queen, when Her Majesty was approached about this matter, her response was that this was an Australian issue for Australians to resolve.

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 See Page 2 for contribution conditions

When Paul Keating approached the Queen about the republic debate, he received a similar response.

"This is a matter for the Australian people to determine."

And the Australian people did decide.

Another landslide, six states to nil voting no.

These two examples show that our system of governance works to our advantage.

The Crown protects us, even though the Coronation Crown rests in the United Kingdom.

And so what?

What if Roman Catholics were to jump up and down because the Pope is an Australian ruling from the Vatican in Rome?

Do we see Catholics demanding they should have an Australian pope domiciled in Australia?

Of course not.

It would sound ridiculous and would never happen.

Also, in addition to Australia being a member of the Commonwealth of Nations with the British Monarch at its head, we also belong to the United Nations which has almost four times the number of member states.

But nobody here would suggest that we should have an Australian Secretary-General running that organisation from here, do we?

Is this what they mean by cultural cringe?

The United Nations has rated us as one of the most successful democracies on earth, so why don't we just get on with it and not let ourselves get upset by imagined wrongs?

For more information visit the website [www.monarchist.org.au](http://www.monarchist.org.au).

Letter, 22 May 2012  
 Don Parkes, Woy Woy

## Wards abolished by government

**In regard to wards and the election of mayor by popular vote, might I say wards in Gosford were abolished by the State Government in 1977.**

There were three wards then and they were very much out of balance.

One ward had twice the number of people as the other two combined,

The government and the town clerk at the time agreed that no ward system was a fairer one.

The stumbling block to a

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popularly elected mayor is that the council must agree to it, and you can be sure they never will, as most of them would have little chance of success.

The problem with the Woy Woy Peninsula is that it has not had representation since the days of Lynne Bockholt.

Hopefully that will change at the next local government election.

Letter, 17 May 2012  
 Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

## Scrap metal sounds like war zone

**In your article "Complaint about 'business'" (Peninsula News, April 30), it is described as a sheet metal business.**

This is a scrap metal business.

They empty trailers full of scrap metal like fridges and washing machines in metal bins and dump those bins in a large metal container.

This banging sounds like living in a war zone.

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On top of that, a rattling fork truck is driving with the bins all around the block and over the footpath.

I cannot understand how they are allowed to operate this next to a holiday resort.

Online submission, 17 May 2012  
 John Munsterman, Ettalong

## It's time to be united

**Does our dysfunctional Federal Government representation account for why the Central Coast is the only region in Australia with a population exceeding 300,000 not to have its own university?**

Last term we had the Belinda Neil saga (ie, no representation).

This term it's Craig Thomson (again no representation).

Meanwhile Gosford Council and

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Wyong Council can't even agree on what question to put in the ballot paper for an amalgamation.

Until the Central Coast speaks with a united and determined voice, we will be viewed by the powers that be as a dormitory between Sydney and Newcastle.

The fact that a failed Sydney rugby league team can parachute in and become the Coast's bid for

an NRL franchise sums it all up.

A fish is dead from the head down.

Our leaders have failed us.

The talent and confidence is here.

However, you cannot start a fire without a spark.

It is time the Coast demanded the recognition that we fairly deserve.

I'm proud to live here, and I'm sure you are too.

Time to let them know.

Email, 17 May 2012  
 Warren Cross, Wagstaffe

## Praise for volunteers

**I would like to praise the volunteers in our district who help us in so many ways and yet get so little praise.**

These people, men and women, do so much to make our lives easier.

Here, in our lovely retirement village, we get such a lot of help in many ways such as nail care, meals on wheels, escort duty when we have to visit doctors, go out of town or go shopping with us if we

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cannot reach a high shelf or read labels.

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Letter, 12 May 2012  
 Christina Sherbon,  
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# Funding increase rebuts 'Kremlin' claims, says Holstein

Four Peninsula schools have been named in the highest five increases in funding under the Every Student, Every School, Learning and Support Program.

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus increased by \$170,090, Ettalong Public School increased by \$121,340, Woy Woy South Public School increased by \$ 99,464 and Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus increased by \$ 83,433.

Member for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein said the funding reflected changes to enrolment numbers and the actual learning needs of those students in the schools.

"The facts are that there are 19 schools in my electorate of Gosford and under the Every Student, Every School, Learning and Support Program total funding for those schools will rise by over 70 per cent or by almost \$1 million," he said.

"What is disgraceful is the claim by John Robertson and Carmel Tebbutt that the O'Farrell Government is cutting funding when the opposite is true," said Cr Holstein.

"This attempt is more like a disinformation campaign organised by the Kremlin, where the truth is cast aside for political gain.

"Except that in this case any perceived gain by the Opposition is to the detriment of the parents of these students by causing them unnecessary anxiety," Cr Holstein said.

"They have been feeding the public disinformation for 16 years so why should we expect anything better from them?"

"So, far from being a bad news story, it is in fact a great news story for students with disabilities and special needs in the Gosford Electorate," he said.

Media Release, 24 May 2012  
Chris Holstein MP



## Commended for reconciliation art

**Brisbane Water Secondary College Nulla Aboriginal Art students have won a Highly Commended award in the school's 2012**

**Reconciliation Challenge.** Reconciliation Australia project manager Ms Rose McDonald said told the students their achievement was "no mean feat as we received close to 1000

entries from which only 12 winners and 18 highly commended places were chosen".

The artwork will now be framed and exhibited in the Australia Museum from May 25

until August before embarking on a tour of NSW.

Newsletter, 21 May 2012  
Frank Gasper, Brisbane Water Secondary College

## Debaters win first round

**Pretty Beach Public School's debating team took part in the first round of the Premier's Debating Challenge on Friday, May 11, against Kincumber Public School.**

Principal Ms Deborah Calender said the team had to argue difficult topic: Parents shouldn't be banned from smacking their children.

Ms Calender said that, despite the difficulty, they performed strongly and confidently, winning the debate.

Newsletter, 17 May 2012  
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School



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## Bain marie for Mary Mac's

Mary Mac's Place has received a donation from the Ettalong Beach Community Bank to go towards the purchase of a bain-marie for use in the community dining room.

Mary Mac's project coordinator Ms Christine Burge said that "having the bain-marie has been very beneficial for volunteers as it addresses safety concerns in the kitchen as well as community members".

"It has allowed us to open up the dining room, which has resulted in creating a more communal accepting feeling," she said.

"This has resulted in people staying and chatting to other companions."

If you would like to support Mary Mac's Place, contact Christine on 4341 0584.

