



The Oyster Eating Competition at a previous Brisbane Water Oyster Festival

\$1M festival makes loss

Gosford Council has been told that last year's Brisbane Water Oyster Festival made a loss of \$3660, despite claims that it had generated a turnover of close to \$1 million.

The council has decided to write to the festival organisers stating the sponsorship conditions have not been met.

It will ask why audited reports for last year's Brisbane Water Oyster Festival had not been provided to Council as required by the sponsorship conditions.

It will ask why the Festival was run at a loss of \$3660, rather than at a profit as required by sponsorship conditions, so that a minimum of 50 per cent of the profit could be used as seed funding for the following year.

It will inform the organisers that any future sponsorship would be conditional on providing information about last year's event and a detailed proposal for future events.

The council also asked for information from its acting director

of community services.

It asked why the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival Report has only recorded part of the sponsorship provided by Council and whether there were any outstanding debts relating to the festival.

The report was considered in a confidential Council meeting last Tuesday, February 26.

The matter was discussed behind closed doors because the report contained "information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting or proposes to conduct business".

In a media release to Peninsula News after the festival last year, organisers estimated that more than 30,000 people attended the festival on Sunday, November 11.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said that the festival generated a turnover of close to \$1 million.

**Gosford Council Agenda
COM.C3, 26 Feb 2013
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Second month with above average rain

February has finished with rainfall 20 per cent above average, the second month in a row with above average figures, according to Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

Rainfall of 50.7mm recorded at 9am on the first day of March was already one third of the way to the monthly average of 149.4mm with more rain on the way, suggesting the drought of the last six months of last year is broken.

A total of 184.9mm was recorded in February, compared to the month's average of 153.2mm.

Four days recorded more than an inch of rain, with 25.5mm recorded on February 1, 27.2mm on February 12, 29.7mm on February 23 and 69.5mm being recorded on February 24.

Cumulative total for the year to the end of February was 381.5mm, which was one third more than the average of 286mm.

With the rain recorded on March 1, the cumulative average of 435.4mm for March has already been reached.

Despite the falls being well above average, they were slightly less than the figures recorded for January and February last year, which had falls of 205.2mm and 218.7mm respectively.

Temperatures during February ranged from a low of 15.1 degrees on February 2 to a high of 30.6 on February 9, according to local weather website www.peninsulaweather.info.

Average overnight temperature for the month was 19.1 degrees, while the average daily maximum was 26.1.

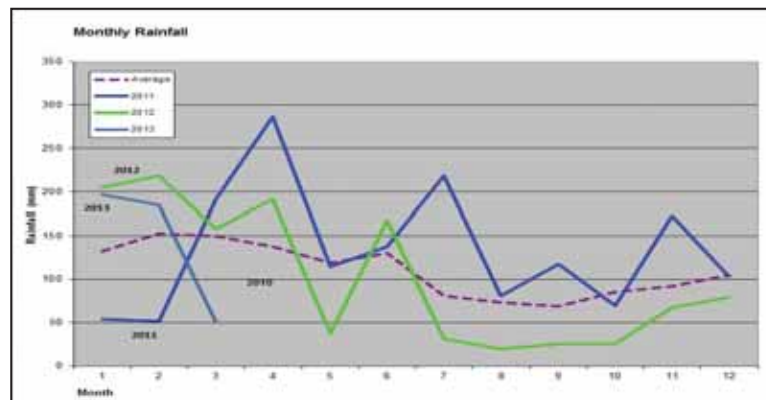
Lowest maximum was 18.7

degrees on February 2, while the highest minimum of 22.4 was recorded on February 25.

Humidity ranged from 50 per cent to 100 per cent during the month, with the lower figure being recorded on February 6 and the higher figure being recorded on several days during the month.

Highest wind gust during the month was 38.9 km/h recorded on February 1.

Spreadsheet, 1 Mar 2013
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy
www.peninsulaweather.info



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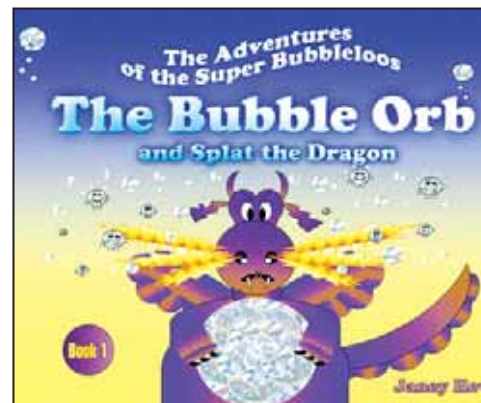
Nine other lucky readers will also win a copy of the book valued at \$20 each.

