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Students perform at Wagstaffe

woodwind students Six the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music performed for an audience at Wagstaffe Hall on Sunday, October 28.

Each year the Bouddi Society donates a junior and senior woodwind scholarship to the Conservatorium.

The winner of the senior award was Alyse Faith who played the first movement of Christoph van Gluck's concerto in G for flute and piano to prolonged applause with her conservatorium tutor Lyn Brislan.

Winner of the junior award was Ellora Srivatsava who played Mozart's Andante in C Major, K315. Conservatorium

Jobs lost as hospital

presents an encouragement award each year with this year's award presented to Charlotte Boyd for playing Mozart's Papageno Aria and Bailey's rhythmical Scooby Du Wup on her saxophone.

Other finalists were Taryn Shaw, Luca Kovak and Jasper Wand.

Central Coast Conservatorium principal Mr Patrick Brennan compered the event and tutors David Dallinger and Patrick Brislan assisted him in the judging of the

Bouddi Society secretary Mr Mike Chitty, himself a mature age student of the Conservatorium, handed over a cheque for \$1000 for next year's scholarship.

> **Email, 1 Nov 2012** David Dufty, Bouddi Society

Community bank to pay first dividend

Ettalong Beach Community Bank has announced its first dividend to shareholders, through its franchise holding company Ettalong Beach **Financial Services Limited.**

company chairman Mr Mick Gage thanked loyal shareholders at the company's annual meeting on Thursday, November 8, for their patience as the branch dealt with its start-up phase and then the effects of the global financial crisis on the financial community.

Mr Gage said that without the support of the community who rallied together and provided the capital needed. Ettalong Beach would have been without a bank.

"History shows that when basic services are not available in small communities the follow on effect to other businesses can be crushing,' said Mr Gage.

In announcing a 2.5 cents per share dividend to be paid in December, Mr Gage noted that although a small dividend, it was in line with the Community Bank's charter and allowed the board of directors to manage the company's financial position to the benefit of all stakeholders.

"With increased business levels and community support, it is hoped that dividend payments will be able to be made annually" said Mr Gage.

Media release, 9 Nov 2012 Peter McKeon, Ettalong **Beach Community Bank**

closes heart unit She said that staff who were Waters Private

Brisbane Hospital has closed its Cardiac Care Unit and Angiography suite after cardiologists decided to take their work to North Gosford **Private Hospital.**

Forty employees have lost their jobs as a result.

Their positions were made redundant on Tuesday, November

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital general manager Ms Annette Czerkesow said the changes were made following a strategic review, after a decision by interventional cardiologists to consolidate their work at North Gosford Private Hospital.

"This decision was not easy, an possible alternatives had been explored," said Ms Czerkesow.

affected by the redundancies were offered support and assistance to plan for the future.

Ms Czerkesow said that where possible, redeployment options would be explored for all staff whose jobs had been impacted by the changes.

"Brisbane Waters Private Hospital has a long history on the Central Coast, where we have provided quality care since 1978.

"This month Brisbane Waters Private Hospital was recognised by HCF, Australia's largest not for profit health insurer, as being in the top two hospitals across the country in terms of patient satisfaction in relation to the hospital and the medical team.

"We are very proua or was only reached after all other this achievement and this announcement does not change our commitment to our patients

and our community.

"Our specialists will continue to offer a range of surgical specialties including, general surgery, obesity services, orthopaedics, ENT, plastic surgery, gastroenterology, ophthalmology, dental, vascular surgery and other day surgery.

"Complementing these surgical services are geriatric and medical

"Our High Dependency Unit will continue to provide excellent monitoring and specialist nursing care and the hospital has in place 24-hour medical coverage to support surgical and medical natients

"We also have the only dedicated mental health unit on the Central Coast with 30 beds," said Ms Czerkesow.

> Media release, 8 Nov 212 Yvette Wright, Brisbane **Waters Private Hospital**

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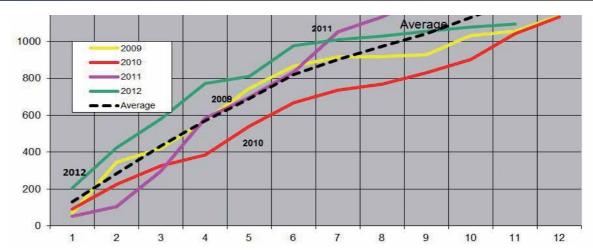
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First significant rain for month

A fall of about half an inch of rain on Thursday night was the first significant fall for the month, according to figures provided by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The fall of 12.8mm recorded on Friday morning was the first fall of more than 1.0mm recorded so far this month

The total of 15.4mm about one third of the way through the

month is about half the rainfall rate required to reach the monthly average of 92mm for November.

This is the fifth consecutive month of low rainfall on the Peninsula, with rainfall being about one third the average over the last four months.

Temperatures so far this month have ranged from a low of 14.7 degrees on November 3 to a top of 32.9 on November 1, according to local weather station website www. peninsulaweather.info.

Highest minimum was 20.3 on November 7 and lowest maximum was 19.6 on November 3.

Average overnight low has been 17.5, while average daily top temperature was 25.6.

Highest wind gust was 29.5km/h recorded on November 1.

Spreadsheet, 9 Nov 2012 Jim Morrison, Woy Woy www.peninsulaweather.info

Vour Chance to Win

Peninsula News and Zone 3 Laser Tag are giving six readers the chance to win a family pass for one laser tag game at Zone 3 Gosford.

Each pass is valued at \$34 and entitles four adults to one game of laser tag.

Zone 3 Laser Tag has a 600 square metre interactive arena on three levels with fluoro artwork and special effects throughout the pack room, foyer and arena.

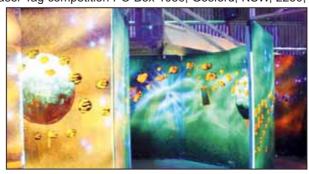
The zone is a high-tech, live action laser tag game played in a themed arena where special effects, fog, laser beams, pulse-pumping music and other players create an exciting, entertaining adventure.

To win one of the six family passes, write your name, address and phone number on the back of an envelope and send to Peninsula News Zone 3 Laser Tag competition PO Box 1056, Gosford, NSW, 2250,

by the close of business Thursday, November 22. Entries may be forwarded to prize providers on some occasions for marketing purposes.

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The winners of last edition's Peninsula News One Magic Night competition were Mr Laurie Powell of Woy Woy, Mr D A Wibberley of Umina, S Grono of Woy Woy, Anita Yates of Woy Woy, Trevor Thomas of Ettalong and Ms K Baker of Point Clare.





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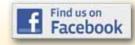


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Seven units approved

A seniors' housing development with seven self-contained units in Ettalong was approved by Gosford Council at its meeting of Tuesday, November 6.

The development would take place with the demolition of dwellings at 153 to 266 Booker Bay Rd, Ettalong, and 73A Murray St, Booker Bay.

The development application was made under a state planning policy for housing for seniors or people with a disability and would act as an infill for seniors housing.

The buildings would have stepped and varied visible facades with staggered setbacks and varied form to avoid the long and continuous building form of the

principal street frontage.

Landscaping would also be carried out as part of the development with native trees and shrubs planted across the Booker Bay street frontage.

The proposal was previously refused by Council's Independent Development and Environmental Panel on June 27 as it failed to comply with access and useability standards relating to private car accommodation.

Council was unable to grant consent to the proposal at the time as the application was not accompanied by a SEPP 1 objection which would have allowed variations on the development standards

Gosford Council agenda ENV.89, 6 Nov 2012



Melbourne Cup jetski rescues

Just as volunteer members of Marine Rescue Central Coast were gathering at the Point Clare Base for a Melbourne Cup social event on Tuesday, November 5, the on duty crew received a call from a jetski rider at Ettalong.

The rider had dropped two young women at Lobster Beach and returned to collect another passenger when he found that the impellor on the jetski had failed.

The girls were stranded at Lobster Beach.

The duty boat crew left the scene of the festivities aboard Central Coast 11 with Ken Sharp at the helm.

The young women were transported to Ettalong and re-

united with their friends.

As the rescue boat headed north to return to the base the boat crew was advised that the running of the Melbourne Cup was imminent.

As they passed under the Rip Bridge, the skipper of another jetski signalled the boat indicating he needed assistance.

The rescue boat crew were told that it had a fuel pump problem.

The vessel was towed to Blackwall Ramp.

The crew then returned to the Point Clare base to learn that the Cup had been run and that their sweep tickets were not among the winners.

Media release, 7 Nov 2012 Ron Cole, Marine Rescue Central Coast

Clothing sale to raise money

A pre-loved clothing sale will be held at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on the weekend of November 24 and 25 from 10am to 5pm to raise money for three local organisations.

The fundraising clothing sale will have new and pre-loved clothes, collectable women's, and men's clothing, plus shoes, hats, accessories and jewellery.

"We will have an extensive collection for the mature figure, and if retro is the name of the game, on sale will be a collection of vintage clothes from Zoo Emporium," said Pearl Beach Progress Association

communications officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

"A significant private collection of Mambo shirts will also be on exhibition over the weekend.

"From surfboards to the Sydney Opera House, frangipani to bananas, outrageous to political, these exotic and evocative images are examples of an exciting and colourful journey through the glory years of rock and roll in Australia," said Ms Lillico.

"Many of the designs were created by Mental as Anything rock legend Chris O'Doherty, also known as Reg Mombassa, whose work spanned 30 years.

