

Underground cables installed at Empire Bay

New underground 66,000 Volt electricity cables have been installed from Woy Woy to Empire Bay.

The cabling, completed on Saturday, July 14, was designed to help to power around 6000 homes and businesses around Empire Bay and Killcare.

The new cables are expected to start being used early next year.

The cables were mostly located under local roads and were laid by trenching.

At regular intervals along the cable route, sections of cables were joined together in an underground joint bay.

The work included digging in parts of Empire Bay Dr between Rosella Rd and Palmers Lane to install conduit pipes to safely house the cables.

Specialist cable crews carried out this section of work during school holidays to reduce disruptions to the local community.

Temporary lane closures and traffic controls were in place to help crews complete the work.

Sections of road excavated to install the cables were filled with a temporarily asphalt surface to allow motorists to safely access the road immediately after crews complete works.

The road was permanently reinstated after all work was finished.

Email, 18 Jul 2012
Gareth Trickey, Ausgrid



Population grows 4.1 per cent

Population has increased on the Peninsula at less than half the national rate over the five years between the last two Censuses.

And mortgage repayments in Umina have increased at 1.5 times the rate of income.

These are two trends revealed with the release of the 2011 Census data.

Total population for the suburbs of Ettalong, Umina and Woy Woy increased by 1216 people, or 4.1 per cent, to a total of 30,801 people.

Australia's population has increased 8.3 per cent in the same period, and the State's population by 5.6 per cent.

Figures released on Thursday, June 21, showed population increased by 129 (1.3 per cent) people to 10,114 people in Woy Woy, by 667 (4.3 per cent) to 16,059 in Umina and 420 (10 per cent) to 4628 in Ettalong.

The number of females increased by 22 to 5322 in Woy Woy, 337 to 8390 in Umina and 281 to 2454 in Ettalong.

The number of males increased by 107 to 4792 in Woy Woy, 330 to

7669 in Umina and 139 to 2174 in Ettalong.

The median age increased by one year to 48 in Woy Woy and by four years to 49 in Ettalong.

The median age in Umina remained at 42.

The average person per household remained the same at 2.2 in Woy Woy and 2.4 in Umina but decreased by 0.4 to 1.7 in Ettalong.

The number of private dwellings increased across all three suburbs with Woy Woy recording a 117 increase to 4945, a 318 increase for Ettalong to 2739 and a 276 increase in Umina to 7332.

The median weekly household income also increased for each suburb going up \$160 (25 per cent) to \$795 for Woy Woy, \$171 (23 per cent) from \$917 for Umina and \$129 (22 per cent) from \$721 for Ettalong.

The median amount households were paying on monthly mortgage repayments also increased by \$300 (23 per cent) to \$1600 for Ettalong, \$433 (31 per cent) from \$1841 for Umina and \$303 (21 per cent) from \$1733 for Woy Woy.

Website, 20 Jul 2012
Australian Bureau of Statistics

Crown Rd listed for rehabilitation

Crown Rd, Umina, will be one of the first to receive rehabilitation under round one of the NSW Government's Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme.

Under the Scheme, Gosford Council will borrow \$6.85 million for roads renewal and \$3.15 million to revamp Council owned community

buildings.

Mayor of Gosford Cr Laurie Maher said the Scheme would allow Council to schedule works to improve some of the busiest roads and frequently used community buildings.

"The funding will enable the completion of approximately 110 individual road projects and 19 community buildings that have

been backlogged until funding became available.

"Works will be scheduled over the next three years, with roads including Crown Rd at Umina Beach among the first to receive rehabilitation."

Media Release, 18 Jul 2012
Gosford Council media
Photo: Naomi Bridges



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One quarter average rain

The Peninsula has had less than one quarter of its average monthly rainfall so far this month.

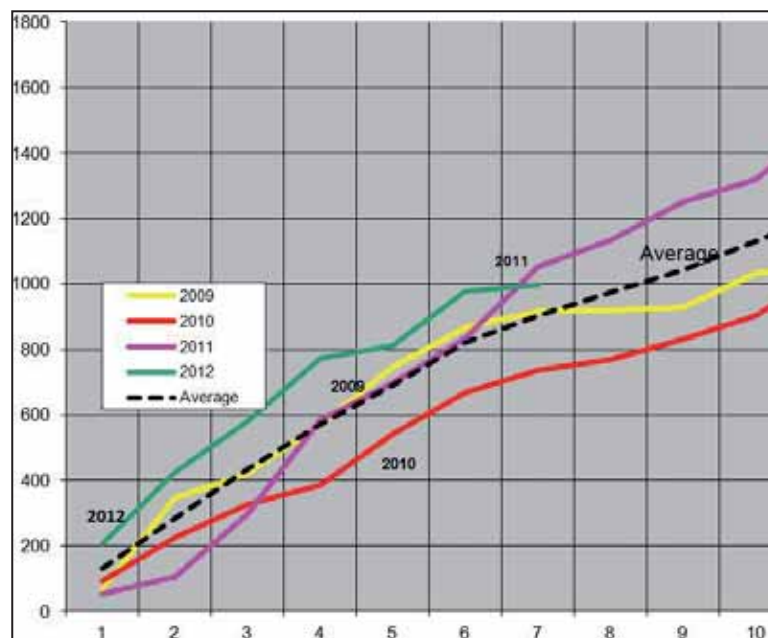
With one week of the month remaining, only 17.7mm rainfall has been recorded compared to a monthly average of 80.7mm.

That's just 22 per cent of the average for July.

Figures from Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy show that the cumulative total for the year is 995.6mm, which is still 10.4 per cent above the year-to-date average for the end of July.

Temperature so far this month has ranged between a minimum of 6.8 degrees on July 14 and a maximum of 21.2 on July 13, according to www.peninsulaweather.info.

Highest minimum was 13.5 on July 12 and lowest minimum was 14.9 on July 6.



Highest wind gust of 24.8 km/h on July 4.

Spreadsheet, 20 Jul 2012
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy
www.peninsulaweather.info

Your Chance to Win

Peninsula News and Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo are giving one lucky reader the chance to win a family pass to the zoo valued at \$117.30.

The pass is valid for 12 months and entitles two adults and two children to free entry.

Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo has welcomed the arrival of a female addax calf born in mid-May as well as three ring-tailed lemurs who have come from Rome Zoo to join a breeding program.

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Dubbo competition PO Box 1056, Gosford, NSW, 2250 by the close of business Thursday, August 2.

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The winner of last edition's Peninsula News Anjan competition was Mrs B Cable of St Huberts Island.

Kaitlin Watts, 20 Jul 2012

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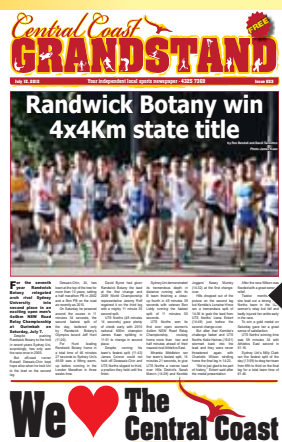
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Community group wants local power

The Peninsula could be powered by community-owned wind turbines and solar panels if a new local community group has its way.

The group, Central Coast Community Energy, has formed in Woy Woy after it heard of the Hepburn Community Wind Park Co-operative near Daylesford in Victoria.

The Hepburn Wind co-operative, owned by 1900 residents of Daylesford, operates two wind turbines generating up to 4.1MW.

The \$15 million project is estimated to produce 12,200 MWh of electricity annually, equivalent to the consumption of 2300 homes, more than the number of homes in Daylesford.

Local solar expert Mr Joachim Muller told a meeting at the

Peninsula Environment Centre on Thursday, July 12, how a local group could be formed based on the Hepburn Wind model.

"There are many community groups operating renewable power generation projects in Europe," said Mr Muller.

"So far, Australia has seen one group, Hepburn Wind in Victoria, running two wind turbines feeding electricity into the grid.

"The success of the Hepburn project is inspiring groups around Australia," said Mr Muller.

He said that a combination of solar and wind could be used here. "Solar plants and wind turbines complement each other in an ideal way.

"Wind projects take a very long time and are expensive but they produce electricity at very low cost.

"Solar plants on the other hand are modular and can be built quickly and in any size and cost

range.

"Although photo-voltaic cells produce electricity at a cost higher than coal-fired power stations, retail prices of electricity are so high, solar power can still be sold at a profit."

Mr Muller said that the group's current target was to identify potential links with Gosford and Wyong Councils and progressive businesses on the Coast.

"Central Coast Community Energy encourages community members, especially those with experience in financing, energy markets, business planning, grant writing, graphics design and renewable technologies, to join the group," said Mr Muller.

Media Release, 14 July 2012
Jo Muller, Central Coast Community Energy
Photo: Franz Reidel

Charged after travelling 202km/h

A 23-year-old Umina man has been charged after he was stopped on the F3 at Somersby on Sunday, July 15, allegedly detected travelling at 202km/h.