Media release, 14 May 2012  
Christine Burge, Mary Mac's Place



Mary Macs volunteers Daphne Kearn and Jane Rutherford and Ettalong Bendigo Community Bank branch manager Peter McKeon

## Car removed from channel

Police removed a sunken car from the Woy Woy Channel on Thursday, May 17.

Volunteers on duty in the Point Clare radio room of Marine Rescue Central Coast were asked to broadcast a 'Securite' warning for boats using the Woy Woy Channel at around 10:30am on Wednesday, May 16.

Roads and Maritime Boating

safety officer Mr Mark Raward said that a vehicle had sunk near the four-knot channel marker located off Lions Park boat ramp at the eastern end of the Woy Woy Channel.

The sunken vehicle was not readily visible and was marked with a yellow warning buoy.

Media Release, 17 May 2012  
Ron Cole, Marine Rescue Central Coast

## Tree to be removed

Gosford Council has scheduled the removal of a tree outside the home of Dave and Sandy Hipworth in Ettalong, for Friday, June 8.

The dying tree at Bourke Rd, Ettalong, was inspected by Council's roadside vegetation officer on Thursday, March 15, and was assessed for removal within three months.

Mr and Mrs Hipworth were advised of the assessment via Council's formal Tree Assessment Notice dated March 19.

The subject tree was again inspected on Monday, April 30, with no change in status recorded.

Email, 22 May 2012  
Peter Armour, Gosford Council

## Students excel in sports

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus students have excelled in lawn bowls, rugby league and rugby union in recent weeks.

First time lawn bowlers Jack

Steed, Liam O'Farrell and Kane Casey competed in the Central Coast Championships.

They placed sixth out of 21 teams with Jack and Liam selected to join the Central Coast Lawn Bowls Academy Training Squad.

Two teams of Under-14 and

Under-16 girls competed in the Central Coast Rugby League Championships late last term.

The gala day provided an opportunity for the students to develop their skills and participate in a sport they hadn't tried before.

All four teams excelled on the day with the Under-16 team losing in the grand final by one conversion and the Under-14 team taking out the championships with a show of skill and determination in the final.

The girls will now move on to the next round in the Sydney later this term.

The Central Coast Year 9-10 Rugby Union Championships were held at Mt Penang earlier this term.

The gala day once provided students with the opportunity to develop their skills in a training workshop prior to the championship, according to principal Mr Frank Gasper.

Both teams were undefeated on the day and progressed through to the NSW Country Championships to be held in Forster in term three.

Newsletter, 21 May 2012  
Frank Gasper, Brisbane Water Secondary College

## Trophy won back

The Hetherington Bowls Trophy is back on the Peninsula after Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club took first place on Monday, May 7, at the Greens Bowling Club, The Entrance, with Ettalong close behind in second place.

"The Hetherington started in 1949, which involved a team from every club in our district," said Umina publicity officer Ms Eve Phillips.

This year, 22 clubs took part in the competition.

The Umina club previously won the trophy in 1994 and 1996.

"It was with great excitement when Umina won this trophy back after 16 years," said Ms Phillips.

Email, 22 May 2012  
Eve Phillips, UBWBC  
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## Alliance pleased to be invited

The Woy Woy Hospital Alliance has expressed its pleasure at being invited to the sod-turning ceremony for the new rehabilitation unit at the hospital.

Alliance chairman Mr Ivan Kinny said: "This marked the commencement of the actual building of the new rehabilitation unit.

"It had been a splendidly organised-occasion, as reported in our local media, for which we record our sincere appreciation."

The meeting also discussed the

question of naming of the new unit and its two 15-bed wards.

It was resolved that this matter be discussed with the authorities.

A short celebration concluded the meeting which involved the cutting and eating of a cake bearing two candles.

Mr Kinny said further such ceremonies with more candles would recognise important stages in the construction, opening and use of the building.

**Email, 22 May 2012  
Ivan Kinny, Woy Woy  
Public Hospital Alliance  
Photo: Richard Keogh**



## Students visit eco-garden

Pretty Beach Public School students attended the Kariang Eco Garden Training Day on Monday, May 7.

The day was aimed at teaching students how to compost and set

up worm farms.

Students learnt how to make a compost bin, solve environmental problems to do with worm farms and composting.

Students said they enjoyed the

problem solving activities and the afternoon.

**Newsletter, 17 May 2012  
Deborah Callender, Pretty  
Beach Public School**

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## Students attend forum

**Empire Bay Public School has had four student leader representatives attend a Student Leaders Forum in Wyong on Friday, May 11.**

"Kira, Alec, Zoe and Liam represented our school well, displaying a level of preparation that allowed them to put some really mature and thoughtful questions to the guest speakers,"

said principal Mr Brad Lewis.

"Their level of engagement was noticed by other participants.

"Both Julie Goodwin and Liesl Tesch provided highly motivating presentations and left the audience feeling ready to believe in their own strengths and abilities," he said.

**Newsletter, 16 May 2012  
Brad Lewis, Empire Bay Public School**

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## Representing their school

**Students from Ettalong Public School have represented their school in a number of activities this month.**

Ettalong students participated in the Zone Cross Country, the PSP Debating Competition, the Softball Gala Day and the Touch Football Regional Trials.

The boy's softball team performed well at the Softball Gala Day at Umina Oval with two wins and one loss on Wednesday, May 9.

Principal Mr Colin Wallis said Trish Golding and Lynn Balfour coached the team and made the gala day possible.

Ms Golding said: "We all had a fabulous day with a close loss and two convincing wins."

"The boys played well and, more importantly, their sportsmanship was a credit to themselves and their school."

Kelly Cotton scored all three matches and Mrs O'Donnell provided drinks and oranges, she said.

The school's debating team debated Chertsey Public School in the first round of the competition

on Tuesday, May 8.

Mr Wallis said Jack Gowrie, Sophie Taylor, Coryn Wasserman and Kya Wellins were well prepared for the challenge, under the tutelage of Jodie Campbell and Ashleigh Mulligan.

In the event, they were narrowly beaten by the Chertsey team.

Four Ettalong students, Jack Cotton, Jedd Golledge, Jeremy Scott and Ella Wolfe, represented the zone at the regional trials in touch football on Tuesday, May 8.

A number of Ettalong students attended Zone Cross Country on Friday, May 4, which saw Jessica Brown make it to the regionals.

Mr Wallis said: "Our school offers our students a myriad of opportunities in the extra curricula field such as debating, choir, dance troupes and sport to further develop and enhance their talents and abilities.

"These opportunities to represent our school are highly valued and sought after and the students selected excel in their chosen field, as well as in behaviour and cooperation," he said.

**Newsletters, 8 and 15 May 2012  
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**

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## Students excel in sports

**Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus students have excelled in lawn bowls, rugby league and rugby union in recent weeks.**

First time lawn bowlers Jack Steed, Liam O'Farrell and Kane Casey competed in the Central Coast Championships.