"Come along and chat with

well-known collector and Mambo enthusiast Bill Blinco and hear firsthand how he has gathered together this wonderful and colourful collection of shirts.

"Behind every shirt there is a story to tell," said Ms Lillico.

Proceeds from the weekend will be divided between the Central Coast Family Support Group, Guide Dogs NSW-ACT Central Coast Support Group and Pearl Beach Memorial Hall upkeep.

Clothing that is not sold will be donated to the Central Coast Salvation Army.

Media release, 7 Nov 2012 Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association



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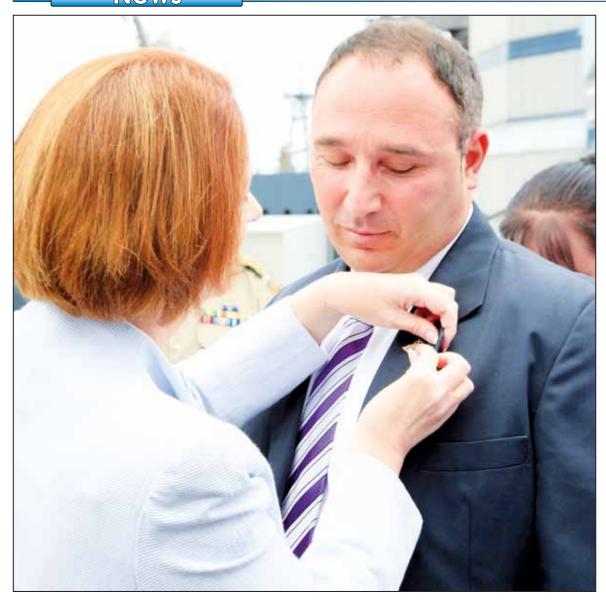
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Umina man behind special pin

Umina resident Mr Milan Nikolic was the driving force behind a Defence Families commemorative pin that was released on Saturday, November 3.

Mr Nikolic, a former United Nations peacekeeper who served in Rwanda, approached Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill with his idea for a badge or medal that families of

serving defence personnel could be presented with in recognition of what they endured while a loved one was serving overseas.

The pins will be provided to families from the Navy, Army and Air Force.

Following an announcement in April by the Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Science and Personnel Mr Warren Snowdon, the Department of Defence worked on

the pin's design with family support organisations including Defence Families Australia.

This is the first time that a universal and official pin of recognition has ever existed to recognise the contribution made by the families of Defence Force members.

Media release, 3 Nov 2012 Tom Battams, Office of the Prime Minister

More marine rescues

A phone call around 5:30pm on Saturday, November 3, from the skipper of a 7.5m cruiser scrambled the Marine Rescue crew of Anthony Porter, Rob White and Geoff Hawes on *Central Coast 20*.

The vessel, which had five people on board, had an engine failure at Lobster Beach, and was towed to its mooring at Ettalong by Central Coast 20.

Marine Rescue Central Coast

was called for help again around 1pm on Sunday to assist an 8.4m Bayliner cruiser north of the Rip Bridge.

The skipper had reported engine failure and *Central Coast 11*, with Roger Palmer at the helm and crew of Richard Manning and Alan Reid was sent to assist.

The vessel was located and towed to Empire Bay.

Media release, 5 Nov 2012 Ron Cole, Central Coast Marine Rescue

Line marking to calm traffic

Line marking and signage will be installed on Flathead Rd and Schnapper Rd, Ettalong, to calm traffic in the area.

A resident of Flathead Rd wrote to Gosford Council saying that vehicles in Schnapper Rd were missing the turn into Flathead Rd.

The Council had previously proposed to construct a raised intersection treatment at the intersection.

However, during an inspection by council officers, it was found that both Flathead Rd and Schnapper Rd were wide, flat and straight enough for travel speeds to be reduced by the delineation of the travel lane by way of centre line and edge line defining the parking lane.

A line-marking plan was drawn up to improve lane discipline and to provide a traffic calming effect on both roads.

This plan was reviewed and

endorsed by both the police and RMS.

Council will now have the line

marking implemented.

Gosford Council agenda TR.12.60, 6 Nov 2012

Detectives investigate fire

Brisbane Water detectives are continuing to examine the cause of a large blaze that destroyed a luxury guest house in Pretty Beach on Sunday, October 28, to determine whether or not there is any suspicion attached to the fire.

Emergency services responded to reports of a fire at a resort

complex on High View Rd, Pretty Beach, about 6pm.

Fire-fighters extinguished the flames but not before the main guest house was destroyed.

The damage bill is expected to exceed \$500,000.

Anyone with information about this incident should contact Gosford Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Media release, 28 Nov 2012 NSW Police Media



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Diane with her award and members of the Pearl Beach Progress Association

Award for Pearl Beach volunteer

Pearl Beach resident Ms Diane Orton has received a Central Coast Community Congress Award for her outstanding volunteer work as an individual within the Pearl Beach community.

She was presented with the award at the sixth annual Real People Doing Real Things Community Building Awards at Wyong Civic Centre on Thursday, October 18.

Ms Orton said she moved to Pearl Beach expecting to put her

feet up and listen to the waves.

However, she said this all changed when she became a member of the Pearl Beach Progress Association events committee.

Ms Orton, who is a music teacher, became involved with the Pearl Beach Youth Theatre and worked on two children's musicals.

She has worked with aspiring young performers in various forms of music, theatre, song and drama and is also the musical director for the Pearl Beach Glee Club which reformed in 2010 to present a 50th

Anniversary Grand Concert.

Pearl Beach Progress
Association president Mr Roger
Murray congratulated Ms Orton
on her achievements and the
recognition that she received
with the award, commenting that
he hoped she would remain an
integral member of the Pearl
Beach community for many years

Media release, 3 Nov 2012 Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Council appoints new GM

Gosford Council has appointed Mr Paul Anderson as its new general manager.

Mr Anderson has 25 years of experience in Local Government including most recently, five years as the general manager at Eurobodalla Shire Council.

He has also held a variety of senior positions at Lithgow, Tamworth and Dubbo City Councils.

Gosford mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna said he was looking forward to forging a strong relationship the new general manager.

"I would like to congratulate Paul on his appointment and am excited to be working together for the good of Gosford City. "This appointment will see the continuation of a number of key projects with a clear direction for the community moving forward," Cr McKinna said.

Mr Anderson said he was grateful for the opportunity and was keen to make a difference for the community.

"I am enthusiastic about building on the achievements of the previous general manager and look forward to working with the newly-elected council, directors and staff to continue this success.

"I am eager to begin work with the people of Gosford City in building a strong and prosperous future for the region," said Mr Anderson.

Media release, 9 Nov 2012 Lawrie McKinna, Gosford Council

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Accessible parking for **Woy Woy school**

A seven metre accessible space will be parking provided on the southern side of Park Rd, Woy Woy, following a recommendation by Gosford Council's Local **Traffic Committee.**

Council initially received a request from the principal of Woy Woy Public School to provide an accessible parking space outside the school pedestrian access in Park Rd.

The school advised that there were a high number of students with disabilities and that the existing rear car park did not adequately cater for people with a disability.

The situation presented a risk to student safety with vehicles having to park some distance away or requiring the vehicle to cross the main pedestrian route to the school in order to access the car park to drop off.

Vehicles using the car park then competed for space and had to manoeuvre within a restricted area, with high foot traffic.

It was requested that an accessible parking space be provided on the northern side of the school in Park Rd.

The accessible parking space would allow carers and parents a better opportunity to drop off students to the school with increased safety.

An on-site inspection revealed that the most appropriate location for an accessible parking space was on the southern side of Park Rd to the east of the existing No Stopping restriction in advance of the pedestrian crossing near to the accessible entrance to the school.

This would provide a parking location with a minimal distance to travel into the school.

This location would also help reduce the number of vehicles from having to access the school car park and help contribute towards pedestrian safety.

Gosford Council agenda TR.12.56, 6 Nov 2012

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Bus zone to be created

be created on the southern side of Ocean View Rd, Ettalong, opposite the Centrelink building.

Bus operator Busways asked Gosford Council to provide a bus zone on the southern side of Ocean View Rd, Ettalong, to discourage motorists from parking in the bus stop.

An investigation by Council officers found that the bus stop

A 21 metre bus zone will was located adjacent to many retail shops within the Ettalong CBD area, as well as across the road from Centrelink and visitors to the area often parked their cars in the statutory bus stop.

> To accommodate buses setting down passengers without Council's Local difficulties. Traffic Committee reported it was necessary to create the 21 metre bus zone.

Gosford Council agenda TR.12.59, 6 Nov 2012

Man dies in fire

Police from Brisbane Water Local Area Command are investigating a fire at Booker Bay on Sunday, November 4, in which a man died.

Shortly before 3:30am, Fire and Rescue NSW, police and paramedics were called to a fire in a home unit above a garage in Booker Bay Rd.

Five people were evacuated from the unit.

However, one man was missing and a body was found a short time after the fire was extinguished.

A woman was taken to hospital suffering burns to her hands and legs, while the remaining residents were treated for the effects of smoke inhalation.

The cause of the fire has yet to be determined.

Specialist investigators examined the scene once it was deemed safe.

Anyone with information about this incident should call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Media release, 4 Nov 2012 **NSW Police Media**

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Barry O'Farrell, Liberal me that Labor has left a application (11923 / 2001) Local very smelly corrupt mess which was misleading in resulting in Labor Party members still waiting outside ICAC.

> Labor and the Liberal National Coalition have interest in resolving the often published corruption allegations (over twelve years) against Gosford City Council.

