

No groundwater extracted during drought

Gosford Council did not extract ground water during the drought on the Peninsula in the last six months of last year.

The reason was not a desire to maintain the water table but because "upgrade works are currently under way at the Woy Woy Groundwater Treatment Plant", according to council's water and sewer operations manager Mr Michael Redrup.

In the six months July to December, only 248.8mm of rain had fallen on the Peninsula, less than half the average of 504.4mm

for the second half of the year.

Mr Redrup said that despite rainfall declining across the region by between 33.3 per cent (one third) and 38.2 per cent, "the total storage situation actually improved by 5.5 per cent".

He said this was a result of water transferred through the "missing link" pipeline between Mardi and Mangrove Creek Dam.

"Council is aware that the Gosford region has been experiencing below average rainfall," said Mr Redrup.

"Council's Water and Sewer Directorate doesn't maintain rainfall records for the Peninsula,

however, we do monitor rainfall at the Mangrove Creek Dam, and the Mardi and Somersby Water Treatment Plants," he said.

In the last 12 months Somersby Water Treatment Plant has had 1212mm of rainfall compared to 1929mm the previous year, down 37.2 per cent.

Mardi Water Treatment Plant had 1141mm of rainfall compared to 1846 the previous year, down 38.2 per cent.

Mangrove Creek Dam had 843mm of rainfall compared to 1264 the previous year, down 33.3 per cent.

Mr Redrup said the current daily water demand for the Gosford region was around 45 million litres.

In comparison, between 10 to 20 years ago, daily water demand for the Gosford region during January was over 100 million litres.

The Peninsula currently comprises around 30 per cent of total water demand across the Gosford region, he said.

"Council closely monitors total water storage over time and has developed demand management strategies to reduce historical demand," said Mr Redrup.

"We have also commissioned

the Mardi to Mangrove Link which harvests water from the Wyong River and transfers it to Mangrove Creek Dam for later use.

"Despite the reduced rainfall over the last 12 months, the total storage situation actually improved by 5.5 per cent as a result of the transfers available following completion of the Mardi to Mangrove Link (12,446 ML has been transferred for the year to date)," he said.

**Media Statement, 17 Jan 2013
Michael Redrup, Gosford Council**



Council defends tree removal

Gosford Council has defended its removal of a number of Brush Box trees along the northern footway of Uligandi St as part of the construction of the shared footpath and cycleway between Woy Woy and Ettalong.

Council's project officer Mr David Medcalf said the path was a continuation of the cycleway constructed from the Woy Woy Town Centre, along the Woy Woy

Foreshore Reserve through to McMasters Rd Reserve, funded by the Department of Planning under the NSW Coastline Cycleway Program.

Further funding has allowed the off-road pathway to continue south along Blackwall Rd, via Memorial Ave, Barrenjoey Rd, Uligandi St and then east to the existing shared pathway at The Esplanade, Ettalong.

"Various options were investigated for the Uligandi St

alignment, including locating the pathway in the roadway as a separated shared pathway," said Mr Medcalf.

"However, these options would have seriously impacted traffic flow, resident kerbside parking, bus zones and drop off areas associated with the Ettalong Beach Primary School as well as the existing pedestrian crossing.

"In addition to this, an alternative route in surrounding streets was also investigated, however, the

adjoining streets all contained many more trees than the northern side of Uligandi St.

"Therefore, it was recommended that the proposed shared pathway be constructed along the Uligandi St northern footway.

"Negotiations with the school allowed the planting of trees within their grounds particularly along the Uligandi St road boundary.

"They agreed that if the Brush Box trees along the northern footway of Uligandi St were

removed as part of the shared pathway construction then the school would welcome advanced specimens of the same tree to be planted within the school grounds along the same road boundary.

"Replacement trees were planted within the school grounds at the beginning of summer 2012 which, as they grow, will gradually reinstate the streetscape," said Mr Medcalf.

**Media Statement, 31 Jan 2013
David Medcalf, Gosford Council**

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Three days' rain breaks
six-month drought

Rainfall of almost seven inches (176.3mm) in just three days has broken a six-month drought on the Peninsula.

Total rainfall for January was 196.6mm, almost 50 per cent above the average for the month of 132.8mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

Rainfall of 20.6mm, 27.4mm and 128.3mm on January 27, 28 and 29 was part of a weather pattern that brought storms and severe flooding to northern NSW and southern Queensland.

In the six months July to December, only 248.8mm of rain had fallen, less than half the average of 504.4mm for the second half of the year.

January also brought the highest temperature in five years with a top

of 42.9 degrees on January 17, according www.peninsulaweather.info.

The "apparent temperature" reached 46.7 on that day.

Lowest overnight temperature for the month was 17.2, recorded on January 16.

The average maximum temperature for the month was 27.7 and the average minimum

temperature was 20.6.

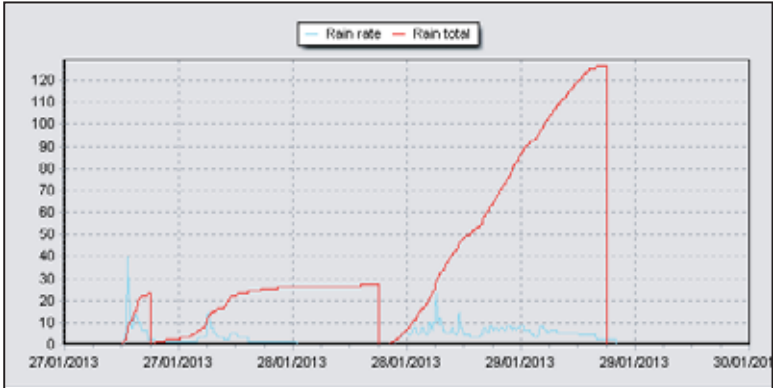
Highest minimum was 23.8 on January 26 and lowest maximum was 21.9 on January 14.

Highest wind gust for the month was 35.3km/h recorded on January 18.

Spreadsheet, 1 Feb 2013

Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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Two receive honours

Two residents from the Peninsula area received an Australia Day Honour from the Governor-General, Her

Excellency Quentin Bryce, on Australia Day.

Mr Kenneth Turner, of Booker Bay, became a Member in the

General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to tertiary education, particularly in the political history

of NSW.

Mr Patrick Donnellan, of Empire Bay, received a Medal of the Order of Australia in the General

Division (OAM) for his service to the community of Gosford.

Media Release, 28 Jan 2013
Peter McCabe, Office of
Deborah O'Neill MP

Council solicitor receives medal

Mr Patrick Donnellan of Empire Bay has received an Order of Australia Medal in the Australia Day 2013 Honours List for his service to the community of Gosford.

Mr Donnellan was co-chairman of the Church Building Committee for St John the Baptist Catholic Parish from 1999 to 2007.

He was president and principal conductor of the Central Coast Philharmonia from 1977 to 2006 and said he enjoyed sharing an appreciation of music.

"Good music doesn't have to be

complicated.

"It can be as simple as can be provided if it is done well in its simplicity," he said.

Mr Donnellan, who is the principal solicitor at PJ Donnellan and Co Solicitors and Attorneys, said he liked his job as a lawyer, "particularly if it involves the creation of legal structures that bring about a benefit for the Council and thereby for the community".

He was an advisor to Gosford Council from 1971 to 1974 and has been a solicitor to Council since 1974.

He is a senior practitioner for the NSW Local Government Lawyers Group, was president of the Central Coast Law Society from 2002 and is a life member of the NSW Law Society.

Mr Donnellan said he was initially "very surprised" at receiving the medal and was "very chuffed that there were people that thought enough of me to put me up for it and then go to the trouble of following it through".

"I was overseas at the time the notification came.

"It was read to me over the

phone in a hotel room by my boss who thought the envelope looked like it contained something that couldn't wait until I got home and needed to be opened.

"In that situation I reacted probably in much the same way as Alice did when she went through the looking glass," said Mr Donnellan.

Kaitlin Watts 30 Jan 2012
Interviewee: Patrick Donnellan
Media Release, 18 Jan 2013
Stephen Brady CVO, Office
of Quentin Bryce



Political historian receives honour

Booker Bay resident Mr Ken Turner has become a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Australia Day 2013 Honours List for his significant service to tertiary education, particularly in the political history of NSW.



Mr Turner, 84, retired from his role as Associate Professor in the Department of Government and Public Administration at the University of Sydney in 1988.

He was Head of Department for almost 10 years during the 1970s and 1980s and a lecturer from the late 1950s to 1988.

He was a member of the Publication Board on the Committee for the Sesquicentenary of Responsible Government in NSW from 1956 to 2006.

He was editor of the Guide to the Records of the NSW Branch of the Australian Labor Party from 1956 to 1969 and Archives Authority of NSW in 1976 and Revised Edition in 1989.

He was the co-editor of The Governors of NSW 1788 to 2010, Federation Press in 2010,

The Worldly Art Of Politics for Federation Press in 2006, The Premiers of New NSW, Volume 1 1856 to 1901 for Federation Press in 2006.

He was also co-editor of The Premiers of NSW, Volume 2 1901-2005 for Federation Press in 2006 and The Wran Model: Electoral Politics in NSW 1981-1984 for Allen and Unwin in 1985 and Guide to the Records of the NSW Division of the Liberal Party 1945 to 1970 for the Library Council of NSW in 1976.

He was the author of book chapters, The People's Choice: Electoral politics in 20th century NSW for Federation Press in 2001, author of House Of Review? The NSW Legislative Council 1934-1968 for Sydney University Press in 1969 and co-author of A History

of the Labor Party in NSW 1891-1991 for Longman Cheshire in 1991.