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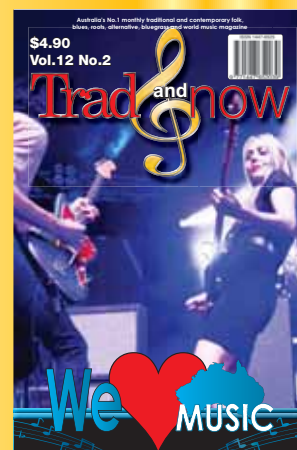
It is based on good vs. evil characters, with the good characters Pop, Bubs, Sparks, Suds, Fizz, Rosie and Berry triumphing in the end over Splat the Dragon, Splish and Splosh.

To win the Peninsula News The Adventures of the Super Bubbleloo's competition, write your name, address and phone number on the back of an envelope and send to Peninsula News Bubbleloo's competition, PO Box 1056, Gosford, NSW, 2250, by the close of business Thursday, March 14

The winners of last edition's Peninsula News Spotner competition were W Penn of Lisarow, Lisa Newman of Umina and F Morrow of Woy Woy.



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Hardys Bay RSL club to be sold?

The Hardys Bay RSL Club is expected to be sold by tender, following an announcement by club president Mr Terry O'Flaherty that it was no longer viable.

The announcement was made by Mr O'Flaherty at an extraordinary general meeting on Sunday, February 17, which saw over 200 members attend.

Mr O'Flaherty, on behalf of his Board, told the meeting that that it was no longer viable to run the club when it had a big mortgage and major plant and equipment was starting to fail.

Daily trading figures and projected figures for the following months were presented to the meeting.

The meeting decided to authorise the sale of the club's land and building to pay back lenders.

In 2006, president Ms Steve Newman said the Hardys Bay RSL Club would overcome its financial difficulties and "return to the vibrant asset of the community it has been in the past".

"The fat lady hasn't sung yet but she is clearing her throat and the orchestra is tuning up," said Mr Newman at the time.

This statement was closely followed with the news that the Board had successfully established a refinancing arrangement with members of the community which would enable it to relieve the administrators of their duties and leave sufficient working capital.

Hardys Bay Residents Group's Allan Wilson said the future of the club and location after this date was uncertain.

"One option approved by members at the meeting is

to continue investigating a management agreement, which may result in the relocation to Poole Cl, Empire Bay.

"There is a groundswell of community support for the club to stay at its current location and to maintain a club on the Killcare Peninsula.

"However, this would only be possible with a significant injection of funds to enable refinance of a loan and to repair some of the club's failing equipment.

"A major financial issue is the \$700,000 loan plus the interest repayments.

"Should it overcome these, the club would be in a position to trade profitably and that is why it is seeking to refinance by submitting a tender to the interested parties.

"The club intends to seek pledges and run a series of fundraising events throughout the coming months to solve the current financial problems.

"An upcoming event which has already attracted much interest is the Hardys Bay RSL Club Party on Saturday, March 9, from 7:30pm, when guests will be entertained with live music.

"People are encouraged to organise their own parties with dinner available at the club's restaurant.

"Hopefully, the club with such a distinguished past, will fight its way back from near extinction through generous donations, so the 'best little club on the Coast', as it has been termed, can again be enjoyed by locals and visitors, as well as future generations," said Mr Wilson.

Media Release, 27 Feb 2013
Allan Wilson, Hardys Bay Residents Group



Hardys Bay RSL started with a shed

The original Hardys Bay RSL club started with a shed on land in Hardys Bay.

Mr Heydon was one of the founding members of the club.

About 1950, a shed was built where alcohol was bought.

There was no license and the shed burnt down one night.

It was suspected that a rival sly grog seller burnt down the shed.

Bob Brading remembered that another regular community gathering was for men to gather for a drink at Hardys Bay each afternoon at 5 pm.

The Returned Soldiers League (RSL) then announced it was to build a clubroom and obtain a liquor license.

Others at the time, calling themselves the Defaulters' Club, which outside the Wagstaffe store

each Friday night to play two-up, playing \$2 each meeting.

This club made contributions to local charities.

Another local gathering place was under the Yum Yum Tree at Hardys Bay, a place for tradesmen and contractors to meet.

Reflections from the Beach and the Bays, 2000
Jillian Baxter, Hardys Bay - Killcare Progress Association Inc.



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Journalist to speak in Woy Woy

Radio and television journalist Ms Karen Barlow will speak at a Friends of the ABC function from 2pm on Saturday, April 20, at the Peninsula Community Centre in Woy Woy.

Ms Barlow has worked for the ABC for the past 17 years after she began her career as the person who ran the scripts to the evening newsreader before landing an ABC cadetship in Hobart.

Currently a reporter at Lateline, she has also worked in radio current affairs, television news and as the breakfast newsreader and producer at Triple J.

She has covered several federal and state elections and in 2008 was part of the ABC's Beijing Olympic team.