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> No wonder none of you want to engage in a public pursuit of the truth.

> City Council Gosford has simply refused to acknowledge complaints

the photographed LJ Hooker sign mounted on the road reserve of Terrigal Drive, Terrigal, in place for months before the Doyle re-election campaign flutes were fixed on to it and other photographed illegal campaign activities.

Gosford City Council has a history of accommodating abuse of due process and identified illegal and non complying use dating back to the time when the Member for Gosford was responsible for the Gnostic Cafe in Chambers Place, Woy Woy, having items on the footpath without prior approval.

> **Edward James**, P.O. Box 3024 **Umina Beach NSW 2257** 02 4341 9140

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Intersection won't be changed

Gosford declined a request to provide a traffic facility such as a concrete median strip at the intersection of Kendall Rd and Shelly Beach Rd, Empire

A resident had reported a safety issue with vehicles cutting the corner when turning right from Kendall Rd onto Shelly Beach Rd.

An inspection by Council's Local Traffic Committee found that the intersection was similar to other T intersections in the area.

There were no recorded crashes in the crash database and there had been no previous Traffic Committee items regarding this intersection.

The resident was advised that a traffic facility at the intersection was not warranted and may in fact compromise access to properties.

The Committee stated that the provision of line marking would be insufficient to prevent motorists from cutting the corner and the only suitable treatment would be the provision of concrete median.

However, the provision of medians would inhibit property owners' access.

Gosford Council agenda TR.12.60. 6 Nov 2012

No stopping in Nowack Ave

A 40 metre No Stopping zone will be installed on the northern side of Nowack Ave, Umina, west from Ocean Beach Rd to the western side of the first house in Nowack

existing No Stopping The restriction in front of 4 Nowack Ave will also be removed.

The decision was adopted Gosford Council Tuesday, November 6, following recommendations made Council's Local Traffic Committee after a local resident requested the restriction to prevent motorists from parking on the nature strips.

An inspection identified that the carriageway of Nowack Ave was 5.5m wide with limited kerb and gutter and two-way traffic flow.

On-street parking appeared to be from customers and staff from nearby businesses, mostly angle parking on the northern side of the street immediately west of Ocean Beach Rd blocking the pedestrian

Council rangers carried out enforcement and the amount of illegal parking was reduced in the short term

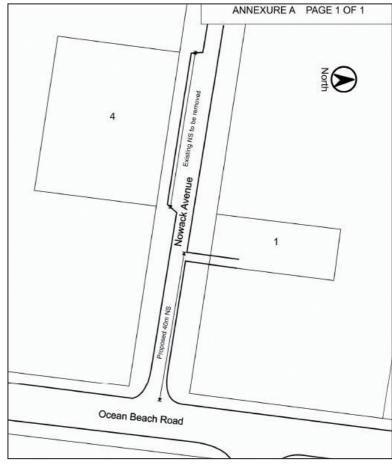
The southern side of the street, further west in front the Childcare Centre, had kerb and gutter for the full length of the frontage and a No

Stopping restriction between the entry and exit to the Centre.

Following consultation with the Childcare Centre, it was agreed to remove the existing No Stopping restriction as on-site parking was

available for parents, carers and

Gosford Council agenda TR.12.57, 6 Nov 2012



Art show held

The Pretty Beach Public been possible without support from School 2012 Biennial Art Show was held last month, and according to assistant principal Ms Lee Baldock there was much talent and creativity on show.

"It was great to see such a high standard of contemporary artwork presented.

"Our Art Show would not have

our fantastic community.

"Community and school partnerships like the special one we have here at Pretty Beach, help to make our school the wonderful place for education that it is," she said.

> Newsletter, 1 Nov 2012 Lee Baldock, Pretty **Beach Public School**



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No precautions taken for 'asbestos'

My daughter and her threeyear-old daughter had been renting a property in Calypta Rd, Umina, for the past four years.

My daughter exercised her rights to ask for a rent reduction while major renovations were taking place and instead was given a 90-day eviction notice.

The Gosford real estate agent had insisted it would be safe for my daughter and her child to stay there while the renovations were being done.

I arrived about 10am to paint the inside the house as the roof and eaves were being replaced.

There was a tradesman there who was a little chatty and mentioned dust but I didn't pay much attention as it was quite hot and windy.

As I walked around the house, I noticed all the broken blue fibro that was scattered everywhere, which I now believe to be asbestos.

My brother who has worked in the building industry for 30 years

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picked up a small piece.

I asked what he was doing with it and he replied: "I think its asbestos".

I didn't think it could be with it lying around so carelessly as the agent had told me I had to have the painting done inside the house by 5pm on the Thursday afternoon.

It was so hot I had to open the windows in the house for ventilation from the paint fumes and by 4:30pm I was feeling sick and had a rash going up both arms and my face was red like sunburn. I rang the real estate and asked could I bring the keys in the next day.

All night it kept going through my mind.

The next morning I rang the real estate to warn them that they shouldn't send anyone out there until they knew for sure if it was indeed the deadly killer.

I had volunteered to do some painting, not realising what it may cost me.

There were no safety precautions taken, no safety wear or ventilation mask, no safety gloves and no warning to anyone who entered the property.

While I was there, another carpet layer came to measure up.

Asbestos is tiny fibres that can be airborne for lengthy periods of time, especially on windy days and can travel quite a distance when not packed or disposed of properly, leaving not just one house at risk but an entire community.

Online submission, 3 Nov 2012 Genevieve Rose, Potato Point

Illegal trapping of wild ducks

In recent weeks a number of people have witnessed the illegal trapping and killing of wild mallard ducks at Ettalong Beach.

The community is talking and concerned about the inhumane treatment of the ducks.

Fisherman have observed four men of Asian appearance, aged in their late 20s or 30s, laying wire snares, catching the ducks and then breaking their necks, on the northern part of the beach near Ferry Rd.

The ground dwelling birds are extremely vulnerable at night.

A few days prior to this, three men of Asian appearance entered private property at Ettalong Beach, cornered three ducks, kicking them and trying to catch them, but the men were told to leave the premises by employees.

There are questions as to whether the men are selling the carcasses or eating the ducks, but is the meat for personal consumption or served in a restaurant?

Either way it is illegal and the council rangers and RSPCA have been notified.

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The ducks are somewhat of a charming tourist attraction at Ettalong, with many Sydneysiders commenting that they don't see ducks in Sydney.

The mallard ducks choose one mate for life and when they lose their mate, the birds become upset and grieve.

While some local residents don't like the ducks on their land as they emit waste and can be a traffic hazard, they do not treat them cruelly.

All wild animals (and humans) emit waste. The ducks are no different to pelicans.

As humans are supposedly the most intelligent being on this planet, we should act with more respect and compassion towards each other and animals.

As we consume animal products, we have a responsibility to farm them responsibly and process their death with compassion and methods that are quick with no suffering.

Email, 6 Nov 2012 Alex Quinn, Narara

Crown Rd pipe dream

I am writing to provide a progress report on matters raised with the usual great fanfare from Gosford Council.

Media releases, newspaper articles, Gosford City Roads and Buildings Revamp, and of course the specific mention of Crown Rd, Umina, being one of councils priorities.

These pronouncements were made in July, so here we are in November dreaming of the day we

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may see even survey work done, rather than the continual visits from our salt and pepper road gangs.

No, the latest update on the Crown Rd rehabilitation is that, like most things from Gosford Council, they are either pipe dreams or funding has been spent elsewhere.

Usual excuses will be that other higher priorities arose, or that Council hasn't lost any money but it did invest its latest funding in a

now defunct American scheme to see if it could speed up the process.

I will keep you posted each quarter on the rehabilitation process to see if perhaps it is overtaken by sea level rise in 2055.'

Come on Council don't leave it until June 30, 2013, so that you have some contingency funds left in the basket, get the work done with the funding you have gained.

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Email, 5 Nov 2012 Dennis Tonnes, Umina

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Online submission, 1 Nov 2012
Fred Beringer, Koolewong

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Deborah O'Neill MP Member for Robertson

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National Disability Insurance Scheme

More support for people with a disability and their families.

What has Labor delivered?

The Australian Government is continuing to boost investment in care and support for people with disability, their families and carers around the country including:

- \$8.7 billion from 2009-10 to 2015-16 under the National Disability Agreement to increase and improve specialist disability services.
- a further \$3 billion from 2011-12 to 2014-15 in Disability Employment Services to strengthen links to training and skills development for job seekers with a disability.
- an extra \$200 million from 2011-12 to 2013-14 for support for school students with a disability; and
- providing more than \$118 million from 2011-12 to 2015-16 for access to early intervention services for children with vision or hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome or fragile X syndrome.
- ° in excess of \$220 million for early intervention services for children with autism under the Helping Children with Autism initiative.



How will the NDIS work?

When the time comes that the NDIS is available on the Central Coast, governments and service providers will discuss how best to transition people with a disability into the new scheme.

There will be local NDIS offices, and that is where people with a disability and their families will be able to meet to discuss their goals and aspirations to see if there is anything more needed to support them.

This is about providing wrap-around support for an individual and their unique circumstances.

Why an "insurance" scheme?

Under an insurance approach, the costs and risks of severe disability for a person is distributed among the wider community as a shared responsibility.

People's needs will be carefully assessed and regularly re-assessed so they get the support they need.

An insurance approach means that:

- people with disability don't need to bear the costs of their disability on their own,
- if someone you love is born with a disability, or if you aquire a disability at any age, you will be able to get the care and support that you and your family needs.