He was a member of the Governor Macquarie Bicentenary Committee in 2010, an expert witness in the Parliamentary Committee on Reform of the NSW Legislative Council, during the 1970s.

He also received a Doctor of Letters (honoris causa) from Sydney University in 2008.

Mr Turner said he was "very surprised" when he was notified of his award and said he wondered who had recommended it.

"It's one of the nice things that there are people around you that think well enough of you to nominate you," said Mr Turner.

"I think I became a teacher and a university lecturer and professor

partly because I wanted to learn it all myself.

"I had a teacher or two that I admired and thought it would be nice to be something like them.

"It wasn't planned or well thought out at all.

"My childhood ambition was to be a high school teacher, I never even dreamed that I'd get to university level.

"I think the thing I enjoyed most about it wasn't just getting ahead but you could be in a team of people where you each contributed something to a worthwhile output and that's what people ought to enjoy in the career," said Mr Turner.

Kaitlin Watts 22 Jan 2012
Interviewee: Kenneth Turner
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Four of Gosford Council's seven Australia Day community award winners come from the Peninsula.

Former local MP Ms Marie Andrews received the senior category award for serving the

The awards ceremony was held

"These awards give us a chance to say thank you for making Gosford

"Judging is always a difficult task for the panel as so many people have done so much.

Media Release, 19 Jan 2013

**Lawrie McKinna,
Gosford Council**

"Liesl piloted the Gliders to silver

Media Release, 19 Jan 2013

**Lawrie McKinna,
Gosford Council**

Photo: Marilyn Russell





Rebecca Bennett receiving her award from mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna

Sport award: Rebecca Bennett

Winner of the Gosford City Australia Day Community Sport Award was Rebecca Bennett.

Gosford mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna said she had achieved commendable results in her chosen field of physical culture.

"Rebecca placed first in the Ladies National Titles in 2011 and second in the 2012 Zone and National Novice Ladies category.

"Her performances helped to make her local club at Woy Woy the most successful club on the Central Coast and one of the most

successful in the country."

She was "an excellent role model for her peers at the club, exhibiting dedication and a positive demeanour at all times", he said.

Media Release, 19 Jan 2013
Lawrie McKinna, Gosford Council

Senior award: Marie Andrews

Winner of the Gosford City Australia Day Community Senior Award was Marie Andrews.

Gosford mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna said Ms Andrews had served the community for over two decades.

"Ms Andrews was elected as the local Member for Peats in 1995.

"During her 17 years of service as a parliamentarian she was also the Member for Gosford and held positions on a number of committees including for victim's compensation, children and young people and threatened species conservation.

"Throughout her time representing her community, Ms Andrews was widely regarded as always available to help her constituents in whatever capacity necessary.

"Her work for the equality of working people was recognised in 1994 when she was awarded a life membership to the Australian Services Union.



"Ms Andrews continued to dedicate her time and expertise to the community even after her retirement from parliament in 2011, volunteering at the Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, Mary Macs at Woy Woy and the Boronia Court Aged Care Facility."

Media Release, 19 Jan 2013
Lawrie McKinna, Gosford Council

Volunteer award: Umina Surf Club

Winner of the Gosford City Australia Day Volunteer Award was Umina Surf Life Saving Club.

Gosford mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna said the club had been providing surf lifesaving services to the community for the past 53 years.

"The club has grown from its 10 founding members into over 890 members today with ages ranging

from five to over 65 years.

"In the 2011-12 year, the club's 258 patrolling members gave 7137 hours of their time to patrol the beach with 138 rescues completed.

"In the same year, the club was named the Central Coast Surf Life Saving Club of the Year and nominated for the NSW State Club of the Year award.

"The Umina Surf Life Saving Club has been responsible for

shaping many of its members into becoming active, responsible citizens who utilise their skills to serve and protect those visiting Central Coast beaches.

"The club also helps the community by sharing its knowledge and expertise with other community groups through regular training and education courses."

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Lawrie McKinna, Gosford Council



Gosford City Australia Day Committee chairman Cr Jim Macfadyen with Christine Lavers who received the award on behalf of Umina Surf Life Saving Club

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Housie moves after 45 years

After 45 years at St Mary's Hall in Ettalong, the Woy Woy Catholic Parish Housie is moving to the Peninsula Community Centre.

The final Housie session at Ettalong was held on Saturday, February 2, with the first session at Woy Woy to be held on Saturday, February 9.

The Catholic Parish of Woy Woy was established in 1946 and, soon after in the early 1950s, Parish Priest Dr Walter Baker started a Housie to raise funds and provide a social night out for the locals.

The Housie was held in a basic building with a thatched roof and was located opposite the existing Ettalong ambulance station.

Some of the funds raised over the years were allocated to build a new Housie hall and, after the land was donated, the new St Mary's Hall was opened on the corner of Ocean View Rd and Murray St in 1967.

Since then Housie has been held every Saturday night, and sometimes midweek during summer holidays.



"In 2013, the Housie is still achieving good attendance and the prize money is now the highest it's ever been," said Woy Woy Catholic Parish Housie co-ordinator Mr Robert Graham.

"A dedicated team of volunteers operate the Housie, some of whom have been there since almost the

start.

"It has been noted that in the early years the tickets came in long sheets and the old table for sorting these old tickets is still set up in the back room and crayons for marking off the tickets were kept on permanent trays on the players' tables, some of which are still there.

"The technology has improved over the years with the tickets now in book format and new computerised calling machines; some players even use electronic tickets (pets)," said Mr Graham.

With the decision to build the new Catholic Church at Woy Woy, parish owned properties in West

St, Umina, Patonga and St Mary's Hall needed to be sold in order to provide enough funds for the new church and adjacent parish centre to be built.

The sale of St Mary's hall was the last property to be sold and, by January 2010, developers had purchased the property.

The Housie then had to start looking for a new home and, with many options available, ran a survey with the regular players.

"It was decided to keep the housie independent and go with the Peninsula Community Centre, which was most logical due to the central location on the Peninsula, air conditioning and capacity for 500 people," said Mr Graham.

"The plan to move, however, was put on hold as the developers at Ettalong had no plan to develop for a few years, so the Housie leased the old hall back," he said.

In January, the developers gave notice to vacate the property and so preparations for the move from Ettalong to Woy Woy began.

Email, 25 Jan 2013
Robert Graham, Woy Woy Catholic Parish Housie

Towed to safety Work on Wards Hill slope

Marine Rescue Central Coast rescued a five metre centre console runabout with two people on board in Broken Bay on Wednesday, January 23.

The radio room at Marine Rescue Central Coast received a call for help about midday from one of the persons on board who indicated they were north-west of Lion Island in a 30 knot southerly and could not restart their boat's

engine.

Call-out skipper Norm Smith and his crew Peter Ashworth and Ken Sharp were quickly on the way with the rescue boat, Central Coast 20.

Despite the poor and deteriorating conditions, the runabout was quickly located and towed to safety at Patonga.

Media Release, 24 Jan 2013
Ron Cole, Marine Rescue Central Coast

Slope stabilisation works on a section of Wards Hill Rd, Empire Bay will begin on Monday, February 4, and are expected to be completed in a week.

Works will involve the removal of loose rock and debris, rock bolting, shotcreting and associated activities.

Temporary traffic control measures and warning signage

will be in place for the duration of the works.

A reduced speed limit will be in force.

Traffic Controllers will be onsite during construction operations to direct traffic through the worksite under stop-go arrangements.

According to Council's project engineer Mr Chris Drinan, works have been organised to ensure minimal disruptions during peak hours and consideration has also

been given to the bus timetable.

Emergency vehicles will be granted access at all times.

At various times of the day between 9am and 2:30pm, there may be delays to traffic in both directions for up to 15 minutes, and where possible, residents may wish to avoid travel during these hours or use alternate routes.

Media Release, 30 Jan 2013
Chris Drinan, Gosford Council



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Service for Lorna Bennett

A memorial service will be held at Woy Woy leagues Club on Tuesday, February 5, from 11:15am for Ms Lorna Bennett, a former resident of Woy Woy.

Ms Bennett, who was known as the lady in the pink house at Wondabyne, died on Thursday, January 24, aged 90 at Hammond Care Nursing Home in Erina.

Ms Bennett was born on September 16, 1922, at the Selections in Abermain to Stan and Hanna Phoenix.

She was the youngest of the family with four brothers and became a dressmaker in her teens before she came to own her own business in Weston.

During the war she made numerous wedding and bridesmaid gowns for those in the coalfields of Cessnock.

In the 1940s she went to work in Sydney as a clothing machinist at a large clothing factory and stayed there for many years.

She met Sergeant Reginald J Bennett, a Second World War serviceman who had been on active duty overseas.

They married in 1945 and lived at Milsons Point in Sydney.

For several years from 1950 Lorna and Reg had children from Barnados or Far West children's organisations for holidays and many kept in touch with them for some time.

Lorna and Reg later moved to Wondabyne to care for Reg's aunt.

The house was owned by the Railways and was one of several built when the rail line was being built to transport quarry stone.

There were no roads, electricity, water or sewerage.

After both Reg and his aunt died, Lorna remained in the pink house at Wondabyne.

During the fires in 1979, Lorna was acknowledged for her contribution and hospitality from the Brooklyn Fire Brigade.

In the late 1990s, another fire threatened her home but she refused to move.

"As the trains went by, she would often be out in the yard waving her

tea towel to the train drivers and passengers," said Lorna's niece Ms Marilyn Wilson.

"Some of the drivers kept in contact for many years," she said.

"Due to the Olympics in 2000, the rail services to Wondabyne were cancelled.

"This meant the people were isolated from the rest of the area.

"She complained to numerous people including Members of Parliament but to no avail.

"Finally she contacted the papers.

"However there was still no solution.