Ms Barlow will recount her adventures over two summers as she travelled as a working journalist to the Antarctic.

"Both an amazing travelogue and personal recollection of intense personal experiences, Karen's story gives us an intimate insight into the life of a working journalist as well as incredible imagery of one of the remotest, yet increasingly human-affected, places on earth," said Friends of the ABC Central Coast co-convenor Mr Klaas Woldring.

"Antarctica is a place where few people dare dream to tread.

"Karen Barlow's two voyages down south were no luxury cruises.

"Neither were they floating hardships.

"The time spent staffing a very temporary ABC Antarctic bureau was fun, frustrating and fascinating.

"Zipped up in special astronaut-like survival gear, climate research was witnessed at its most primal;

collecting temperatures.

"Karen also found the time to lose a cameraman for two days and be attacked by a not-so-friendly parade of penguins," said Mr Woldring.

**Media Release, 24 Feb 2013
Klaas Woldring, Friends of the ABC Central Coast**



Easter fete at Patonga

The Patonga Progress Association's Annual Easter Fete will be held on Saturday, March 30, from 9am until 1pm at the Progress Hall.

"The Easter Fete is one of the major, yearly fund raisers for the Patonga Progress Association whose members have been diligently raising money for projects such as improving the local hall, providing public seating around Patonga and keeping the village free-to-air television transmitter going for the benefit of all Patongans," said Association secretary Ms Judy Singer.

There will be a variety of stalls

selling arts and crafts, antiques and collectibles, jewellery, show bags, children's toys as well as a selection of homemade cakes, preserves, plants, books, bric-a-brac and gifts.

"The barbecue will be fired up to sell mouth-watering sausage sandwiches and a relaxing morning tea with homemade scones and jam will also be on sale.

"We will be spinning the giant chocolate wheel all morning for a chance to win scrumptious Easter egg prizes and an Easter egg hamper will be raffled at the end of the fete."

**Media Release, 26 Feb 2013
Judy Singer, Patonga Progress Association**

Ms Page appointed

Ettalong Public School principal Mr Colin Wallis has announced Ms Cathie Page as the school's new assistant principal support.

"Cathie has worked at Ettalong for a number of years both as a

mainstream and support class teacher.

"She will bring to the position much skill, dedication and knowledge," said Mr Wallis.

**Newsletter, 6 Nov 2012
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**

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Treatment plant out of action until late May

Gosford Council's groundwater treatment plant in Woy Woy is expected to be out of action until late May.

According to Council's water and sewer operations manager Mr Michael Redrup, the plant at the Council's depot in Gallipoli Ave was constructed initially as an emergency supply at the height of the drought.

"To meet the urgent timeline due to the drought, the plant was constructed with minimal sophistication in terms of flow control," he said.

"As the water storage at the region's dams has improved, the opportunity is being taken to improve the level of control and sophistication of the plant to meet ongoing operational needs.

"Improvements are being

made to the plant inlet to improve the consistency of water being fed into the system and also to reduce the number of bore field pump starts.

"These works will result in the treated water being of an improved quality due to a more consistent flow-rate through the plant.

"Improvements are also being made to the disinfection system to make it more robust, requiring less intervention by staff.

"The current upgrades require highly specialised equipment with very long lead times.

"These lead times determine the scheduling of the upgrade works," said Mr Redrup.

**Media Statement, 22 Feb 2013
Michael Redrup, Gosford Council**



The trimaran in tow

Chamber holds AGM

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting on Monday, March 11, from 7pm at the Ettalong Beach Club.

Liberal candidate for the seat of Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks will speak at the meeting.

All nominations must be in

writing and received by the Chamber by Thursday, March 8.

Tickets cost \$35 with dinner included.

Bookings are required; phone Matthew Wales on 4343 1141.

**Email, 24 Feb 2013
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**

Marine rescue crew kept busy

The Marine Rescue Central Coast duty crew of Ken Sharp (skipper), Gordon Kerr and Robert Smith were kept busy on Sunday, February 17, with three calls for assistance almost sequentially.

Two were close the Peninsula. A phone call was received around 1:30pm from the owner-skipper of a nine-metre trimaran

near Lions Park, Woy Woy, seeking assistance due to engine failure.

The owner requested help to return the boat to its mooring at Empire Bay.

The trimaran tow proved difficult as the vessel was hard to control in the narrow channels, but was eventually placed safely on its mooring.

The Water Police called around 3pm requesting that

Marine Rescue takeover a tow at Lobster Beach of a 3.5 metre runabout with two people on board that had been found offshore with mechanical problems.

The runabout was towed to Lions Park at Woy Woy.

**Media Release, 17 Feb 2013
Ron Cole, Marine Rescue Central Coast**

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Men's shed opens an extra day

The Umina Beach Men's Shed will now open on Thursday mornings in addition to its current opening mornings of Monday and Wednesday.