Taking a long term view of people's care and support needs ensures that people with disability get the right support earlier, rather than waiting until they reach crisis point.

Can I have my say?

The expert advice of people with disability, their families and carers, service providers and community groups will be essential in designing the ongoing stages of the NDIS

This input will be actively encouraged and supported at both the national and launch site levels.

The Australian Government have established an Advisory Group and four Expert Working Groups to engage with people with disability and their families and carers, and to work through the detail of the policy design.

The Australian government has also funded the National Disability and Carer Alliance to conduct detailed grassroots engagement across the country with people with disability, their families and carers, and with service providers.

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Party for thyroid foundation

Pearl Beach resident Ms Beverley Lapacek, who suffers from a thyroid condition, used her recent

70th birthday celebration to fundraise for the Australian Thyroid Foundation.

Over 100 friends and relatives accepted Bev's invitation to her afternoon tea party and brought with them a selection of hand crafted items including jams, scarves, dolls and patchwork items to be sold for the fundraiser.

The party began with a concert featuring the Pearl Beach Glee Club and a selection of song favourites sung by Bev and her sister Margaret Lynn and niece Jennnie Lynn.

A jazz piano recital was also performed by Pearl Beach resident Tony Doyle.

Dr John Irvine was Master of Ceremonies.

Australian Thyroid Foundation president Ms Beverley Garside acknowledged and congratulated the Ms Lapacek's effort in raising \$2200 for the foundation.

"I am overwhelmed with the number of guests here today.

"It is obvious that you all hold Bev in high regard.

"Thank you for your generosity and this amazing effort," said Ms Garside

Ms Lapacek thanked her family and friends who helped her put on the afternoon tea, and their generous response to her invitation.

The Australian Thyroid Foundation is a national, member-based, not for profit organisation which is focused on the promotion of good thyroid health throughout Australia.

Media release, 8 Nov 2012 Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association



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From November 6 2012, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital will no longer provide a full range of cardiac care options, following the closure of the Cardiac Care Unit and Angiography suite. All other hospital services will continue as normal.

General Manager of Brisbane Waters Private Hospital, Annette Czerkesow said the changes were made following a strategic review, following the decision by interventional cardiologists to consolidate their work at North Gosford Private Hospital.

"This decision was not easy, and was only reached after all other possible alternatives had been explored," said Annette.

As a result of the changes, a number of positions will be made redundant. Annette said that staff were informed Tuesday and those affected by the redundancies were offered support and assistance to plan for the future.

Where possible, redeployment options will be explored for all staff whose jobs have been impacted by the changes.

"Brisbane Waters Private Hospital has a long history on the Central Coast, where we have provided quality care since 1978.

"This month Brisbane Waters Private Hospital was recognised by HCF, Australia's largest not for profit health insurer, as being in the Top 2 hospitals across the country in terms of patient satisfaction in relation to the hospital and the medical team. We are very proud of this achievement and today's announcement does not change our commitment to our patients and our community" said Annette.

"Our specialists will continue to offer a range of surgical specialties including, general surgery, obesity services, orthopaedics, ENT, plastic surgery, gastroenterology, ophthalmology, dental, vascular surgery and other day surgery. Complementing these surgical services are geriatric and medical care. Our High Dependency Unit will continue to provide excellent monitoring and specialist nursing care and the hospital has in place 24 hour medical coverage to support surgical and medical patients," Annette said.

"We also have the only dedicated mental health unit on the Central Coast with 30 beds," Annette said.

Moving forward Brisbane Waters Private Hospital will continue to care for our community by strategically identifying and meeting the needs of the local population.

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Classes help cancer research

Two Year 7 classes from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus are seeking sponsorship to help to fund cures for gastrointestinal cancer.

They will be part of the Gutsy Challenge, from November 12 to 16, and eat two pieces of fruit and four vegetables every day for one week.

To supplement the students' own

efforts at home, the two classes will be having a practical lesson in healthy cooking and making a healthy lunch for them to share on Tuesday, November 13, during class

Brisbane Water Secondary College teacher Ms Sue Nolan said that by taking the challenge students would hopefully learn how easy it was to eat healthily every day.

"The challenge will also develop

Since

greater awareness of gastrointestinal cancer and how healthy eating can help prevent some of these cancers.

"Overall, students should enjoy the challenge and raise awareness and funds for this cause," said Ms

As the only national healthy eating program for school students, the Gutsy Challenge encouraged students to improve their eating habits, according to campaign manager Ms Jacinta Walpole.

The Gutsy Challenge is run by the Gastrointestinal Cancer Institute, a charity that aims to save, extend, and provide a better quality of life for people with GI cancers by funding clinical trials research.

"By conducting research in Australia, cancer patients can access new treatment methods three to five years earlier than if the research was conducted overseas, so it is vital that we raise money to fund it," Ms Walpole said.

> Media release, 8 Nov 2012 Nadine Cattell, Gastrointestinal **Cancer Institue**



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Morning tea for insurance scheme

A special morning tea held on the Peninsula on Friday, October 26, to promote the **National Disability Insurance** Scheme was attended by over 40 people.

Peninsula residents weren't the only ones supporting the scheme with almost 1700 registered individuals and organisations in Australia holding a "DisabiliTea".

Karen and Bruce Donaldson hosted the morning tea which was attended by their neighbours, acquaintances

disability service providers as well as Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill.

Both Karen and Bruce talked to the group about their first hand experiences of disability support needs and showed a video from the National Disability Insurance Scheme website which outlined the basis for all Australians to support the scheme.

Ms O'Neil also spoke about her commitment to the scheme and a deep understanding of the struggles faced by people with a

She outlined the fact that the National Disability Insurance Scheme would not only enhance the lives of people with disabilities, but it would also help to relieve some pressure on their carers and

> Email, 27 Oct 2012 Bruce Donaldson, Pearl Beach

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The bags of rubbish that were filled as a result of the clean up at Patonga

Patonga Creek clean-up

Brisbane Water Secondary College support unit students participated in a clean-up of Patonga Creek Mangroves on Friday, October 26, as part of the Foreshore Clean-up program funded by the Community **Environment** Network's Hawkesbury Nepean

Catchment Management **Authority Grant.**

The students were divided into two groups and were rotated between the foreshore and kayaks.

Over 1000 bottles and 600 cans have so far been removed from the mangroves in an area of 100 meters by 40 meters.

Local residents observed the

clean-up and provided two wheel barrows to assist the transportation of the rubbish bags from the mangroves.

Thirteen full bags were retrieved and transported across to the Council camping area bulk bin for disposal

Email, 27 Oct 2012 Graham Johnston, **MacMasters Beach**

Vandalism at Woy Woy

Woy Woy Public School has been vandalised over the last few weekends with graffiti, broken windows and nuisance offences.

The school's hall has been into and equipment belonging to the Good News Church stolen.

Police have attended to investigate.

"We have such a great little community school and it is quite heart-breaking to see this happening," said principal Ms Ona

"We are trying so hard to make our grounds attractive and pleasant for everyone.

"It makes you want to cry to see anything damaged.

"Please keep a check on our school during the weekend if you are driving or walking past.

"If you see anyone inside our school ring the security number 1300 800 021," said Ms Buckley.

Newsletter, 6 Nov 2012 Ona Buckley, Woy Woy **Public School**

School excursions

Students from Ettalong Public School have been on two excursions recently.

Year 3 students attended an excursion to the Japanese Gardens in Gosford on Wednesday, October

Principal Mr Colin Wallis said he subsequently received a phone call from the Japanese Gardens "congratulating our school on the behaviour and cooperation of our Year 3 students".

"They were described as the best group they have had," he said.

"A special mention was also

made on the professionalism and dedication of their accompanying teachers.

"This was a very gratifying and encouraging phone call," said Mr Wallis.

The School's Drumming Group was also praised for its behaviour when it travelled to Newcastle on Friday, November 2, to perform at the Civic Theatre.

"Again their behaviour and cooperation were excellent and their performance outstanding," said Mr Wallis.

Newsletter, 6 Nov 2012 Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School



Maths results

Selected students from **Public** Ettalong School participated

Mathematics Competition earlier this year and have received their results.

students Six received distinctions and 20 received certificates of merit.

Distinctions were awarded to Eleonor Fuary, Jedd Golledge, Daniel Jurd, Mia King, Luke Phillips and Maddison Wallace.

Newsletter, 6 Nov 2012 Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

Principal gained information

Ettalong Public School principal Mr Colin Wallis has returned to school after he spent three days at the NSW State Principals' Conference.

"I was certainly treated to some outstanding speakers and gained much information," said Mr Wallis.

"One of the stand out speakers was Dr Pasi Sahlberg from Finland.

"Pasi spoke about how Finland transformed their education system from one of the lowest performing to the top performing of the OECD

"He emphasised the need for well-trained skilful teachers and leaders and the need for equity and opportunity across all levels.

"These sentiments something I hope our elected leaders will listen to and heed.

"Other informative presenters spoke on change management, leadership skills, DEC directions and work-life balance.

'Dr Bob Brown, former Greens' leader, spoke on the environment and the need for a strong public school system and Dr Jonathon Welch presented his work with the Choir of Hard Knocks.

"A most enlightening and worthwhile three days," said Mr

Newsletter, 30 Oct 2012 Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School







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Water saving success

Woy Woy Public School has been monitoring its water usage using the online Smart Water meter since June 2010.

Thanks to water saving initiatives, the school is now saving 1432.85kL a year, cutting its water usage by more than half.

