

Environment group calls for sea barrier

The Community Environment Network has called for a sea barrier at Ettalong and other multi-million dollar projects to protect the Peninsula and Brisbane Water from sea level rise.

The Network has proposed "engineering solutions for holding back the rising sea" rather than "abandoning the lowest lands" in response to climate change.

The proposal comes with the release of a report of a forum held by the Network's Climate Futures group in Woy Woy in August, entitled Sea Level Rise: Looking for Solutions.

Network chairman Mr John Asquith said "Some physical measures to hold back the sea included levee banks, sea walls and a barrier similar to the Thames Barrier.

The barrier across the Thames Estuary in England, which at over 500m long is the

world's second largest movable flood barrier, cost more than 500 million pounds to build.

"All these measures cost money and could reduce our enjoyment of the waterfront but it was felt that the huge value of waterfront property in the region would justify spending on defence rather than simply abandoning the lowest lands," he said.

Mr Asquith said the report detailed the outcomes of the forum and outlined community concerns and issues to be raised with local politicians.

"The report covers community opinion on how to adapt to rising sea level and the threat of storm flooding."

Mr Asquith said all storms were strengthened by the increased atmospheric moisture and heat energy in the climate system.

"Storms of today are likely to be stronger than those of 30 years ago.

"It is only a matter of time before a storm-flood incident similar to Hurricane Sandy hits the Central Coast as it hit New York.

"Flooding in Brisbane Water and other foreshores around the Coast is worst when storm surge and high tides coincide," he said.

"The height of storm surge increases with the intensity of the storms.

"A strong east coast low already causes serious flooding on the Central Coast and climate change is making these storms stronger."

The report contains background science on climate change and sea level rise in particular as well as information on how flood insurance is changing and what engineering solutions there are for holding back the rising sea.

The forum called for more community involvement in adaptation planning for Climate Change, more consultation by Council with the community, and more action to improve resilience to the impacts of storm attack and flooding.

"The level of understanding in the community of the likely impacts of sea level rise and the scientific background of the problem was seen as a serious barrier with education needed at all levels of Government," said Mr Asquith.

"Affected community members on or near the waterfront should not be expected to bear the costs and impacts alone.

"We all created this problem. We all need to solve it."

**Media Release, 3 Dec 2012
John Asquith, Community Environment Network**



Ivan Kinny, Tanya Plibersek, Daniel Stone from Adco Constructions and Deb O'Neill

Health Minister visits hospital

Federal Minister for Health Ms Tanya Plibersek and Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill visited Woy Woy Hospital on Friday, November 23, as part of the Minister's visit to the Central Coast.

Ms O'Neill and Ms Plibersek met with patients in the transitional care unit of the hospital and inspected the progress on the new Woy Woy Rehabilitation Unit.

Ms O'Neill said the building works were progressing well and she was looking forward to the new facility being up and running next year.

"The local community fought so long and hard to have this service reinstated for the Peninsula," said Ms O'Neill.

"The building is really starting to take shape and I am pleased that the new facility will be helping patients next year."

The Federal Government is providing \$9 million towards the \$14 million construction cost of the unit as well as a further \$12.7 million for recurrent costs until 2013-14

The project includes a 30 bed Sub Acute Rehabilitation Unit for short stay admissions, multiple courtyard areas for rehabilitation activities, external paths and rehab areas and structure to enable the future expansion either side of the proposed unit in line with the master plan for the hospital.

**Media Release, 26 Nov 2012
Peter McCabe, Office of Deborah O'Neill MP**



Foreshore erosion

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Below average rains continue

The rainfall on the Peninsula has continued to be below average, despite November having the highest rainfall for five months with a total of 67.6mm.

None of the previous four months had rainfall totals of more than half of this, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

However, the November rainfall was still 26.5 per cent below the average for the month of 92mm.

Total rain for the year was 1147.1mm, 6.0 per cent below the average total of 1220.7mm at the end of November.

Only 169.2mm, or less than 15 per cent of the year's total, of this has fallen since June.

Temperatures over the month of November ranged from 11.6 degrees on November 11 to 32.9 degrees on November 1, according to local weather website www.peninsulaweather.info.

Lowest maximum was 18.2 on November 16 and highest minimum was 23.4 on November 30.

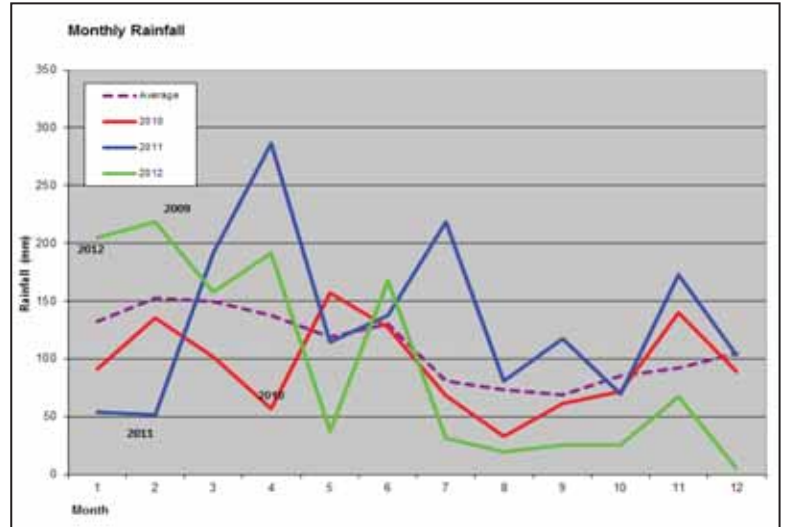
Average minimum was 17.2 and average maximum was 24.2 degrees.

Highest wind gust for the month was 32.4 km/h.

December has started with its highest maximum to date of 32.2 on December 1.

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**Spreadsheet, 7 Dec 2012
 Jim Morrison, Woy Woy
www.peninsulaweather.info**



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The winner of last edition's Peninsula News Givoni competition was Joy Grannell of Kincumber.

Kaitlin Watts, 7 Dec 2012



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Grandstand languishes as funding falls through

The Woy Woy oval grandstand will not be redeveloped in the near future, with the Peninsula losing out to Gosford in the latest round of Regional Development Australia funding.

The grandstand is expected to remain fenced off and empty for the foreseeable future.

The grandstand missed out on funding from round four of the Regional Development Australia Fund in favour of a \$13 million redevelopment of Gosford Council's Marketplace building in Gosford.

To be named the Park Central Learning and Enterprise Centre, the building will house a new city library, a university presence, a business start-up incubator, NBN access for teleworkers and professional office suites.

The Woy Woy Oval Grandstand Redevelopment Project had a predicted project cost of \$3.74 million with a requested contribution of \$1.87 million each from Gosford Council and Regional Development Australia.

The grandstand was constructed in 1978 with limited corrosion protection.

Following an assessment on the ageing facility in October last year, a structural engineers report concluded that "the grandstand is experiencing on-going deterioration and structural distress in various areas."

"While some of the concrete spalling may be considered as a minor structural problem, the significant corrosion evident throughout the steel members and roof structure appears to be severe."

Four options for the rectification or redevelopment of the grandstand were considered by Gosford

Council at its meeting of July 24.

It was subsequently resolved to demolish the existing facility, develop a Site Masterplan and redevelop the grandstand and ancillary infrastructure.

Council had allocated a contribution of \$1.87 million to the project.

Consultation with the sporting and community groups who used the grandstand wanted extra facilities as part of the redevelopment to "uphold its regional status".

Council staff reported that this would increase quality, functionality and accessibility as well as create

opportunities to generate income to subsidise ongoing maintenance and operational costs.

Council funding would have allowed for a light weight structure that would service the playing fields.

A 3D concept model was prepared that focused on greater integration of the facility with the Woy Woy CBD to create more opportunities for public participation, with an anticipated cost of \$3.74 million for the project.

**Gosford Council Agenda
COR.123, 4 Dec 2012
Photo: Naomi Bridges**

Foreshore trees to be replanted

Trees will be replanted in the Lance Web Reserve at Ettalong following a spate of tree vandalism recently.

The damage to the trees was rated by Council as of medium significance.

Council had undertaken a letter box drop to surrounding residents informing them that the vandalism had occurred and they should

contact Council if they had any information regarding the vandalism.

Mr Moore said a tree vandalism sign had also been arranged to be installed at the location.