"Opening Thursdays provides an opportunity for more fellows on the Peninsula to visit and enjoy the Men's Shed, especially those who have existing activities and commitments that clash with the other opening days," said Umina Beach Men's Shed secretary Mr

Vic Brown.

"It's not all woodwork or metal work.

"We have computers, leather-crafting, gardening, IT skills and learning, just to mention a few.

"All the activities are conducted in a safe environment and in an atmosphere of old-fashioned mateship.

"Men can come in and have a chat and a coffee if that's what they are chasing.

"Conversely the opportunity to learn new skills, use tools, take part in a project or keep your mind active in many ways and pursuits is all easily in reach at the Umina Beach Men's Shed," said Mr Brown. Contact Bill Graham on 4342.9606 or Vic on 0408 275 853 for more information.

Media Release, 26 Feb 2013
Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men's Shed

Clean-up at Pelican Island

The National Parks and Wildlife Service held a clean up on Pelican Island, on Clean up Australia Day on Sunday, March 3.

National Parks and Wildlife Service acting regional manager Mr Deon van Rensburg said that Pelican Island provided essential habitat for many plants and animals in the area.

"This stunning natural area is a wonderful part of the Central Coast within close proximity to busy Woy Woy," Mr van Rensburg said.

"Clean up Australia Day is a great community initiative that helps return areas back to their natural state and protects the habitat for some of the coast's unique wildlife.

"Removing rubbish will help protect flora and fauna such as shorebirds and mangroves at Pelican Island and marine animals such as turtles in Brisbane Water.

"Cleaning up these areas will really make a difference.

Media Release, 27 Feb 2013
Susan Davis, National Parks and Wildlife Service

Ferries cancelled

A number of ferry services on the Peninsula were cancelled over the weekend beginning Friday, February 22, due to high winds and tides as a result of a storm.

Some ferries were diverted on a limited schedule to Patonga.

Midday services departing Palm Beach were cancelled along with

the 3pm and 4pm service.

The 3:45pm and 4:45pm services from Patonga were also cancelled.

Buses operated between Wagstaffe, Ettalong and Patonga for these services.

Media Release, 22 Feb 2013
Elisabeth Styler, Fantasia Palm Beach Ferries

Garage sale

Ettalong Uniting Church will hold a garage sale on Saturday, March 9, from 8am to 12pm.

A sausage sizzle will be held

along with a variety of items for sale.

All are welcome to attend.

Email, 26 Feb 2013
Annette Strong, Ettalong Uniting Church

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I was very happy to welcome Federal Health Minister Tanya Plibersek to the Coast recently to inspect our wonderful new health infrastructure for our community.

The Labor Government has invested more than \$55 million in vital health services since 2010.

This includes \$28.6 million for the Regional Cancer Centre which will mean that locals will be able to access radiotherapy services right here on the Coast by the end of March.

The new Cancer Centre will be able to treat 800 patients a year and will reduce the need for locals to travel to Sydney or Newcastle for their treatments.

Minister Plibersek was thrilled with progress on construction of the new GP Super Clinic at West Gosford, opening in June.

The Clinic will bring together up to 14 GPs and a team of other health professionals to make it easier for locals to see a doctor and get all the care they need.

Thanks to a \$21 million investment from the Federal Government, residents on the Peninsula will be able to once again access rehab facilities at Woy Woy Hospital.

This will mean the return of 30 beds in a brand new building from mid-2013.

I am proud of these achievements, and I look forward to Coasties getting their fair share of health services when these great new facilities are up and running over the next few months.



Out & about

Thanks to the Mariners for their support of DonateLife Week and for reminding Coasties to discuss their organ donation wishes with their families.

Great to talk with Jerry van Wyck about the Federal Government's Keys2Drive program which gives free driving lessons to young people to help reduce accidents involving new drivers.

Parents and kids alike were excited to hear about what the Gonski Reforms would mean for Woodport Public School. More funding, and better opportunities for our local schools here on the Coast.



Deborah O'Neill

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Work starts on West Gosford intersection

Preparatory works have begun on the \$180 million upgrade of the West Gosford intersection of Brisbane Water Dr with the Central Coast Highway.

"The NSW Government provided \$17 million this financial year towards the upgrade of this key Central Coast intersection, which provides important connections between the F3 Freeway, Gosford, the Peninsula,

Woy Woy and Narara," said NSW Treasurer Mr Mike Baird.

"More than 75,000 vehicles travel through this intersection daily, making this section of the upgrade a particularly crucial one.

"Preliminary work before the main upgrade begins is under way, including demolition of buildings, clearing the site, relocating some of the utilities and carrying out initial drainage work," said Mr Baird.

Member for Gosford Mr Chris

Holstein said tenders for the West Gosford intersection upgrade would be called this month with work scheduled to start later this year.