They placed sixth out of 21 teams with Jack and Liam selected to join the Central Coast Lawn Bowls Academy Training Squad.

Two teams of Under-14 and Under-16 girls competed in the Central Coast Rugby League Championships late last term.

The gala day provided an opportunity for the students to develop their skills and participate in a sport they hadn't tried before.

All four teams excelled on the

day with the Under-16 team losing in the grand final by one conversion and the Under-14 team taking out the championships with a show of skill and determination in the final.

The girls will now move on to the next round in the Sydney later this term.

The Central Coast Year 9-10 Rugby Union Championships were held at Mt Penang earlier this term.

The gala day once provided students with the opportunity to develop their skills in a training workshop prior to the championship, according to principal Mr Frank Gasper.

Both teams were undefeated on the day and progressed through to the NSW Country Championships to be held in Forster in term three.

**Newsletter, 21 May 2012  
Frank Gasper, Brisbane Water Secondary College**

## Field study excursion

**Empire Bay Public School Year 1 and Year 2 students each participated in a field study excursion earlier this month.**

Principal Mr Brad Lewis said Central Coast schools were fortunate to have easy access to the Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre and the variety of high quality environmental programs they offered.

"Year 1 and Year 2 were lucky enough to enjoy pleasant weather conditions on both days and from the accounts I have read, written by the students, most had a great adventure, discovered lots and greatly enhanced their environmental understandings."

**Newsletter, 16 May 2012  
Brad Lewis, Empire Bay Public School**



## Whiteboard fundraising

**Ettalong Public School P and C decided upon its fundraising aims for the year at its meeting on Wednesday, May 9.**

The association will raise funds for an interactive whiteboard in the library as well as blinds for the library and upstairs classrooms.

The blinds are required to

block out the glare on the existing whiteboards.

**Newsletter, 15 May 2012  
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**

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## Former student is student teacher



**Brisbane Water Secondary College former student Ms Kayla Hannell, now a student at Sydney University, has spent four weeks at Umina Campus on teaching practise.**

Ms Hannell, now a second year student, is taking part in a teaching course specifically designed for Aboriginal students.

She said that having spent time in several teachers' classrooms she learnt some very useful strategies.

In addition, the Aboriginal students who gain hospitality experience in the Bush Tucker Cafe also benefited from Kayla's expertise.

Media Release, 25 May 2012  
Yvette Beemster, BWSC

## Students participate in dance festival

**Students from schools in and around the Peninsula will participate in the Central Coast Dance Festival at Laycock St Theatre from June 18-26.**

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus will perform in the first show on Monday, June 18, while Umina Campus will perform on Tuesday, June 19.

Ettalong Public School will be featured on Wednesday, June 20, and Ettalong Public School, Brisbane Water Secondary Campus Woy Woy Campus

and Woy Woy Public School on Thursday, June 21.

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus will perform, as will Ettalong Public School, on Friday, June 22.

Pretty Beach Public School and Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus will perform on Monday, June 25, and Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus will feature in the final show on Tuesday, June 26.

The shows run each night from 6:30pm until 8:15pm.

Email, 22 May 2012  
Sven Wright, DET

## Cross country

**Woy Woy Public School placed fourth overall at the Zone Cross Country Carnival held on Friday, May 4, at Umina Oval.**

First place went to Umina, followed by Empire Bay and Point Clare.

Toby Dylan Barrett, Maddison Kay, Neve Parsons, Laura Cooper,

Sydney Hoch and Ethan Maberley will all compete in the Sydney North Cross Country Carnival.

Pretty Beach Public School also participated in the carnival.

Principal Ms Deborah Callender said three students from the school placed first, third and sixth in their respective races.

"They will now go on to

represent the Woy Woy Zone at the Regional Sydney North Cross Country Carnival on June 14 at Gosford."

Newsletter, 17 May 2012  
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School  
Newsletter, 15 May 2012  
Kevin Lane, Woy Woy Public School

## Under-14 futsal success

**Five under-14 boys Futsal teams from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus attended two different Central Coast Futsal competitions last term.**

The first competition was the Central Coast All Schools Futsal which had over 25 Under-14 boys' teams including several from St Pius, a school based in the Newcastle region.

The Umina A team boys ended the day as runners up, bowing out to St Pius in extra time during the grand final.

The following competition was the Hunter Futsal Strikers competition.

A large turnout again saw over

20 teams in the Under-14 boys' competition.

This time the Umina boys were more prepared and the A team went on to go through to win the tournament undefeated.

The next step for both competitions is the NSW cup where the best teams in NSW will compete to be crowned the greatest Futsal team in the state.

The players going on to the state competition are Matt Green, Alex Wardle, Jack Keenan, Brandon Pinchbeck, Jack Hanen, Jordan Priestly, Trent Buhugiar, Jarred McElligot, Daniel McNamara and Mason Reineker.

Newsletter, 21 May 2012  
Frank Gasper, Brisbane Water Secondary College

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## Writers' festival

**A group of senior students from Ettalong Public School travelled to Sydney Town Hall for the Sydney Writers' Festival on Wednesday May 23.**

The students were able to meet well known authors, hear them talk about their work and learn some of the finer details of quality writing.

"This was an absolutely fantastic experience for our senior students and a great learning opportunity," said principal Mr Colin Wallis.

Newsletter, 22 May 2012  
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

## Students have a taste

**Students from Ettalong Public School spent the day at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus on Friday, May 25, to participate in a number of taster lessons.**

This was the second year of the

program, which was designed to create stronger links between the primary school schools and the local secondary school.

It was also designed to assist in a smooth transition of students to high school.

Newsletter, 22 May 2012  
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

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# Students tour Ourimbah campus

Plan-it Youth mentors escorted eight students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus to the University of Newcastle Ourimbah campus on Thursday, May 17, to give the students a sample of University or TAFE life.

Following a tour of the TAFE, the group were then escorted by two

university student ambassadors on tour of the Ourimbah University and student facilities.

Following a PowerPoint presentation by the ambassadors, the message that students took home with them was to "study what you love, then you will do better".

Media release, 17 May 2012  
Lynne Lilloco, Pearl Beach Progress Society  
Photo: Lynne Lilloco



# Public speakers move to finals

Students from Ettalong Public School competed in the Multi-Cultural Public Speaking competition on Tuesday, May 22.

The stage two champions were Aaryn Skinner and Lily Strauss and the stage three champions were Moana Tevi-Fuimaona and Isabella Ward.

They will now go on to represent

the school at the regional finals.

"This was an excellent opportunity for our most talented young orators to enhance and develop their public speaking skills and confidence," said principal Mr Colin Wallis.