"After this, her brother tried to persuade her to leave, but she dug her heels in.

"Finally, in about 2003 after an illness, she gave in.

"She was 80, but was still getting in and out of the tinnie doing her

shopping and motoring around the place," said Ms Wilson.

In 2004, she was asked to go back to the house and be in a movie featuring Kerry Armstrong and Jack Thompson called The Oyster Farmer in which she played herself, the lady in the pink house.

"Not long after this the house was demolished much to the dismay and anger of many people," said Ms Wilson.

Ms Bennett moved into a unit in Woy Woy and was there until July 2011 when she became ill and was placed in care.

"She was very quick witted, loved a joke, took no nonsense from anyone, smoked almost continuously and loved her wine," said Ms Wilson.

"She was one tough lady."

Email, 25 Jan 2013
Marilyn Wilson

Memorial service at Rogers Park

A service in memory of Chief Petty Officer Jonathon Rogers and the 82 men who lost their lives on the night of February 10, 1964, will be held at the Rogers Park Memorial, Woy Woy, on Saturday, February 9, from 11am.

On the night of February 10, 1964, HMAS Melbourne cut the destroyer HMAS Voyager in half.

Rogers was one of more than 50 men trapped in darkness in a compartment of the sinking forward section.

"He took control and tried to bring calm in the disastrous situation," said Naval Association of Australia Central Coast Sub Section honorary secretary Mr Bruce Smith.

"He probably realised that not all would be able to get through a small

escape hatch and that he, being a large man, had no chance at all," said Mr Smith.

A survivor of the sinking said Mr Rogers "was more intent on getting the younger chaps out first".

The forward section sank about 10 minutes after the impact.

"Rogers was heard leading his remaining doomed comrades in prayer and hymn during their final moments," said Mr Smith.

Rogers was later awarded the George Cross, the highest bravery award then available in peacetime, "for organising the escape of as many as possible and encouraging those few who could not escape to meet death alongside himself with dignity and honour".

Email, 30 Jan 2013
Bruce Smith, Naval Association of Australia Central Coast Sub Section

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Children entertained in arboretum

The Pearl Beach Kids Club, an initiative of the Pearl Beach Progress Association, entertained the children during the school holidays with a range of activities including a Walk on the Wildside in the Crommelin Native Arboretum.

A crowd of over 100 residents and visitors, including 54 young people, gathered for the walk through the flora and fauna bushland setting of the arboretum.

Small groups were escorted by arboretum volunteers on a walking adventure along the trails where they identified indigenous and botanical species including birds, insects and reptiles.

The culmination of the morning saw a presentation by reptile and amphibian expert, Mr Hal Cogger, who has a Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and Honorary Doctor of Science from the University of Sydney.

He was assisted by snake handler Mr Peter Street and together they presented a live demonstration and hands-on experience with a variety of reptiles including pythons, blue tongued lizard and a turtle.

"It was extremely satisfying to see the enthusiasm and excitement of the young people when they were able to touch and hold these wonderful examples from the reptile world," said Mr Cogger.

Pearl Beach Progress Association communications officer Ms Lynne Lillico said feedback from the participants was positive.

Many of the children and their parents had never experienced the arboretum or encountered hands-on interaction with live reptiles.

Each child was presented with a certificate to commemorate their visit.

The Crommelin Native Arboretum was originally land ravaged for 100 years by cattle grazing, cultivation, logging, floods and fire.

"The Arboretum was named after Minard Crommelin to honour the important role she played in conservation and environment matters well before they were popular, and for her role in preserving the land on the hillsides surrounding Pearl Beach as Warrah Sanctuary, which was later included in Brisbane Water National Park," she said.

The Arboretum was the beneficiary of two bequests in 1986 and 1988, 10 years after it had been established.

During the first 10 years, the Arboretum committee, a sub-committee of the Progress Association, had to raise its own funds to cover development and maintenance costs.

The first bequest was by a cousin of Minard Crommelin, Mary Hartvel, who migrated to Pearl Beach in 1963 where she purchased a property and lived

until her death in 1986.

Mary's estranged husband, Carl Hartvel, also migrated to Australia and settled in Pearl Beach in 1964.

He subsequently bought a property adjacent to Mary's where he lived until his death in 1988.

Both of these properties were bequeathed to the Arboretum, now an incorporated body.

"The proceeds have been invested by the Arboretum and the income together with member's subscriptions and donations have been used to cover maintenance and improvement costs since then," said Ms Lillico.

Media Release, 31 Jan 2013
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association



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Deborah O'Neill

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Recognised for jet design role

Pearl Beach resident Mr Les Freeman was honoured with a recognition award by Rolls Royce Aero Engine Controls at a luncheon held at the Crowne Plaza in Terrigal on Saturday, November 17.

Mr Freeman was presented with the award from UK managing director Mr Chris Weir to acknowledge his design contribution to the development of the jet engine between 1942 and 1948.

The award, which was immersed in a resin mould, contained a smaller version of the jet engine part that Mr Freeman designed.

Born in 1915 in Coventry, UK, Mr Freeman said he grew up in a happy family environment where he and his brother Frank spent many enjoyable times roaming,

camping and exploring the countryside.

In the early 30s, Frank purchased an old motorbike which he and Les stripped down.

Mr Freeman said working on the old motorbike was what began his love affair with engines.

The boys then moved onto cars and joined Riley Cars Limited.

Les then joined SS Cars, which later became Jaguar Cars, as a design draftsman.

When the Second World War came, the Freeman family moved from Coventry into a safer area, and Les began working at the Armstrong Whitworth Aero factory.

In 1941 Mr Freeman joined Lucas Company and began working on the new jet engine with designs for other parts of the engine fuel system.

Secrecy surrounded the work and Mr Freeman continued modifying designs and facing the challenges he was presented.

At the end of the war, Mr Freeman continued to work on the development of new engines and components.

In 1949 he visited Australia for Lucas and said he quickly fell in love with the country and the environment.

He married a New Zealander who he met on his many travels and they settled in Sydney as Les continued with his career.

More recent engineering projects Mr Freeman has worked on included the lifting system to raise the main bobbin on the Centre Point Tower construction, the Favco Crane in Hoxton Park, the World Trade Centre in New York and the equipment to help move the radio telescope dishes at Parkes.

Mr Freeman said he and his wife Erina moved to Pearl Beach in 1996 to retire and enjoy the environment, swim in the ocean and listen to the birds.

**Media Release, 14 Jan 2013
Lynne Lillico, pearl Beach
Progress Association**



Les Freeman receiving his award from Mr Chris Weir, Rolls Royce Aero Engine Controls UK

Landslip blocks traffic

Gosford Council has installed four new jersey barriers to an area on Empire Bay Dr, opposite Tulani Ave, Daleys Point, following a landslip on Tuesday, January 29.

The slip blocked the west bound lane and alternative traffic flow was initiated by Council traffic

controllers.

The lane was reopened to traffic at 4:45am, around two hours after Council's after hours duty overseer was notified of the slip by Roads and Maritime Services' Traffic Management Centre.

According to Gosford Council's maintenance manager Mr Phil

Mitchell, preliminary investigations confirmed that the slip appeared related to the failure of a private residential drainage system and Council officers have since contacted the property owner to restore the batter.

**Media Statement, 30 Jan 2013
Phil Mitchell, Gosford Council**

More work on Gallipoli Ave

Gosford Council has accepted a tender for stage three of the reconstruction of Gallipoli Ave, Blackwall.

A 340 metre section of the road will be reconstructed between Springwood Ave and Memorial Ave, Blackwall.

The reconstruction will include rolled kerb and gutter, drainage improvements, access reconstruction, footpath and cycleway construction and associated works.

**Gosford Council Agenda,
COR.4, 22 Jan 2013**

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Jobs are created and jobs are lost

They are not difficult questions.

Does the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce support character trade-offs to accommodate the McDonalds development of Umina?

Is this acceptable?
What will be the financial gain to retailers in Umina resulting from foot traffic utilising the McDonalds store (Peninsula News, January 7)?

Will retailers need to have the same operating hours as McDonalds to attract that foot traffic?

Will the Chamber survey all small retailers at Umina and report on the opportunities created by anchor businesses?

What are the negatives?

The Chamber failed to name any small businesses in its public statements last year.

Will the Chamber publicly acknowledge Aldi, Coles, Woolworths, Bunnings and

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McDonalds throughout this year, and continue its policy of disassociation with small retailers?

Will this change?

What can be done to improve traffic management along Ocean Beach Rd and surrounding road networks when McDonalds is operating at Umina?

Does the Chamber support the traffic management conditions attached to the DA?

Will there be safety concerns?

Jobs have been created, jobs have been lost.

How many jobs were lost when Mitre 10, Retravision and Flemings closed at Umina?

The Chamber has commented on the "350 jobs created" sometime over the last few years but has failed to mention the jobs lost when Woolworths replaced the Mitre 10 store.

What are the details?

Are the jobs lost at Mitre 10 being transferred to Bunnings and being treated as new jobs?

The Coles site at Umina has been occupied by a supermarket for decades.

Those earlier supermarkets attracted shoppers to Umina without the assistance of the Chamber.

Flemings closed to accommodate Bunnings. Are these new jobs or replacement jobs?

Letter, 22 Jan 2013
Norman Harris, Umina

Brisbane came from near mayor's home town

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and contribution to this country.

The mayor has suggested that otherwise we simple folk become confused and that we most certainly need to change the name to attract developers and financiers to The Landing.

Perhaps changing the name of Gosford itself will be next in the quest to achieve such idiosyncratic distinction.

I wonder what the broader Australian community must think of our Council's current petty and unworthy preoccupation.

What does it say of our values?