"The West Gosford intersection has, for the past 14 years, been a major issue for Central Coast motorists," said Mr Holstein.

"I thank the community in advance for their understanding and patience during the construction period as the ultimate outcome will benefit the entire Central Coast."

Media Release, 25 Feb 2013
Rachel Storey, Office
of Mike Baird MP

Reunion remembers Operation Hammersley

The Eighth Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment Association held its national reunion at Ettalong during the week of Sunday, February 24.

The week concluded with a National Memorial Service on Thursday, February 28, at Woy Woy Memorial Park.

The Eighth Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment Association remembers February 28 each year and holds a national reunion every five years to commemorate Operation Hammersley.

"It was in February 1970 and the recently arrived eighth Battalion had only been in Vietnam for a little over two months, but were already veterans of two major operations: Operation Atherton along the Long Kahn - Phuoc Tuy province borders, and Operation Keperra in the Nui Dinh hills," said national reunion organiser Mr Kevin Sullivan.

"A platoon ambush on the edge of the Long Hai hills set in train a series of events that were to prove a turning point in the Australian commitment to South Vietnam.

"Other operations and other battles are more talked about but Operation Hammersley was where the eighth Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment took on the defenders of the Minh Dam Secret Zone in a text book incursion before becoming mired in a sea of both anti-personal and anti-tank mines.

"This operation taught One Australian Task Force and more importantly, the politicians back in

Australia, the nasty nature of the war.

"At 1100 hours on Saturday, February 28, 1970, an M26 grenade booby trap, with an anti-lifting device, was located.

"An engineer party moving to neutralise the booby trap initiated an M16 mine causing seven soldiers to be killed and 13 to be wounded.

"While guiding a dust-off helicopter into an area cleared of mines, a member of the platoon stepped out of the cleared area detonating a further M16 mine which killed one and wounded three soldiers.

"One of the wounded later died.

"Our casualties during Operation Hammersley were 11 killed and 59 wounded.

"Of this number, two of the dead and 19 of the wounded were supporting arms.

"And so it is, that February 28 is known as Long Hai Day and it is on this day each year we remember, with sadness and respect, our 18 killed, including the two cavalry men who tragically lost their lives during Operation Hammersley along with those who were seriously wounded during the Eighth Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment Association's tour of duty in Vietnam.

"The battalion was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation, including Cross of Gallantry with Palm Unit Citation, by the South Vietnamese Government for its involvement in Hammersley.

"The Eighth Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment Association will also remember at this time another significant event; 2013 marks 40 years since all Australian troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and on this occasion, as well as remembering our loss, we remembered all Australians who paid the supreme sacrifice during the Vietnam War," said Mr Sullivan.

Online Submission, 19 Feb 2013
Kevin Sullivan, Umina

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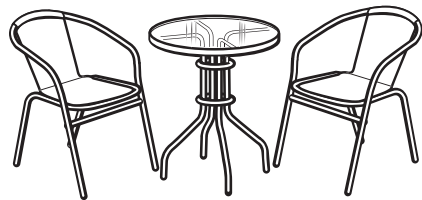


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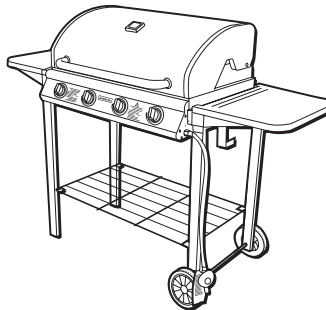


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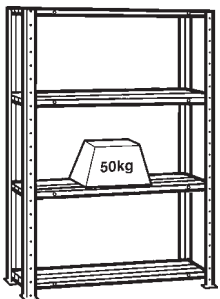


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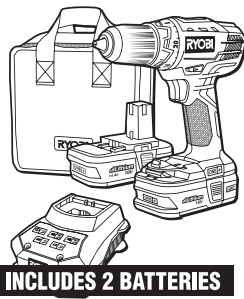