"Due to the entire length of Lance Webb Reserve being a Potential Archaeological Deposit, excavation is not permitted without an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit," said Mr Moore.

"Therefore large concrete blocks were placed on the reserve and a sign was to be erected on them so that excavation would not need to be undertaken.

"The stumps will remain, as the trees had been cut low at the trunk.

"Replanting on the reserve in the area will also occur.

"Foreshore vegetation plays an important role in helping to stabilise

foreshores through trapping of wind-blown sand and root binding of soil.

"These processes in turn help to protect public and private infrastructure and therefore it is in the best interests of everyone to ensure that this vegetation is retained and enhanced.

"All native vegetation on Council reserves is protected.

"Unauthorised clearing of native

vegetation is an offence under Part 3 of the Native Vegetation Act, 2003 and carries a penalty of up to 1000 penalty units (currently \$110,000) pursuant to section 126 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979," said Mr Moore.

**Kaitlin Watts, 6 Dec 2012
Interviewee: Phil Moore**



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Council to change zone for horses

Gosford Council has confirmed its decision to permit animal boarding or training establishments in the 7(c2) Conservation and Scenic Protection zone.

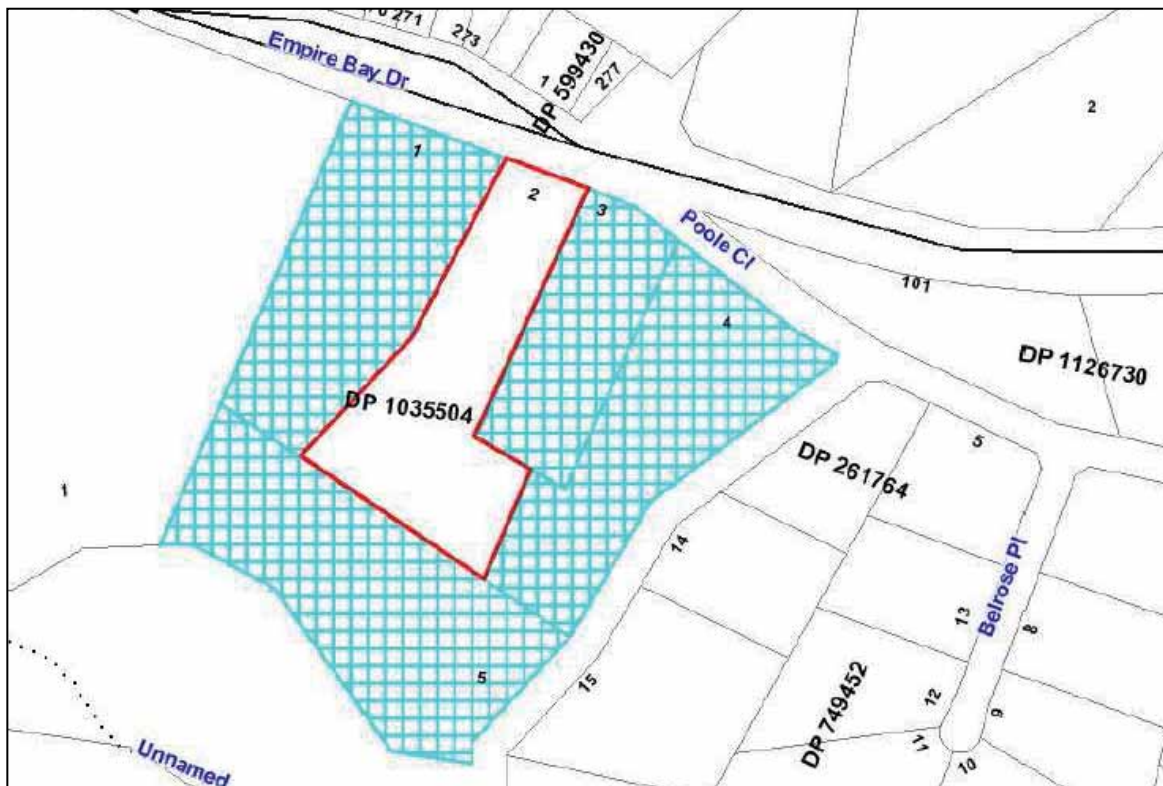
The council advertised its intention, which would permit horses in the zone, during October and November and considered the one submission received at its December 4 meeting.

The issue was previously considered by Council on June 5 after an application requested that Council prepare a planning proposal to include an enabling clause to permit the use of a horse riding school on Lot 2 Empire Bay Dr, Empire Bay.

The public submission stated that the rezoning went against Council's resolution to defer zoning on areas zoned 7(a) and 7(c2) for five years from the date of gazettal of the draft Gosford LEP 2009 and there was no supporting evidence provided to justify the rezoning.

Council's director environment and planning stated in a report to the December 4 council meeting that an animal establishment was currently permitted in the 7 (c2) zone but it was exclusive of horses.

It was stated that under the draft Gosford LEP 2009, the equivalent zone to 7(c2) was



Council's move to change the zoning came after an application for a horse riding school at Empire Bay.

E3 Environmental Management which was proposed to permit animal boarding or training establishments.

This zone would include the breeding, boarding, training, keeping or caring of animals for

commercial purposes and includes any associated riding school or ancillary veterinary hospital.

The public submission also stated that there were already two horse riding schools in less than 10km and there was no need

for a third and that the property in question was currently being used for agistment which was not permitted according to Council regulations.

"The result of keeping horses on a property that is unsuitable

is abundantly clear to us as neighbours," the submission stated.

"The property is not 'gently sloping' as claimed but particularly steep at the rear of the property and, in this area, the constant usage of this particular paddock to keep horses has resulted in all vegetation being stripped in the area leading to soil degradation and erosion.

"When it rains there is substantial run off of soil and when it is dry the 'dust bowl' effect means our home is constantly covered in a layer of dust not to mention the constant stench of manure."

The council report stated that Council officers had, in the past, investigated whether a commercial riding school had been operating illegally on the site but had not been able to categorically prove that it had.

"Hence if there is no riding school business in operation there is nothing to police in this regard."

The submission also claimed that the state of the road was inadequate to support a commercial venture.

The council staff report stated matter such as this would be addressed at the development application stage.

Gosford Council Agenda ENV.106, 4 Dec 2012

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Ferry levy introduced despite mixed response

Gosford Council has introduced an annual ferry operator levy for the use of the Ferry Rd wharf at Ettalong, and for the Wagstaffe wharf, despite a mixed response to the proposal.

The levy will be calculated on the basis of use per wharf by vessels of a survey capacity greater than 120 passengers.

The levy will be set at an amount of \$2500 for the remainder of the current financial year.

The fees will be placed in a reserve fund to be used for the repair, maintenance and construction of Council wharves and for localised dredging.

The public exhibition of the ferry operator levy was undertaken between September 7 and October 19.

Six submissions were

received.

Two submissions fully supported the proposal to implement the Ferry Operator Levy, one submission supported the proposal subject to it being applied to all wharf users, not only commercial operators and the annual fee being recalculated to be in the order of \$2500 per wharf and three submissions did not support the proposal.

Issues raised in the submissions included a lack of community consultation prior to Council considering the introduction of the levy, the excessive nature of the proposed levy and its inconsistency with Council's other charges, the levy's possible impact on services with the reduction of passengers therefore reducing the number of trips and possible adjustment to fares.

Gosford Council Agenda
CIT.49, 27 Nov 2012

New operator for home park

A new operator is to take over the lease of the Ettalong Beach Holiday Village home park, which is owned by Gosford Council.

The Council has resolved to enter into an agreement with Australian Tourist Park Management Pty Ltd and Ingenia Communities Management Trust for the assignment of the lease.

Ingenia Communities Management Trust will be required to agree to be bound by all the terms and conditions of the lease for the remainder of the lease period and for its options.

Australian Tourist Park Management Pty Ltd had asked that the lease of Ettalong Beach Holiday Village be transferred to Ingenia Communities Management Trust (or a related entity).

A report by Council staff stated it would not be in Council's interests to have a reluctant provider of such a service to Council for an extended period of time, particularly in the case of a village where there may be an effect on many occupants of the village.

The report recommended against inviting new tenders for the lease of the park as it was "unlikely that a termination of the current lease would be more favourable to



Council".

A seven-year lease for the village started on March 25, 2008, with two options for further leases of seven years.

The lease included a provision that allowed the transfer of the lease to another entity.