What should being Australian and Australia Day mean to us, if we are so readily prepared to ditch our heritage and our obligations as a community to acknowledge such indebtedness as this?

Email, 24 Jan 2013
Kay Williams, Pearl Beach

The substantial and lasting contribution made by Governor Brisbane in his four short years as Governor of the fledgling colony of NSW from 1821-25 might not be well known locally.

He came to us from Largs, in Ayrshire, rather near Kilmarnock, home of Mayor McKinna.

The remarkable depth and breadth of Brisbane's lasting legacy is summarised by Frederick Watson in the Introduction to Series one, Volume 11, of Historical Records of Australia, published by the Parliament of Australia.

Surely Gosford's citizens should be proud to live around a waterway which was named to honour such an outstanding administrator.

Moreover, one wonders why the opposition to the name Brisbane Water seems to be based on a presumption that only one place can be named for Governor Brisbane, a man of such distinction

Council tree removal a disgrace

It appears double standards are applied to those in the community and those within Council bureaucracy when it comes to preserving the environment.

Notably mature trees have been removed from the road reserve by Gosford Council in Uligandi St, Ettalong.

In particular, one provided a

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shaded ambience to those who enjoyed a meditative moment at the rear of the Soul Cafe.

Many lorikeets, honey eaters and other birds had been observed using this tree as a wildlife corridor, nesting and producing their young during spring.

A sign will be placed on the fence of the Soul Cafe to remind Council of their environmental double standards.

It is suggested that the trees were removed to widen a footpath.

Surely the footpath could have been designed and integrated to at least preserve this beautiful mature tree, an icon, in Uligandi St?

This needless action is an absolute disgrace and shows no concern for the community environmental consultation process when other options could have preserved the mature trees along with providing a suitable path for foot traffic.

Email, 28 Jan 2013
Daryl Lynch, Ettalong

Cuddle to turn culture

The current culture of aggression and violence is perplexing many people.

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Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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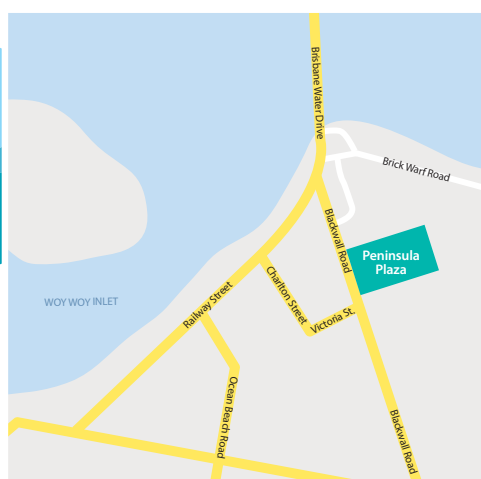
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Village Aged Care through a partnership between the Village and Brisbane Water Secondary College.

The partnership was formed in December and aimed to break down barriers between the younger generation and the elders in the community.

Students created the chess board by working out the configurations, marking out the dimensions and painting the board.

"Residents are thoroughly enjoying having the students come in to the Village and the students are enjoying themselves so much they even offered to come to visit the Village in their holidays," said Peninsula Village project manager Ms Susie O'Donnell.

"The chess board will be used by both residents and students to develop a stronger bond through learning chess and holding tournaments.

"As the project gathers momentum we will work towards holding a tournament day in the later months of the year.

"Chess is a game that is beneficial to young and old as it develops skills on many levels particularly developing strategy and problem solving skills.

"Environmental manager Jackie Bennett came back from a tour of America with a desire to have a giant chessboard and ordered large pieces for the board.

"The pieces arrived the day after the students completed painting the board.

"Already the project is taking off as visiting family members have been frequently seen making good use of the board.

"We look forward to the students starting new projects within the Village," said Ms O'Donnell.

Media Release, 18 Jan 2013
Susie O'Donnell, Peninsula Village Aged Care



Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College on the chess board that they made at Peninsula Village

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Hospital Alliance meetings resume

The Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance will resume its meetings on Saturday, February 9, at St Luke's Hall in Woy Woy from 2pm.

The aim of the group is to restore and improve services previously available at the hospital and upgrade it to a standard commensurate with the needs of the Peninsula.

The group is calling for new members to join the Alliance,

particularly representatives from nursing homes, schools and sporting bodies.

The Alliance is also requesting a loan of memorabilia from both Gosford and Woy Woy hospitals.

Anyone with memorabilia is invited to bring them along to the next meeting.

Letter, 28 Jan 2013
Marjory Cleere, Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance

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New podiatry practice starts

A new podiatry practice will open in Ettalong this month.

Owner Mr Mark Mular said he had more than 17 years of experience in private podiatry practice and had a keen interest in sports podiatry and the biomedical assessment of foot and gait problems.

"We are so dependent on our feet, but they are often

neglected," he said.

Mr Mular's podiatry services will include general foot care, treatment for children's foot conditions and orthotic footwear prescriptions.

The clinic will also provide Doppler assessments recommended for anyone who has diabetes or peripheral vascular disease.

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cure and correct alignment is the foundation of good health for all ages," said Mr Mular.

Media release, 29 Jan 2013
Mark Mular, Ettalong Podiatry



Principal podiatrist Mark Mular

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Charge follows injury to officer

Police have charged a man after an officer was injured at South Woy Woy on Monday, January 28.

Shortly before 12:45pm officers from the Brisbane Water Target Action Group attended Nambucca Dr to arrest an 18-year-old man and a 13-year-old boy over an alleged assault.

The two males were seen walking along the road and allegedly fled to a nearby unit.

Two officers followed them but were denied entry to the unit by a 29-year-old man who slammed the door closed.

As officers attempted to secure the premises, a female senior constable was confronted by the older man who slammed a kitchen

window closed so hard that it smashed.

Glass fell onto the senior constable which caused lacerations to her hands.

Police alleged that the man then threw a heavy cooking pot through the window which struck the officer on her jaw and rendered her unconscious.

Ambulance paramedics were called and treated the officer before conveying her to Gosford Hospital for treatment to her injured jaw and micro surgery to a severed tendon in her hand.

Negotiations commenced with the people in the home unit and, at about 1:20pm, the three males and a woman were removed from the premises.

The woman was not detained

by police and was released shortly after.

The 13-year-old boy was charged with two counts of common assault and offensive language.

He was granted conditional bail to appear at Woy Woy Children's Court on March 8.

The 18-year-old man was charged with common assault and granted conditional bail to appear at Woy Woy Local Court on March 5.

The 29-year-old man was charged with wound with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and refused bail.

He appeared at Gosford Local Court on Tuesday, January 29.

**Media Release, 28 Jan 2013
NSW Police Media**

Funeral for Peter Hutton

The funeral for Mr Peter Hutton, of Hutton Family Butchers at Ettalong, was held on Wednesday, January 30, at Mackay Family Funerals in Ourimbah.

Mr Hutton was born on December 29, 1945, and died aged 67 on Sunday, January 20.

He was husband to Jenny, father to Megan, Robert and Kathryn, grandfather to Charlee May and brother to Joy.

Ettalong Beach Business group president Ms Jeanette Polley passed on condolences to the

family on behalf of the Group.

"The Ettalong Beach Business Group is saddened to learn of the passing of Peter Hutton.

"Peter has always been a great supporter of the business group and lent his town crier talent to many events in Ettalong.

"On behalf of the group, I extend our condolences to Peter's family," said Mr Polley.

**Funeral notice, 23 Jan 2013
Robert Hutton, Narara
Email, 22 Jan 2013
Jeanette Polley, Ettalong
Beach Business Group**



Support group for MS

The first meeting of a new Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will be held in the Spike Milligan room at Woy Woy Library on Tuesday, February 5, at 2pm.

The aim of the group, which has been sponsored by local doctors and psychologists, is to create a regular meeting place on the Peninsula for MS sufferers and their carers, according to member Mr Peter Tryon.

Such a group has existed in the past but has been inactive for some years.

**Email, 24 Jan 2013
Peter Tryon, MS Support Group**

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Education



Rylie Lewis with the latest addition and Bonnie Carde with Lucky

Teacher takes on second duckling

Brisbane Water Secondary College teacher Ms Nerrida Lewis has added a second duckling to her care after it was rescued from a drain at the Umina Caravan Park.

Her first Pacific black duckling was hatched from an egg found at the school late last year.

Ms Lewis said the second duckling was only about a day old and was wet, cold and distressed without its mother.

Ms Lewis collected the duckling and introduced her to Lucky, the first duckling that she hatched from an egg found at the school late last year.

"Once introducing her to Lucky it was passiveness and love at first sight," said Ms Lewis.

"She followed Lucky around and they have bonded well enough for us to be out of the equation.

"Lucky no longer sees us as mum and has gotten used to the fact the he is a lucky duck," said Ms Lewis.

"Although, release is months away, I am certain that these two will successfully be released into the wild."

Email, 20 Jan 2013
Nerrida Lewis, Kincumber

New benches in bush classroom

Pretty Beach Public School has had new benches installed in its bush classroom thanks to a \$1000 donation from the Killcare Wagstaffe Trust.

The classroom had fallen to disuse due to changing priorities at the school.

However, environmental education coordinator Ms Marika Selwood resurrected an interest in the classroom and approached the Killcare Wagstaffe Trust to help with fitting it out.

Ms Selwood has now taken a transfer that was forced on the

school due to falling numbers.

"It is to be hoped that the school will continue to support an interest in this important aspect of education and continue the use and upkeep of the classroom," said Killcare Wagstaffe Trust treasurer Mr David Legge.

"We will be communicating with the school about this when term begins."

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust also donated \$500 to local firefighters for their effort during the Pretty Beach fires.