Police were patrolling the F3 as part of Operation Freeflow when they saw a Commodore driven north at high-speed, shortly after 6.30am.

The man was charged with drive at a speed dangerous to the public, exceed speed by more than 45kmh and drive while unlicensed.

The man was granted bail and is due to appear in Gosford Local Court on Tuesday, August 7.

The man's vehicle was also impounded for three months.

His licence was suspended on the spot.

Operation Freeflow was launched earlier this year and is aimed at reducing the incidence and severity of speed-related crashes.

Media Release, 15 Jul 2012
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Call for Lone Pine Ave and Springwood St repairs

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce will approach Gosford Council asking that Lone Pine Ave and Springwood St be rehabilitated under the NSW Government's Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme.

Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said he had been advised that Gosford Council planned to borrow \$6.85 million to fund the work, assisted by the State Government's interest rate subsidy under the scheme.

"This is great news provided that Peninsula roads get their fair share of the \$70 million State wide

scheme," said Mr Wales. "Our understanding is that the scheme provides Councils with a four per cent interest subsidy over 10 years on loans to allow infrastructure projects such as roads to proceed.

"The Chamber also understands that the Gosford project involves the renewal of existing roads through rehabilitation, reconstruction or asphalt resurfacing.

"This is exactly what we have been asking for," he said.

"Obviously we will be approaching Gosford Council with our short list of roads including Lone Pine Ave and Springwood St.

"This does not take away the need by Council to allocate a

bigger share of its existing budget to ensure that road maintenance gets adequate funds.

"However, it is a big step in the right direction and hopefully will be the impetus for a broader review of road maintenance and upgrades.

"It will also mean new opportunities for civil contractors to bid for a share of the work through the tendering process.

"We hope that Gosford Council gives preference to local contractors that employ local people," said Mr Wales.

Media Release, 16 Jul 2012
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Photo: Naomi Bridges



Lone Pine Ave, Umina



Springwood St, Ettalong

Objection to restaurant plan

A petition with five signatures has been received by Gosford Council objecting to a development application for a restaurant in George St, Woy Woy.

Petitioners stated that the address was misrepresented, as the proposed entrance to the restaurant was on Victoria St opposite the bus stop.

They stated that existing

parking for the shopping centre was already overloaded

The petition also said its owners' corporation had not displayed the development application, Victoria St had no parking and heavy traffic, garbage bins would be full and attract insects and it would detrimentally affect the residential area just opposite.

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Another Leggett runs for council

Environmental scientist Mr David Leggett of Woy Woy is running in the September local government elections as number eight on the Central Coast Alliance ticket.

He said he was concerned with the way Gosford Council neglected the Peninsula and was acutely aware of the neglected and dangerous condition of our roads.

He said that, given the number of tourists the Peninsula attracted because of its beauty, natural environment and family friendly beaches, he believed there should be more emphasis directed to the protection of natural resources such as the Umina Sandplain Woodland which is an endangered ecological community only found on the Peninsula.

Mr Leggett said he would be pushing for essential infrastructure such as decent roads and footpaths as well as improving family parks and recreation areas.

He claimed expertise in forestry management, bushfire management and geographical

information systems, and over 10 years experience in local government.

Mr Leggett said he was a member of a family with strong involvement in the Peninsula community.

His father, Eric Leggett, is a member of Rotary who has spent decades doing charity work in the community.

His uncle was Don Leggett who was the former mayor of Gosford for many years and was responsible for a great volume of major capital works projects.

Don Leggett was also instrumental in the construction of the Rip Bridge, Woy Woy Leagues Club and other iconic buildings on the Central Coast.

The nine member ticket comprises Peter Freewater, Gary Jackson, Ian Sutton, Jake Cassar, Ingrid Hasler, Nikki Freeburn, David Benwell, David Leggett and Kay Williams.

Media Release, 11 Jul 2012
Peter Freewater, Central Coast Alliance

Photo: Deb Kitching



Peter McCabe, Vicki Scott, Jim Macfadyen and Trevor Drake

Labor candidates named

Killcare councillor Jim Macfadyen and Labor's candidate for the seat of Gosford, Umina solicitor Ms Katie Smith, have both been named on the Labor Party's ticket for the council elections in September.

Sitting councillors Jim Macfadyen and Vicki Scott will

head the 10-member team.

Crs Macfadyen and Scott are both nominating for their third term on Council.

"Gosford is crying out for a strong team to lead the council," said Cr Macfadyen.

"There are some big decisions that need to be made over the next four years.

"Labor is determined to run a

strong campaign so that the right team is elected to move the city forward," he said.

The team for the elections comprises Jim Macfadyen, Vicki Scott, Peter McCabe, Trevor Drake, Katie Smith, Patrick Norman, Paul Malone, Brad Maissey, Liam O'Neill and George Sidiropoulos.

Media Release, 4 Jul 2012
Peter McCabe, Labor

Man charged with intimidation

A 56-year-old man has been arrested for approaching two teenage girls in Umina on Wednesday, July 4.

Two 13-year-olds were approached by the male at West St, Umina, at about 3.30pm.

He made a number of sexually

inappropriate and explicit comments to the girls.

The teenagers left the area and reported the incident to their parents who then proceeded to flag down a nearby police vehicle.

Police patrolled the area soon after and located the male in question.

He was subsequently spoken to and arrested, and has been formally charged with intimidation.

He was granted conditional bail to appear at Woy Woy local court in early August.

Elyse Gunner, 5 Jul 2012
Interviewee: Acting Inspector Ross MacKillop, Brisbane Water LAC



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An aerial view of the Empire Bay Tennis Courts

Protest at park conditions

Gosford Council has received a petition with 22 signatures from people playing at Empire Bay tennis courts.

The petitioners protested against the conditions of the park surrounding Empire Bay tennis

courts.

The petition stated that the grass was a foot high and, if mown, the cut grass was left and not raked up, that the entrance to the car park had holes so deep club members were forced to drive up on the grass to get to the tennis

courts and that the children's enclave never had the gate closed and filled up with water 30cm deep.

The petition also said that the sand was discoloured and needed removing and the car park was full of pot holes.

**Gosford Council Agenda
P.30, 24 Jul 2012**

Labor plan for local council meetings

Gosford Council would hold council meetings on the Peninsula twice a year if it gains power after the council elections in September.

Labor candidate Mr Peter McCabe said the party would reinstate Community Council Meetings, taking full meetings of council outside of the Gosford chambers and into the suburbs.

At least four meetings each year will be held in community facilities outside of the Gosford CBD, including a minimum of two meetings each year on the Peninsula.

"The locations of other community council meetings will be determined by the needs of the community at the time and driven by matters of local importance," said Mr McCabe.

"Community council meetings will give more people the chance to attend meetings and debate local issues," said Mr McCabe.

"Older people and people without transport find it difficult to get in and out of Gosford late on a Tuesday night.

"There are a number of community facilities, such as the Peninsula Leisure Centre, which could host a full meeting of Council.

"If there was a meeting closer to home more people can come along to meet their elected representatives, witness the debate or even address the meeting.

"Community council meetings will give more people the chance to tell Council what they think is important."

Mr McCabe said that in addition to community council meetings, Labor councillors would hold their own community meetings several times a year to get feedback and new ideas from locals.

"The most important aspect of being a councillor or a council officer is listening to the community," he said.

"The Labor team for Gosford Council has a plan to put the community first through proper consultation and engagement," said Mr McCabe.

**Media Release, 4 Jul 2012
Peter McCabe, Labor**

Pitfalls in doing your own tax return

Last year, the ATO reviewed 109,000 tax returns.

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- d) Petrol costs and other items paid cash where receipts are lost; and
- e) Materials – same as above.

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Indigenous women qualify as financial counsellors

Two indigenous women from the Peninsula area successfully completed an accredited training course in financial counselling on Friday, June 29, at Green Central in Kariong.

Funded by Fair Trading, the course is the second Aboriginal Financial Counselling course to run in Australia.

On completion of the course, Denise Markham of Woy Woy and Bobbi Murray of Empire Bay, attended a graduation ceremony and were awarded a certificate in Financial Counselling.

Among the guests at the graduation was indigenous magistrate Matthew Myers.

Mr Myers presented participants with a certificate and congratulated them on their successful participation within the course.

Course coordinator Dr Betty Weule said she was pleased with the outcomes of the course.

"Prior to the course, participants had no experience in financial

counselling," she said.

"Even with no experience they have shown many strengths and achieved many successes as a result of completing the course.

"Most of these women will go on to do financial counselling and I have great confidence in them.

"These women are interested in supporting their community and this is a great way for them to do that," she said.

Ms Cattermole said she believed the course helped her be able to provide support to her community.

"We as Aboriginal people are specialists in our culture in our own right.

"We can deliver services to the Aboriginal community to assist and support them."