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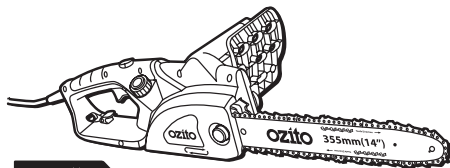
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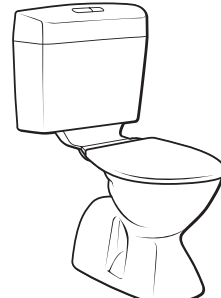
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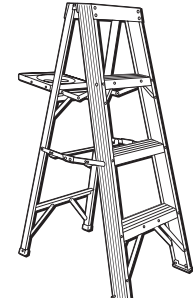
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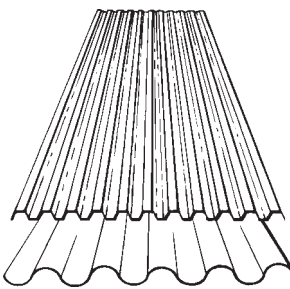
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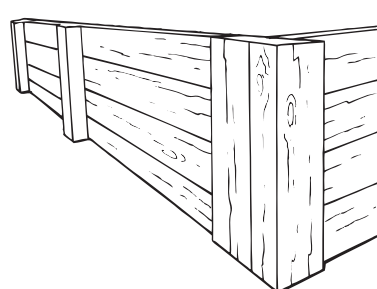
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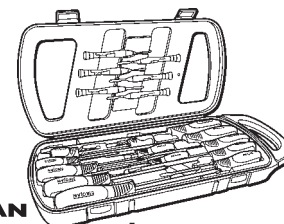
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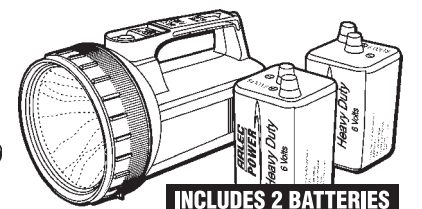
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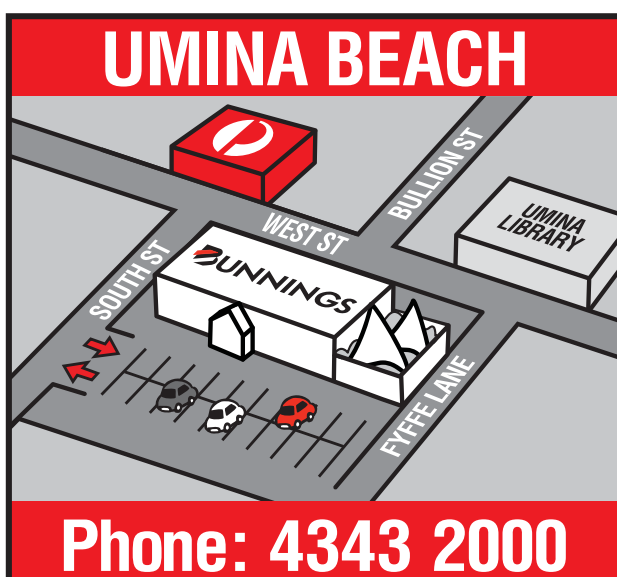
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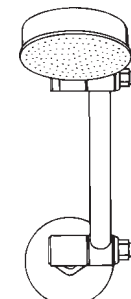
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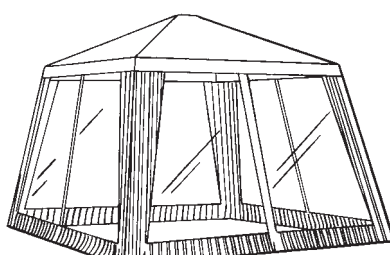
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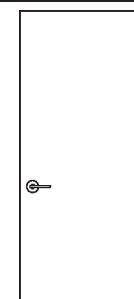
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The flash mob, which comprised organiser Anna-Karina Hermkens,

members of the Peninsula Dance and Theatre School and members of the community, danced to the One Billion Rising anthem Break the Chain.

Ms Hermkens and Sunrise Counselling representative Ms Amber Peterson spoke about violence against women and the cycle of domestic violence.

One Billion Rising began as a call to action based on the statistic that one in three women would be beaten or raped during her lifetime.

With the world population at seven billion, this adds up to more than one billion women.

Online Submission, 19 Feb 2013
Arlene Selman, Umina

Wills Day at Woy Woy

A Wills Day will be held at Woy Woy Library on Thursday, March 21, as part of Seniors Week which runs from March 17 to 24.

People in the area have the opportunity to book in a free all-in-one legal life-planning appointment where they can make or update their will or prepare a power of attorney.

"Legal life planning involves taking time to think about what would happen to your assets if you were not around or how you would control your finances if you were not able to make your own legal and financial decisions," said NSW Trustee and Guardian Gosford

branch manager Mr Trevor Booth.

"This year, NSW Trustee and Guardian is emphasising to seniors the importance of having a Power of Attorney before heading off on your next holiday because you never know when your circumstances can suddenly change.

"Even seniors are more likely to take risks while on holiday.

"It is not only the once in a lifetime thrill-seeking experiences that tempt many of us, even activities like driving on the wrong side of the road or trying new types of food can get us in trouble.

"That's why it is important to have a power of attorney and a valid up-to-date will in place before

you head off on your next trip.

"If the unthinkable happens and you don't have a will, then your assets will be distributed according to a set formula meaning you won't have a choice about who gets what.

"Your will should also be kept up-to-date and reviewed should life circumstances change such as if you buy a property or the arrival of grandkids.