According to the report, although Australian Tourist Park Management could assign the benefits of the lease to Ingenia Community Management Trust,

the company could not assign the obligation of the lease to the trust.

Australian Tourist Park Management proposed to assign the burden of the lease by entering into a tripartite contract with Ingenia Community Management Trust and Council, with the trust contracted with the company to fulfil the company's obligations.

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COR.166, 27 Nov 2012

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New deck for progress hall

A new deck has been built for the Patonga Progress Hall. The new deck was built by 20 local residents on Saturday,

November 26, to increase the area available for community events and other activities at the hall.

The cost of the deck was funded by the community through the monthly Hootenanny, Patonga's annual music festival Blues Across the Bay and a donation from the Patonga Tennis Club.

Patonga Progress Hall Trust chairman Mr Mark Austin said: "Many people gave their time and their skills to building the deck so quickly and so well."

"The community is proud of them."

Media Release, 27 Nov 2012
Dain Simpson, Patonga Beach Progress Association
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Central Coast 21 on Brisbane Water for the first time

New boat for Marine Rescue

Marine Rescue Central Coast has accepted the delivery of its new Cobia 6.5 metre rigid hull inflatable boat.

The boat, Central Coast 21, was delivered at Lions Park, Woy Woy,

on Wednesday, November 29.

Central Coast 21 has replaced Central Coast 11 which moved to Brooklyn to be used by its new owner as a water taxi.

Training to use the new Rigid

Hull Inflatable Boat will commence immediately so that the vessel can be put into operation as soon as possible.

The Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat has twin Suzuki 90 HP outboard engines that will power its performance as a fast emergency response vessel.

Media Release, 29 Nov 2012
Ron Cole, Marine Rescue
Central Coast

Waterfront works to go to tender

Redevelopment works for Ettalong waterfront are expected to go to tender this month and begin in mid-February.

The works will cover the reserve area between Beach St to the Lemon Grove netball court entry where a new sandstone seawall is planned, as well as a cycleway-footpath, playground, park furniture, realignment of the car park, stormwater infrastructure and landscaping.

A beach facilities building at the end of Beach St will include a cafe-kiosk and public toilets.

Council's manager open space and leisure Mr Phil Moore said that the works would be consistent

with the Ettalong Beach Reserve Foreshore Plan of Management,

The cycleway would be constructed along Lance Webb Reserve, between Picnic Pde and Ferry Rd and the beach would undergo beach "nourishment".

The beach nourishment would consist of the sand being dredged from the centre shoal and pumped onto the beach which would cause the beach to be restored to a width of 15 metres.

Work had already commenced as part of the project with the construction of the public toilet at Ferry Rd and the demolition of the Schnapper Rd public toilet in November last year, he said.

Kaitlin Watts, 6 Dec 2012
Interviewee: Phil Moore

Chamber calls for co-operation

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has asked Gosford Council to work constructively with property owners along Lance Webb Reserve when undertaking its upgrade.

"The Chamber can fully understand the frustration of property owners along Lance Webb Reserve and the inordinate amount of time it is taking for Council to complete its heritage assessment of the foreshore and implement upgrading works including the restoration of the reserve," said Chamber president

Mr Matthew Wales.

"Property owners along the reserve have traditionally undertaken a degree of upkeep adjacent to their frontages just as residents would look after the nature strip along their road frontage.

"From the Chamber's point of view, it is essential that the upgrading of the reserve and foreshore is undertaken as a matter of urgency as this is an important piece of community infrastructure that has been sadly neglected.

"It is also the gateway to the Ettalong Beach town centre for passengers coming from the Palm Beach ferry at Ferry Rd.

"You can only imagine the poor impression the current state of the reserve must give to those visitors.

"These property owners want to be proud of the reserve just as much as the rest of the community," said Mr Wales.

Email, 5 Dec 2012
Matthew Wales, Peninsula
Chamber of Commerce

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Behind the subordinate clauses of Christmas

It is ridiculous, as any 10-year-old child can confirm, that only one Santa Claus can deliver the millions of presents on Christmas Eve to the myriads of chimney hearths throughout the world.

It would actually take hundreds. Therefore there must be many subordinate Clauses.

It then follows that there must be hundreds, if not thousands, of reindeer.

And how many Rudolfs does that mean?

Children are aware that there are many substitutes, or subordinate clauses as witnessed by the thousands of Santa Clauses found on the streets in December in streets and department stores in cities throughout the Christian world in Sydney, New York and Saskatoon, begging for donations and shouting "Ho! Ho! Ho!" at those who do not comply (if you don't know what that really means look it up in your Funk and Wagnalls).

It has been established that there are thousands of elves making toys, packing them, loading sleighs, and numerous

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other elves and gnomes behind the scenes keeping track of the correspondence and the good and bad children and what presents they will receive, if any, and the addresses for them as well.

This is obviously a monumental logistical problem and a gigantic organisation to handle it, in fact, existing for hundreds of years.

Who was originally responsible for setting up this organisation?

Some claim it was Sears and Roebuck, but actually it existed long before this company came into being, so that has been discounted.

Then there is a Vatican Stock Exchange, which is perhaps a bit

more realistic.

Others claim it was originally a group involved in greed, gluttony and avarice, but this is hard to prove.

Some even opt for an organisation called Something For Nothing.

There are even those who think it was possibly formed to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ and the meaning of giving rather than taking.

Do you think the United Nations should probe this further and form a committee to investigate the whole subjects from subordinate clauses to the Wall Street Stock Exchange?

Or would it be better to let sleeping Santa's lie, so he, they (and possibly she) be prepared for the big night Christmas Eve?

Letter, 3 Dec 2012
 Roy Spence, Woy Woy

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Sick of dogs at beach

Congratulations to Gosford Council for the new regulations governing dogs at Umina Beach

For too long we have had to put up with dogs running through adults and children who are trying to peacefully enjoy the beach.

It must be a nightmare for those holiday makers who come to the beach for a break.

While many dog owners are responsible, there are those who think their beloved pets should be able to dominate and defoul an area which should be free and clean to be used by all.

We are sick of them.

Letter, 3 Dec 2012
 Rie Lester, Umina

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Optimism with student vote

Harvard students have voted to pressure their university to cease investments in coal, oil and gas companies.

The fossil fuel industries are choking our little blue planet with their faeces, and warm-drowning our coastal and island peoples.

My optimism returns because this tactic was brought to bear successfully against the apartheid regime in South Africa and is currently beginning the strangulation of the murderous tobacco industry.

Five years ago, following Al Gore's film An Inconvenient Truth, Kevin Rudd's 2007 electoral victory on the back of global warming concern, Europe's policy on carbon pricing, and the rapid shifts towards sane policies in China and California, I was slowly becoming optimistic.

Then came Tony Abbott, and a deliberately scrambled debate, aided and abetted by the media who pilloried a prime minister for "lying" when she was doing what leaders must do, respond to changed circumstances with thoughtfulness and skill.

There were mistakes following the Rudd Government's brave attempt to introduce an emissions trading scheme.

It was blocked by the Greens' collective left wing docking with the most right-wing Opposition since Moses was a lad.

Rudd didn't read correctly the crucial reason for his election win

(global warming concern) and so freaked and failed to call a double dissolution.

He dropped the ball.

Since that time, the willful ignorants have successfully confused the debate resulting in crippling political constipation.

Political constipation is a huge win for Conservatives.

It moves nothing, just holds onto what we have.

And so it is that the Harvard students' decision to campaign for all universities to "divest" their interests in fossil fuels is very encouraging.

A new strategy which allows us all to play a part rather than wait helplessly as we watch our planet choke, drown, and be battered with extreme weather.

Someone important at the time said: "This is the moral question of our time".

I agreed. I still agree. Tomorrow I will still agree.

The electorate seemed to agree with Rudd.

He has gone.

The greatest moral question has not.

Apparently the movement is active within 50-odd universities in America. More to come.

We can widen this to include Australian Universities, all companies, organisations and entities who invest in the life-threatening filth of fossil fuels.