Upon completing the course, participants are able to provide financial counselling services to Aboriginal people and others within the community.

Media Release, 11 Jul 2012
Charlotte Dickie, Youth Connections
Photo: Charlotte Dickie



Dale Sullivan, Phyl Pelley, Denise Markham, trainer Betty Weule, Bobbi Murray, Erika Carr and Nioka Brown

Wine and cheese at Woy Woy Bay

The Bays annual Wine, Cheese and Art night was held on Saturday, July 14, in

the Woy Woy Bay community hall.

Bays Community Group president Mr Bob Puffett said that

he considered this, the fourth year of the event, to be an outstanding success.

"There were some 115 residents

and visitors who had a great night tasting wines from the Hunter Valley with some truly outstanding cheeses," he said.

"Together with two of the Peninsula's painters, Joseph Rolello and Gregory Coates, attendees were exposed to some creative and fine detailed works.

"Our promotion of the Painters of the Peninsula series this year

gave residents exposure to some outstanding and creative work and were rewarded with a visual extravaganza of great art," he said,

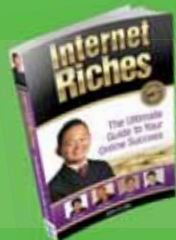
The event on the group's annual calendar assists in raising funds to maintain the community hall and provide the opportunity for locals and visitors to get together.

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Bob Puffett, Bays Community Group



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Not a Green

In the last edition of Peninsula News Cr Peter Freewater was described as a Greens councillor in the story "Council removes sea

level message".

Cr Freewater is no longer a member of the Greens, but heading up new independent party, the Central Coast Alliance.

Kaitlin Watts, 18 Jul 2012

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Out and about

Always nice to run into locals at Parliament. Especially nice when it is a school group, taking their first steps into democracy. Welcome to the Coast Christian School!

Great to see Jimmy Love and 2GO out there getting donations for "Gimme 5 for kids", helping to support children's services at Gosford and Wyong Hospitals and Camp Breakaway. I urge all Coasties to play their part and donate; it only takes 5 cents!

Wonderful to meet Lauren, an Ambassador for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and hear about the great work they are doing to help young people on the Coast and around Australia.



Deborah O'Neill

If I can assist you with any Federal Government matter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Kay Williams to stand for council

Pearl Beach resident Ms Kay Williams has announced she will stand in the September local government elections as part of the Central Coast Alliance.

Ms Williams said she was concerned that Gosford Council, being the sole government agency responsible for protecting local and regional heritage, needed to do much more to promote an awareness of local heritage.

"Failure to do so has put the southern end of Mann St, our most important civic precinct, at risk by a proposed 52 metre height limit and the destruction of War Memorial Park and the Rotary Foreshore Commemorative Park, and importantly the destruction of the last intact element of the original foreshore.

"The wider community is not aware of what is at stake, and the SSS report to Minister Hazzard is misleading," she said.

"The community is being

hoodwinked if it thinks Gosford Foreshore Development Plan stage one represents best practice in planning and development.

"It is also hoodwinked over the details of what is intended."

Ms Williams said stage one of the Landing infringes the Burra Charter, part nine of the Commonwealth Government's State of Development Report and the OECD Paris Declaration (2011) including its statement on heritage as a driver of development.

She said the proposal would affect a number of significant heritage items including the Gosford War Memorial Park, the last remnant of the original cliff face of Gosford before the bay was infilled, the curtilage and view from Old Christ Church, the Memorial Fountain and gardens and the curtilage of the School of Arts and its heritage development potential.

"This would be, by any standard, an appalling outcome for the people of Gosford, commercial alienation of community land and

destruction of a major heritage precinct," said Ms Williams.

"It shows a contempt for the community organisations that have contributed to an area which Gosford Council holds in trust for the whole community.

"We need to focus on what we are losing if this proposal goes ahead.

"In addition to the two war memorials proposed to be relocated to an entertainment centre entranceway which is in itself an infringement of their heritage listing and totally inappropriate for a cenotaph, we are losing a dignified commemorative space which was set aside for community use by our civic fathers as far back as 1881.

"Each memorial site has been carefully chosen and located by various community groups to enable commemoration," said Ms Williams.

"The careful placement of these memorials speaks eloquently of the community's intention

over many generations, and increasingly of late, to preserve and protect the memory of our war dead by providing a location for contemplative remembrance every day of the year, and for various community groups, not only on Anzac Day in the renamed Anzac Park.

"The War Memorial Park has evolved as an important record of our indebtedness to all those who paid the supreme sacrifice and is without question the most significant commemorative location of Gosford's social history in the twentieth century.

"With 10,000 plus community signatures on a petition opposing the development, and several key stakeholder groups vocal in their opposition, this must surely tell state government and local council it is time to rethink their proposals.

"Gosford's future cannot be secured by a development proposal which so divides the community and is so out of touch with planning principles enunciated



as national and international best practice.

"The proposed loss is an unthinkable high price for a community to pay," said Ms Williams.

**Media Release, 11 Jul 2012
Kay Williams, Pearl Beach**

Chamber supports motorway tunnel

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said the Chamber has welcomed news that the state government is considering a private-sector proposal to build a multibillion-dollar tunnel to link the M2

and F3.

"This is a key piece of infrastructure that will ultimately benefit business right across the Central Coast including the Peninsula," said Mr Wales.

"We all rely on good transport links to Sydney for goods and services and this key missing link in the metro road network

will help particularly with Western Sydney connections for deliveries and commuters.

"We understand that the Transurban proposal would likely be tolled but the cost for the most part would be offset by significant savings in time and delays.

"It has been a constant source

of concern to local Chambers that doing business in Sydney is increasingly difficult as a result of traffic congestion particularly on Pennant Hills Rd.

"More and more local companies are making inroads into the Sydney market and this would be boosted in the longer term should the tunnel link

between the F3 and M2 become a reality.

"If these schemes can be funded from the private sector with realistic tolls, then this is something that the Chamber would support," said Mr Wales.

**Media Release, 20 Jul 2012
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**

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Thank you to all those who stepped up!



When I considered the enormous sea of pipes which now maps out the result of all the hours, over many years, put in by the Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance, I was prompted to go back to taking out paid advertisements to once again thank all those men, women and even teenagers who could see the point in standing up to our elected representatives and joining together in common purpose.

Chaired by Mr Ivan Kinny, the Alliance and thousands of supporters, among them Zoe Russell and our Alliance mascot, Mr Brian Neville, came together from across the Gosford Local Government Area to door knock and collect signatures insisting that the Woy Woy Rehabilitation Unit be returned to those who had fought for years and paid to put it at Woy Woy in the first place.

They also travelled to Parliament House in Sydney to protest over the theft of our important Woy Woy Public Hospital medical amenity.

I looked at the work being done on the return of our Rehabilitation Ward, next to Woy Woy Public Hospital and felt the need to say again a big thank you on behalf of the Peninsula community and the thousands of patients who, in future years, will benefit from the return of this important amenity.

Edward James

Raising funds for cystic fibrosis



Carolyn Glover, Rhiannon Lovell, Helen Macnair and kids Asher Ryan, Rose Macnair, Oliver Macnair and Dylan Ryan

A Winter Wellness Charity Fundraiser for the cystic fibrosis clinic at Westmead Children's Hospital will be held at Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club on Sunday, July 29, from 7.30am to 12.30pm.

The fundraiser will consist of fitness and yoga classes.

"Umina Beach Yoga and Emit Fitness are regularly involved in charity fundraising but this time they have joined forces to make it a truly local event," said Umina Beach Yoga instructor Ms Helen Macnair.

Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease that affects a number of organs in the body, especially the lungs, clogging them with thick mucus.

Every four days a baby in Australia will be born with cystic fibrosis, with one in 25 people carrying the cystic fibrosis gene, she said.

There is currently no cure for cystic fibrosis and the average life

expectancy of sufferers is 37.

"Raising money for cystic fibrosis is particularly important because one of our mini yogis has the disease," said Ms Macnair.

"She is a beautiful little girl and we want to do whatever we can to help find a cure.

"This event will be a way to support a local family," said Ms Macnair.

Media Release, 17 Jul 2012
Helen Macnair, Umina Beach Yoga

Men's shed officially opened

The Peninsula Community Menshed in Ettalong was officially opened on Wednesday, July 18, by Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill and former Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

Ms O'Neill said it was an honour to jointly open such a wonderful community facility that provides a place for men to network as well as countless charitable acts.

"The concept of the Menshed has really taken off," said Ms O'Neill.

"It has been especially popular down on the Peninsula.

"The new shed ensures that there will be a place for men to meet, socialise and contribute to the community through charity all at once.

"These types of organisations are at the heart of our compassionate and caring community here on the Coast.

"I pay tribute to the former Member for Gosford, Marie Andrews, who secured \$15,000 from the State Government in

2010 to help build the new facility in Ettalong."