Newsletter, 24 Jan 2013
David Legge, Killcare Wagstaffe Trust



The new benches installed for Pretty Beach Public School's bush classroom

Trivia night for Mary Macs

Mary Macs at Woy Woy will this year hold its major fundraiser in the form of a trivia night at Woy Woy Leagues Club on Friday, March 15, at 7pm.

Mary Macs is an initiative of the St John's Catholic Parish at Woy Woy which began over 20 years ago to serve people daily with meals who may be suffering with intense difficulties in their lives.

Project officer Ms Christine Burge noted that there was clearly an increasing need to support homeless people.

"We need as much support as we can from the community so we can continue our assistance to the people who most need our help," said Ms Burge.

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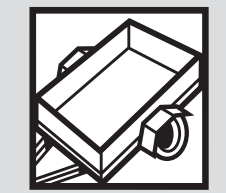
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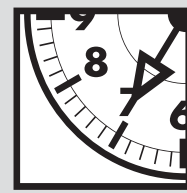
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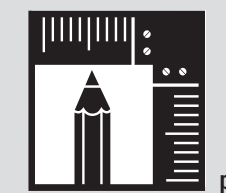
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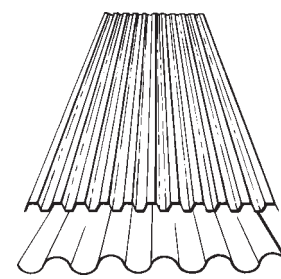
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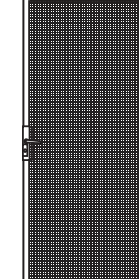
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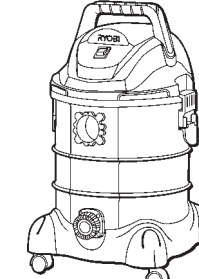
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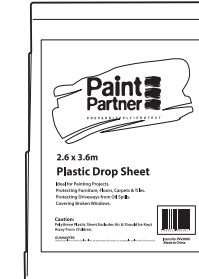
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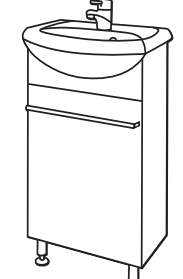
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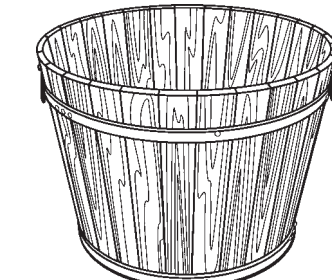
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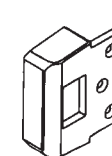
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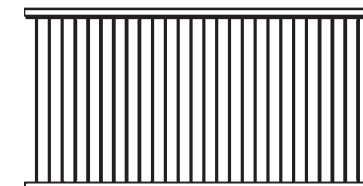
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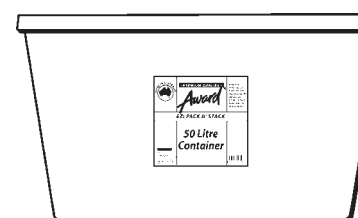
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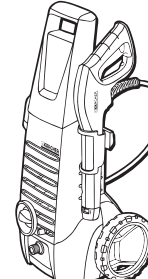
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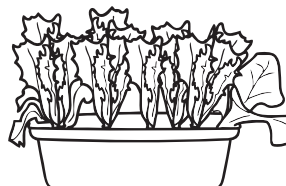
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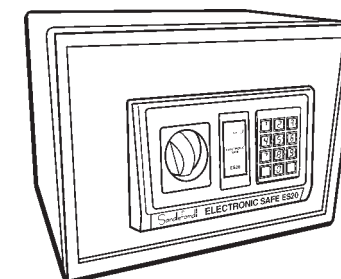
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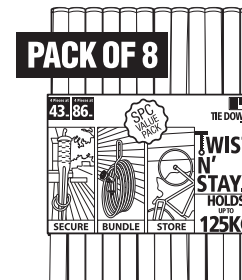
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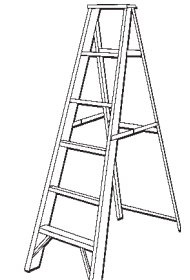
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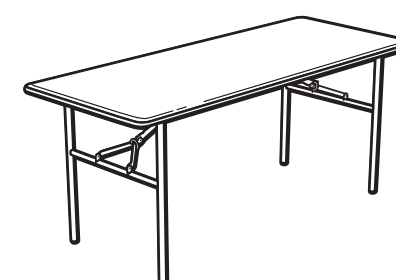
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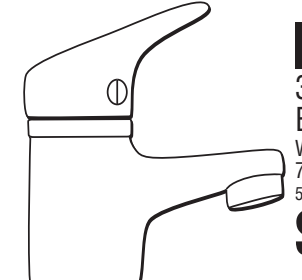
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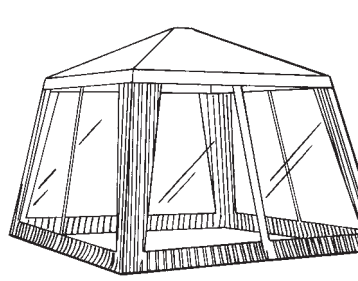
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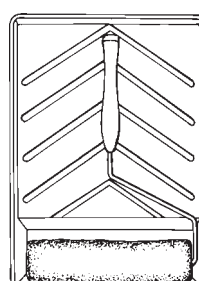
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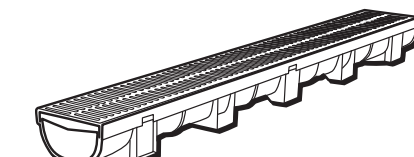
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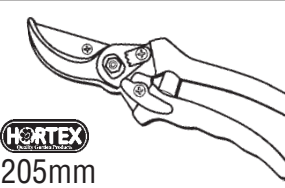
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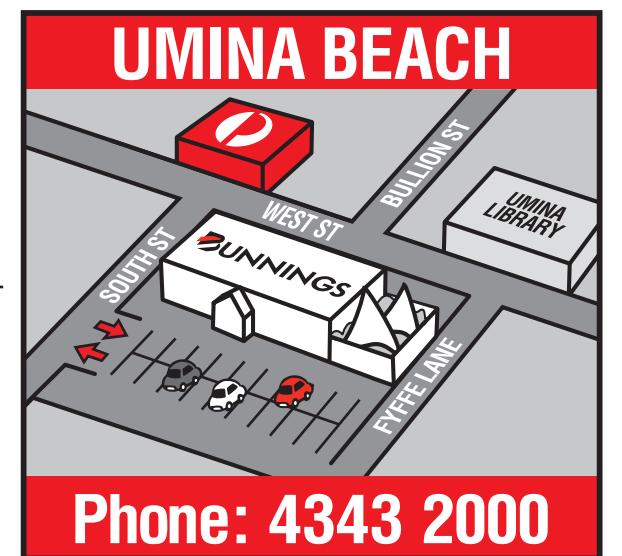
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Dancing by the water

Dancing by the Water has been held as a weekly event by members of the Central Coast Bush Dance and Music Association on Saturday evenings throughout January at Lions Park, Woy Woy.

The series has been extended until the end of February following a strong response from the community.

Association secretary Ms Robyn Graylin said that with a roll up of around 25 people on Saturday, January 19, the event would be extended with the exception of

Saturday, February 9, which is the Association's monthly bush dance.

Despite the bad weather on Saturday, January 19, the event still went ahead.

"Following an approach from a couple of participants, we were invited to adjourn to the Woy Woy Sporties Club when the rain became too much for us.

"There we danced in the auditorium instead of on the grass.

"Not quite the same ambiance, but we all enjoyed ourselves anyway.

"It was very generous of the club, and we would certainly

approach them in the future should the weather again be unkind to us," said Ms Graylin.

The association's website has been updated with the extended dates.

Those who wish to attend are advised to check the website if there is any doubt about the weather.

Musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments and all who

attend are invited to bring along a picnic.

Email, 22 Jan 2013

Robyn Graylin, Central Coast Bush Dance and Music Association



Richard Graylin and Fran Bucello dancing by the water



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Australia Day

Celebrations at Woy Woy and Wagstaffe

Australia Day celebrations were held at Wagstaffe and Woy Woy with activities including raft racing, games, musical performances, the lantern parade and fireworks.

Mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna said activities in Gosford on Australia Day showed the nation's true Aussie spirit.

"Over half of our nation's population of 21 million people attend a community event, or get together with family and friends to celebrate our national day.

"Gosford was no exception, with great crowds enjoying the activities and entertainment at the official locations.

"In addition, the 2013 Gosford City Australia Day Citizenship

Ceremony saw 123 people from 31 different countries become Australian citizens.

"One of my proudest moments was becoming an Australian citizen six years ago and I share in the pride and excitement felt by all Gosford citizens on our National Day," said mayor Cr McKinna.

Gosford Council's newly appointed general manager Mr

Paul Anderson said attending the Australia Day celebrations was a way to exhibit various highlights of the local community.