Email, 29 Nov 2012
 Vanlyn Davy, Pearl Beach

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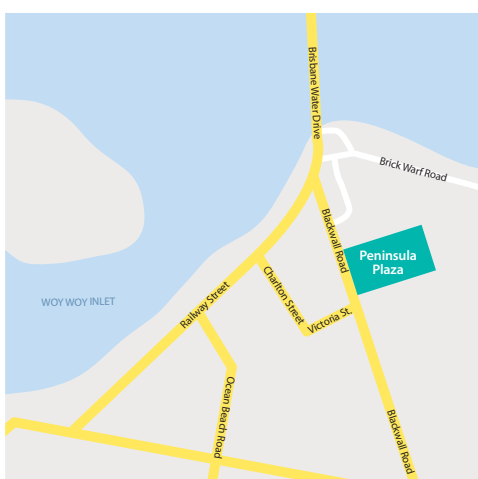

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Fundamentals of success

In response to Norman Harris' Letter to the Editor (Peninsula News, November 26) regarding McDonalds and the character of the Umina Beach CBD, he clearly does not understand the fundamentals of growing successful town centres.

Umina's resurgence as a busy retail centre hasn't happened by accident.

It has taken a lot of hard work by the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce to encourage major retailers to invest in town over the last five years at a time when other centres have struggled.

Generally, successful town centres are underpinned by anchor businesses which employ a stable

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work force from which smaller retailers can benefit from and grow.

Umina Beach is a classic case in point with Coles, Woolworths, Aldi, Bunnings, McDonalds and the Ocean Beach Hotel forming an incredibly important retail base from which over 350 jobs were created.

Mr Harris laments the changing character of the town centre and the trade-off for this revitalisation.

I have to disagree.

Umina is an evolving retail centre where things do change.

Change and the resulting revitalisation helps to stimulate retail centres so that they do not stagnate and fall into decline.

You can witness this first hand

in the Gosford CBD.

The Chamber's charter includes the promotion of business opportunities and the stimulation of business growth.

As president of the organisation, I will actively continue to do so and welcome businesses that pump investment dollars into the town, that create jobs and that want to contribute positively to the success of Umina Beach.

I love Umina and you can find me in town doing business every day along with thousands of others.

It is vibrant, busy, exciting and above all, has a unique and evolving character.

How good is that?

Email, 30 Nov 2012
Matthew Wales, Umina

Stop using poisons

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I read with interest your recent articles about asbestos, including home renovations that are exposing tenants to it.

It has taken many decades to become aware of the dangers of asbestos.

It also took a long time for people to realize the toxic nature of treated timber soaked in copper chrome arsenic solution.

We made children's play equipment out of this.

I used to cut it with no safety gear and breathe in the powder.

People still use it to make vegetable gardens believe it or not. How many other toxic

substances are a ticking time bomb waiting to assault future generations: Just for big companies to make big profits at our expense?

Let's wake up, stop using poisons that kill us and the planet and use the natural solutions that are all around us.

We might have a little less money but we will be infinitely wealthier in our health and the health of our environment, and future generations will thank us instead of curse us.

Email, 26 Nov 2012
Dave Williams, Pearl Beach

Questions for the Big Mac and the Cheeseburgers

I remain bitter and twisted about the process that concluded with the approval of a McDonalds fast food franchise on Ocean Beach Rd, Umina.

Gosford Council has acknowledged that Umina residents were second class citizens who were not entitled to participate in any planning process associated with their quality of life, population density of the Peninsula, environmental conditions, character of their neighbourhood or local traffic conditions.

The explanation provided by the Big Mac (formerly known as the mayor) and the eight accompanying Cheeseburgers (formerly known as councillors) has been grossly inadequate and I have been unable

to find any publications along the lines of An Idiots Guide to Gosford Council or Gosford Council Procedures for Dummies to assist my understanding of the process.

The residents of Umina deserve a detailed explanation to fully understand when, how and why we reached the point where our elected officials concluded "there is nothing we can do" because "the boxes have all been ticked".

A beautifully scripted response but somewhat lacking in detail.

A full post mortem is required although a full investigation by an appropriately qualified, independent and empowered entity would be more appropriate.

At this point I am particularly interested in the time line.

I recall attending a farcical Christmas Pantomime (site inspection) late last year.

We gathered on the land owned by McDonalds and were informed by the presiding cheeseburger that rezoning the land was in no way related to approval of a fast food

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franchise.

If I wasn't there I wouldn't have believed it.

I swear this is true.

There are other witnesses.

Incidentally, the presiding cheeseburger campaigned at the last Council election under the self-proclaimed title of the Road Warrior.

A month after the election he forgot about being a road warrior and voted for traffic mayhem on the already overcrowded streets of Umina.

The information provided by this cheeseburger and his accompanying cheeseburgers, last year was, in my opinion, contradicted by the Gosford Council Agenda ENV.49, June 5 as published in the Peninsula News under the heading "Council moves away from spot rezoning".

The fifth paragraph of the council agenda item stated: "The Council's recent support for changes that would permit a McDonalds fast food outlet in Umina was an example."

Raise your hand if you have any questions.

1) What change occurred between the Christmas Pantomime of 2011 and publication of the Gosford Council Agenda ENV.49, June 5?

2) Is June 5 the point where the fast food franchise became inevitable and our elected officials became impotent?

3) Did the cheeseburgers misrepresent the facts to the

residents who attended the 2011 Christmas Pantomime?

4) Is it reasonable for residents of Umina to assume that, based on the document Gosford Council Agenda ENV.49, June 5, Gosford Council intended to approve the fast food franchise on Ocean Beach Rd and that any actions taken after June 5 was mere window dressing directed towards ensuring that all the boxes got a tick, whether they deserved it or not?

5) Is it fair to say that Gosford Council engages residents in a process called "community consultation", not because they are interested in the community's opinion, but because they need to tick the box marked Community Consultation?

6) When the council stated that there was "nothing we can do" as "the boxes have been ticked" did they mean that council staff presented the DA and associated research in such a manner that the decision was taken away from our elected officials?

Alternatively, did they mean that they could do something but they didn't want to?

It would be nice to receive a detailed reply from the Big Mac, one of the ordinary cheeseburgers or even a citizen with knowledge and insight of what did or didn't happen during the rezoning and approval of the fast food franchise's development application.

The questions above are not the end of the saga.

There are many questions to follow.

While I'm waiting for answers I will do my best to comply with the recent suggestion from the editor of the Express Advocate.

His editorial urged residents to get behind the new Council and the new general manager.

I will be right behind them.

I will give them the push they deserve.

However, I do require assistance to lure them to edge of a precipice.

Email, 27 Nov 2012
Tim Haylor, Umina

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Water main flushing works are one of many regular, on-going

maintenance activities Council undertakes to maintain drinking water quality, according to the council's director of water and sewer Mr Rod Williams.

The mains flushing program was reviewed regularly and targets areas based on the results of previous works and whether local discoloured water issues had emerged, he said.

These works were also

supported by regular swabbing and the, recently trialled, ice-pigging programs that helped reduce the likelihood of discoloured water.

Media Release, 26 Nov 2012
Megan Low, Gosford Council



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Aboriginal mural for village residents

A number of Aboriginal art students from Brisbane Water Secondary College have almost completed a large mural at Peninsula Village that represents the local environment.

Students were responsible for the composition, colour and symbolism within the design.

Students are also teaching residents how to use computers while residents are helping the students learn how to play lawn bowls.

The students and residents also meet every Thursday afternoon to work on mosaic projects together.

"Here at Peninsula Village we have always strived to do things a little better, a little differently," said Peninsula Village employee Ms Nicola Burton.

"Most people, when asked, do not choose to move into an aged

care facility or a nursing home when they get older.

"However people often have no choice when faced with health issues.

"So we started to think, why do people feel like that?

"Three years ago Peninsula Village decided to change that feeling for people who already live here in our village and for our friends in the community.

"We embarked on a culture changing adventure to alter the lives of the wonderful residents who live with us and to also change the perception of age care generally.

"What if you could choose what time you got up; showered and had your meals each day?

"Would you feel differently about moving into an age care facility?

"What if you lived in a place that looked like a home not an institution?

"What if you got to be involved in the larger community, continuing to interact with your family and friends when you choose, where your grandchildren are welcome to come play?

"Peninsula Village has been working on our Model of Care Programme as part of our strategic direction for the past three years.

"The Village has employed Susie O'Donnell, a registered nurse who is also an art therapist to design the visual changes to our Village, making the Village more homelike.

"This position plays an integral role in the quality of life for our residents.

"Our art projects have secured first prize in the Positive Living Aged Care Awards for the past two years, by focusing on strategies to improve the mental health and wellbeing of those participants.

"At Peninsula, nearly every day you will see something fun happening around the place.

"Wednesdays is our Play-Up Day.

"Play Up is where trained performers incorporate residents in the humour program.