Ms Andrews said it was wonderful to be a part of the official opening.

"As the former Local Member, it is great to come back and see that the wonderful work being done by the Peninsula Community Menshed is continuing," said Ms Andrews.

"So many families across the Central Coast are enjoying the skills and workmanship of the men.

"Whether it be wooden toys, picture frames, letter boxes or even chicken runs for local primary schools, these men do it all.

"I'm very pleased they have a new shed they can call home for decades to come."

Peninsula Community Menshed coordinator Mr Peter Le-May said the group had received a real boost since moving into the new shed.

"It's our new home and a place that we're very proud of," said Mr Le-May.

"It's very rewarding to know that spending time with your

mates woodworking is creating toys for children at Christmas or fun learning materials for the local primary schools."

Media Release, 18 Jul 2012
Peter McCabe, Office of
Deborah O'Neill MP
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A less competitive Australia

C-Day or L-Day, (Peninsula News, June 25) I'm not sure which is more appropriate.

C-Day to commemorate the introduction of a tax on carbon dioxide, a tax apparently paid only by the "biggest 500 polluters" yet one we all need compensation for?

Or perhaps L-Day to commemorate the biggest political lie in Australian history perpetrated by the worst government in living memory?

All this while the Earth stubbornly refuses to adhere to IPCC computer generated predictions of catastrophic warming and instead has the audacity to display a cooling trend for the last decade.

I can't support a policy which believes Australian coal burned in Australia (to provide cheap power for Australian industry) is bad and must be taxed but Australian coal exported to China and burned is good and doesn't attract a tax,

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surely the result must be a less competitive Australia?

I cannot point to any tax on production that ever made a country more competitive on the world stage.

Unless of course we are all to be retrained as solar installers as deputy Prime Minister Bob Brown plans.

Email, 25 Jun 2012
Craig Hillman, Empire Bay

Bob Hawes (Peninsula News, July 9) is naive in the extreme if he really thinks that the purpose of the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation's advertisements in the Express Advocate is to engender discussion.

Anybody who reads them can see that they are nothing but blatant propaganda for The Landing project.

Very few of the statements by "community leaders" contain any concrete points that would generate discussion, and in fact, most of them are merely platitudinous repetition of claims that Gosford's "progress" (whatever that means) requires us all to stifle any criticism of the worst features of the scheme or risk being branded as "naysayers" (whatever that means).

Blatant propaganda for The Landing

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The fact is that properly evaluating a project of this complexity is far beyond the capabilities of most laymen who are easily taken in by a few generalities and a couple of romanticised pictures.

Most of the "community leaders" represented in the advertisements would have practically no understanding of the impacts of all the elements that go to make up the plan, so their opinions are of no value other than as persuasive measures.

Judging the social, economic and environmental consequences of the proposal requires experienced professional analysis, and even that is difficult, given the paucity (and doubtful accuracy, in some cases) of the information that has been released by the Central

Coast Regional Development Corporation.

The latest ploy of pretending that only phase one of the project will be implemented, while phases two and three are still undetermined, is highly suspicious.

On the face of it, phase one contains all the elements least likely to be carried out, except, of course, for the redevelopment of the Gosford school site which might eventually turn out to be the only result of the whole exercise.

It would be interesting to ask the Central Coast Regional Development Corporation to open up all its background data and reports to professional scrutiny, but my expectation would be that we'd be told this is not possible, because of confidentiality requirements.

Email, 11 Jul 2012
Bruce Hyland, Daleys Point

Leaving Radio-50+

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As a presenter for community radio station 50-plus 93.3fm for over 14 years, I would like to voice my appreciation to all my cherished listeners and for their kind comments over those years.

My goal was always to present entertaining and beautiful music to the listening public.

Famous events and the birthdays of singers, composers

and musicians was a key note as well.

Unfortunately I cannot reconcile with the station's new sound policy so must leave and start anew.

Thank you all for your many beautiful stories and for the wonderful journey and adventure in music that we have shared.

Letter, 2 Jul 2012
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Wonderful park

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The Federal Government and Gosford Council should be congratulated for providing such a wonderful park at Umina Beach.

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Letter, 15 Jul 2012
Rie Lester, Umina

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Most refugees are highly motivated

It puzzles me why arrangements are not being made with the Indonesian Government to process refugees there and then move them to Australia when approved.

It is in Indonesia that the people smugglers have their operational base and networks so the supply of customers for them would basically dry up.

Apparently the Howard Government funded the International Organisation of Migration quite handsomely, from 2001, to set up a de facto processing centre there to house and feed the refugees, promising them eventual resettlement.

This practice stopped the flow for some time but it could not be a long-

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term solution.

Most refugees are highly motivated, committed migrants.

We should welcome them, train them and get them in the workforce as soon as possible instead of detaining them somewhere for years.

The "deterrence" syndrome should go.

What are we talking about, 10,000 more a year?

It is both laughable and tragic that this issue exists at all.

Does it have something to do with public misconceptions and who votes for what major party?

Email, 26 Jun 2012

Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

Roads are higher priority

I am somewhat flabbergasted to read that zillions of dollars are to be spent on the Rawson Rd Woy Woy Level Crossing replacement.

As far as I can remember (we have been in the area since 1980), no fatality has been recorded there and the queues are really not that bad when the barriers are down.

However, I sincerely hope that when the work is finished, there will be a little bit of money left in the till to improve the overall quality of

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the Peninsula road network, which presently is at its worst in decades.

Other urgent matters could also then be attended to, like constructing those kerbs, gutters and sidewalks that local residents, especially those with walking difficulties or on mobility scooters, have been demanding for ages.

Email, 15 Jul 2012

Jean-Pierre Zajac, Umina

The death of National Parks

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a native animal, such as a koala or a wallaby, they will not be prosecuted.

I believe that this Act spells the death of national parks as shooting and national parks are mutually exclusive.

Native wildlife tends to be quiet and elusive.

It will not tolerate the noise of the gunfire or the disturbance of hunters tearing around all over the place.

Hunters will certainly not keep to the paths as visitors are requested to do.

Who wants a quiet bushwalk to be interrupted by the intermittent sound of gunfire?

Who would be foolhardy enough to take their family into such a place when there is the chance of an accident, as happened in New Zealand when a mother, cleaning her teeth at a camp site, was shot by mistake for a deer.

National parks are underfunded now so how would they be able to supply personnel to oversee hunters?

I am sure that many gun holders are responsible people but we all know that not all of them are.

How can politicians maintain that they are appalled by the increase in suburban shootings and yet

permit shooting in parks used by members of the community?

Some people are very gung ho and accidents will inevitably occur.

Some pest animals, particularly pregnant females, will be allowed to escape for obvious reasons.

National Parks must remain quiet refuges, where native flora and fauna can flourish in their natural setting.

Is it too much to ask for a very small area of this state to be kept "natural" for the other real Australian species, endemic to this land?

It is obvious that the wonders of our incredible bio-diversity are little understood by those in power.

Waving the flag and singing the National Anthem are not only what make us Australian, it is surely our appreciation of this unique land.

So do take care when visiting our local parks including Riley's Island and Cockle Bay.

Do write to Mr O'Farrell and/or Environment Minister Ms Robyn Parker to express your dismay and horror at the very idea of allowing shooting in National Parks.

"When a man wantonly destroys a work of man we call him a vandal; when a man destroys one of the works of God, we call him a sportsman," said Joseph Wood Krutch.

Email, 19 Jul 2012

Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

Voters want more diverse choice

Sam Dastyari's suggestion that the ALP should preference the Greens last is bizarre.

It can only favour the ALP, federally and elsewhere, to closely cooperate with the Greens.

"Brand" restoration is not the real issue.

Voters want much more diverse choices and diverse representation now than what is on offer by the two-party tyranny.

They want an end to the endless major party bickering.

That is the issue.

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The electoral laws of 1918 and 1924 are grossly biased towards both the Coalition and the ALP, a pathetic situation.

In 2010 voters finally rejected that decisively.

Heed the warning.

Obviously, what we do need is political system improvement, which would mean a replacement of the adversarial system, a major change to a cooperative political culture.

Introduction of proportional voting, used in many other countries, would provide chances for more parties in the parliament and progressive

coalition government.

Mr Dastyari and the forthcoming NSW ALP conference should concentrate on shifting the paradigm.

An initiative to improve the system would be widely welcomed.

The time is now.

Email, 9 Jul 2012

Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

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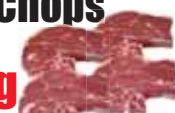
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"The Peninsula Before and After School Care is a valued part of the local community, providing supervision and a high quality of care by its experienced

staff, who are able to provide them with a varied range of activities, helped by generous support from the community," said Gosford Commonwealth Bank branch manager Ms Allison Falconer.

"This is a fantastic initiative that has enabled us to make a difference to our local community.