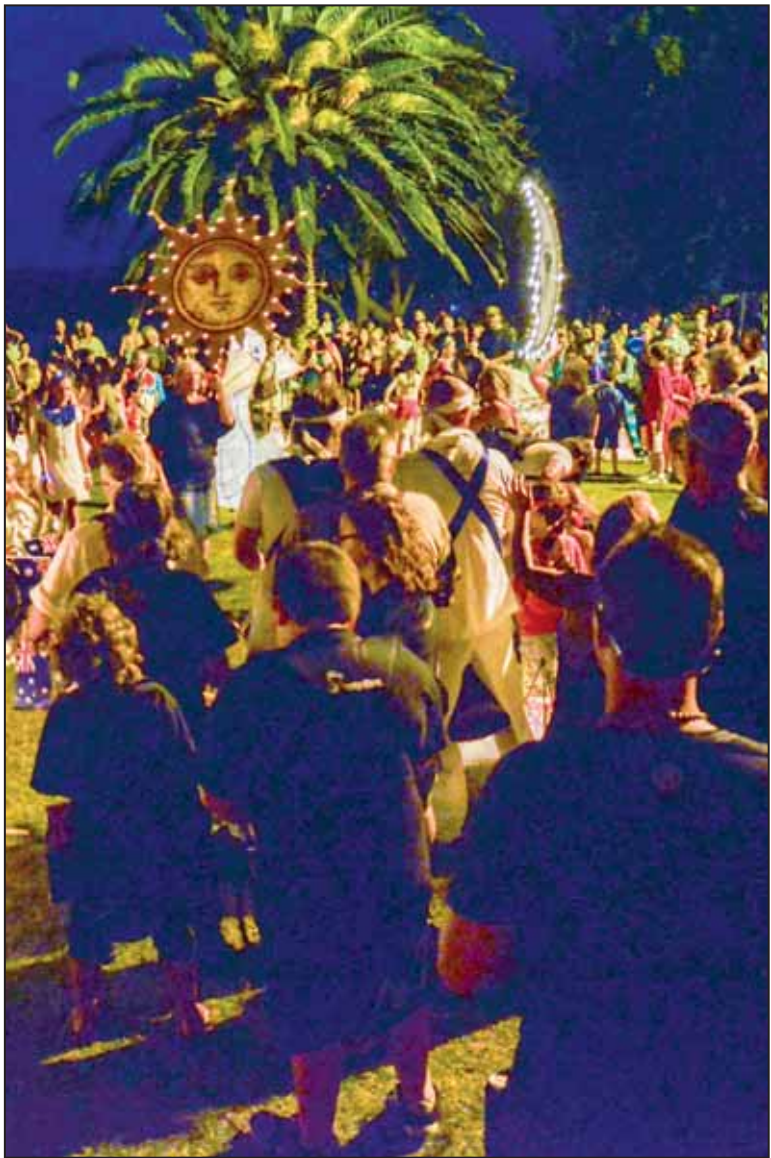
"Being new to the area, the Australia Day celebrations were the perfect opportunity for me and my family to experience some of the best of what Gosford has to offer.

"A particular highlight for my

children was being a part of the 100 strong crowd carrying handmade lanterns in the parade through Woy Woy.

"It really made us feel part of our new community," said Mr Anderson.

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For further info contact:
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(In case of rain the film will take place in the Youth Arts Warehouse, Donnison Street, opposite Gosford Library.) An alcohol prohibited event.

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Stitchery members



Students at a silver jewellery workshop

New tutors at arts centre

Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre has two new tutors.

Ms Sherry McCourt will tutor the art class.

Ms Katherine Baker will run the evening pottery class that will now be held on Mondays and will also take over the children's classes on Saturdays.

The position of patchwork and quilting tutor has yet to be filled and the Centre is currently conducting interviews.

"This class will be traditional patchwork and quilting for those who have a passion for this craft and for those who would love to learn," said Ms Sullivan.

"Members of the community are invited to come to our centre any day during the first two weeks of term to meet with our members and tutors while they are busy being creative."

The term began on Tuesday, January 29, with patchwork, quilting, pottering and children's afternoon pottery held on Mondays, folk art and silk dyeing held on Tuesdays,

oils and acrylics and pastels and drawing held on Wednesdays, art classes for adults and children and silver-craft classes held on Thursdays and watercolour painting on Fridays.

"We look forward to a year filled with lots of new students, plenty of creative new ideas and new friendships to form."

"Above everything else our main aim is to have fun," said Ms Sullivan.

Email, 30 Jan 2013

Sue Sullivan, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre



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Exhibition held at surf club

An Art by the Sea exhibition was held at Killcare Surf Club over nine days in early January.

The opening night's cocktail party attracted more than 130 people and 101 works were

exhibited, 34 of which were sold during the event.

The aim of the event, which was hosted by Mr Greig Pickhaver, was to incorporate the works of local and visiting artists.

The line-up of exhibiting artists comprised of Jordan Richardson,

John Biggart, David Black, Peter Smeeth, Terry Baker, Gregory Coates, Steve Thompson, Lisa Haymes, Pam Sackville, Bronwyn van de Graaf, Elena Parashko, Karen Bloomfield, Helena Brunner, Alice Haigh, Jean Scott, Trudi Factor and Mary "Topsy" Webster.

Staged in the auditorium which overlooks Killcare beach, the art show also serves as a major fundraiser for the surf club

in providing funds for lifesaving devices, training boards, gear trailer and gymnasium equipment.

Event coordinator Ms Luisa Scutts said it was a difficult selection process in viewing the credentials of the 60 plus applicants.

"Those who were unsuccessful are encouraged to re-apply next year," said Ms Scutts who said she was impressed with the general

rapport during the show.

"David Black, a local exhibitor, was telling me that it was great getting the opportunity to meet the other artists.

"Everybody, he said, seemed only too willing to exchange views and generally discuss various ideas."

Media Release, 22 Jan 2013
Allan Wilson, Killcare Surf Club



Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre

BREAKING NEWS !

We have secured the services of a patchwork and quilting tutor who will join our team to teach the traditional methods of quilting.

Penny Howard has a pure passion for her craft and has been producing some interesting designs over the last 15 years. She is looking forward to sharing her skills and knowledge with our members.

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Library program for children

Programs will be held at Woy Woy Library and Umina Library, for children between six months and five years of age to stimulate language, literacy and numeracy skills.

Children's librarians will run three separate programs: Sing, Read and Rhyme, 2-3 What About Me? and Storytime.

Gosford Council library services acting manager Ms Sharon Drayton said the programs had been designed to engage, stimulate and educate young children.

"Engaging children at a young

age in a variety of sound and language activities has been found to increase development of cognitive skills.

"These programs are designed to encourage freedom and play in a happy and safe library environment," Ms Drayton said.

Sing, Read and Rhyme, a program for babies, will be held once a week for four weeks at Woy Woy Library on Tuesday, February 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 9:45am to 10:15am.

The Sing, Read and Rhyme program is for parents, carers and babies aged between six and 24

months old.

Two to three What About Me, a program which aims to build on the concepts introduced in the Sing, Read and Rhyme presentation, provides a pathway to introduce children to storytime.

This program, recommended for children aged two to three is held at Woy Woy Library on Tuesday, February 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 11:45am to 11:15am.

Storytime, a program which aims to introduce children to the joys of literature and language through story, poetry, puppetry and felt stories, finger plays and

rhymes, songs and craft will be held at both Umina Beach Library and Woy Woy Library.

The program will run from 10:30am to 11:30am at Umina Beach Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Woy Woy Library

on Mondays and Wednesdays.

For more information about these programs, contact the children's services team on 4304 7011.

Media Release, 31 Jan 2013
Sharon Drayton, Gosford Council

Looking for members

Brisbane Water Scrabble Club is calling for new members, including beginners, to attend its meetings held on Wednesdays from 6pm to 10pm at the Peninsula Community Centre.

The Brisbane Water Scrabble Club is a non-profit organisation and has been running for around 12 years.

"Scrabble is a great word game and one of the most successful ever," said Brisbane Water Scrabble Club organiser Ms Patricia Windhurst.

"If you want to take your scrabble to the next level or are just looking for something to keep your grey matter working, visit your nearest scrabble club.

"Some people just like to play

socially and to make new friends and others take it more seriously and enter into competitions throughout NSW and Australia," said Ms Windhurst.

Daytime scrabble clubs also meet at Empire Bay, Umina and Woy Woy.

Letter, 18 Jan 2013
Patricia Windhurst, Brisbane Water Scrabble Club



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The Rhodes family is inviting those who assisted them to join

them for coffee and cake in the morning or drinks and nibbles in the evening.

The open day will be held in the Rhodes family's new home at 16 Taylor St, Woy Woy Bay, from 10am to 10pm.

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Bob Puffett, The Bays Bulletin

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Naming Peninsula places

Late last year Gosford mayor Cr Lawrie McKinnon put forward a suggestion to investigate alternative names for Brisbane Water which would make the waterway more clearly identifiable with the local area.

This has prompted Peninsula News to seek information about the naming of places on the Peninsula.

The information here has been drawn from two books: Place Names of the Central Coast by Eileen Pratt and Highlights of Central Coast History by Charles Swancott.

According to Brisbane Water Historical Society vice president Ms Shirley Rider, the books were part of a series issued by Brisbane Water Historical Society called Historical Monographs.

"Charles Swancott was a member and Fellow of Brisbane Water Historical Society," she said.

"He wrote quite a few books, some of which are for sale at our museum and we have quite a few in our library.

"Many titles would also be held by Gosford City Library in their Local Studies Collection.

"Charles Swancott died in 1974 aged 86.

"Eileen Pratt only wrote Place Names of the Central Coast (1978) as far as I know.

"She lived at Point Clare and was also a member of Brisbane Water Historical Society.

"Eileen died about 1989, aged about 74.

"Place Names of the Central Coast is available for sale from our museum."

Email, 30 Jan 2013
Shirley Rider, Brisbane Water Historical Society

Ettalong is an Aboriginal word meaning "place for drinking".

Surveyor-General Sir Thomas Mitchell, who directed the main survey work in this area, ordered that names used by local Aborigines be ascertained and used wherever possible.

The first reference to Ettalong appeared in a letter from the Surveyor-General on November 12, 1830, in which he wrote: "I have determined the average valuation of land in the County of Northumberland, Tuggerah Lakes, Ettalong and Wyong at 3/- per acre or 288 pounds for 1920 acres.