"Also, when at our Village, don't forget to look out for Hannah our new Labrador puppy, as well as Fudge who didn't quite make it to a guide dog, but is more than happy enjoying many pats as companion dog to our residents.

"We also run a day therapy program for those with a diagnosis of dementia.

"This program is designed to provide socialisation and stimulation in a small group environment," said Ms Burton.

Email, 4 Dec 2012

Paula Newman,

Peninsula Village

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Nicola Burton, Peninsula Village

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"This is an ideal app for surfing and travelling, as you are able to find breaks throughout Australia,"

said Jake.

The months of research and development that have gone into this app, have been in addition to the 21-year-old's teaching - architecture studies at university.

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Jake Foster, Empire Bay



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Top apprentice wins cook-off

An apprentice at a Umina restaurant has won the First Year Apprentice Division of the Leo Gerrett Memorial Cook Off at Ourimbah TAFE Campus on Monday, November 26.

Ruth Dalton, who works at Acquavista Restaurant, cooked a rack of lamb dish and a dessert of choux pastry swans.

The following day, at a ceremony in the Hunter Valley, she won the 2012 Outstanding Apprentice Award from the Hunter Chef's Association and TAFE NSW.

The winner was determined in an interview where the candidates were questioned on their ambitions and passion for their profession.

Email, 29 Nov 2012
Lindy Wilson,
Acquavista Restaurant



Ruth Dalton

Kindergarten visits village

A group of Kindergarten students from Umina Public School will visit Peninsula Village on Monday, December 10.

"I think it is vital that our students learn from an early age that they can contribute to the lives of others in a positive way through these

regular visits," said principal Ms Lyn Davis.

"Mrs Vella is coordinating the visits and ensuring that the children have a small token to leave with the residents as a reminder of their visit."

Newsletter, 4 Dec 2012
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School

Students at Spectacular

A group of students from Ettalong Public School attended the Schools Spectacular on Friday, November 23.

Principal Mr Colin Wallis said: "They were a credit to themselves and their school."

"The show by all reports was another extraordinary extravaganza from public school students from across the state."

"It is great our students had the opportunity to be a part of the event," said Mr Wallis.

Newsletter, 27 Nov 2012
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

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Woy Woy school celebrates 100 years

Woy Woy Public School held its 100 year celebration on November 23 and 24.

It was "lots of fun", according to principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"To have the previous principals of the school attend and to hear their stories about the school was amazing and we had the captains of our school for 1952 and 1956 present in our audience of guests," said Ms Buckley.

"The memorabilia display in the school hall of the school's and the local Woy Woy history is incredible and visitors were trawling through these historical documents for hours and hours, recognising and gaining pleasure from seeing themselves in photos or places they had known long ago.

"It is such a worthwhile collection of how things were.

"The original building (B Block) which still remains on the site was very popular and past students and teachers walked down memory lane when they went into the building remembering days gone by.

"Some even sat in the desks in their old rooms taking photos of the places they used to sit.

"What a lovely and lasting connection everyone has with our school.

"The commemorative garden is just a wonderful, inspiring place.

"All were impressed and awestruck when they walked

around to view it.

"What a beautiful, lasting memorial to all the folk who have been, and are in, our school.

"This is a legacy our school will have forever.

"When people re-visit our school they can go and find their special signature paver and that of their friends and teachers and wander around the garden reflecting on childhood and career memories.

"With the colourful, truly beautiful mural which was painted by Mrs Maryanne Millington, this garden space is already a treasured nook for all our students.

"The items collected to go into our time capsule will surely reflect how Woy Woy Public School does business in the present day.

"Each student has contributed to the items going into the capsule as have lots of visitors and teachers.

"The time capsule will be filled, gas sealed and buried by the end of this term, with a small school ceremony to mark the occasion.

"The capsule will be buried in the commemorative garden with a sandstone plaque placed on top to mark its spot.

"When the time capsule is brought up perhaps at the 150th Year celebrations, many of our students will be alive to witness it.

"Can you imagine how things might have changed by then?"

"The picture book of what technology the school and



students use that we will be placing in the capsule will most likely be obsolete.

"The positive comments and accolades about our celebration day on Friday are a testament to a proud public school, a supportive community and a strong connection of generations," said Ms Buckley.

Newsletter, 27 Nov 2012
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

Annual meeting for school council

Umina Public School Council will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, December 12, at 4:30pm.

Members of the school community are invited to attend the meeting which will be held in the school's administration building.

Reports of all Council activities will be presented at the meeting by the relevant office bearers and conveners of committees of the Council.

Items not on the published agenda will not be considered.

The meeting will take place after the regular Council meeting which is open to Council members only.

Any member of the school community wishing to have an

item raised with the School Council should do so at least one week prior to the regular meeting where it will be discussed by the Council members.

Newsletter, 4 Dec 2012
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School

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Out and About



A life with Slim Dusty

The wife of Slim Dusty, Joy McKean, has spoken about her book, *I've Been There (and Back Again)* at the Gospel Gardens in Umina on Saturday, December 8.

Ms McKean wrote her book about Slim and their life writing songs and travelling together.

Ms McKean wrote many of Slim's most well-loved songs such as *Lights on the Hill* and *When the*

Rain Tumbles Down in July.

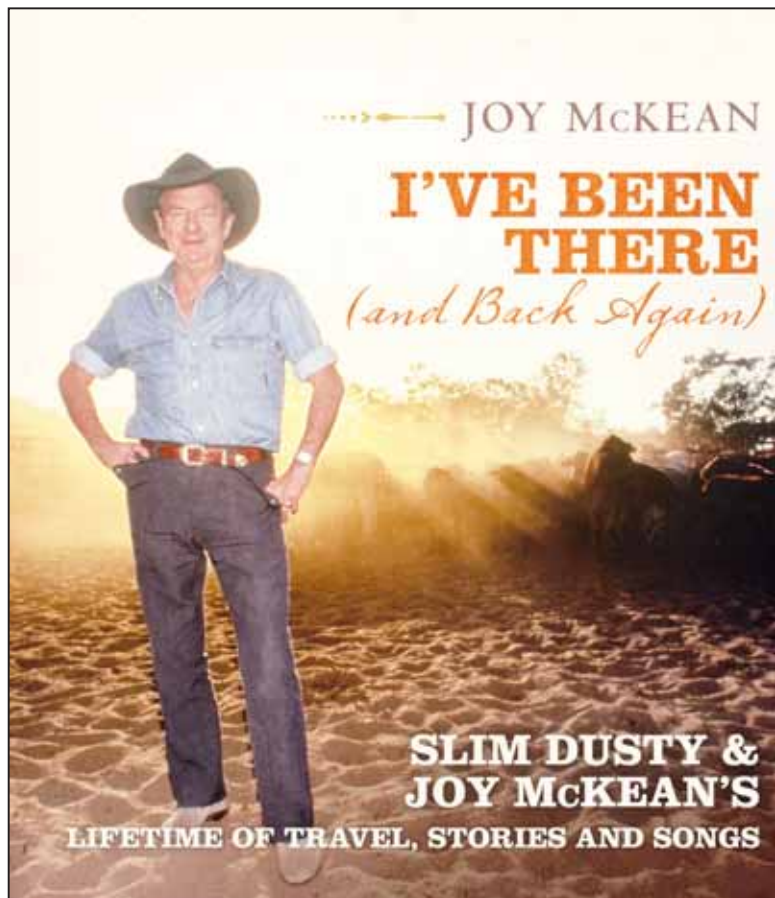
Slim and Joy were awarded a total of 37 Golden Guitars between them.

The book comprises a selection of song lyrics, Joy's stories and reminiscences about each

song, photographs from the family collection and shots by photographer John Elliott, who has been photographing Slim and Joy, their band and family for decades.

Email, 26 Nov 2012

Mandi McIntosh, Book Bazaar



Website celebrates 10 years

The Pearl Beach website, pearl-beach.com, this month celebrated its 10th anniversary.

In December 2002 the website was established by Mr Ian Butler who relocated to Pearl Beach from Sydney with his wife shortly after.

"I found there was not a definitive website for Pearl Beach and decided to rectify the situation by privately funding and administering a community and destination resource," Mr Butler said.

"The website provides a wealth of valuable information for those wishing to visit, holiday or reside in Pearl Beach.

"It presents specifics and particulars on aspects of the area to assist and inform about all that Pearl Beach has to offer to visitors and to the community at large.