"We look forward to another 100 years of supporting the communities in which we operate," she said.

Media Release, 17 Jul 2012
Sophie Dent, One Green Bean



Brent, Allison, Danielle and Emma Gilby with the gifts

Children's art classes

Children's art classes will begin at the Peninsula Community Centre in Woy Woy from Wednesday, July 25, to Wednesday, September 12.

The classes will run on Tuesday

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and Wednesday afternoons for seven to 10 year olds and 11 to 13 year olds.

"I would love for kids to have a fun, creative afternoon where they come away with some useful art techniques and understanding that they can use later on, either at home or in their school work," said artist Ms Belinda Lindhardt.

"It will allow them to think a bit outside the box and have their own artistic expressions," said Ms Lindhardt.

During the full term students will learn about drawing, various strokes, using various mediums such as pencil, coloured pencil, pastel, watercolours, acrylic and collage in various techniques.

"We will learn how to draw from their mind and what you see, rather than what you think you see.

"We will learn about using colour and the colour wheel and how to use it.

"Famous artists such as Kandinsky will make an appearance and we will work on a group project and about looking objectively in a collective work.

"Consistently throughout the term I will encourage students to use an art journal.

"We will learn the fun of art journaling which I hope will set them up for their own individual self expression but also help them to communicate ideas and work out their own preferences when it comes to art with so many various materials and avenues that are available today," she said.

Website, 18 Jul 2012
Belinda Lindhardt, Belinda Lindhardt Art

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Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill and Minister Mark Butler

Disability service receives care funding

Local disability service Coastlink is to receive funding under the Home and Community Care Program.

Coastlink was among eight organisations in the electorate of Robertson to receive money under the program, according to Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill.

Minister for Mental Health and Ageing Mr Mark Butler met with Ms O'Neill at Coastlink in Woy Woy on Tuesday, July 17, to announce a \$994,350 boost to the program,

which aims to provide support to seniors to stay in their homes.

"The very clear message I'm getting from seniors in my community is that they want more support to stay in their own homes, for as long as possible, if not for the rest of their lives," said Ms O'Neill.

"This funding of nearly \$1 million means older people living in our community will be able to access a range of domestic assistance, personal care, social support and respite, to help them avoid a premature move into residential

care," said Ms O'Neill.

Mr Butler said the Gillard Government was continuing to make significant investments in the Home and Community Care Program.

Mr Butler also joined locals for a forum on the Living Longer Living Better aged care reform hosted by Ms O'Neill at the Ettalong seniors' centre.

Media Release, 17 Jul 2012
Peter McCabe, Office of
Deborah O'Neill MP
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Men’s Shed work on sandpit

Men from the Umina Beach Men’s Shed began work on a large sandpit at Umina Public School on Monday, July 16, with donated materials.

“I would like to acknowledge Bill Ide from the Men’s Shed who arranged this sponsorship

for our school,” said principal Ms Lyn Davis.

“The men returned to school to continue their work on the sandpit and it is wonderful to see the Peninsula community come together for a single purpose.

“Our students will be the winners.

“I know that students attending this school will enjoy the sandpit for many years to come,” said Ms Davis.

Newsletter, 17 Jul 2012
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School
Photo: Naomi Bridges

Professional learning

Ettalong Public School staff participated in a day of professional learning at Lessons Afloat in Sydney on Monday, July 16.

Key competencies such as observing, identifying, analysing and organising information and communicating ideas were demonstrated and reinforced in the workshop.

On the final day of term two, education consultant Ms Christine Richmond also provided advice

to staff at Peninsula schools at Kariong Mountains High School.

Ms Richmond gave teachers ideas and suggestions to make differences to their daily classroom practices that have the potential for large positive outcomes in student learning.

Ettalong Public School relieving principal Ms Lynn Balfour said the day was “extremely beneficial and appreciated by all who attended”.

Newsletter, 17 Jul 2012
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

Programs at each stage

Teachers from Woy Woy South Public School were involved in professional development activities on Monday, July 16, to further develop teaching and learning programs for each stage.

The process will take two years to complete, according to principal Mr Terry Greedy.

He said it would build on curriculum outlines already in

place across each stage to further ensure students in all classes, across each grade, are receiving the same quality education and addressing the same mandatory syllable outcomes as other students.

“As these learning programs are expanded to include activities related to all key learning areas, consistency across each grade and stage will be assured,” he said.

Newsletter, 17 Jul 2012
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School

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Student-led conferences

During the first three of weeks of the new school term teachers and students from Woy Woy South Public School will be participating with parents and carers in student-led conferences.

The conferences provide

students with a chance to share and celebrate their achievements while providing parents with an opportunity to discuss student progress and areas in which they can support their child's learning.

"Through strong partnerships between the home and school,

great things can be achieved and the conference is just one way for parents to demonstrate support for their child's education," said principal Mr Terry Greedy.

Newsletter, 17 Jul 2012
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School

Local schools meeting

Umina Public School principal Ms Lyn Davis will attend a meeting in Sydney on Monday, July 23, for the 229 schools involved in the Empowering Local Schools National Partnership.

Phase one will focus on increased decision-making in three areas considered important

in enabling schools to make decisions about how best to improve teaching and learning comprising governance, funding and infrastructure and the workforce

The school received \$50,000 to support its participation in this initiative.

Newsletter, 17 Jul 2012
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School

Dance success

This year's Central Coast Dance Festival held at Laycock St Theatre was a resounding success for Empire Bay Public School, according to principal Mr Brad Lewis.

The school sent along a group of senior students and Mr Lewis congratulated their performance and effort.

Mr Lewis also thanked Mrs D Leslie who helped prepare students from the school for the night with the assistance of her daughter China Leslie.

Newsletter, 28 Jun 2012
Brad Lewis, Empire Bay Public School

Big Day Out

Students from Umina Public School's concert band attended the Central Coast Conservatorium's Big Day Out on Monday, June 25.

The student's came together with children from other schools to participate in workshops and play music together.

"The children had a great time and i would like to thank all the parents who provided transport to Erina," said principal Ms Lyn Davis.

Newsletter, 26 Jun 2012
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School

Debating round

The final round of the 2012 Premier's Debating Challenge was held at Woy Woy South Public School on June 26.

The Year 5 team debated the Year 6 team on the topic that team

sport should be compulsory at school.

After some spirited arguing, the Year 6 team won.

Newsletter, 17 Jul 2012
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School



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Tea lady extraordinaire Gwen Brinckley



CWA Joint Umina and Woy Woy craft and friendship day

Joint craft morning

The Umina Country Women's Association (CWA) has had an eventful month so far which was highlighted by a joint craft and friendship morning with the Woy Woy CWA on Wednesday, July 11.

The event was attended by 20 women who participated in knitting, crocheting, embroidery

and card making, with a morning tea provided by Ms Gwen Brinckley.

Umina CWA has also begun a monthly craft and friendship meeting for working women on the first Sunday of every month at 12.30pm.

Members have assembled a number of hospital emergency packs to be donated to Gosford Hospital.


The group has decided to support CWA NSW's projects in the South Pacific for mothers and children.

A cake stall and jumble sale will be held on Saturday, September 15, at the branch rooms to raise funds for the project.

A number of members will attend the Northumberland Group's CWA cookery judging day at Hornsby on Friday, July 27.

They will also attend an event at Mannering Park on Wednesday, August 15, learning how to finish handicrafts to a high standard.

Media Release, 12 Jul 2012
Jill Colwell, Umina Country Women's Association
Photo: Jill Colwell



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Little Theatre performs at Laycock St

Woy Woy Little Theatre will perform its production Arsenic and Old Lace at Laycock St Theatre from July 20 to August 5.

The play, by Joseph

Kesselring and directed by John Hickey, is a combination of the farcical and the macabre, following the story of two elderly sisters who are famous for their acts of charity.

Unfortunately, however,

their charity includes poisoning lonely old men who come to their home looking for lodging.

The two women are assisted in their crimes by their mentally-challenged nephew who believes he is Teddy Roosevelt.

Matters get complicated when a second nephew, Mortimer Brewster, a theatre critic, discovers the murders and a third nephew appears after having just escaped from a mental institution.

Email, 11 Jul 2012
Jessica Alex, Woy Woy Little Theatre
Website, 17 Jul 2012
Laycock St Theatre
Photos: Patrice Horne

Mobile app company starts

A new mobile app development company has set up its headquarters in Woy Woy with a staff of 10. The company, Fone.com.au, writes mobile applications for

businesses and organisations wanting to "jump aboard the app-mobile revolution".

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Email, 19 Jul 2012
Duncan Moore, Fone.com.au

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Karise plans first city performances

Karise Eden, the 19-year-old winner of The Voice 2012 from Woy Woy, will perform her first capital city live performances under the banner of the Heavenly Sounds tour in October.