Soon afterwards prices were raised to 5/- per acre.

Ettalong was also known as Gittens Lagoon, after an early white resident, and Dogherty's Beach (pronounced Dockerty) and to the crews of passing ketches as

Ettalong



Riley Bros. Buses waiting outside Ettalong Theatre

Dogherty's Hole.

They filled their water casks from a hole sunk in the sand behind the beach at low tide.

The ketches tied up close to this

spot while waiting for the ebb tide to go over Half Tide Rocks.

Historical monograph, 1970
Eileen Pratt, Place Names of the Central Coast

Booker Bay



Quills Store, Booker Bay

that they employed four free men, had cleared six acres, cultivated three of them and owned nine cattle.

William Booker died on August 31, 1850, and was buried on his own farm.

His second wife, Elizabeth, who

died on January 20, 1868, was also interred there.

This plot of land, in present day Bogan Rd, became known as Booker Bay Cemetery, although it was not dedicated as such.

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Woy Woy

Woy Woy derives its name from the nearby creek.

The earliest rendering of the name was Why Why – a short and sharp exclamation, the warning cry of the blacks against the presence of a snake.

In old days the low lying swampy areas of the district were infested with black snakes.

A tombstone in Gosford Cemetery marks the last resting place of a resident in Wye Wye Bay and the Sydney Morning Herald in 1855 mentioned Why Why creek.

Until 1866 the Woy Woy area was known as Webb's Flat.

Samuel Coulter was actually the first resident in what is now

Woy Woy.

He built a house and farmed land on the site on which the old Bayview Hotel and Neilson's Slipper Factory were located.

A fig tree planted by Coulter was growing on the waterfront.

The railway line, of course, now runs through the Coulter property.

Coulter sold the property in 1884 to Owen Friend and Peter Fagan for 250 pounds.

The present site of Woy Woy was then a vast sandy area covered with scrub which nobody wanted.

**Historical monograph, 1984
Charles Swancott, Highlights
of Central Coast History**

At the commencement of settlement the area was known as Ettalong Beach and is referred to in 1830 by Sir Thomas Mitchell when he determined "the price of land at Ettalong, Tuggerah and Wyong at 3/- per acre".

John Terry Hughes, a nephew of the wealthy Samuel Terry, received the original grant of 534 acres, together with many other portions of land in the Brisbane Water District.

In 1824 he was declared insolvent and his large estates were disposed of over a number of years.

However, it was not until the early 1900s that subdivision began to take place.

The real estate men of that period, or developers as we would call them today, Arthur Rickards, CJ Staples and Dunban and Dunban began clearing the land and giving different names to their subdivisions.

CJ Staples called one of his subdivisions Ocean Beach City, others were Santa Clause Estate, Golden Crown Estate, Ocean Wave Estate and Our Boys Estate.

A Receiving Office for mails had been established at Ettalong Beach on January 1, 1918, with mails being carried from Woy Woy six times weekly.

With continued development, petitions were received for another post office.

The district postal inspector from Newcastle reported that Umina was an Aboriginal term meaning place of sleep and was adopted for the name of the post office, after reference to the Lands Department.

The Receiving Office was opened in Umina in 1920 and a telephone installed during 1921.

Apparently there was some move to change the name of Umina Post Office to Ocean Beach as on November 28, 1921, CJ Staples wrote to the postal department: "...to change the name of Umina to Ocean Beach would lead to endless confusion."

"I may mention that a site for a post office has been reserved in the Ocean Beach City subdivision, plan of which is forwarded under separate cover.

"As settlement at Ocean Beach

Ocean Beach



Ocean Beach March Past team, 1948 - Tim Dowling, Dick Dowling, Nigel Retford, Ted Hughes, Jack Piper, Doug Bridge

City is progressing rapidly, we hope that at some early date your department will be able to utilise this site."

Ocean Beach City did not become the city that was envisaged by the developer and a post office was not opened.

The name remained as Umina until January, 1952, when the name Umina Beach appeared on official papers.

There is no trace of official instructions for this alteration but the Post Office Guide for 1952 listed the office as Umina Beach and it remains as such today.

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On arrival at Brick Wharf, the winches would lift the crates and place them on the railway trucks, two crates to a truck.

A standard gauge tramway was constructed by the tunnel contractor, George Blunt, from Brick Wharf along what is now Brick Wharf Rd to the construction site at the railway tunnel, South Woy Woy.

**Historical Monograph, 1970
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Earlwood Greg celebrates



Christian Marsh, Glenn Cardier and Earlwood Greg

Blues songwriter Earlwood Greg, of Woy Woy, will celebrate 40 years of blues and songs with a concert at the Central Coast Conservatorium at Gosford on Saturday, February 16, from 8pm.

Mr Greg said that after playing with or supporting some of the finest acts over the years he has learned a thing or two about what makes for a great night's entertainment.

Singer-songwriter Glenn Cardier and harmonica wizard Christian Marsh will join Earlwood in a show that he said would cover every possible combination of the three musicians.

"Special shows need special venues and the Robert Knox Hall at the Central Coast Conservatorium is as special as they come, a beautiful, intimate setting with a great vibe," said Earlwood.

Media Release, 23 Jan 2013
Earlwood Greg, Woy Woy Bay

Bays group to hold annual meeting

The Bays Community Group will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, February 20.

President Mr Bob Puffett is encouraging local residents to attend and have their say on the future of the Bays.

Mr Puffett said the concept of community was still strong in the Bays but people should become more involved and come along to

more community events at the hall.

"We acknowledge fellow residents on the roadway, we help each other and we do have a vibrant community group and a wonderful hall," said Mr Puffett.

"Some oldies tell me that our hall was the centre of social activity years ago, why not now?"

"Well it seems that our distractions are many now: TV,

digital games, computers, more responsible drinking rules, local clubs that put on wonderful entertainment, and local restaurants.

"Maybe our New Year's Resolution ought to be to become more involved," said Mr Puffett.

Newsletter, 30 Jan 2013
Bob Puffett, The Bays Bulletin



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Lorna Bennett memorial
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 11:15am

MS Support Group meeting,
 Spike Milligan room, Woy Woy
 Library, 2pm

Thursday February 7

YWCA Encore Program, Woy
 Woy, 10am-12pm

Friday February 8

Umina Bunnings Open Night,
 5pm-9pm

Saturday February 9

Housie session, Peninsula
 Community Centre, Woy Woy
 Woy Woy Public Hospital

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

Rhodes Family Open Day, 16
 Taylor St, Woy Woy, 10am-10pm

Jonathon Rogers Memorial
 Service, Rogers Park Memorial,
 11am

Umina Bunnings Open Day,
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Sunday February 10

Umina Bunnings Open Day,
 10am-4pm

Friday February 15

Woy Woy Rugby Union sports
 luncheon, Pelicans Restaurant,
 Woy Woy, 12pm-4pm

Wednesday February 20

Bays Community Group

annual meeting, Woy Woy Bay
 Community Hall, 7:30pm

Sunday February 24

Ocean Beach Malibu surfing
 contest, Umina Beach

Friday March 1

NSW Surf Life Saving
 Championships, Umina Beach
 and Ocean Beach

Thursday March 14

Australian Local Government
 Women's Association 60th Annual
 Conference, the Mantra Ettalong

Friday March 15

Mary Macs trivia night, Woy
 Woy Leagues Club, 7pm

If you've got something happening on the Peninsula over the next few weeks, let us know about it
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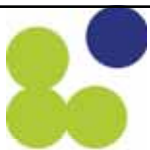
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Ettalong hosts zone major fours contest

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club was one of the hosts for the Zone 15 Major Fours contest held last month.

Fifty-two teams contested the event which was eventually won by a team from The Entrance Bowling Club.

Section One was won by The Entrance combination of N Pombart, J Wilton, G Canobie and skipped by J Ellison.

The Entrance knocked out Michael Stead's Halekulani team who had earlier accounted for the tournament favorites from Ettalong skipped by the recent World Four's Champion Aron Sherriff.

Section Two was wrapped up by B Burland, G Dawson, R Spek and R Kelley from Munmorah United while W Smith, S Winslade, K Collins and P Villata from Halekulani had a close encounter against Avoca Beach to win Section Three.

In another photo finish K Foster, M Johnson, T Leslie and G Maier of Ettalong scraped home by one shot over a strong Terrigal team to win Section Four.

The semi-finals saw The Entrance and Ettalong Memorial win their way into the final.



The final got under way in drizzly rain with Graham Maier's Ettalong boys jumping out of the blocks to lead 6-1 after three ends.

The Entrance combination under John Ellison with Mick Gibbons substituting for Graham Canobie responded over the

next four ends to lead 10-6 but then dropped a four for 10-all after eight ends.

As the weather improved so did The Entrance, gaining a match winning break of 20-11 after 13 ends and going on to take out the Major Fours Championship title 25-15.

It was The Entrance team's first Bowls Central Coast title, one that broke the stranglehold that Ettalong Memorial had on this title in recent years.

Email, 20 Jan 2013
Kevin Dring, Bowls Central Coast

Swimmers competed at Sydney centre

Woy Woy Swim Club competed in the Stage Age Swimming Championships held at Sydney Aquatic Centre last month.

The first event was for 10 to 12 years held on January 5 and 6.

Woy Woy Swim Club was represented by Lachlan Braddish, Myles Bailey, Corey Kerr, Charlie Polson, Regan Champley, Olivia McParlane, Jasmine Darwin and Kaylah Holmes who swam a total of 37 events between them.

The majority of their swims were personal bests with some Top 10 finishes.