"The website has been revised several times since its inception and is now a modern, practical and easy to understand public information source.

"Today the website is actively linked to other information, destination and tourism sites nationally as well to others in the UK, Europe, North America and Asia - Pacific," said Mr Butler.

Besides the Pearl Beach site, Mr Butler operates two other websites for the Pearl Beach area.

Pearl Beach Community Commerce (commerce.pearl-beach.com) provides community access to an online directory of professional and trades people serving Pearl Beach and nearby areas.

Mr Butler also provides the Opera in the Arboretum website (opera.pearl-beach.com) for the Rotary Club of Woy Woy's annual charity fundraiser.

"Opera in the Arboretum, which is now in its eighth year, has become the iconic cultural event that attracts nearly one thousand patrons to Pearl Beach," said Mr Butler.

"The website provides a definitive public information source for the Pearl Beach area of the Central Coast in a way that is not dealt with by either the state or local government tourism sites.

"One only has to be at the beach front on a fine sunny weekend now to see the large number of families and visitors enjoying themselves.

"There's no doubt that the Pearl Beach website has played a significant and major role in promoting Pearl Beach over the past 10 years and continues to do so.

"The local businesses and the community as a whole are the winners of the websites' success," said Mr Butler.

Email, 27 Nov 2012
Ian Butler, Pearl Beach

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The Woy Woy Peninsula Branch of the Ulysses Club started about 18 months ago. The Ulysses club is the largest club of its kind in the southern hemisphere. It also has many branches in numerous countries around the world.

In Australia alone, memberships renewals now being issued are around 64,000. The Club has a motto of "Growing Old Disgracefully" and is a social club for motorcycle riders and enthusiasts. The Ulysses club raises money for its preferred charity "Arthritis research".

The Woy Woy Peninsula Branch has been very active since its beginning, raising funds for the local PCYC and other local charities including "Arthritis research", the clubs preferred charity. Ulysses hold various BBQs around the local area, with their highly visible red BBQ trailer, and shiny motorbikes of all makes and models.

Members go for rides on the first & third Sunday of the month leaving from McDonalds Woy Woy at 9 am.

They also have a social meeting night on the third Friday of the month starting at 7.30pm at the Everglades Country Club Woy Woy.

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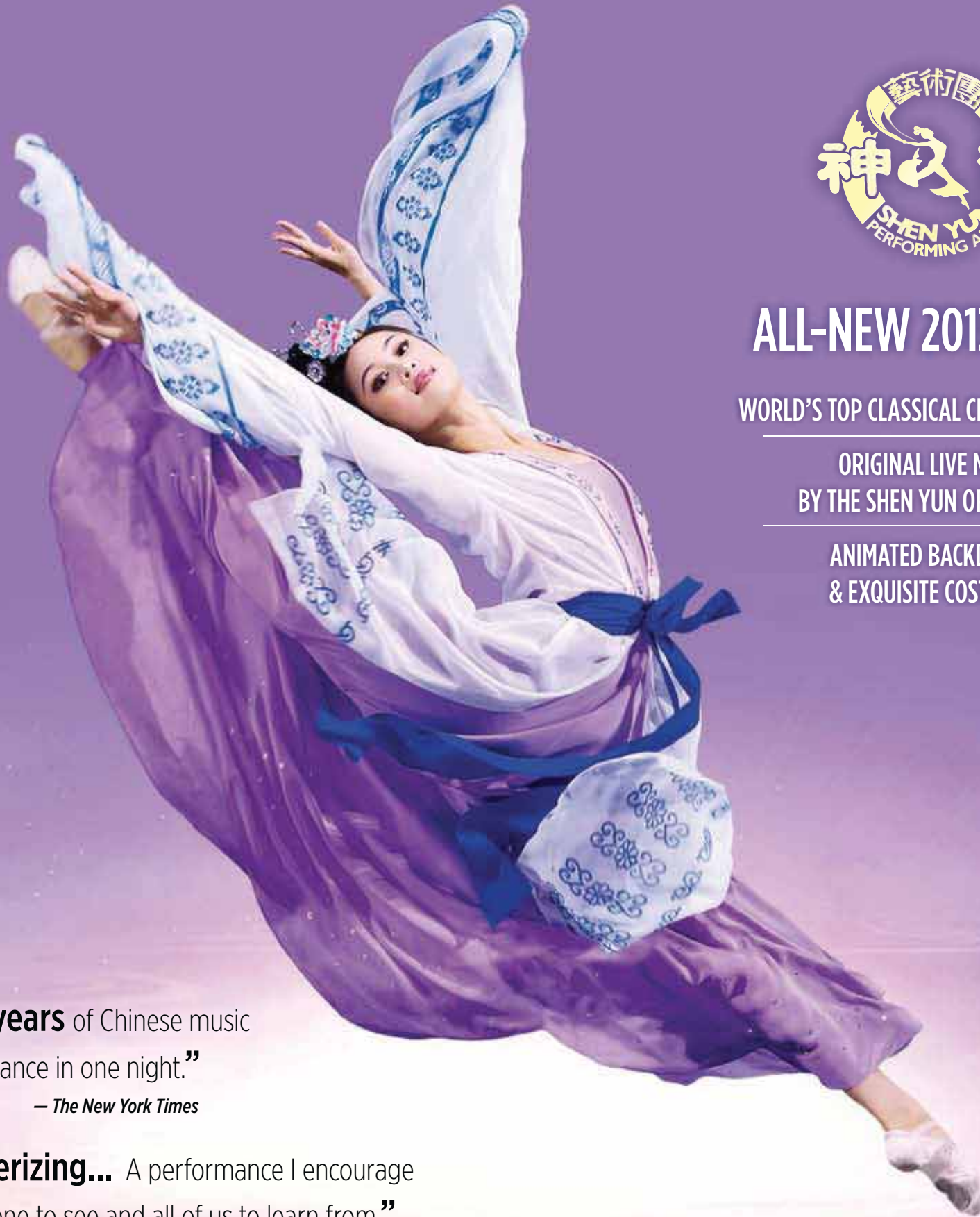


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Out and About



Scrabble championships held at Woy Woy

The Central Coast Scrabble Championship was held on the weekend of November 24 and 25 at Walter Baker Church Hall in Woy Woy and the Woy Woy Leagues Club.

The two-day championship attracted 63 Scrabble players and was eventually won by Bob Jackman from Chatswood Scrabble Club who won 12 out of 14 games.

Jan Chapman of Terrigal Scrabble Club was the Central Coast champion who won six out of seven games in the one day.

Woy Woy Scrabble Club meets on Thursdays from 12pm to 4pm while Umina Scrabble Club meets from 9am to 12pm and Empire Bay Scrabble Club meets on Tuesdays from 9:15am to 12:30pm.

Email, 30 Nov 2012
Sandra Elliott, Central Coast Scrabble



Central Coast Scrabble Champion Jan Chapman and winner of the open division Bob Jackman,

Sewer pumps may be renewed

Six sewer pump stations in the Peninsula area may be renewed as part of round two of the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme.

The program aims to provide a three per cent interest subsidy to assist Council with legitimate infrastructure backlogs to cover the cost of borrowing.

Gosford Council was successful in the first round of the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme

program securing subsidies that addressed a backlog in building and roads infrastructure renewals.

The annual financial statements indicated that Council had a backlog as at June 30 of \$40.5 million capital works to bring sewerage infrastructure to a satisfactory standard.

The Sewer Pump Stations Asset Management Plan would require a loan amount of \$17,209,790 with a contingency of \$860,000 and a three per cent financial subsidy of \$2,979,974.

Three of the sewer pump stations considered for renewal are located in Woy Woy while others are located in Blackwall, Ettalong and Umina.

Gosford Council Agenda
COR.122, 27 Nov 2012

Christmas services

St Matthews Lutheran Church in Woy Woy will hold three church services over Christmas.

The Worship Service with Holy Communion will be held on Sunday, December 23, from 9:30am and will run for an hour and 15 minutes.

The Christmas Eve service will be held from 6pm and will run for an hour.

The Christmas Day Worship Service with Holy Communion will be held at 9:30am and will run for an hour and 15 minutes.

Letter, 6 Dec 2012
John Martin, St Matthews Lutheran Church

Funeral for Rex Chapman

The funeral of Rex Chapman was held on Tuesday, December 4, at the Woy Woy Catholic Church after he died on Friday, November 30.