"They all did a fantastic job, articulately and delivering clear, well structured speeches."

Newsletter, 22 May 2012  
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

# Cruise for geography students

Brisbane Water secondary College Year 9 geography students went on the Lady Kendall cruise around Brisbane Water on Thursday, March 15.

The aim of the cruise was to teach students about how natural

occurrences such as sea level rise could affect the surrounding areas.

Students were required to identify physical and natural elements in the environment.

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Frank Gasper, Brisbane Water Secondary College

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# Out and About



Last year's winner Timothy Guo

## Scholarship competition at Pearl Beach hall

The eighth annual Scholarship Competition Concert to be held at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on Sunday, June 3, at 2.30 pm.

Six young performers will compete for two scholarships awarded by the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

The students are from local colleges and schools and will perform a varied program including instrumental, vocal and classical items.

Allyne Brislan will be accompanist for the students.

The winner of the 2012 Irvine Family Piano Scholarship will also perform at the concert on the Kawai

piano, which was a gift to Pearl Beach, in memory of Alex and Helen Irvine who were among the earliest Pearl Beach settlers.

Association president Mr Roger Murray commented that he was delighted that this year's adjudicator would be Mr Chris Bearman.

Mr Bearman is well known to the annual Scholarship Concert in his previous position as musical director of the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music where he spent many years training and encouraging students in their musical endeavors.

He is currently the conductor of the Central Coast Symphony Orchestra.

Media release, 22 May 2012  
Lynne Lilloco, Pearl Beach Progress Association  
Photo: Bev Lapacek

## Festival help wanted

The Peninsula Environment Group is seeking volunteers over the next few months to help organise the Woytopia festival.

Tasks would include contacting performers and speakers, selling raffle tickets, writing press releases, and distributing posters. Volunteering times are flexible.

Woytopia is a local "green living" festival that will be held in October.

It aims to connect local eco-minded people and to support and showcase local green organisations and businesses.

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Email, 21 May 2012  
Mark Mann, PEG



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## Hootenanny at Patonga

The Patonga Hootenanny will hold its next concert on Friday, June 8, at the Patonga Progress Hall, from 6:30pm.

The Patonga Hootenanny is an organised jam with some of the best musicians on the Central Coast.

The members of this group are extensive and come from a wide variety of local musicians and bands.

The event is held on the second Friday of each month and is organised by musician members of the village of Patonga who also provide food for the night.

Facebook, 25 May 2012  
Patonga Hootenanny



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## Fashion designer plans his own label

**Umina fashion designer Todd Anthony has entered one of his creations into the design competition, Launch Your Label.**

Mr Anthony entered a piece from his collection named Tuxedoed Divinity and said he took his inspiration from the tuxedo and butterflies.

He is a third year student at Whitehouse Institute of Design and is currently working on his two final graduating collections.

"I heard about the competition and decided it was a fantastic opportunity to step into the industry from study," he said.

He said he aspired to work for himself as a designer with his own label.

"This competition gives my work a voice for the first time.

"At this stage I have skill, drive and I like to think talent but there is no financial backing.

"By winning this competition I would be able to concentrate more on my craft with the prospect of fast tracking the hard work that is in front of me in order to achieve my goals.

Mr Anthony said his design was created out of silk georgette, dupion silk and silk de chine.

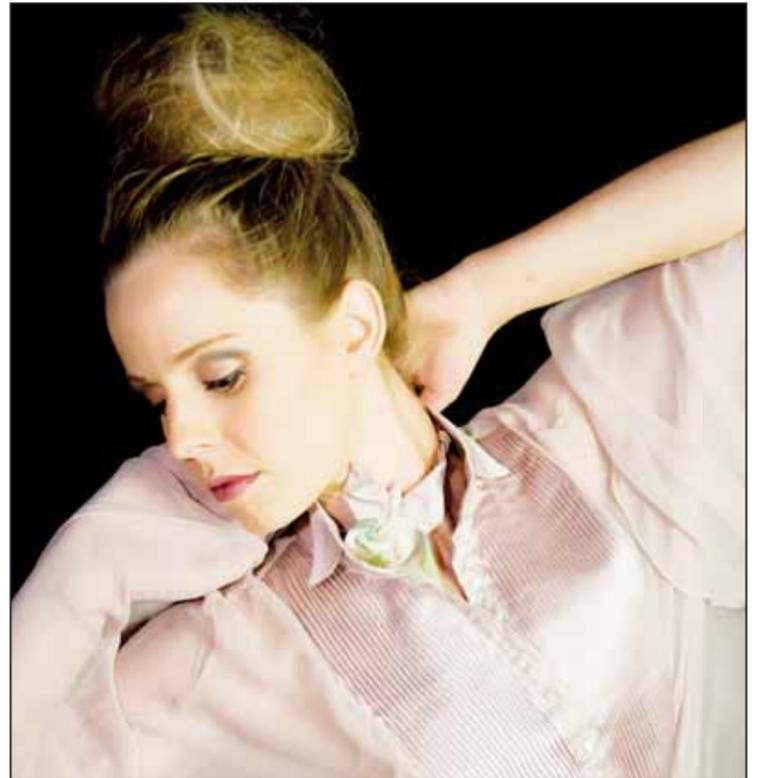
His work is currently featured on

the Launch Your label website.

The winner will receive a prize package in excess of \$20,000 including a full page in Shop Til You Drop magazine promoting their brand, a leading designer mentorship, a boutique on the onewear designs.com website, a three month start up marketing package and a cash prize.

The winner will be announced on August 29 in front of Sydney's fashion and media elite.

**Email, 21 May 2012  
Todd Anthony, Umina  
Website, 22 May 2012  
Launch Your Label  
Photo: JA Photography**



## Artworks in exhibition

**Brisbane Water Secondary College art students have had their work displayed in the Central Coast High Schools' exhibition, A Central Vision.**

Works exhibited in the exhibition included a ceramic mask by Chloe Costin, a charcoal portrait by Dane Allen, photographs by Sophie Owens and works by Maddison Philpot, Kristy Thompson and Renee Romeo.

Dane's work, completed when he was in Year 7, took out the Junior Art Prize and was later named the People's Choice art prize winner.

"It is not an easy feat to have work hung in this exhibition that features the very best works produced each year in all the

Central Coast's high schools," said college CAPA head teacher Mr Jeffery Phillips.

"To have so much work selected and a drawing take out two major prizes says a lot for the quality of

work our students can produce and the talent in our class rooms," he said.

**Newsletter, 21 May 2012  
Frank Gasper, Brisbane  
Water Secondary College**

## Tea cosy expo

**The Lions Club of Woy Woy Peninsula will hold a Tea Cosy Expo on the June long weekend from Saturday, June 9, to Monday, June 11, at the Woy Woy CWA Hall.**

The theme for this year's event is Children's Stories.