Stand out performer was Myles who came first in the 200 metre backstroke, second in the 100 metre freestyle, second in the 100 metre backstroke and third in the 50 metre freestyle.

Another highlight was the Girls Under-10 four by 50 metre freestyle relay, consisting of Kaylah Holmes, Tasha Oberlander, Josie Burraston and Jade Vadala.

The girls finished ninth in the State in a strongly contested event, three of them at their first NSW Championships.

The following week saw events for 13 to 18 years

held from January 8 to 13.

The club was represented by Rachel Wood, Laura Ghali, Mimi Henderson, Ethan Dodd and Sienna Inglis.

Highlights were Rachel who came third in the 200 metre freestyle, second in the 400 metre freestyle and second in the 800 metre freestyle.

A string of personal best times and Top 10 finishes rounded off what proved to be a successful month for the club.

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Bowler of the Year runner-up, Harley McDonald (L) with winner Aron Sherriff (R)

Ettalong bowlers take first four places

Ettalong bowlers took out the first four places at the Bowls Central Coast Bowler of the Year for 2012 at the Bowls Central Coast presentation night held at The Bay Sports Club, Bateau Bay, on the night of Thursday, January 17.

Harley McDonald, Lee Trethowan and John Roberts

came in behind Aron Sherriff was named Bowler of the Year award.

The award, and the Wal Rainbow Shield that goes with it, is for success in winning Central Coast - Zone15 and Club championships during the year.

Aron has now won this award eight times since he first won it in 2003.

Roberts was also presented with an award for being selected for the NSW Seniors Team.

During the presentation ceremony, Bowls Central Coast state councillor Mr Kevin Dring asked Sherriff to share with the delegates and officials some of his experiences at the World Bowls Championships held at Lockleys Bowling Club in South Australia from November 24 to December 9.

At this event Aron won a gold medal skipping the Men's Fours, a silver medal in the Men's Pairs and a gold medal for being part of the

most successful Men's Side.

"During the three weeks of the World Titles I played 27 games over 14 days straight," said Sherriff.

"Every three or four nights we had a massage by a physiotherapist and we had to make sure we were well hydrated and ate proper meals.

"I knew that to keep up my program at the World Titles I had to be fit, so I needed self-discipline to stick to my diet and exercise routine.

"The result was I've lost 22kgs and my goal is to lose another 15kgs.

"I set myself goals such as the next Commonwealth Games, plus I've got massive support from my family and my club Ettalong and I'll keep trying to do my best for as long as I can," said Sherriff.

Media Release, 19 Jan 2013
Bob Bourke, Bowls Central Coast

Largest surf carnival to be held at Umina

The largest annual surf lifesaving competitor event in Australia will be held at Umina Beach and Ocean Beach from Friday, March 1, to Sunday, March 10.

The NSW State Surf Lifesaving Championships, which will also be held at Umina and Ocean Beach next year, is expected to attract over 4000 junior participants, 5000 open and masters competitors, 600 officials and 15,000 spectators.

The championships are open to all Surf Life Saving members Australia-wide and are the third largest competitor event held in Australia, second to the Olympics and the Commonwealth Games.

As well as the increase in visitors, Tourism Australia has calculated that the event will bring in over \$18 million in additional revenue to the local area.

"It's going to increase the exposure of the Peninsula to the wider NSW population," said local organising committee chairman Mr Brett Harrod.

"I was chairman in 2005 and the number of people that actually came back for holidays after that was quite surprising.

"The Peninsula is a bit of a hidden treasure.

"People don't expect to see all the walkways and waterways and national parks that we've got.

"It will certainly expose the area and that will bring more tourism in," he said.

Mr Harrod said that despite the difficulty in preparing for such a large event, preparation was "well advanced".

"We have had really good support from local Rotary clubs and the local community at large so it's been pretty positive.

"When you're running an event of this size, it's always hard work but when you've got a committee in place like we've got it helps.

"They've been fantastic to work with.

"We're ready to go," said Mr Harrod.

Kaitlin Watts, 18 Jan 2013
Interviewee: Brett Harrod

Grade five bowls

Umina Bowling Club was among the hosts of the President Reserve Championship for Pennant Grade Five players and below, which attracted a field of 33 teams.

The Woy Woy combination of C Crawford, P Dunn, D Bowman

and K Blake had a series of wins to take out Section Two.

The Entrance team had a win over Woy Woy in their semifinal to move into the final as favorites against Wamberal which sealed victory at 21-7 with two ends remaining.

Email, 20 Jan 2013
Kevin Dring, Bowls Central Coast

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Oscar is runner-up

Former local boy Oscar Thomas, who is coached by the Peninsula School of Tennis, finished runner-up in the Newcastle Open Hotshots Red Ball tennis tournament held on Thursday, January 24.

Oscar faced 25 other young tennis players in what was his first Hotshots tournament.

He was narrowly beaten 7-6. "This is a fantastic success story for Oscar who has recently moved from Sydney and is currently being coached in Umina under the tutelage of The Peninsula School of Tennis," said coach Ms Kristy Packer.

Email, 27 Jan 2013
Kristy Packer, Peninsula School of Tennis



Garry "Hands" Halliday

Ocean Beach wins Malibu challenge

The Ocean Beach Malibu Club hosted the fifth annual Three Way Charity Challenge against Wallarah Longboard Club and Shelly Beach Malibu Club at Umina on Sunday, January 20, in messy one to two foot waves.

Ocean Beach proved too strong for the visiting clubs and won the first six consecutive heats, finishing with a total eight of the 12 heats.

Heat winners for the Ocean Beach Malibu Club were Craig Coulton in heat one, Richie McClelland in heat two, Bryce Williams in heat three, Garry Halliday in heat four, Ben Scully-Hawkins in heat five, Matt Sing in heat six, Tom Payne in heat eight and Hayden Emery in heat 12.

Cyndi Zoranovic and Hayden Wellington also surfed well to claim second place in their respective heats.

The Ocean Beach Malibu Club has now claimed the title for four of the five years since its inception, missing out last year to Shelly Beach by one point.

The presentation was held in the beer garden of the Ocean Beach Malibu Club's new sponsor, the Ocean Beach Hotel.

"Despite the lousy weather considerably reducing the barbeque and drink sales on the day, a total of \$722 was raised for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia," said Ocean Beach Malibu Club president Mr Craig Coulton.

The Ocean Beach Malibu Club also held its 2012 season presentation night at the Umina Beach Surf Club on Saturday, February 2, which saw Garry "Hands" Halliday crowned the

2012 Club Champion and Cyndi Zoranovic the 2012 Ladies Club Champion.

The first Ocean Beach Malibu contest for the year is scheduled for Sunday, February 24, and registrations will be taken on the day.

New members are welcome.

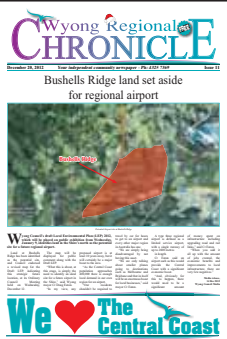
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Craig Coulton, Ocean Beach Malibu Club
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Harry Braddish winning the Under-13 male beach sprint

Nippers compete at Manly

A small contingent of Umina nippers competed at the recent All Australian Nipper Nationals at Manly Beach on Sunday, January 20.

The annual carnival attracts

nippers from all over Australia and is second in size to the State Titles. "Umina did exceptionally well with some great results and a Top Six finish overall," said Umina Surf Club committee member Mr Peter

Talty. Lachlan Braddish won the Under-11 male ironman and came second in the Under-11 male surf race and Under-11 male board race.

Harry Braddish won the Under-13 male beach sprint and Rachel Wood won the Under-14 female surf race.

Rachel Wood also won the Under-14 board rescue with Jemma Smith.

Jemma Smith placed fifth in the Under-14 female surf race and the Ironperson and placed seventh in the board race.

Kieran Braddish placed fourth in the Under-14 male beach sprint and fifth in the board race.

Other Umina competitors to make finals were Molly Murphy and Kirsten Miller.

Email, 24 Jan 2013
Peter Talty, Umina Surf Club

Roosters start to benefit from Sydney link

The start of the 2013 season is expected to be busy for Woy Woy Roosters players, coaches and officials, according to Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club president Mr Tim McParlane.

Over the coming weeks coaches will attend a workshop to discuss the season ahead and training structure and format, player registrations will be taken, teams will start training and the club's relationship with the Sydney Roosters will begin in earnest with activities organised for February.

A number of coaches and officials from the juniors and seniors will travel down to have a behind the scenes look at the Sydney Roosters entire operation from training of the NRL squad to administration and marketing.

All registered Woy Woy players and coaching staff will be invited to attend an open training session of the Roosters NRL squad on Friday, February 15, ahead of the Roosters trial match against Manly at Bluetongue Stadium on Saturday night.

All registered Woy Woy players will be invited to attend a development clinic on Saturday,

February 16, run by the Sydney Roosters including some of their big name players at Woy Woy oval.

A number of other events are planned as the season gets underway proper, with some of Woy Woy's Mini and Mod teams having the opportunity to play pre-game and at half-time at Allianz Stadium against one of the Sydney Roosters junior clubs and be invited to attend nominated Sydney Roosters games.

Coaches, officials and player groups will have the opportunity to observe player warm-up and attend a post-match function at East Leagues Club Bondi.

As an added bonus for 2013 all registered Woy Woy players will receive a Sydney Roosters Membership pack which includes a back pack, a 2013 cap, stationery set, lanyard and membership card holder, sticker, invites to members only coaching clinic, online newsletter, access to members lounge website, 10 per cent discount on Roosters merchandise and one general admission ticket to any Roosters home game.

Media Release, 22 Jan 2013
Tim McParlane, Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club

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