Over the past 12 months, the school has consumed a total of 1,112.15kL with an average consumption of 6.7kL per person per day.

Prior to the installation of the

school's water saving initiatives, the school was averaging 2545kL annually, equivalent to 15.3kL per person per day.

If the school's current pattern of water use continues over the next 10 years, the water saving initiative would have saved 14,329kL, almost double the forecast water savings submitted in the school's original funding proposal.

Newsletter, 30 Oct 2012 Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School



Teacher Ms Angie Eastwood with her students and the OfficeMax team

Education director visits

The region's school education director Ms Karen Jones visited the Umina Public School on Thursday, November 8.

She was able to see the school's mini fete in action and was also interested in the school's strategic planning for next year and beyond.

She discussed school targets and focus areas and analysed the

school school's Naplan results.

She will also be interested in looking at the school's survey results and interview results when they become available, according to principal Ms Lyn Davis.

The information will be compiled in the school's annual report which will be available next year, she said.

Newsletter, 6 Nov 2012 Lyn Davis, Umina Public School

Teacher wins award

An Empire Bay Public School Year 5 teacher Ms Angie Eastwood has been selected as one of nine winners in the Day Made Better commercial sponsorship program.

Ms Eastwood was nominated by other teachers and selected from more than 100 nominees across Australia.

"Angie's teaching involves many students with specific learning and behavioural needs," said Mr Darren Steel, director of education for OfficeMax Australia, which sponsored the program.

"She has endeavoured to research and develop the best way to cater for the students with special needs.

"It was noted in her nomination that she had the ability to very quickly establish an outstanding rapport with her students.

"Her knowledge of what students are capable of means she will not accept anything less than their best.

"Angie has been battling breast cancer over the last 12 months and the manner in which she has fought the disease has been inspirational to the entire school community," he

While the award out of the blue for Ms Eastwood, she said she

was pleased to be recognised in "The

"I wasn't sure what was happening when everyone came into the classroom, including a photographer, but it was great once it all hit home," said Ms Eastwood.

this way.

"As teachers we just do the best that we can every day because we adore our students and are keen to make a difference.

"The outside recognition makes the job even more rewarding," she said.

Ms Eastwood was awarded \$1000 worth of OfficeMax arts and crafts, stationery and office supplies for her school.

Media release, 2 Nov 2012 Chriss Mannix, Soda Communications



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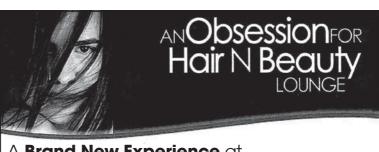
Senior students from Brisbane Water Secondary College have investigated Carawah Reserve at the mouth of Narara Creek on Wednesday, October 31, as part of an environmental skills competition called Envirothon.

The students put the reserve under the microscope and

investigated the life of the wetland, its soils, human use and impacts over time as well as the wetland's relationship with Brisbane Water.

The information collected through their fieldwork investigations will be presented as advice to representatives from Gosford Council and National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Media release, 31 Oct 2012 Sven Wright, DET



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Music school concert

Students from the Woy Woy School of Music performed at Lizottes for their term four concert on Tuesday, October 30, and Wednesday, October 31.

"We were proud to see students of all ages participating in performances and encouraging each other, the audience was

very receptive and energetic," said school owner Ms Madeline VanDerMast.

"Students worked very hard on their performance pieces throughout the year, and even formed musical partnerships with other students to create duos and

"Violin students banded together to create an ensemble medley led by their tutor Liz Browne," said Ms VaDerMast.

The Woy Woy School of Music presented its Student of the Year award to vocalist Zoe Meehan.

Zoe received a trophy and a term's scholarship to continue her musical studies.

> Email, 8 Nov 2012 Madeline VanDerMast, **Woy Woy School of Music**

Russell Drysdale celebrated

The centenary of the birth of famous artist, Russell "Tas" Drysdale, will be marked by a celebratory event at Wagstaffe Hall on Sunday, November 25, from 2pm.

"We are very excited about holding this event," said Bouddi Society president Mr Phil Donnelly.

"Tas Drysdale and his wife Maisie lived for many years in Killcare and it is fitting to remember them on the centenary of Tas's birth.

"It is also fitting that funds raised at this occasion will go to the Bouddi Foundation for the Arts which sponsors and assists young local artists.

continuing the "Therefore artistic legacy of the area of which Tas was so significant a part," Mr Donnelly said.

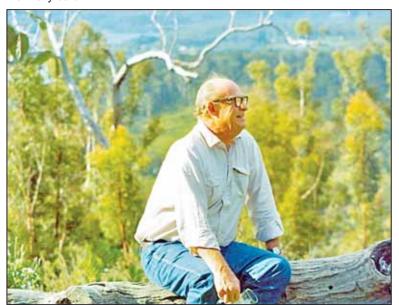
The occasion, Remembering Tas and Maisie and Bouddi Farm - a Drysdale Centenary Event, will include displays of original works by Drysdale, a collection of rare books on his art, and private correspondence not previously seen by the public.

A film on Drysdale, previously thought lost will be screened and family, friends and art experts will provide commentary and reminiscences.

A number of art works will also be auctioned on the day including a print of Brandy Jack, originally from Drysdale's personal collection.

For more information contact Dianne on diannejoylewios@ yahoo.com.au.

Media release, 31 Oct 2012 Phil Donnelly, Bouddi Society



Tas Drysdale sits on The Talking Log at Bouddi Farm

Battlers' story at folk club

Troubadour Folk Club will hold its next concert on Saturday, November 24, from 7pm at the CWA Hall in Woy Woy.

Chloe and Jason Roweth the kit and vocals

will combine with Bill Browne to present the Battler's Ballad which include guitar, bouzouki, mandola, mandolin, fretless bass,

The trio are currently working on their new repertoire of undersung Australian, traditional, bush and contemporary music that is presented in open, vibrant and inventive arrangements.

Battler's' Ballad is a story of the battlers, workers and those

Family fun day

family fun day for Aboriginal children starting

kindergarten next year on the Peninsula will be held in Woy Woy South Primary School hall on Wednesday,

Veal

steak

until 12:30pm. A free sausage sizzle will be held and health information on the child starting school will be presented.

November 14, from 9:30am

A free school pack and parent pack for the new kindergarten families will be provided and fun activities for the children will be

> Colin Wallis, **Ettalong Public School**





Four groups receive grants

Four community organisations on the Peninsula will receive funding under the Federal Volunteer Grants program.

Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Corporation will

receive \$4690

Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club will receive \$4050,.

Umina Beach Men's Shed will receive \$4250.

Woy Woy Ettalong Hardys Bay Returned and Services League Sub Branch will receive \$1079. Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill said the funding would provide much needed support for local volunteers.

"We know that volunteers give their time, energy and expertise to support our community."

"These grants will help a host

of local groups with the little things they need to keep doing their work like computers, furniture, shade screens, barbeques and training courses."

The four successful organisations, which are among the 4800 across Australia to

receive funding, were announced by Prime Minister Ms Julia Gillard on Friday, November 2, in Kariong.

> Media release, 2 Nov 2012 Peter McCabe, Office of Deborah O'Neill MP Photo: Noel Plummer

Singer at Woy Woy

Singer Daryl Braithwaite will visit the Peninsula on Saturday, December 29, to perform at the Woy Woy Leagues Club with special guests Mark Cashin and the Lil Hussy's and the Rubix.

Daryl first found fame as the lead singer of Sherbet, a band

synonymous with the 70s.

Between 1971 and 1978 Sherbet produced 20 national top 40 singles and was the first Australian band to top the \$1 million mark in album sales in the country.

Media release, 28 Oct 2012 Ben O'Mealley, Daryl Braithwaite promotions



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Out and About





Marijke Greenway with one of her paintings

New roof for pottery centre

Members of Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre are celebrating after received news from Gosford Council that the Centre was successful in receiving funding for the installation of a roof for its pottery centre.

The Centre received the funding following an inspection by Gosford Council which revealed that the roof sheeting over the pottery section of the building was severely damaged and need replacing.

Gosford Council's coordinator of building operations Mr Peter Donohue said that severe heat from a kiln positioned directly under the affected roof sheeting was the main contributor to its deterioration.

"The existing kiln is not flued and the suggestion was put forward, should the roof sheeting be replaced that it would be advisable to include the installation of a flue to vent heat from the kiln and prevent the same issue reoccurring," said Mr Donohue.

The work to replace the roof will take place during the school holidays.

The Centre will also hold its annual Christmas exhibition at the Peninsula Community Centre on Saturday, December 24, and Sunday, December 25.

Email, 3 Nov 2012 Sue Sullivan, Ettalong Beach **Arts and Craft Centre** Email, 25 Oct 2012 Peter Donohue, Gosford Council

Exhibition of two years' work

Pearl Beach artist Ms Marijke Greenway will exhibit her paintings at the Palm House in Sydney from November 16 to 29, in an exhibition called The Painted Outback.

The exhibition is the culmination of Ms Greenway's work over the last two years inspired by a threemonth trip around Australia last

Ms Greenway, who travelled a distance of 18,700km and set up her tent in 45 different places, said the memories of the trip had not

"In fact the way I now remember those lovely hills and plains is with more colour than the actuality,'

said Ms Greenway.

"One always remembers the good things in life and this was certainly one of my best trips I have ever been on.

"The canvasses are big and bold and colourful as a result.

"We were like gypsies, imagine the planning that goes into a trip like this, bike on top, tent in the back and 40 empty canvasses in a carry bag, waiting to be painted for an exhibition that was already booked.