The expo, which will be open from 10am to 4pm each day, will have a number of unusual tea pots and tea cosies on display, traditional Devonshire tea, a face painter and raffles.

A trading table will also be featured on Monday, June 11.

Entry is via gold coin donation. For further information, phone Hope on 4369 8707.

**Email, 24 May 2012  
Maureen Fenn, Woy Woy Lions Club**



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# Out and About



## Freedom riders attend film premiere

Six Peninsula residents, who participated in the Freedom Ride in February last year, will attend the premiere screening of a documentary about the ride in Tuggerah on Wednesday, May 30.

The riders will be joined at the event by members of the communities they visited.

The riders who participated included Joey Grauner, Cheryl Young and Ashley Young-Reid of Ettalong, Tiana Fulcher and Rebecca Bourne of Umina and Trent Brown of Booker Bay.

Freedom Ride 2011: The documentary records the journey made by 24 aboriginal and non-aboriginal young people and a support team of aboriginal elders, teaching staff and Youth

Connections Koori Connect staff.

Youth Connections cultural adviser Mr Gavi Duncan said the screening was part of their promise to the Aboriginal people of north-west and coastal NSW,

"We visited remote communities, retracing the original 1965 Freedom Ride, led by the late Charles Perkins, to acknowledge this historic journey and to give community

members an opportunity to have their say about constitutional change", said Mr Duncan.

Documented in film, in a kangaroo-skin petition book and on a message stick made of wattle, the views of the communities have already been shared with the expert panel to the Australian Government in September 2011.

"We want the voices of our

communities to be heard", said Koori Connect manager Ms Denise Markham.

"The 2011 Freedom Ride has changed the way our young Freedom Riders think about themselves and our history.

"We want to reach out to everyone to ask them to listen."

Media Release, 21 May 2012

Sarah Webb,

youthconnections.com.au



Tiana Fulcher



Trent Brown



Rebecca Bourne



Joey Grauner



Ashley Young-Reid

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### First Mothers' Day breakfast

Ettalong Public School held its inaugural Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday, May 11, in the school hall.

Families were treated to fruit toast and yogurt for breakfast as well as a cup of tea, to give mum a well-deserved break.

Assistant principal Mr Jesmond Zammit said: "The breakfast was special and the atmosphere was fabulous."

"The breakfast had a lively community feel with everybody catching up," said the school's

publicity officer Ms Rowena Newton.

"I had a bit of a sneak peak in the kitchen behind the scenes and found a number of teachers and office staff hard at work.

"The staff cooked breakfast and mum could just sit down and even chat for a bit.

"They were not only cooking breakfast, they were also washing up.

"It was sheer luxury," Ms Newton said.

"More than one mother

remarked that that was the best piece of fruit loaf she had ever had.

"Others considered taking a teacher home.

"They were not only good cooks, they could help out with the homework as well."

"No disposable cups and plates or utensils were used at the breakfast in keeping with the school's waste reduction program," she said.

Email, 16 May 2012  
 Rowena Newton, Ettalong Public School



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# Youth performances at Peninsula Theatre

**This year's Youth in Performing Arts concert series began with performances at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, on Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27.**

Gosford Council's acting director of community services Mr Alan Flores said that Youth in Performing Arts allowed talented youth to work under the guidance of experienced theatre professionals.

"Entrants in the Youth in Performing Arts concert series work with experienced performers in a professional environment helping them gain greater experience in the entertainment industry.

"In previous years, we have seen many of our young performers move onto bigger and better things thanks to the support of this great program," said Mr Flores.

Youth in Performing Arts Committee director Mr Chris Cox congratulated performers

who had made it through to the concert series.

"This year's performers worked extremely hard to improve their skills and earn selection into the concert series.

"It has been a hugely difficult task this year to select acts, with the quality of auditions improving significantly on previous years.

"Audiences witnessed some of our region's most talented youngsters and were certainly not disappointed," said Mr Cox.

Thirty students from Brisbane Water Secondary College have been chosen to perform in the Youth in Performing Arts concerts.

Among those who were successful were Josh Keane, Ashley Knight and Jess Beazley. Students will perform at Laycock St Theatre.

**Newsletter, 21 May 2012  
Frank Gasper, Brisbane Water Secondary College  
Media Release, 23 May 2012  
Gosford Council Media**



Jessie Hutchin and Naomie Jones

## Bridge club holds annual meeting

**Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its annual meeting on Saturday, May 19, at the Peninsula Community Centre.**

The meeting was followed by the AGM Pairs trophy event.

The winners of the event were Hope Tomlinson and Barry Foster with a result of 62.0 per cent, followed by Shirley and Noel

Crockett with 58.6 per cent.

In third place were Jacqueline Wilson and Gwen White.

The club holds Bridge sessions six days a week, and on Wednesday evenings.

For further information, phone Carolyn Molloy on 4360 2806.

**Email, 20 May 2012  
Heather Tarrant, Brisbane Water Bridge Club  
Photo: Heather Tarrant**



Barry Foster and Hope Tomlinson

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# History of information centre

The Maitland Bay Information Centre building was built in two parts, the downstairs, which was originally the home of John and Dulcie Wall, was built in the 1940s and the upper section was later added in 1950.

The area in Maitland Bay was visited frequently by four generations of the Wall family until John and Dulcie Wall purchased the property in 1945 and began construction of their family home.

Barry Wall, son of John and Dulcie Wall, said: "Along with Dad and Mum, the four youngest children, Donald,

Joan, myself and Roger, moved on to the property in early 1946, living in tents.

"My father built a temporary dwelling constructed of round bush poles covered with malthoid on this bush block of five to six acres, while waiting for the arrival of building materials, which were difficult to get just after the war."

Mr Wall said that, at 12 years old, he helped his father with the building as materials became available from Sterland Bros, W.R (Bill) Whites Hardware, and timber yards in Mann St, Gosford.

Mr and Mrs Wall contributed in the retrieval of the bell of the Maitland which stands outside the heritage building today.

Barry Wall said his father was contacted by the divers who found the bell and helped bring the bell to the building for safekeeping.

"A lot of blood, sweat and tears were spilt doing it," he said.

At the time, the house was visited by travellers asking for directions and water and, consequently, the Walls added a small shop at the front.

The building soon became known as the Maitland Store.

In the late 1950s, John Wall was

employed part time by the trustees of Bouddi Natural Park for track work and the trustees used the Maitland Store for their quarterly meetings.

In 1959, the building was sold by the Walls, who stayed in the district, to English couple Ron and Thelma Hall.