"It's also a good idea to check it's up-to-date before you go away," said Mr Booth.

Media Release, 26 Feb 2013
Georgina Policarpou, The D'Arcy Partnership Pty Ltd

Op shop has third birthday

Birthday celebrations at the Restore Op Shop in Umina will begin at 10am on Friday, March 22, which will see a special third birthday cake cut.

The Restore shop is managed by a committee from YouthLife with proceeds going toward the employment of two Special Religious Education teachers at Brisbane Water Secondary College.

"They also participate voluntarily in other school activities including sport and, in doing so, support, comfort and encourage students to form a solid foundation upon which to build their lives," said YouthLife secretary Mr John Baxter.

The shop is managed and staffed by over 50 volunteers who Mr Baxter said had formed close friendships based on care and compassion.

"The third birthday celebrations would not be possible without the faithful support of the locals who have frequented the shop, not only to catch a bargain but also because they have developed their own friendships with the staff," said Mr Baxter.

"While the shop was recently shut because of water damage from the storms, many of these friends popped in to pass on their best wishes," he said.

Media Release, 27 Feb 2013
John Baxter, YouthLife



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Do not close the rail crossing

The Rawson Rd rail crossing is not dangerous.
The intersection of Rawson Rd and Railway St is the problem.
There have been very few accidents at the rail crossing.
This crossing can remain open.
The proposal to construct the underpass at the base of Bulls Hill would move the vast majority of the traffic from Woy Woy Rd onto Railway St.

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A simple treatment at the Rawson Rd intersection would reduce accidents and the rail crossing can remain open for those people on the western side of the rail line.
Please do not close the rail crossing.
Online Submission, 18 Feb 2013
Mark Smith, Woy Woy

Representing business ... but not all business

“Bunnings is set to become a major draw in the retail strip and will provide more choice and competition for locals who will not have to leave the Peninsula to carry out the day-to-day hardware shopping.”
This statement was issued on behalf of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce as published in the Peninsula News on February 18.
I have lived in Umina for more than a dozen years and I have never had to leave the Peninsula

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to purchase hardware.
I assumed that the corner of Allfields and Blackwall Rds, Woy Woy, was on the Peninsula.
Why does the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce ignore the existence of a long established commercial entity?
The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce claims to represent the “business community”.
The reality seems to be that not all of the business community

is represented.
Hypocrisy seems to be standard practice for this Chamber.
They are happy to see trees removed from Ocean Beach Rd and replaced by landscaped McTrees that don’t obstruct the visibility of ugly neon signs.
On the other hand they oppose the destruction of trees in an area away from the Peninsula (Peninsula News, February 18).
Email, 28 Feb 2013
Tim Haylor, Umina

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Show concern

How noble of Matthew Wales to be so concerned.
“The Chamber is concerned that the Bulls Hill section of the works will forever change the historic nature of the escarpment and the village atmosphere that exists leading to The Bays precinct.”
It is sad that he does not show the same concern for the

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village atmospheres of Umina and Ettalong Beach with his push for McDonalds and Tesco developments.
One has to wonder why he has concern for this area over the others.
Email, 25 Feb 2013
Michael Gaut, Ettalong

The other end of town

With the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce promoting the big end of town, the question must be asked: “What’s on offer at the other end of town?”
Hutton’s Butchers of Ettalong have been in business for 24 years, supplying a range of quality meat and associated products to local clientele.
To the discerning shopper, the lack of self-serve checkouts, friendly behind-the-counter service, Monday to Saturday trading and no queues, sounds almost too good to be true.
The opportunity of discussing quality issues with a butcher on the spot beats raising the same

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issues with someone stacking shelves with confectionary on a production schedule.
It is also a pleasure to shop in a stress free environment.
Does the modern consumer

realise that this is an option?
The owner-customer connection is still practised at Ettalong and supported by local residents.
The production line retailing approach is not always the best option; larger stores equal larger turnover equalling larger problems.
Gosford Council has promoted the Buy Nothing Day with the message Shop Less and Live More.
The 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday generation didn’t need to shop seven days a week with extended trading hours.
How did they survive?
Letter, 25 Feb 2013
Norman Harris, Umina

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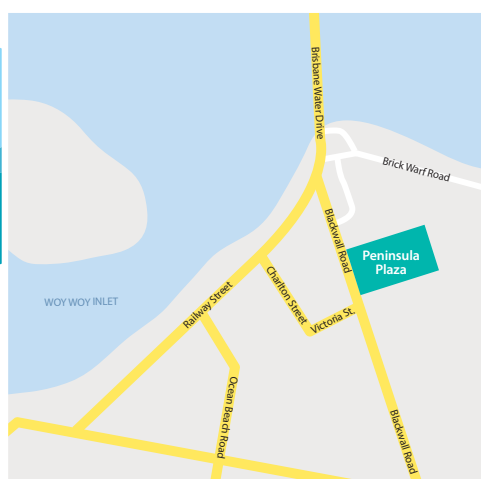
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We are against Coal Seam Gas mining fracking because of the risk of chemical contamination to our safe ground water supplies.