The tour will begin in Sydney on Monday, October 1, and will then continue to Melbourne, Adelaide,

Perth and Brisbane. "I was made aware of the Heavenly Sounds concept just after the show finished," said Ms Eden.

"The idea of singing soul and blues in beautiful churches is so exciting.

"When we were planning the first tour, I really wanted to try and make these shows as unique as possible and keep them feeling intimate.

"Heavenly Sounds is the perfect way to do it.

"I'll be playing songs from the current album as well as new material I have been working on," she said.

After taking out the crown of the Voice 2012 in June, Ms Eden scored six out of the top 10 singles on the ARIA Charts, a feat

not achieved since the Beatles in 1964.

Her album of songs performed on the Voice has already been accredited double platinum and is the fastest selling non-Christmas album since Pink in 2008.

She has gone on to perform at the State Of Origin Final, the highest rating TV show this year.

Ms Eden will head off to the UK and Europe in August to start work on her debut release of all new material before heading back to Australia to kick off the tour.

Ms Eden will be supported at all shows by Lakyn, who scored a gold single on The Voice with his cover of Big Jet Plane.

Media Release, 16 Jul 2012
Paula Jones, Jones PR

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Debut single hits charts

Singer songwriter Bryce Sainty of Woy Woy has had his debut single Message in a Bottle hit number six on the Australian Country Music Charts.

Bryce, 19, won the Today's Country Brand New Star competition last year and has since been working solidly with Australian country music icon Gina Jeffreys and producer Rod McCormack.

Both Gina and Rod co-wrote the single for Bryce.

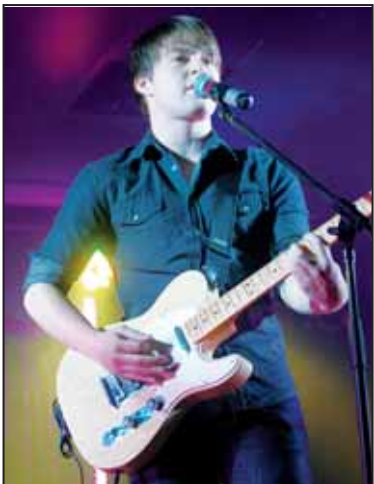
"Message in a Bottle is simply about a guy falling in love with a girl who is in love with someone else," said Bryce.

"So he desperately tries to send a message to her that says: You're in love with the wrong person.

"It is something everyone can relate to," said Bryce.

Bryce, an AIM graduate, will be heading to Tamworth to attend the 2012 CMAA Academy of Country Music and will then be presenting his live show around the country including a special guest appearance at the 2012 Brand New Star Final at the Central Coast Leagues Club.

Media Release, 19 Jul 2012
Bryce Sainty, Woy Woy



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Open Mike nights grow in popularity

Hardys Bay RSL and Citizens Club has received increased community support for its Open Mike nights, held on the last Saturday evening of each month.

The next event is scheduled for Saturday, July 28, at 7.30pm.

"The club has recently made concerted efforts to revive its sagging fortunes, following its glory days of the past," according to Hardys Bay Residents Group publicity officer Mr Allan Wilson.

"The overall upgrading of the premises combined with a focus on the entertainment factor is showing remarkable results.

"People are encouraged to bring their friends, have fun and make use of the PA and sound tech systems which are provided," said Mr Wilson.

A variety of acts of all ages have been performed with genres ranging from Acapella groups to "rock god" guitarists.

"Towards the end of the evening there is an all-in jam session which is spontaneous and unique," said Mr Wilson.

"Groups of musicians who have formed during Open Mike nights have gone on to perform together at other venues.

"Artists who have performed at the RSL Club during these introductory evenings have admitted that they have been inspired by the warm reception they have been accorded by the ever-increasing audiences," said Mr Wilson.

**Media Release, 17 July 2012
Allan Wilson, Hardys Bay Residents Group**



Members of the 2012 Glee Club having fun rehearsing

Glee club to hold variety concert

The Pearl Beach Glee Club's Variety Concert will be held on Friday, August 10, at 7:30pm and Saturday, August 11, at 2:30pm.

The program will include vocal and instrumental items, community singing and mini-dramas.

Glee Club members will perform *The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter*, a short melodramatic story set in and around a lighthouse.

There's unrequited love, murder, a maiden in distress, and a hero who saves the day, and all except the villain live happily ever after.

Members of the Pearl Beach Youth Theatre will perform *Puss in Slippers*, written by English clergyman and poet Rev Canon Richard Tydeman, who described it as "a piano mini-drama with no boots on".

This short, one-act play in rhyming verse is based on the well known story *Puss in Boots*.

Musical director and concert

producer Ms Diane Orton said: "Choir members have had a lot of fun and lots of laughs while rehearsing the concert program."

"Singing is actually good for your health as it exercises a range of muscles and makes you feel happy.

"It bonds people together and keeps you young.

"We invite everyone to come along and re-live an era before the advent of television, video and CDs, a time when entertainment was often impromptu and always spontaneous," she said.

During the 1930s and 1940s, Pearl Beach gradually became home to a few families who were able to make a living from the small farm blocks opened behind the village streets.

By the late 1940s, the Progress Association had begun building a community hall, dedicated in 1950 as a war memorial to the sons of several local families who had died during World War II and in Korea.

To raise funds for the village hall,

a number of Pearl Beach residents formed a Glee Club and put on a number of Grand Concerts.

Many of the community had no previous theatrical experience, however, at their first concert in June 1950, they presented a night of musical entertainment which included skits, comedy items, musical renditions and concluded with a number of popular melodies for the audience to join in.

In recent years, there has been a revival of interest in singing for pleasure and recreation and three years ago a handful of local music lovers began work on the concert to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the original Glee Club.

This was followed with another grand concert last year.

Following these successes, Glee Club members have maintained the pleasure of regular meetings around the piano.

**Media Release, 18 Jul 2012
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association
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Women’s trophy won

The Lorna Buckworth Trophy was held at Woy Woy Women’s Bowling Club on Thursday, June 21, and was won by Everglades Bowling Club.

The trophy was contested by all four Peninsula women’s bowling clubs comprising Umina, Ettalong, Everglades and Woy Woy.

The competition, which was first contested in 1969, is for players with experience of three years and under.

Lorna Buckworth joined Woy Woy Women’s Bowling Club in 1948 and was a member for 46 years.

She held many positions over the years including secretary and vice president.

In 1962 she was elected president, a position which she kept for the next eight years.

In 1968 she was made a life member of the Central Coast District Women’s Bowling Association for 20 years of service.

Lorna was already a life member of Woy Woy Women’s Bowling Club.

This year the four Clubs played in cool but dry weather with very close games.

For many of the players this was their first tournament representing their Club.

Media Release, 27 Jun 2012
Miriam Cotton, Woy Woy Women’s Bowling Club
Photo: Miriam Cotton

When is red not red?

When is red not red? When it is wine, it seems.

At least, that is the explanation given by Woolworths for not giving a 25 per cent discount to one local resident who bought six bottles of red wine to take advantage of a special offer recently.

Woolworths has told Mr Mark Snell of Umina that, although his bottle said “Red” in large letters, it was not red wine and did not qualify for the special.

This was because it was “sparkling red”.

Mr Snell, who is Peninsula News’ editor, said he bought the wine along with other liquor at the Woolworths bottle shop in Woy Woy because of a poster in the window advertising the red wine special.

He said he did not realise until he got home and did the arithmetic that he had not been given the discount.

“I was not told at the counter that the wine I had selected was not eligible.”

Mr Snell said he did not ask because “it just did not occur to me that a bottle of wine with the word ‘Red’ on it in large letters would not be considered to be ‘red wine’.”

Mr Snell said he looked up the special on the internet and found some “fine print” which said the offer did not apply to “sparkling reds”.

He lodged a complaint through the Woolworths web site.

In the reply, Woolworths convenience liquor-wine promotional manager Mr Justin Heffernan said: “Historically Woolworths Liquor have not included sparkling red in our Red Wine Sale and because of this, it is clearly stated in the disclaimer in all of our press, catalogues and in

store POS or posters regarding this offer.

“I am happy to tell you that in future for any Red Wine Sale promotion we will be including sparkling red wines in this promotion.”

Mr Snell said the reply he received did not offer a refund or a replacement.

Woolworths media relations manager Ms Siobhan Quinn told Peninsula News: “Any customer who is unhappy with their purchase can return the product to our stores for a refund or replacement.

“We apologise to this customer for their experience, as the offer of a refund or replacement should have been made.”

Ms Quinn said: “Red, white and sparkling are the three commonly-accepted categories across the wine industry and our in store wine categories and promotions reflect this.

“The terms and conditions on the red wine promotion clearly state that sparkling wines are not included in the offer.”

Mr Snell said the advertisement was clearly misleading.

“My guess is that I am not the only one who has been misled.