Mr and Mrs Hall proceeded to increase business of the Maitland Store.

Mrs Hall became renowned for her Devonshire Teas.

A sandwich trade grew from the employees of companies that were mining the local beaches, and nearby residents bought provisions from the store.

In 1960, Ron Hall became the first full-time ranger to be employed in Bouddi Natural Park, employed by trustees of the Park.

In 1961, the bell of the Maitland was installed by the Brisbane Water Historical Society in a sandstone base next to the Maitland Store and was unveiled by Dulcie Wall.

The Maitland Store was closed within a few years after a succession of new ownerships and, in 1970, was bought by the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Under ownership of the National

Parks and Wildlife Service, the building became the residence and office of the Bouddi State Park superintendent.

In 1974, the superintendent moved to Kosciusko National Park following the opening of a District Office in Gosford and the Maitland Store became an un-used building.

A few years later, the NPWS allocated \$500 to demolish the building, which was strongly resisted by the District's Advisory Committee who believed it was an ideal location for an information center and should be refurbished.

The NPWS agreed to use the allocated \$500 to restore the building, as well as contributing more money to the process.

In March 1990, the Maitland Store was officially opened as the Maitland Bay Information Center and is listed as a Heritage Item of Gosford City, still retaining the original facade and shop window.

Presently, the Heritage building is much more than an information centre and is used regularly for meetings of National Parks and Wildlife Service officers as well as other groups.

CD-ROM, 2010

David Dufty, The Bouddi Peninsula



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Ettalong Beach Holiday Village  
Ettalong Beach Motel  
Ettalong Bowling Club  
Ettalong Hotel  
Ettalong Memorial Club  
Ettalong Surgery

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Ettalong Public School  
IGA  
Newsagency (near old Post Office)  
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Oceanview Rd  
Peridon Village  
Senior Citizens Centre  
Woolworths

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Ducks Crossing Publications  
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Gosford RSL  
Imperial Centre

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Hardys Bay Corner Store  
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St John The Baptist School  
The Fruit Shop, Umina Mall  
The Hammond Group  
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Call 4325 7369 if you would like to be added to this list.

## Solid start to Buckley Shield program

The Brisbane Water Secondary College schoolboy rugby league program got off to a solid start with the commencement of the Under-14 Buckley Shield competition on the week of Monday, May 14.

Coach Mr Pat Crouch said the boys were looking and feeling like a million dollars in their brand new kit kindly provided by the Umina Bunnies Rugby League Club.

The state title defence of the 2011 Buckley Shield win began with a Central Coast gala day

with wins over Lisarow, Kariong, Gorokan, Terrigal, and Tuggerah Lakes College.

The Under-13 and Under-15 teams are ready to kick off their season in June in the All Schools and Country Cup competitions.

"These teams are building strongly and are looking good for 2012," said Mr Crouch.

"We look forward to another great year together, playing good footy and making this great community proud."

Email, 18 May 2012  
Pat Crouch, BWSC Umina



BWSC Umina 2011 Buckley Shield Champions

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## Major singles championship

Umina Women's Bowling Club hosted the Major Singles Championship on Friday, May 11.

Chris Cole and Sue Clark were neck and neck to halfway, but Sue found her pace and charged ahead to win 31 to 15, according to the club's publicity officer Ms Eve Phillips.

Sue, who last won the event in 2006, said it was a thrill to win again.

She also won the club Major Pairs earlier this year.

Chris said that this was the first time she had been this

close to taking out the Singles Championship.

Email, 16 May 2012  
Eve Phillips, Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club

## Peninsula directory of services, contacts and support groups

## Ambulance, Police, Fire 000

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## The Peninsula Diary

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

### Thursday May 31

Tales from a Dilly Bag, Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation, Umina, 10:30am-12pm

Equal treatment public meeting, Mingaletta Aboriginal Hall, 6:30pm

### Friday June 1

Romy Ash author event, Woy Woy Library

### Saturday June 2

Ocean and Coastal Car Initiatives marine seminar, Woy Woy waterfront

### Sunday June 3

The Irvine Family Piano and Pearl Beach Music Scholarship concert, memorial Hall, 2:30pm

Ocean and Coastal Car Initiatives marine seminar, Woy Woy waterfront

Pearl Beach Scholarship Concert, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, 2:30pm

### Tuesday June 5

Central Coast Community Legal Centre's Domestic Violence Legal Outreach Project legal advice, Peninsula Women's Health Centre, 9:30am -11:30pm

### Wednesday June 6

Umina CWA branch meeting, 10am, Umina CWA Hall

Woy Woy CWA 80th birthday luncheon

Central Coast Guide Dogs NSW-ACT stall, Deepwater Plaza, 9am-2:30pm

### Thursday June 7

Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden working bee, 9:30-11:30am,

### Friday June 8

Patonga Hootenanny Concert, Patonga Progress Hall, 6:30pm

### Saturday June 9

Pearl Beach Long Weekend Classical Music Festival with a twist, 2:30pm and 7:30pm

Sacrament of Confirmation information evening, Walter Baker Hall, Woy Woy, 7:30pm

Woy Woy Hospital Alliance meeting, St Luke's Church Hall, 2pm

Tea Cosy Expo, Lions Club of Woy Woy, 10am-4pm

### Sunday June 10

Raku Firing Day, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre, 10am-3pm

### Wednesday June 20

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

### Sunday June 24

Bays Community Group Breakfast in the Bays, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall, 8:30-10:30am

Social Morning Coffee Ride, Gosford Waterfront to Woy Woy, 10am

### Wednesday July 4

Umina CWA branch meeting, 10am, Umina CWA Hall

### Saturday July 14

Bays Community Group Wine, Cheese and Art Night, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall, 7:30pm-10:30pm

### Sunday July 29

Bays Community Group Breakfast in the Bays, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall, 8:30-10:30am

### Wednesday August 1

Umina CWA branch meeting, 10am, Umina CWA Hall

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## Animal Care

### Animal Welfare League (ADS)

provides aid to sick or injured animals and subsidised assistance in the desexing of dogs. Meet 2nd Tues, Spike Milligan Room Woy Woy Library, 10am. Debra 4344 4435 awlcentralcoast@virginbroadband.com.au

## Art

### Ettalong Beach Art & Crafts Centre (287)

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

### Central Coast Art Society (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 Art Class Approaches to Visual Arts, supported by History of Art, to develop your own style Wed & Frid - Adults Bunka Embroid, Cards, Crotchet, 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

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### Peninsula Community Centre (39/290)

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### Ettalong 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre (287)

(formerly Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre) Mon - Fri Cards, Computer Lessons,