Mr Chapman was a member of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and according to president Mr Matthew Wales "was known and loved by many".

"He will be remembered as a long time Chamber member, our local butcher and the proprietor of Ettalong Pet and Garden," said Mr Wales.

"He was a good friend, hard worker and loved to have a chat.

"He will be missed by us all.

"Our thoughts and prayers go to Norelle and Rex's family," said Mr Wales.

Email, 2 Dec 2012
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

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Out and About



Chilli awards in three categories

The 2012 Mr Chilli Awards were held in Umina on Saturday, December 1, which saw three categories judged with 10 judges in each.

The Top Six sauces in the sweet category were Cranky Croc Choc by The Chilli Factory with a score of 94 out of 100, Raspberry and Chocolate by Chilli Asylum with a score of 93, Sweet Sweet Lovin' Ginger by Crowley's Hot Sauce with a score of 81, Super Sweet by Mr Comfy's Magic Sauce with

a score of 78, Sweet and Spicy by Zokes with a score of 76 and Funnelweb Bite by The Chilli Factory with a score of 75.

The Top Six in the savoury category were Tomato Kasundi by Anthony's Sauces and Condiments on 87 points, Scorpion Attack by eight year-old Aiden Smith with 86 points, Smokey BBQ by Ignition Chilli Co on 84, Curry Sauce by Disaster Bay also on 84, Echidna Prickle by The Chilli Factory on 82 and Cajun by Anthony's Sauces and Condiments also on 82.

The Top Six in the hot category were Yellow7Slap by The Hippy Seed Company on 83 points, Taipan Venom by The Chilli Factory on 73, Deadly by Fire Dragon Chillies on 71, Apocalypse by Jungle Rain Gourmet Chilli Sauces also on 71 points, Skobiyan by The Hippy Seed Company on 70 and Teriyaki by Ignition Chilli Co also on 70 points.

Email, 3 Dec 2012
Andrew Ayoub, Regents Park



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Cubs, Scouts, Venturers or Rovers who attend either the Ettalong or Umina Halls.

Fundraising is constantly needed for the increasing operating costs of the halls, also for camps and activities which the group frequently organises.

The new barbecue is designed for high volume cooking at fetes or fundraising activities and will be used at events such as the Australia Day celebration in Woy Woy and the Ettalong Beach Festival in March.

Media Release, 28 Nov 2012
Paul Brasch, GBID



Scouts of the Broken Bay Scout Group

Community markets held at school

Pretty Beach Public School will host the Pretty Beach Community Markets on Sunday, December 16, from 10am to 3pm.

There will be over 25 stalls including homemade gifts, vintage clothes and shoes, organic foods, jewellery, handmade children's wear, garden products, bedding and exotic home wares.

There will also be live entertainment on the day as well as a jumping castle and face painting for the kids.

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Email, 4 Dec 2012
Rose Mackay, Pretty Beach Public School

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Tues 4369 5860.
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Arthritis NSW (9/292)

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Women's Groups

Country Women's Association Woy Woy (309)

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Meetings 4th Wed 10.30am
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Country Women's Association Umina

Craft and Friendship:
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Chris performs at memorial gardens

Bouddi resident Mr Chris Sainsbury performed at the Concertante Ensemble on Sunday December 9, at memorial gardens in Green Point.

He played his piece The

Wellbeing Concertino for Clarinet and Strings at the Greenway Chapel and Memorial Gardens.

Mr Sainsbury said: "This is a deliberate creation of a community-minded work that is 'cut from the cloth' of regional tonal music-making in Australia, yet without

necessarily being what some call 'light music'."

"The work is in three contrasting movements with titles that reflect aspects that I consider essential to wellbeing.

"These are 1) A call (like a vocation or a purpose), 2) An enchantment (as in love, or life's magic and mystery), and 3) Jubilation," he said.

Chris Sainsbury was born in Gosford.

He said he fostered a sense of regionalism within his music through the referencing of local iconic images in his works.

He has composed for the Central Coast Concertante Ensemble and the Central Coast Symphony Orchestra.

On a national scale, he has composed for the Australian Chamber Orchestra, the Queensland Philharmonic Orchestra, and one of the world's leading guitar events, the Darwin International Guitar Festival where guitar virtuoso José María Gallardo del Rey performed his Concerto for Guitar (The Luthier).

On an international level,

Sainsbury has composed for the Australian tour of the Wilhelm String Quartet (London), for the New England Philharmonic Orchestra (Boston, Ma.), and leading European avant-garde groups Levande Musik (Sweden) and Duo Bosgraaf-Elias (Holland).

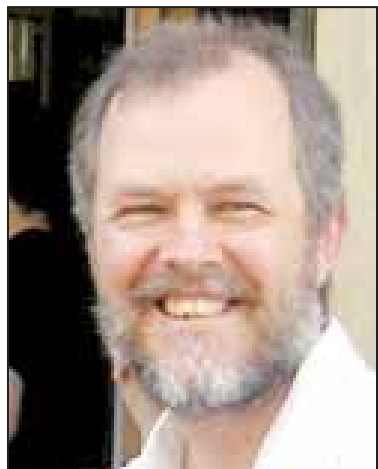
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The Peninsula Diary

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

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| Tuesday December 11
Gosford Council reconvened meeting, Gosford Council Chambers, 6:45pm | Sunday December 23
Worship Service with Holy Communion, St Matthews Lutheran Church Woy Woy, 9:30am | Monday December 31
New Years Eve |
| Wednesday December 12
Central Coast Guide Dogs NSW-ACT Volunteer Support Group fundraising stall, Deepwater Plaza, 9am-2:30pm
Umina Public School annual meeting, 4:30pm | Monday December 24
Christmas Eve Service, St Matthews Lutheran Church Woy Woy, 6pm | Tuesday January 1
New Years Day |
| Sunday December 16
Ettalong Public School Carols Night, Ettalong Baptist Church, 6pm
Pretty Beach Community Markets, Pretty Beach Public School, 10am-3pm | Tuesday December 25
Christmas Day
Christmas Day Worship Service with Holy Communion, St Matthews Lutheran Church Woy Woy, 9:30am | Tuesday, January 8
Central Coast Art Society Paint Out, Patonga Wharf |
| 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
Art by the Sea, Killcare Surf Club | Saturday January 12
Protect Our Planet, Gospel Garden Ministry |
| Saturday December 22
Santa parade, West St, Umina, 10am | Sunday December 30
Bays Community Group Breakfast in the Bays, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall, 8:30-10:30am | Saturday January 26
Australia Day |
| | | Thursday March 14
Australian Local Government Women's Association 60th Annual Conference, the Mantra Ettalong |
| | | Saturday March 23
Opera in the Arboretum, Pearl Beach |

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

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Swiss pairs

Brisbane Water Bridge Club held the Club Swiss Pairs Championship on November 10 and 17.

Ten years

A beauty salon celebrated 10 years in Ettalong on Sunday, December 9.

Revitaliser Beauty Therapy manager Ms Emma Graham said the salon continued to evaluate new products and innovation in the beauty industry to ensure its clients achieved optimum results.

"We look forward to seeing our family of regular clients and also look forward to welcoming new clients to Revitalise over the next 10 years," said Ms Graham.

Email, 27 Nov 2012
Jeanette Polley, Ettalong

Carol Anderson and Marie Tucker emerged the winners with Vicky and Bob Morris in second place and Phyllis Whyte and Maureen Cowsls in third.

Eighteen pairs contested the event.

Brisbane Water Bridge Club has been a fixture on the Peninsula since the mid-1970s and currently has over 250 members.

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Media Release, 27 Nov 2012
Jenny Buckley, Brisbane Water Bridge Club

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Bells at Killcare features luxury accommodation for adults, with private cottages, a multi-award winning restaurant, day spa, manicured grounds and a

lap pool.

Central Coast Tourism CEO Ms Robyne Abernethy extended her congratulations to Bells at Killcare.

"These awards confirm what we already know, tourism options on the Central Coast are of a high standard and quality, and can compete confidentially against the best NSW has to offer," she said.

Email, 23 Nov 2012
Leeanne Dyer, Central Coast Tourism



Male choir at St Luke's

The Sydney Male Choir performed a Christmas Concert at St Luke's Anglican Church in Woy Woy on Sunday, December 9.

The concert featured a selection of Christmas music, both old and new.

Songs included Star of Glory, The First Noel, The Silver Stars are in the Sky, Go Tell It on the Mountain, The Virgin's Cradle Song, Silent Night and O Come All Ye Faithful.