"I sat with my new digital camera held level to the side window and snapped away, ending up with lovely blurry images, which already resembled the paintings growing in my head.

"What I have ended up with are about 30 paintings completed 'en plein air' during our stopovers and then there are the other 30 paintings completed in the year after the trip, inspired by the trip but completed in the comfort of the home studio after the images were digested by the heart and mind and which I feel, capture the soul of the outback, as they are enhanced by my memories.

"These paintings express mood rather than reality, with exaggerated and flambovant use of colour, yet I feel that I have not invented these landscapes, but summarised them, in the same way that you can call up the entire red centre with one image of Uluru.

"They have a different painting language to the 'en plein air' paintings.

"There are dots for rocks and blobs for trees, they are all illusions, yet it would be hard to miss the meaning and the presence of the infinite Australian outback," said Ms Greenway.

Email, 6 Nov 2012 Marijke Greenway, Pearl Beach



The old roof of the Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre's pottery building



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ut and About

Solicitors give time to Salvos

Council offers

recycling education

Two solicitors located on the Peninsula will join forces with The Salvation Army on Tuesday, November 13, to give Central Coast residents the opportunity to have their wills professionally prepared.

The Wills Day, which will be held at The Salvation Army in Erina, will give locals the chance to take care of their future and ensure that their family and assets are properly

John Turnell and Geoff Corah from Peninsula Law will donate their time to assist with the annual fundraising initiative and promote the importance of making a will, no matter your age.

Two educational events will

be held on the Peninsula in

the week starting Monday,

November 12, to celebrate

National Recycling Week

Recycle Day aims to remind people

of the wide variety of recycling and

waste reduction options available

to help divert the vast amount of

a waste management tour on

Tuesday, November 13, at Woy

Woy tip from 9am until 2pm and

an Op Shop Hop on Saturday,

November 17, which will begin at

Woy Woy train station at 9am and

officer Mr Sanchaya Parajuli said

that National Recycling Week was

a great opportunity for people to

learn more about the many easy

Gosford Council's senior waste

continue through until 1:15pm.

Gosford Council will host

items going to landfill.

This year's theme Every Day is

2012.

Rodney Dibley from The Salvation Army said that Wills Day had received significant support from local solicitors.

"We are indebted to all of the solicitors who are donating their time to assist us with our Wills

"Wills Day is a great opportunity to get your will prepared and support The Salvos' work in the community," said Mr Dibley.

All funds raised from the Wills Day will be donated to The Salvation Army Emergency Services on the Central Coast who are ready to respond in times of local emergency or disaster.

Media release, 29 Oct 2012 Katey Small, Brilliant Logic



Barry Neilan, Nicole O'Brien and Gina Booth singing karaoke

Ministry provides community hub

The Gospel Garden Ministry held its most recent karaoke event on Wednesday, November 7, at its centre in

West St, Umina. The Gospel Garden Ministry, which holds a karaoke event every Wednesday, as a way of providing a "community hub".

"We have been so excited to see that so many people's needs have been met since opening earlier this year," said member Ms Gina Booth.

"The Gospel Garden is a church but we don't push religion or impose the church's doctrine on people.

"We believe that if people want to know about Jesus Christ, they will ask and they do, hence the growth of our gospel service held on Sundays at 5pm.

"The Gospel Garden is a community hub typified by Barry Neilan, who is a part time carer for Nicole O'Brien.

"Of a Wednesday, he is

cranking up the karaoke machine and Nicole literally glides in with a beaming smile on her motorised

"Their energy and love inspires

"We have become a family.

"So many people come from broken homes, so they adopt us and it's a privilege for us," said Ms Booth.

Email, 8 Nov 2012 Gina Booth, Gospel Garden Ministry

and innovative ways to recycle. "It is estimated that each year in Australia almost 22 million tonnes of waste goes to landfill which is **Strata Lounges**

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equivalent to the weight of 416

Sydney Harbour Bridges.

Recycling Week there will be a range of activities on offer showcasing the many different recycling options available to residents.

"In Gosford City, we are encouraging residents to think outside the box when it comes to reusing and recycling, be it cooking with leftovers, composting or even op-shopping," said Mr Parajuli.

This year there is also a focus on educating people about how to recycle more uncommon items.

"While the recycling of goods such as cardboard and paper has become second nature for many, the correct disposal of other items on the market such as fluoro lamps and batteries often causes some confusion.

"For this reason, we are also launching a Resident Battery Recycling program and education campaign to help people thoughtfully dispose of this type of waste," Mr Parajuli added.

For more information on National Recycling Week, contact Mr Parajuli on 4325 8266.

Media Release, 7 Nov 2012 Sanchaya Parajuli, Gosford Council wheel chair.

"Barry and Nicole really are what this place is about, helping one another.

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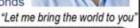
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Out and About





Council drops lane closure plan

Gosford Council has decided not to close a Umina laneway after residents objected to the proposal.

The council had proposed to close the unnamed lane between Brisbane Ave and Adelaide Ave, Umina, on the recommendation of Council's Local Traffic Committee.

The proposal was advertised

calling for public comment, and a letter box drop was carried out to all affected residents.

A report about the response was presented to the Traffic Committee for consideration.

Four submissions were received, with two submissions supporting the proposed closure and two objecting.

The two objections stated that the proposed closure would reduce caravan and boat access

to the properties.

One of the objectors also reported concerns that property value would be affected.

The committee was told there was no recorded crash history at any location of this laneway between 1995 and the end of 2011.

The Committee noted that all residents and property owners were notified but due to the minimal response, no action was seen as warranted.

Gosford Council agenda TR.12.58, 6 Nov 2012

Electricity bills explained

The Central Coast Community Energy Association will present an explanation of electricity bills on Thursday, November 22.

The presentation will be held at the Peninsula Environment Centre in Woy Woy from 7pm.

Central Coast Community Energy holds general meetings every two months, each one with a speaker on renewable energy or energy savings.

These talks are open to the general public, but the association

hopes that people who attend will join the group, to advance its aims of developing community owned renewable energy generation on the Central Coast.

There are a range of subcommittees, working on the pilot project, researching finances and co-operative structures, investigating renewable technologies to determine viable future projects, and members' events.

Email, 8 Nov 2012 Jo Muller, Central Coast Community Energy Association



Patricia Kull and Jacqueline Wilson

Bridge results

Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its annual October Pairs event on Monday, October 15. First place went to Jacqueline Wilson and Patricia Kull with Barry Foster and Hope Tomlinson in second.

Christine Hadaway and Karen Ody placed third.

Email, 2 Nov 2012 Jenny Buckley, Brisbane Water Bridge Club Photo: Jenny Buckley









Local car at show

Woy Woy coach builders David and Jason Woods have exhibited a concept design for a hand-built car to be made at Woy Woy.

The car was displayed at the Australian International Motor Show held this year at Darling Harbour from October 19 to 28.

"All attending were blown away by the mock-up of the car with thousands of pictures being taken of the car on display," said friend Mr Robert Swan.

"With designers and manufacturers attending from all over the world praising the design

and shape of the car, Jason Woods was rightly proud of the accolades being designated to his car and the quality of the display area.

"This car was also voted the best at the show by many at the exit polls," he said.

Email, 1 Nov 2012 Robert Swan, Umina

Seniors' flats allowed

Gosford Council has approved the construction of two residential flats for seniors housing, following the demolition of an existing dwelling in Bangalow St, Ettalong.

The proposal was previously refused by Council's Independent Development and Environment Panel on May 11 due to the proposed variation regarding the front setback and the applicant's failure to address previous matters raised by Council on March 8.

The applicant resubmitted the proposal after an engineering consultant prepared preliminary plans for the access crossing, layback, kerb and stormwater drainage and footpath as required by Council prior to determination of the original application.

The applicant also submitted amended plans regarding the noncompliant front setback.

public submission One was received in relation to the application which detailed concern about the impact tree removal would have on native bird and

Council's director of environment

and planning Ms Colleen Worthy-Jennings responded to the submission and said the trees nominated for removal did not contain significant habitat features for any threatened fauna species.

The submission also argued that infrastructure, including water, may not be sufficient and there were already a number of vacant villas in the area.

Ms Worthy-Jennings noted that there was currently insufficient supply to provide for the needs of the senior community and charges would be applicable regarding infrastructure upgrading.

Gosford Council agenda ENV.90, 6 Nov 2012



Committee elections

The Patonga Beach Progress elected **Association** with committee familiar faces and one new member at its annual meeting in October.

Mark Austin, who has served as president for the past four years, stepped down from the position only to put his hand up for vicepresident.

"Mr Austin has been a very effective president and we are

fortunate to have his continued involvement in the Association," said incoming president Mr Dain Simpson, who has returned to Patonga after living and working overseas.

Mr Simpson now lives in Patonga Creek and has owned property in Patonga for more than

He has previously been active in the Association.

Judy Singer continued on as secretary as did Joyce Chambers in her role of treasurer.

> Media release, 8 Nov 2012 Dain Simpson, Patonga Beach **Progress Association**



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Wagstaffe to Killcare Community (285)

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Disabled Services

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Environment

Peninsula Environment Group (287)

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Pink Butterfly Breast Cancer Support Group -

First Sunday 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; advocacv 4342 5905 Wed and Thur 9.30am-3pm

Woy Woy www.ccwhc.com.au **Woy Woy Public Hospital**

20a McMasters Rd.