Dancing, Indoor Bowls, Fitness, Handicrafts, Leatherwork, Line Dancing, Painting, Scrabble, Table Tennis, Tai Chi, Yoga, Darts 4341 3222

### Gosford 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre

(formerly Senior Citizens) (287) Handicraft, Painting, Knitting, Tai Chi, Scrabble, Darts, Table Tennis, Indoor Bowls, Patchwork, Yoga, Fitness, Gentle Swimming, Line Dancing, Cards, Variety Social, Womens Group, Zumba, Crochet, Computer Class 4324 4749

## Community Groups

### AACC Computer Club Inc. (33)

www.aacc.asn.au Help with all Computing problems, Program demos + Q&A sessions • 2nd Wed night of Month Windows 7pm to 10pm Narara Valley High School Fountains Road, Narara Supper provided • 3rd Wednesday of month - Linux 9.30am-12.30pm East Gosford Progress Hall - Cnr Webb Rd & Henry Parry Drive • 4th Thursday of month **Social + Windows 12.15 - 3.15pm** - East Gosford Progress Hall - Cnr Webb Rd & Henry Parry Drive Afternoon tea provided secretary@aacc.asn.au 4362 1918 4324 2740

### 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 (287)

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

### Bridge (286c)

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

### Cash Housie (56/294)

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

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

Spinning and weaving, patchwork and quilting felting and other fibre and fabric crafts Workshops and community quilting bees Day and night groups

4325 4743 www.centralcoastshguld.org.au

### Central Coast Family History Society Inc. (301)

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

### Hardys Bay Residents Group (60/296)

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

### The Krait Club (58/295)

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

### 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

### Peninsula Village Peninsula Village Carers' Support Group (287-311)

Invitation to carers of Loved ones with dementia All welcome Meet 1st Wednesday of the month 10.00am to 11.30am Contact: Paula Newman 4344 9199

### Peninsula Village Playgroup (287-311)

Carers, Grandparents, parents & children Come & join our 'Intergenerational Playgroup' Meet every Tuesday 10.00am to 11.30am Contact: Paula Newman 4344 9199

### Probus Club of Umina Beach (81/298)

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

### 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 4340 4529 kersuebay@philliphouse.com.au

### Rotary Club of Umina (62/294)

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

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

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

### Umina Beach Men's Shed Inc. (287-311)

Men can come and share Variety of tools, pursue interests and hobbies, Spend time with other men and Learn new skills Contact: Darrell 4341 2355

### 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 4344 2808

### 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 (282c)

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

## Environment

### Peninsula Environment Group (287)

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

## Health Group

### Arthritis NSW (92/292)

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 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, Every Fri 8 - 9pm www.oa.org 0412 756 446

### Pink Butterfly Breast Cancer Support Group - Ettalong

First Sunday every month 10.00am - 12.00 Shop 71 Schnapper Road Ettalong Markets 0428 712 251

### Peninsula Women's Health Centre (285c)

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

### Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance (308)

Formed to restore medical services previously available at this hospital - upgrade to a standard commensurate with the needs of the Peninsula and the Gosford City area 2pm 2nd Sat each month St Lukes Church hall, Blackwall Rd Woy Woy 4344 4811

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

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

## Marine Rescue

### Central Coast Unit (287)

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

## Music

### Central Coast Concert Band (288)

Every Tues 7:15 - 9:30pm Community playouts with four concerts a year at Laycock St Theatre. 0407 894 560

### Soundwaves (87/308)

Men's acapella 4 part harmony chorus - for men of all ages, all welcome 7:00pm Monday Nights at Central Coast Leagues Club Contact Ray 0405 030 945 randtbale@bigpond.com

## Political Group

**Australian Labor Party** Umina Ettalong Branch (283) Political Discussions National, State and local government

issues

2nd Mon Umina Beach Bowling Club 7.30pm 4341 7323

## Sport

### Woy Woy Judo Club (287)

Kids Classes - \$5 Fri 5.30 - 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

## Veterans

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

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

### Vietnam Veterans', Peacekeepers' and Peacemakers' (309)

Assist all Veterans and their families with pension & welfare matters.

Cnr Broken Bay Rd & Beach St Ettalong.

Mon & Wed 9am-1pm 4344 4760

vietvetgosford@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, 9.30am

Day craft and friendship all other Wed 9.00am

Evening craft and friendship: Enquire

CWA Hall Umina - 2 Sydney Ave Umina - All Welcome 4369 5353 or 4341 5404

### 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 New members very welcome 2nd Wed each month 7pm Phillip House Kariong gosfordnorthw@live.com.au 4324 7176

# Umina wins district singles

Umina Beach Women Bowling Club's Susan Clark was announced the winner of the 2012 District Singles competition which ran from Monday, May 14, until Thursday, May 17.

The State Singles at District level was held at Umina, Bateau Bay and The Entrance with the semi final and final held at Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club.

In the quarter finals, Beverley Jessup of Ettalong Memorial defeated Halekulani's Dianne McInnes, Everglades' Margaret Smith defeated Everglades' Judy King, The Entrance's Denise Ellison defeated Wyong's Lorna Colvin and Umina's Susan Clark defeated The Entrance's Patricia Thornton.

In the semi finals, Margaret Smith defeated Beverley Jessup and Susan Clark defeated Denise Ellison.

The final saw Margaret jump to an early lead of 8-4.

Both women kept their cool in a tightly fought game, according to district association publicity officer Ms Robyn Davis.

She said that, from the moment Sue drew level at 15-all, she seemed to go from strength to strength with Margaret never giving up and fighting on gallantly.

The heads became closer and Sue took a 23-18 lead with the final result of 32-21 not truly reflecting the closeness of the match.

"The wonderful display of sportsmanship and bowls on offer during this game was appreciated by all of the spectators who were out in force to cheer both girls on in this local derby," said Ms Davis.

Media Release, 25 May 2012  
Robyn Davis, CCDWBA



# Hopkins heads back to Wisconsin

**Woy Woy rugby coach Ross Hopkins has headed back to Madison, Wisconsin, to help prepare the university college rugby union team for the USA National College Championships.**

The team had qualified last year for the Championships which was for the last 16 colleges in the division one competition.

The team, in its second year in this Division, after being division two National Championship Runners up in 2009, is now ranked in the top 10 rugby colleges in the country in their Division.

The division had more than 300 universities trying to get to this stage.

In the first game, the Wisconsin team went in as underdogs and ran away winners 49-3 against Missouri, to set up a game the next day against last year's champions, Davenport.

"After being down 8-6 at halftime, the team eventually lost 32-11, however, the amount of positives that came out of this game were enormous," said Mr Hopkins.

In his fifth year on the coaching staff at the college, Hopkins has seen the program on the brink of being demoted to division three competitions to being a top 10

ranked team in the division one competition.