Email, 5 Dec 2012
Neil Bevege, Sydney Male Choir

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Men's bowling club makes presentations

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club held its presentation day on Monday, November 26, with more than 90 bowlers and visitors attending.

The Handicap Pairs winners were J Johnston and P Gibbs while the Minor Pairs winners were P Gibbs and M Hogden.

The Minor Singles was won by K Miller, the Major Singles by A Rhodes and the Triples was won by S Stead, W Rainbow and R Anderson.

The Fours was won by G Watson, F Lowe, M Hodgden and R

Bourke Junior and the Major Pairs by M Hodgden and A Rhodes.

The encouragement award went to Phil Boswell.

Rhodes won the Major Singles for the fifth time.

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club president Mr Ross McIntyre congratulated the winners and all players who competed in the championships this year and praised the standard of bowls played which he said augured well for the future of the club.

Media Release, 6 Dec 2012
Ian Jarratt, Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club

College students perform in Sydney

Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina and Woy Woy Campus performed at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on November 23 and 24 as part of the Schools Spectacular.

They joined a cast of 3600 public school students in the four performances and were part of the dance group, Aboriginal dance group and featured ensemble.

"Our theme, Our Time, was inspired by the Stephen Sondheim song and the performers really lived up to that inspiration," director Ms Sonja Benson said.

Media Release, 26 Nov 2012
Grant Hatch, NSW Government Education and Communities

Young orators debate 'superbly'

Ettalong Public School's debating team competed at the Peninsula Debating Competition on Monday, November 26.

"These outstanding young orators debated superbly with intelligent arguments and

thoughtful precise rebuttals, impressing all with their talent," said principal Mr Colin Wallis.

"Jodie Campbell and Ashlee Mulligan worked with our debaters to perfect their skills," he said.

Newsletter, 27 Nov 2012
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

Support officer now permanent

Ms Marijka Ward has been named Ettalong Public School's new school learning support officer.

She had worked in the position for most of this year.

"Marijka is a very dedicated and diligent school learning support

officer who has always made a 100 per cent effort in all she does and is very deserving of this permanent position," said principal Ms Colin Wallis.

Newsletter, 4 Dec 2012
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

Bowling club patron dies

Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club patron Ms Lilian Webber has died on Tuesday, November 27, aged 93.

Ms Webber was born in 1919 served as a nurse in New Guinea in World War II.

She joined Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club on January 1, 1974, and continued as a member until her death.

She was invited to be Club Patron on August 21, 2003 and held the position until her death.

Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club publicity officer Ms Miriam Cotton said Ms Webber was "always friendly, loyal and generous".

"There would be a smile and a kiss for members as she attended the club each week.

"For years, she sold raffle tickets on a Saturday morning at the club.

"Her generosity was always done very quietly as every Charity Day, Gala Day and Carnival, Lil donated a money tree as a raffle, a beautiful pot plant with \$50 pinned to its leaves.



Ms Webber cutting a cake with president Barbara Champion

"At Christmas, there was always a ham from her to raffle.

"The second last Thursday of the bowling year was set aside as Patron's Day for which Lil paid for the luncheon and donated the money tree," said Ms Cotton.

The luncheon went ahead on Thursday, November 6, as a

Memorial Day for Ms Webber.

"Our sincere sympathy goes to her husband Reg and their family.

"The club has lost a true friend, a long term member and a loving patron who will be sadly missed," said Ms Cotton.

Media Release, 2 Dec 2012
Miriam Cotton, Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club



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Bev Archer, Jean Lane and Peter Taylor

Final bowls carnival

The final lawn bowls carnival for the year was held at Umina Beach Bowling Club on Wednesday, November 28.

Teams went to battle over three games with the hope of winning the Monthly Two Bowls Triple Carnival. The third game saw several

teams vying for the top honour and, after the dust settled, there were two teams as three game winners.

The successful team for this month was Bev Archer, Jean Lane and Peter Taylor

Media Release, 6 Dec 2012
Ilan Jarratt, Umina Beach Bowling Club

Everglades moves up a grade

Everglades Bowling Club men's bowling sides are currently training for the 2013 State Pennant Championships.

"Due to their performances in the 2012 competition, the Everglades top side, Grade Three, has been re-graded by the local zone match committee to grade two in 2013 and will complement the other two sides, grades six and seven in the new year," said Everglades Bowling Club bowls coordinator Ms Beth Quinlan.

Ms Quinlan said the club had trials organised against other Central Coast sides as well as against Northern Beaches' powerhouse Avalon in January.

Everglades chairman of selectors Mr Col Nicholls indicated that while the Everglades sides were almost finalised, positions were still open for bowlers new to the Peninsula or bowlers who may not make their current club's pennant sides.

Email, 4 Dec 2012
Beth Quinlan, Everglades Bowling Club

Aboriginal dance

Ettalong Public School was treated to a cultural event on Thursday, December 29, with a performance by the school's Aboriginal Dance Troupe.

The troupe consists of both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

"Led by Stuart McMinn and his son Rheese Bull, the audience was engaged and enthralled throughout

the whole performance," said principal Mr Colin Wallis.

"The look of pride on the faces of the performers was absolutely amazing.

Stuart, Teresa Lechowski and Ray Eather organised the day.

"It was definitely a very special moment for the school," said Mr Wallis.

Newsletter, 4 Dec 2012
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School



Aron Sherriff with Leif Selby

Aron wins silver

Ettalong Bowling Club's Aron Sherriff won silver with Leif Selby in the men's pairs event at the 27-nation World Bowls Championship held in Adelaide from November 24 to December 9.

The pair lost to Scotland's Alex Marshall and Paul Foster 13-18 and, while disappointed not to win gold, Sherriff said a silver medal was no easy feat.

"They're multiple world champions, and they proved that again today," Sherriff said.

"They played the big bowls at the crucial times and were far too consistent for us.

"It's disappointing, but the silver medal, alongside my other two, will be cherished for sure," said Sherriff.

The loss marked the nation's first medal at the World Championships as silver.

Sherriff competed in the men's

fours final on Friday, December 7, but results were not available at the time Peninsula News went to print.

Media Release, 5 Dec 2012
Aidan Davis, Bowls Australia

Roosters hold presentation night

Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club held its presentation night at Woy Woy Leagues Club on October 28.

The 19-year-old fullback Mitchell Manson was named Best and Fairest First Grade Player.

In front of a large gathering, which included the Junior Roosters Under-11 and Under-13 Premiership winning teams, Manson held off legendary Roosters Troy McLellan (Most Consistent Back) and Scott Wilesmith (Most Consistent Forward) in a run to the line.

Both veterans received special presentations recognising their achievements over 14 seasons with the Roosters.

Other major award winners on the night included Ryan Wallbank (Reserve Grade), Alan Bennett (Open Age), Parrish Newham (Under-18 ones) and Andrew Jackson (Under-18 twos).

Parrish Newham and Tim

Wilson were awarded the Brad McKee Memorial Trophy and Jason Taylor Memorial Trophies respectively.

Special Milestone awards were made to Tim Bovis, Ryan Drew and Adam Tippett for playing 50 First Grade Games, Brad Harridge and Clint Israel (100 Grade Games) and Alex Baxter, Alan Bennett, Brent Bovis, Jarrad Flack, Adam Mears, Shaun O'Cass and Adam Wysocki, who all played their 50th Grade game for the Roosters during 2012.

Popular volunteer Bruce Richards was awarded the President's Trophy for his outstanding contribution to the Woy Woy RLFC during the Season.

Preparations for the Clubs' 2013 season are well underway with First Grade under the coaching of Aaron Hardman, who is taking on the reins following the retirement of 2012 co-coach Adam Tippett.

Email, 15 Nov 2012

Peter Read, Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club

Sports association expands

From the beginning of next year Ettalong Public School will join the newly-created Southern Central Coast Primary School Sports Association.

The restructure will see the creation of four new sporting zones, which will each contain 14 schools and is expected to ensure greater equality for all involved.

Ettalong Public School principal Mr Colin Wallis said all zone carnivals would be held as normal except that there would be more schools involved.

"This will create wider competition and a more even playing field across the whole Central Coast, as well as offering our students greater resources and support."

Newsletter, 27 Nov 2012

Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

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1132 - 0.41	1150 0.39	1245 0.27
1727 - 1.40	1751 1.51	1845 1.53
2322 - 0.35	2356 0.29	
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