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 4342 1316

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

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Central Coast Greens

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Woy Woy Judo Club) Classes for adults, juniors and seniors Tuesday & Friday Evenings Ettalong 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre 0434 000 170 www.wwjc.org.au

Veterans

National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association

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

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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

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- month 12.30pm · Branch meeting: 1st Wednesday of the month 10am

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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. 4342 2283

Gosford RSL Sub-Branch

Women's Auxiliary (61/296) For women over 18 years.

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Competition for logo design

The Central Coast Community **Association** Energy holding a competition to design a logo.

Secretary Mr Jo Muller said the Association was looking for a logo which expressed the community's approach to owning renewable energy power plants on the Central Coast.

"There is such a wealth of artistic talent on the Coast, and we would like to be able to reflect that in our activities," he said.

The winning entry will receive a \$400 Onyx Boox M92 eReader.

Guidelines for the competition, which will close on Friday, December 7, are available on the Central Coast Community Energy

The Central Coast Community Energy Association was launched after a series of public meetings.

Its main aim is to develop community run renewable energy power plants on the Central Coast, owned by a co-operative.

The association also aims to develop public awareness and education initiatives about renewable energy.

Members are encouraged to join one of the subcommittees of the association, to work on developing the pilot project, research the structure of the cooperative, source financing, work on the membership strategy and keep the association up to date on renewable technology advances.

"Our idea is that most members will have the chance to be actively engaged with the work of the association, and the co-op once it is established," said Mr Muller.

"They will also have the chance to learn new skills and educate themselves, so we all benefit.

"Community groups like Central Coast Community Energy are popping up all over Australia,

following the model of Hepburn Wind in Victoria, and the hundreds of similar renewable energy community groups in Europe.

"We are very excited by the interest in Central Coast Community Energy, and the pool of talent we already have in our membership.

"We aim to have 1000 members by the end of 2013, so we call on anyone who has wanted to do more about renewable energy to look at our website, cccommunityenergy. org, and join up on line," he said.

The association meets in Woy Woy on the fourth Thursday of every second month,

The next meeting, with the topic of understanding electricity bills, will be held on Thursday, November 22, at 7pm at the Peninsula Environment Group in Woy Woy.

Media release, 5 Nov 2012 Kate da Costa, Central Coast **Community Energy**



Jo Muller with the eReader that will be given as the prize for the competition

Children's author visits school

Students from Public school will have the opportunity to meet a children's author on Tuesday, November 27, at the school.

Jacqueline Harvey, the author

Umina of the popular Alice-Miranda series, will speak to the students about the process of writing and getting published.

She will also dedicate and sign books for the students.

Ms Harvey has spent most of

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her working life teaching in girls' boarding schools and has been a deputy head and director of development.

Newsletter, 30 Nov 2012 Lyn Davis, Umina Public School

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Tuesday November 13 Waste Management Tour of Woy Woy landfill, 9am-2pm

Wednesday November 14

Aboriginal Family Fun Day, Woy Woy South Primary School, 9:30am-12:30pm

Friday November 16

Camp and Care with BIG4. Umina Beach Holiday Park

Saturday November 17

One Magic Night featuring Eddie Daniels, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 8pm

Op Shop Hop, Woy Woy train station, 9am-1:15pm

Exhibit, Soul Cake Café, Ettalong

Tuesday November 20

Prostate Cancer information session, Everglades Country Club,

Thursday November 22

Central Coast Community Energy meeting, Peninsula Environment Centre, Woy Woy,

Friday November 23

Woy Woy Public School 100 year celebration day

Saturday November 24

Woy Woy Public School 100 year open day

Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre Annual Christmas Exhibition and Sale, 9am-3pm, Peninsula Community Centre

Pre-loved clothing sale, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, 10am-5pm

Woy Woy Swim Club open water event, Umina Beach

Troubadour Folk Club concert. Woy Woy CWA Hall, 7pm

Sunday November 25

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

Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre Annual Christmas Exhibition and Sale, 9am-4pm, Peninsula Community Centre

Woy Woy Lions Club monthly car boot sale, Dunban RD, Woy Woy, 7am-1pm

Remembering Tas and Maisie and Bouddi Farm-a Drysdale Centenary Event, Wagstaffe Hall,

Tuesday November 27

Central Coast Art Society Paint Out, Jacaranda Ave, Patonga

If you've got something happening on the Peninsula over the next few weeks, let us know about it

and we'll list it here for you, for free. Contact details are on page 2. See the Coast Community News

for events in post code areas 2250, 2251 & 2260 and the Wyong Regional Chronicle for events in post code areas 2258, 2259, 2261, 2262 & 2263

Thursday November 29

Central Coast Community Energy Association public forum, Peninsula Environment Centre,

Wednesday December 5

Umina CWA branch meeting, 10am, Umina CWA Hall

Saturday December 8

Discobility, Peninsula Community Centre, 12pm-5pm

Umina Boardriders end of vear presentation, Patonga Beach Hotel Group Community Bays Christmas get together, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall

Tuesday December 11

Gosford Council reconvened meeting, Gosford Chambers, 6:45pm

Wednesday December 19

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

Saturday December 29

Daryl Braithwaite performance, Woy Woy Leagues Club

Sunday December 30

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

Peninsula directory of services, contacts and support groups

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Marine Rescue NSW -Central Coast 4325 7929 SES - Storm and Flood Emergency 132 500

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Animal Rescue Wildlife Arc 4325 0666

Services 4351 1922

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Community Centres

Peninsula Community Centre 4341 9333 Men's Shed Cluster Inc 0413 244 484

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Centacare Gosford 4324 6403 **Gosford Family Support** Service 4340 1099

Horizons (For men with children) 4333 5111 **Uniting Care Burnside**

Gosford 1800 067 967 Health

Poisons Information 131 126 **Ambulance Text Mobile 106 Ambulance GSM** 112 Gosford Hospital 4320 2111 Woy Woy Hospital 4344 8444

Sexual Health @ Gosford Hospital 4320 2114 After Hours GP Help Line 1800 022 222

Legal & Financial Help Financial Counselling

Service 4334 2304 Tenants' Advice and Advocacy **Service** 4353 5515 Woy Woy Court 4344 0111

Libraries

Gosford district:

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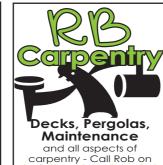
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Our plan has worked

It is nice to know that Mr Norman Harris is an avid reader of my column in the Express Advocate each month.

It's just a great pity he doesn't have an understanding of what I'm actually talking about (Peninsula News, October 29).

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In its 12th year the Brisbane Oyster Water organised by the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, is a great success bringing thousands of people to the Peninsula.

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With 40 per cent youth unemployment and little industry to provide employment opportunities, why wouldn't we welcome corporations to the Peninsula who employ local people?

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> **Email, 9 Nov 2012** Debra Wales, Umina

Forum

Big or

Norman Harris of Umina (Peninsula News 26 October) rightly queries Debra Wales' column and the commitment of the Chamber of Commerce to what appears to be big businesses only.

How is the Chamber supporting small local business?

Perhaps Debra Wales Matthew should indicate where their personal interests lie and if there is a conflict.

Letter, 5 Nov 2012 Rie Lester, Umina

Forum

Lost brother

I am trying to trace my family who emigrated to Australia from England in

My half-brother was living in the Umina Beach area in 2010 but I have no address for him.

He will now be 46 years of

His name is Aidan Francis Brown and I would like to appeal to the public in helping me to trace him.

Any help would be gratefully received.

Online submission, 3 Nov 2012 Susannah Sutcliffe, England

Spot a rip at Ocean Beach

Three lifesaving clubs from around the Peninsula will give a lesson in surf safety in **December as part of Surf Life** Saving's annual Rip Current Awareness Day.

Beachgoers at Killcare, Umina and Ocean Beach will be taught about rip currents when surf life savers release fluoro dye into the surf to highlight the rip current movements.

A record number of clubs will take part this year with 100 beaches across the country, and 54 in NSW, participating in the campaign to give swimmers and onlookers an opportunity to develop a greater awareness of rip currents.

According to Surf Life Saving statistics, the number one cause of coastal drowning is people caught in rip currents.

The majority of rescues performed by surf lifesavers were due to people being caught in rip currents

Surf Life Saving NSW lifesaving manager Mr Dean Storey emphasised the importance of greater public awareness when it comes to rip currents.

"Every summer we see thousands of beachgoers get into trouble because they can't properly identify a rip current.

"Dye releases allow us to demonstrate where rips are and how they operate.

"We want to make sure everyone knows what a rip current looks like so they can avoid them in the first place," said Storey.

Mr Storey said beachgoers needed to look out for some key indicators when it came to spotting rip currents without the aid of dye.

"Rip currents can be identified by darker channels of water with fewer breaking waves.

"Sandy-coloured

extending beyond the surf zone can also indicate the presence of

"Because these areas of water can look calm, swimmers assume it's the safest place to swim and that's when they can get themselves into a dangerous situation.

"The most important thing beachgoers can do to avoid rips is to swim between the red and vellow flags.

"Surf lifesavers place the flags in safer areas, away from rip

"Also look out for safety signs on the beach which will alert you to the presence of a known rip

"And if beachgoers are in doubt, they simply shouldn't go out into the surf," said Mr Storey.

Media release, 31 Oct 2012 Donna Wishart, Surf Life Saving NSW



Rugby try-out

Year 6 students from Ettalong Public School participated in an enrichment day on Wednesday, October 31, for boys talented in rugby league or union.