“Fine print should not be used as a way to contradict the impression created by an advertisement or to avoid responsibility for creating a misleading impression.”

He said that in this case there was a lot of fine print to wade through.

“The fine print actually says twice that the discount applies to ‘any red wine purchased’ before it goes on to say that it does not apply to ‘sparkling red’,” said Mr Snell.

“As a customer off the street, I



should not have to be familiar with how an industry works to know what it is I will be paying for a particular product or what an offer actually means.”

Mr Snell said that the words “not sparkling reds” should have been included in the advertisement’s sub-heading.

However, Mr Snell said he was happy that Woolworths would

include sparkling red wines in future red wine sales.

He said that the company had a reputation as a responsible trader and he expected it would continue to be so in future.

Media Statement, 12 Jul 2012
Siobhan Quinn, Woolworths
Email, 5 Jul 2012
Mark Snell, Umina
Photo: Mark Snell

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Awards for Woy Woy performers

Tom Hodgson and Joshua Keane, of Woy Woy, were among 13 Youth in Performing Arts performers who received scholarships at the scholarship presentation at Laycock St Community Theatre on Friday, July 13.

This year there were seven Youth in Performing Arts concerts at Laycock St Community Theatre and also the Peninsula Theatre at Woy Woy used as a venue for the first time.

Youth in Performing Arts provided a platform for young talent aged between 12 and 21 from across the Central Coast.

The 13 scholarship recipients who received awards were Joshua Keane, Gareth Isaac, Kelly Griffith, Thomas Dilley, Brendon Williams, Tom Hodgson, Zoe McDonald, Charlotte Barkel, Renee Johnston, Courtney Jeffrey, Jessica King, Courtney Smith and Nicole Seggie.

Youth in Performing Arts publicity officer Mr Gary Jackson said: "These awards are aimed at providing assistance to the young talents of the Central Coast to develop their performance skills."

The night also acknowledged the work and dedication of Mr Graham Black who stepped down

from the Youth in Performing Arts committee after 17 years of commitment to the young talent of the Central Coast.

Mr Black has been the Youth in Performing Arts scholarship coordinator for a number of years.

"Now that Youth in Performing Arts 2012 is complete, we will take

a short break before starting to prepare for the next YIPA concert series which will commence in late May of 2013," Mr Jackson said.

Media Release, 14 Jul 2012

Gary Jackson Youth in Performing Arts

Photo: Lilia Jackson

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Tuesday July 24

Central Coast Art Society Paint Out, Brickwharf Rd, Woy Woy

Wednesday July 25

Kids Art Classes, Woy Woy Community Centre

Saturday July 28

Brisbane Water Bridge Club Super Congress, Peninsula Community Centre

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Sunday July 29

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

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Umina CWA branch meeting,

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Saturday August 4

Woy Woy High School 50th Anniversary open day

Friday August 10

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Saturday August 11

"A Variety Concert" by Pearl Beach Glee Club, 2:30pm, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall

Wednesday August 15

Bays Community Group

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Community Hall, 7:30pm

Sunday August 26

Bays Community Group

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Woy Bay Community Hall, 8:30-

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Wednesday September 5

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Saturday September 8

Bays Community Group Kid's

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

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Umina Beach Men's Shed Inc. ⁽²⁸⁷⁻³¹¹⁾
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Darrell 4341 2355

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4344 2808

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vrc@volunteeringcentralcoast.org.au
4329 7122

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2nd Mon, 7.30pm Wagstaffe Hall - 4360 2945
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Environment Peninsula Environment Group ⁽²⁸⁷⁾
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www.peg.org.au

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Every Fri 8 - 9pm
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Pink Butterfly Breast Cancer Support Group -
First Sunday 10.00am -12.00
Shop 71 Schnapper Road
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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.ccwhc.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 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
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Marine Rescue Central Coast Unit ⁽²⁸⁷⁾
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Bowling Club 7.30pm
4341 7323

Sport

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National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc ^(66/302)
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4342 1107

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vietvetsgosford@bigpond.com

Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL Sub Branch ^(79/297)
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4341 2594

Women's Groups Country Women's Association Woy Woy ⁽³⁰⁹⁾
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Meetings 4th Wed 10.30am
4324 2621

Country Women's Association Umina
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2 Sydney Ave Umina
4369 5353 or 4341 5404

The Endeavour View Club, Woy Woy ⁽²⁸⁷⁾
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4342 2283

Gosford RSL Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliary ^(61/296)
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4323 7336

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Swimmers at the Short Course Development Carnival at the Peninsula Leisure Centre

Swim club holds carnival

Woy Woy Swim Club held its annual Short Course Development Carnival at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on Sunday, July 1.

The event was attended by 126 competitors from the Central Coast, Sydney and Hunter regions.

"The aim of the meet was to allow younger children of the same ability to compete against each other in an enjoyable, relaxed atmosphere that would allow them to grow in confidence and continue in the sport," said Woy Woy Swim Club junior vice president Sonny Hinwood.

Woy Woy Swim Club was represented by 20 swimmers who won a total of 42 medals, 19 gold medals, 13 silver medals and 10 bronze medals.

Taylah Press won four gold medals, Tom Wilson won two gold medals and one silver medal and Olivia McParlane won two gold medals, one silver and one bronze medal.

High medal achievers from Woy Woy Swim Club also included Kaylah Holmes, Mia Darwin, Jasmine Darwin, Lauren Erichsen and Kayla Hinwood.

Ryan Brown had a brilliant debut at the carnival achieving one gold medal, one silver and one bronze medal in his 25m events.

Woy Woy Swim Club members achieved 63 personal best times for the event.

Email, 9 Jul 2012
Sonny Hinwood, Woy Woy Swim Club
Photo: Susan Hinwood



Umina skipper wins Lexcen trophy

Umina radio-controlled yacht skipper Frank Russell was the winner of the annual Ben Lexcen Trophy for 10R class model yachts on Saturday, July 14.

The event was sailed on the Northern Mariners home waters situated in the grounds of Mt Penang Parklands at Kariong.

Nineteen boats entered the event with boat skippers travelling from Wollongong, Moss Vale, Taree, Sydney and Newcastle.

The westerly breeze with gusts up to 15 knots kept skippers on their toes with rig changes between A rig and B rig for most of the day.

"When you sail these boats you look forward to a good breeze (stronger the better) as most of the boats carry four to five rigs which enables them to sail in conditions exceeding 25knots," said Northern Mariners secretary Mr Phil Page.

"These boats are very exciting with a strong breeze up their tail and skippers just love the blustery conditions."

"These boats use the same rules as their real counterparts with the distances reduced to suit their sizes and the competition is fast and furious with good rule knowledge a big advantage," said Mr Page.

Mr Russell, of the Northern

Mariners Club, sailed his own designed and built Phoenix Five consistently to take the event by one point from fellow club member Chris Stokes who was sailing a UK designed Diamond.

Allen Roberts from the Kogarah Bay club was only a few points behind in third place sailing a Frank Russell Phoenix Three design.

"These boats are all built from exotic expensive materials: all carbon fibre with the mast sections also carbon imported from the UK," said Mr Page.

Media Release, 17 Jul 2012
Phil Page, Northern Mariners
Photo: Marilyn Russell

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2001 0.56	2120 0.54	2238 0.47
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Former student heads for Olympics

A former student of St John the Baptist Primary School in Woy Woy has been selected in the Laser men's sailing event for the London Olympics.

Tom Slingsby, 27, of Point Frederick, placed first in the 2012 Sail for Gold Regatta, the 2012 Laser World Championships, the 2011 World Championships, the 2011 Olympic Test Event, the 2011 Sailing World Cup in Great Britain and the 2011 Sailing World Cup in The Netherlands.

He also placed second in the 2011 Sailing World Cup in Spain and third in the 2011 Sailing World Cup in France.

He was world champion for the Laser singlehanded dinghy event in 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011 and

2012.

He has been on the national team for seven years and represents Gosford Sailing Club.

Slingsby was a full time tennis player until the age of 16 when he suffered burn out, so turned his focus to sailing, which he had been doing since the age of eight.

He went into the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games as the number one ranked sailor and world champion in his class.

However, his Olympic campaign did not go as planned and he finished 22nd.

In 2010, Slingsby was named World Sailor of the Year and was the first Australian to do so.

The award came after a year of racing where he reclaimed the world number one ranking, won the

2010 Laser World Championship (his third in four years) and took out the 2010 Etchells World Championship.

He also won three rounds of the 2010 World Cup including one at the Olympic venue of Weymouth.

He finalised his preparations this year with a fifth World Championship title in six years as he took out the Laser World Championship in Boltenhagen, Germany.

Slingsby said he would compete with the Oracle Racing Team that would defend the America's Cup in San Francisco next year, but said achieving Olympic gold remained his priority for this year, with America's Cup sailing fitting into his Laser schedule.