"Rugby is the largest amateur sport in the USA and rugby in Wisconsin is at an all time high," said Mr Hopkins.

"The playing roster has in excess of 65 players training three nights a week."

Hopkins, who also coaches at Woy Woy, will be kept busy

in coming weeks after he was appointed assistant coach for Sydney when they play Country in the annual fixture at Manly Oval on Saturday, June 9.

"Between those roles, I will be continuing to try and turn things around at Woy Woy with my great mate Grant Brooks," Mr Hopkins said.

"The Lions have had a slow

start to the year and really need to add to their playing roster.

"Sometimes we need to go backwards first before we start to make forward progress.

"The team is really training hard and it won't be long before their hard work pays off."

Media release, 21 May 2012  
Ryan McGlynn, Woy Woy Rugby League

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Central Coast Rugby Union president Larry Thomson, Central Coast Schools Coach Brett Marchant, team captain John Paterson and Seagulls member Brett Smith

# Rugby week in Dubbo

**Five students from Brisbane Water Secondary College competed in the Combined High Schools NSW Rugby Championships in Dubbo from Wednesday, May 23, to Friday, May 25, as part of the Central Coast Schoolboy Rugby Team.**

The students were Damien Fleming, Keanu Quirk, Branden Vawdrey, Corey Fleming and Brandon Edwards.

"It is an intense week of schoolboy rugby where 12 teams from all across NSW compete for the CHS Championship," said central Coast Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson.

"The week also sees the selection of NSW schools teams, and these teams will play further matches later in the year against GPS, Combined Catholic Colleges

and ISA," he said.

The Central Coast team was coached by Brett Marchant from Berkeley Vale Campus and Andrew Collins from Gorokan High School.

"They have trained for the last few months and have had a good build up to these championships," said Mr Thomson.

"They played a good trial against Sydney North West and have gradually built up towards these titles.

The team were presented with new rugby jumpers for the Championships by the Central Coast Seagulls Golden Oldie Rugby Club.

The jumpers were presented to team captain John Paterson by club stalwarts Bruce Clarke, Owen Edwards and Brett Smith.

**Email, 20 May 2012  
Larry Thomson, Central Coast Rugby Union**

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# Golfer wins diamond

**A women's golf event was held at Everglades Country Club from March 6 until May 13 and was won by Ms Bev Moore of Booker Bay.**

Ms Moore won an unset 30pt diamond courtesy of Kampman Jewellers in Umina.

She won the competition by having the best six scores of the 19 games.

"It caused great excitement and eagerness for the women all vying for the diamond," said Everglades Women's Golf Club publicity officer Ms Jan Binstead.

"It was a very generous and magnificent prize, and on behalf of the women's committee, we are very grateful to Winn and Hubert



Winner of the Kampman Jewellers Diamond Event on right Bev Moore being presented with the Diamond from sponsors Hubert and Winn Wessels

Wessels for their sponsorship of the prestigious event," said Ms Binstead.

**Email, 22 May 2012  
Jan Binstead, Everglades Country Club  
Photo: Dawn Copping**

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# Bunnies raise money for boxer

**Umina Bunnies Rugby League Football Club held a fundraising day on Sunday, May 27, at Col Gooley Oval, Umina, to raise money for 14-year-old boxer Satali Tevi Fuimaono.**

Satali, of Umina, is a two-time Australian Boxing Champion and is headed to Kansas in August to compete for the world title.

Four games of rugby league were played on the day along with raffles and a sparring demonstration from Satali.

Through his efforts over the last 12 months, Satali has

been recognised by the various Australian boxing authorities and has been awarded a scholarship with Australia's Future's Squad where he will become part of the Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games Development Program.

In the last two years, Satali has been named South East Queensland Champion, Central West NSW Champion, Under-16s NSW and Australian Champion, two-time NSW and Australian Champion and two-time National Golden Gloves Champion.

**Email, 25 May 2012  
Scott Ford, Umina Beach RLFC**



Woy Woy centre Mark Wakefield on the charge against the Sharks  
www.10dollarphotos.blogspot.com.au

# Free coffee for first 20 riders

**A Social Morning Coffee Ride will be held on Sunday, June 24, at 10am from Gosford waterfront to Woy Woy.**

The social ride is held on the fourth Sunday of every month and takes around 45-60 minutes one way.

The terrain is moderately flat

with only a couple of rises.

The first 20 riders to register will receive a free coffee voucher to be redeemed at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

For more information, phone 4325 8802.

**Email, 25 May 2012  
Gosford Council**

# Roosters captain has facial injury

**Woy Woy Roosters captain Adam Tippett is recovering from a facial injury after a clash against Terrigal in round five of the Central Coast Rugby League competition on the weekend of May 12 and 13.**

The former West Tigers halfback was rushed to hospital at halftime after a desperate attempt at covering a tackle saw a stray boot slice deeply into his cheek.

The boot inflicted a gaping wound that required 40 stitches.

The experienced playmaker had shelved retirement plans late last year to lead the Roosters into season 2012.

The game saw Terrigal continue their early season winning streak.

Ahead 26-8 midway through the final half, the men in black withstood a late Woy Woy surge to complete a 26-20 victory.

Umina, however, got back into the winners circle with a powerful 42-22 victory at Erina.

The Bunnies had come tantalizingly close to upsetting the then competition leaders Ourimbah in week five, leading late into the game before ultimately succumbing 26-16.

With home games to follow against Toukley and the Sharks, Umina fans will be hoping their team can string together a few wins and consolidate their top five ranking.

**Email, 14 May 2012  
Andrew Stark, Central Coast Rugby League  
Photos: Andrew Stark**

# Fighting Ibis maintains its run

**The Fighting Ibis team has maintained its unbeaten run by defeating the Pythons 8-4 in Peninsula floorball competition on Tuesday, May 22.**

With a strong defence and the Fiddock brothers being on top of the scoring table, Fighting Ibis is the favourite to win the competition.

The game between the Patriots and the Scorpions was a low score game, but with their win, the Patriots have re-gained second position.

In the second game, You're My Boy Blue defeated the Patriots in what was a close game.

A junior's game was also held on Tuesday, May 22, with three teams

playing a total of four matches.

Two goals were scored for the Black Vest team.

One goal was scored for the Colours team.

A junior game was also held on Tuesday, May 15, with two teams playing.

"The junior teams are really improving each week and they are having lots of fun too," said publicity officer Ms Tanya Watson.

Three goals were scored by the Yellow team.

For more information on the Peninsula Floorball Club, phone Tanya on 0403 745 343.

**Email, 23 May 2012  
Tanya Watson, Peninsula Floorball Club**

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