The day was run by Brisbane Secondary College's Water Umina Campus for students who were keen to try out for the 2013 Selective Rugby League Team.

Coordinator Mr Patrick Crouch said the calibre of talent coming to Brisbane Water Secondary College was exceptional and he was keen to work with the boys that make the team.

Newsletter 6 Nov 2012 Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

Part of Schools Spectacular

Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina and Woy Woy Campuses joined more than 1000 dancers in the first massed rehearsal of this year's Schools Spectacular on Monday, October 29.

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus students involved in the dance component of the performance while Woy Woy Campus students are involved in the Aboriginal Dance Group and the Featured

This year the finale, which

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will take place on November 23 and 24, will begin with all 3600 student performers singing Beethoven's Ode to Joy before breaking into exuberant dance with contemporary party anthems.

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Principal attends workshop

Public School principal Mr Colin Wallis has attended a one-day workshop at Wyong High School.

The workshop on Monday, November 5, discussed the newlyreleased budgeting tool for the 229 schools in the Empowering Local Schools National Partnership.

The free tool is designed to make the task of budgeting and financial management of the school an easier and efficient task.

Newsletter, 30 Oct 2012 Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

Ask about our

Maths review

Umina Public School is currently in the process of reviewing its mathematics teaching and learning across all years.

The review is expected to help the school better plan learning activities and improve the children's understanding.

Over the next few weeks, students, teachers and caregivers will be randomly spoken to, to help plan the way for the next three

The evaluation will be conducted by several teachers who will also discuss maths learning with groups of students, selected parents and other teachers.

Newsletter, 6 Nov 2012 Lyn Davis, Umina Public School

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Lifesavers take places in State champs

Surf sports athletes from **Umina Surf Life Saving Club** and Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club competed in the 2012 NSW Endurance Championships, held at Swansea Belmont on Sunday, October 28.

For many, the Endurance Championships was the first event of the season and provided athletes from all over NSW with a personal challenge as well as an opportunity to test their fitness in their chosen discipline against the leading competitors in NSW from Under-15s to over 50s.

This year the Championships attracted almost 300 participants with eight competitors from Umina and one from Ocean Beach placing in the event.

Competing in the 30-39 age

group, Mick Magurren placed first in the male 6km ski event, first in the Ironman event, second in the 5km male board event and third in the 2km male ocean swim while fellow Umina competitor Christine Bishop placed second in the female 30-39 6km ski event and third in the female 4km board

Gary Matthews placed second in the 40-49 6km male ski event, second in the 40-49 5km male beach run, second in the 40-49 4km male board event and second in the 40-49 Ironman.

Kerry Armstrong-Smith placed second in the 40-40 female 6km ski event while Alison Tucker placed first in the 30-39 female 5km beach run.

Jemma Smith placed first in the Under-15 female 5km beach run and fifth in the Under-15 4km female board event.

Rick Boylan placed fifth in the 40-49 Ironman and sixth in the 4km male board event and Rachel Wood placed fifth in the Under-16 female Ironperson event.

Ocean Beach competitor Jason Tucker placed third in the 40-49 5km beach run event.

"The tough conditions on the weekend were very challenging, forcing a couple of changes to the proposed event courses," said Surf Life Saving NSW surf sports manager Mr Dan Pearce.

"Despite this, the event was very successful with strong entries from across the State and some close finishes even after the longer

Media release, 29 Oct 2012 Alix Vanny, Surf Life Saving NSW



Competitor Lachlan Braddish

Second open water event

Woy Woy Swim Club will hold its second annual open water event at Umina Beach on Saturday, November 24.

Woy Woy Swim Club junior vice president Ms Sonny Hinwood said the club was confident that the number of entries should increase this year.

"This is a major fund raising event for the club and it is exciting to see increased interest in the annual open water meet," said Ms Hinwood.

The day will consist of a 400m swim that can be used as a practice for younger competitors. Other events on the day will include a 1km, 2km and a 5km swim.

Woy Woy Swim Club is still looking for sponsors for the event. With inquiries, phone Paul on 0458 045 047.

Email, 8 Nov 2012 Sonny Hinwood, Woy **Woy Swim Club**

1306 - 0.45

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Lloyd Pakai and Rob Anderson

Handicap pairs

The Umina Beach Men's **Bowling Club Handicap Pairs** Final was played by Lloyd Pakai and Rob Anderson against Paul Watson and Mal Dodds.

Both leads were playing their first final

The game was tight with Dodds'

majority of the game.

Rob and Lloyd managed to keep their cool to triumph over the last three ends and snatch victory by two shots, finishing with a score

> **Email, 5 Nov 2012** Ian Jarratt, Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club **Photo: Steve Stead**

Boxing for fitness

The Hill Youth Centre, in partnership with the Umina Beach PCYC, is holding Boxing for Fitness classes on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30pm to 5:30pm, for young people, their parents and the wider community.

The classes will be held at The Hill Youth Centre in Kariong.

Cost is \$5 a week, excluding the first week which is \$6 to cover membership to Umina Beach

For more information, contact Hill Youth Centre coordinator Ms Michelle Tilden on 4304 7039 or the Umina Beach PCYC on 4344

Media release, 6 Nov 2012



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Peter McKeon, Fay Edwards, Leila Gilmour and Ron Fitzgerald

October triples carnival

Twenty-two teams from across the Central Coast competed in Umina Beach Bowling Club's October triples carnival.

The game was won by Umina team Ron Fitzgerald, Leila Gilmour and Fay Edwards, followed by Mal Dodds, Mark Speerin and Lee Patterson also from Umina.

In third place was The Entrance

team Neil Pombari, J Todal and G Canobie.

"With three games of two bowl triples over 12 ends, players needed to be on their game from the first end.

"This month proved no exception with some of the more fancied teams falling by the wayside during the course of the afternoon," said Umina Beach Bowling Club publicity officer Mr

lan Jarratt

Bendigo Bank Ettalong branch manager Mr Peter McKeon presented the winners with their prize money.

The last carnival for the year will be held on Wednesday, November

Media release, 5 Nov 2012 Ian Jarratt, Umina Beach Bowling Club Photo: Steve Stead

Awards finalists

One athlete and two sporting clubs from the Peninsula have been recognised as finalists in this year's Central Coast Sports Federation Awards which will be held at Mingara on Saturday, November 17, from 7pm.

Woy Woy Water Polo Club and Umina Surf Life Saving Club were

nominated as finalists for the Club-Association of the Year and will be up against Terrigal Surf Life Saving Club as the only other club in the running to win.

Michaela Pendleton from Rhythm Gymnastics in Umina is up against two others for the Coach of the Year Award.

Email, 8 Nov 2012 Kevin Dewar, Central Coast Sports Federation



Surf rowing team competes

Mixed pairs final

The Umina Beach Bowling Club Mixed Pairs Final was played by Jean Boardman and Frank Lowe against Pat Neal and Alan Rhodes.

The match was an evenly fought contest until the 17th end when Alan and Pat led by one shot.

Jean and Frank then hit a purple patch to run out winners by 26-16.

Email, 5 Nov 2012 Ian Jarratt, Umina Beach Bowling Club Photo: Steve Stead



Winners Frank Lowe and Jean Boardman

The Ocean Beach Under-19 boys rowing team competed in the Peters Surf Boat Series at Blacksmith's Beach in Swansea on Sunday, October 28, winning all three of their races and coming out on top at the end of the day.

The team was using new oars for the first time in competition.

"The boys are showing early in the season that they have what it takes to win the series," said rowing assistant Therese Carroll.

The team will compete in upcoming events including Battle of the Boats, ASRL Open, Young

Guns and the remainder of the Peters Series.

They will also compete in the State Titles which will be held at Ocean Beach in March next year and the Aussie Titles held at Tugun Beach in Queensland in April.

The Ocean Beach Open Men's A Team also performed well on Sunday and finished the day in first place.

The Under-23 girls team finished third on the day in their first event for the season.

Media release, 1 Nov 2012 Therese Carroll, Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club



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Local athletes recognised

Two Peninsula athletes were Government Areas of Wyong and recognised at the Central Coast Academy of Sport Scholarship Graduation and Awards Night at Mingara Recreation Club on Monday, November 5.

Lachlan Braddish of Umina received an Encouragement Award for swimming while Lipana Vitale from Woy Woy received an Encouragement Award for rugby

The Academy of Sport provides opportunities for young men and women from the two Local Gosford.

The Central Coast Academy of Sport has been providing training and development programs since January 2004 and since that time over 1700 people have progressed through a variety of sports, events and programs specific to athletic endeavour.

Over 400 people attended the staging of the eighth annual awards evening.

Media release, 5 Nov 2012 Ray Sandell, Central Coast **Academy of Sport Photo: Veitch Photos**



Lipana-Vitale



Denise awarded life membership

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club member Denise Lees was one of four Surf Life Saving NSW members who were recognised for a lifetime of volunteer service by being awarded Life Membership at the organisation's annual meeting on Friday, November

"Denise has made both a distinguished and sustained contribution to Surf Life Saving NSW during her 35 year membership," said Surf Life Saving's media officer Ms Donna Wishart.

"She has worked tirelessly and continuously behind the scenes, particularly through her involvement with the junior activities

section of the organisation and as a Surf Sports official for the Central Coast Branch.

"Denise's commitment to the Central Coast Branch has been demonstrated through her position on the Board of Examiners as an official for 19 years," Ms Wishart

> Media release, 8 Nov 2012 Donna Wishart, Surf Life Saving NSW



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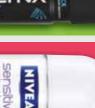




























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