**Website, 20 Jul 2012
Australian Olympic Team**

Presentation night for Killcare surf club

Killcare Surf Life Saving Club held its Annual Award Presentation Dinner at its function centre on Saturday, June 23, acknowledging the many achievements of members during the 2011-2012 season.

The club won five gold medals in the Masters category at the recent Australian Surf Championships held in Kurrawa, Queensland.

Gold medallists were Marcus Kain in the Over-35 years men's beach sprint, Michaela Hofer in the Over-35 years women's beach flags, Sue Purcell who recorded a double in the Over-65 years women's surf race and surf tube, and the 170 years combined ages men's beach relay team that consisted of Marcus Kain, Phil Tubby, Col Tubby and Joel Maybury.

Silver medals were claimed by Joel Maybury in the Over-35 years men's beach sprint, Michaela Hofer in the Over-35 years women's beach sprint, Kellie Robinson in the Over-40 years women's beach flags, Phil Tubby in the Over-50 years men's beach flags, Wendy Sheehan in the Over-60 years women's surf board event, and the 140 years combined ages women's beach relay team that consisted of Leah Fotofili, Tegan Spackman, Laura Washington and Michaela Hofer.

Bronze medals were won by Colin Tubby in the Over-45 years men's beach flags, Wendy Sheehan in the Over-60 years women's surf race, and the 180 years combined women's boat race consisting of Judy Smith, Angie Goodwin, Sarah Doak-Stride, Monique Koegh and Mel Smith as sweep.

Other notable achievements by members during the season included Michaela Hofer who won 10 medals including six gold medals during the Masters beach

events at branch, State and Australian levels.

The women's beach relay team, consisting of Michaela Hofer, Leah Fotofili, Tegan Spackman and Laura Washington, were medallists in the State and National Championships.

On the night, the club revisited achievements from previous years, including the early season induction of Killcare SLSC into the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia's Hall of Fame as a result of the gold medal winning performances of the men's beach relay teams.

During the period between 2000 and 2006, the men's beach relay teams achieved five consecutive wins at the NSW titles, another five successive wins at the Australian carnival and four consecutive victories at the world championships.

On the night, the club presented numerous awards to club members.

Michael Janes was awarded the Lex Cameron trophy for the Open Men's Club Champion, Leah Fotofili received the Paul Wheelahan trophy for the Open Women's Club Champion, and the Women's Boat Crew was awarded the Killcare SLSC Award for Outstanding Carnival Competitor.

Wendy Sheehan received the Killcare SLSC trophy for Water Excellence and Michaela Hofer was awarded the Ron Wyatt trophy for Beach Excellence.

Steve Hayter was awarded the Stephen Forbes Memorial trophy for Most Valuable member, and Jim Woods, club secretary, received the R.J. Tubby trophy for the Most Outstanding Member.

"This past season has proved to be one of the club's most rewarding for many years," said publicity officer Mr Allan Wilson.

**Media Release, 2 Jul 2012
Allan Wilson, Killcare
Surf Life Saving Club**

Sailing to the Paralympics

Liesl Tesch of Woy Woy will compete in sailing in the Paralympic Games in London.

The five-time paralympian is continuing her quest for an elusive gold medal since retiring from wheelchair basketball and taking up sailing in January last year.

Partnered with Beijing silver medallist Daniel Fitzgibbon in the skud18 class, the high profile pair have already experienced considerable success, winning their first ever competition in the 2011 World Cup meets in Miami and Weymouth and taking home bronze in the 2011 World Championships.

Both Liesl and Daniel were

named 2011 Australian Sailors of the Year with a Disability.

The pair was at it again at the 2012 World Championships, claiming a bronze medal followed by gold at the ISAF World Cup to suggest they would be tough to beat at London.

Before changing to sailing, Liesl was one of the most positive and driven players on the Australian women's wheelchair basketball team.

A bike accident in 1998 caused her to turn to wheelchair basketball.

She piloted the Gliders to silver medals at Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004 and was invited to play professionally in a men's team in Europe.

Liesl competed for teams in

Madrid, Sardinia and Paris.

Aiming for gold, the Gliders left Beijing 2008 with a bronze medal.

By the end of her sporting career Liesl said she hoped to have a paralympic medal in every colour.

Never one to focus on the negative, she said she believed she has been given the opportunity to promote and encourage others to take an interest in wheelchair sports.

She has established several basketball clinics for wheelchair users in third world countries in an effort to see those who would not necessarily have the opportunity reach their potential.

**Website, 20 Jul 2012
Australian Paralympic Committee**

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Rugby League draw for Umina

The open grade rugby league game between Umina and Terrigal earlier this month came through to record a solid 22-all draw.

Forwards Joel Sonter, Daniel Hill and Chad Walsh led the way against bigger opposition.

Scorers were Brendan Neal, Daniel Howell, Kody Morgan and Nathan Shanks with one try each with Nathan also adding three goals.

The second grade side compiled another impressive nil score line to the opposition while posting 18 points on the Sharks.

While in control of the scoreboard a few errors in attack saw some additional scoring opportunities go by the wayside throughout the game.

A team effort led by Terry O'Sullivan, Dave Murray and Dean Knott in the forwards ensured victory.

The Bunnies' scorers were Dean Kerr with two, Mick Cavers

with one and Dave Murray one while Shane O'Sullivan scored one goal.

First grade compiled a faultless first half performance against competition leaders Terrigal running in five tries with four goals to lead 28-nil at halftime to eventually run out 34-18 winners.

Terrigal ran in three tries to Umina's one in the second half.

With Mitch Finnigan and Todd Maloney leading the way, the Bunnies younger brigade stood tall with James Hickey, Brodie Finnigan, Brett Sonter and Shane Lewis in forwards battle and Ernie McGillicuddy, Jeremy Williams in the backs being prominent in a team effort.

Try scorers were Todd Maloney with three, Ernie McGillicuddy with one, Mitch Finnigan with one and Luke Serevi one with Ben Brooks adding five goals.

Email, 18 Jul 2012
Ian Sonter, Umina Beach
Rugby League Football Club



Chris Cole, Jeanette Gaul and Cherie Johnson

Triples champs

Umina Beach Ladies Bowling Club played its Triples Championship Bowls game on Friday, July 6.

The game saw Chris Cole, Cherie Johnson and Jeanette Gaul

play against Jean Boardman, Lyn Kennedy and Betty Cusack.

The game started off even, but at the 15th end Chris's team pushed ahead to finish 25-18, a hard team to beat having won this

event two years in a row.

Email, 18 Jul 2012
Eve Phillips, Umina Beach
ladies Bowling Club
Photo: Eve Phillips

Northlakes clinches victory

Northlakes rugby union team scored a try on fulltime to clinch victory over Woy Woy at Woy Woy Oval by 25 points to 23 in round 13 of the Central Coast Rugby Union competition on Saturday, July 14.

In a seesawing game, the scores continually changed and both teams had their chances of victory as the scores remained close for the entire 80 minutes.

Both teams scored two tries in the first half and the two teams went to the halftime break with scores level at 15 points apiece.

Northlakes were forced into an uncontested scrum situation early in the match and had to play much of the game with a player less.

This situation affected the Woy Woy scrum and caused the game to lose much of its structure.

It allowed for an open game and

play went from one end of the field to the other.

Woy Woy had several good players.

Among the best were centre Moses Afoa, flanker Noni Fangaiuiha, and hooker Nick Garnett.

Northlakes also had several excellent performers.

These included Tyson Boyes, lock Reihana Hemopo, prop Julian Campbell and flanker Glenn Stone.

Both teams scored a try early in the second half before Woy Woy fullback Dan Campbell kicked a penalty goal for the home side to take the lead by 23 points to 20.

Just when it seemed that Woy Woy would hang on for a good win, Northlakes scored a 50 metre try in the corner to steal victory right on fulltime.

Email, 15 Jul 2012
Larry Thomson, Central
Coast Rugby Union

Ross to run in Olympic relay

Joshua Ross of Woy Woy has been selected for the London Olympics in the sport of athletics in the 4x100 metre men's relay

Ross has been on the national team for five years and is coached by Piero Saccetta.

The indigenous sprinter is a six-time national champion and, at 31, is the oldest member of the 4x100 metre relay team.

Ross also clocked the fastest time out of the quartet in qualifying for the Games.

He almost scored an individual 100-metre berth with a blistering Olympic A qualifier of 10.16 in May, but the time was deemed illegal due to a +2.9 tailwind.

He completed a comeback of sorts just to qualify for London.

An Olympic quarter-finalist in 2004, Ross missed the Beijing Games and began chasing a dream to become the first Australian to play wide receiver in

the NFL in America.

He rates as the third fastest Australian of all time, after Matt Shirvington and Patrick Johnson.

His personal best is 10.08 which he set in 2007.

He won the Stawell gift in 2003 and also in 2005 off the scratch mark, making him just the third person to win the event twice.

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