Telling us there is oversight of the permits Labor issued, and if there is a problem regulators will be all over it, is just rubbish.

I do not believe it is possible to fix destroyed aquifers and poisoned ground water after the damage has been done.

These are natural resources which farmers and home owners rely on to feed themselves and produce crops.

I know Chris Hartcher has let us down because I listened to him attracting voter support around the Cessnock, Wyong and Hunter regions telling anyone who would listen how, if elected, he would work to protect the wine industry, primary producers and horse studs.

You should resign, Hartcher. Here are some parts of easy to access information lifted from DOMGAS Alliance report dated 2002.

At a time when manufacturing is facing significant challenges, competitively priced energy is one of the few advantages Australia has to offer and which government can help deliver.

This advantage is being

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lost overseas as major gas producers focus on maximising LNG exports to China, Japan and Korea.

Gas prices have risen sharply from \$2.50 per gigajoule in Western Australia to \$8/GJ, and from \$3-4/GJ to \$6/GJ in the East Coast.

Australia is the only country that allows international oil companies to access and export natural gas without prioritising local supply.

It is also the only gas exporting country experiencing serious gas shortages and sharply rising gas prices.

In the United States, domestic gas prices have fallen in recent years from \$14/GJ to as low as \$2.50/GJ (Henry Hub).

To secure this advantage, the US Government has conditioned approval of new LNG exports from the Sabine Pass on gas producers prioritising the local economy and ensuring affordable prices.

We are being run into a fiscal ditch by the very same people at Federal and state levels of Government whom we have given our votes to in trust.

Australians are not well represented

Email, 25 Feb 2013
Edward James, Umina

Climate change is like a runaway train speeding downhill.

It would be stupid to increase the engine's energy output unless you are the contractor supplying the fuel.

Available from the CSIRO is the Atlas of Coast and Oceans mapping systems, threatened resources and marine conservation.

The author suggests that the Carteret Island in Papua New Guinea may become the first land mass over run by rising seas in 2015.

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Relocation of the Carteret Islanders has the potential to create social conflict in the region.

Will the Carteret Islanders become the first climate change refugees in 2015?

This will mark the culmination of decades of dithering by those producing 99 per cent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions.

Locally, how many properties across the Peninsula are threatened with sea level rise of

just 20cm?
The Peninsula could become an insurance black spot.

Be prepared for much more spin and fudging of the figures.

Review of the NSW Sea Level Rise Policy Statement will be very interesting, particularly as it proposes to comment on "the adequacy of the science".

This is like the Kindergarten teacher reviewing the principal.

Sometimes you just have to laugh.

Letter, 14 Feb 2013
Norman Harris, Umina

Level crossing plan is wrong

Why do we consistently spend hundreds of millions of dollars on more roads that just encourage more cars?

I would much rather the money

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spent on more or better rail services to Woy Woy.

The Rawson Rd Level Crossing Replacement Plan proposal is going to be so wrong for the area.

Online Submission, 24 Feb 2013
Ross Cochrane, Woy Woy

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My 1000th story

Until recently I lived in Ettalong.

Years ago you published several of my contributions.

I'm now 93, and living in an aged care nursing home.

I recently wrote what I believe was about my 1000th story.

It's posted at http://www.openwriting.com/archives/2012/06/eric_shackle_in_1.php#more

Online submission, 9 Jan 2013
Eric Shackle, Castle Hill

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New chiropractor at Umina

A chiropractic centre in Umina has welcomed new chiropractor Dr Michael Grieve to the team.

After five years of study at Macquarie University, Dr Grieve said he was eager to share his enthusiasm for neuroanatomy and

chiropractic wellness care with the residents of the Peninsula through the Umina Chiropractic Centre.

He said he was interested in helping people, from newborn babies through to senior citizens, as everyone has a right to reach their optimum health.

Dr Grieve has explored other career options, from instructing snowboarders to water testing in Canberra, but said being a chiropractor was his true calling.

Email, 15 Feb 2013
Peter Grieve, Umina Chiropractic Centre



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Head shave for leukaemia

Kelly Martin, of Umina, will shave her head for leukaemia research on Saturday, March 16, at the Woy Woy Old Pub from 4pm.

Donations can be made on the day or alternatively paid directly to the Leukaemia Foundation website at www.myleukemiafoundation.org.au/kelkel.

myleukemiafoundation.org.au/kelkel.

"We are hoping to have a bumper attendance for the shave and to cheer Kelly on for her decision to have her hair shaved completely off," said Kelly's father Kevin.

Email, 15 Feb 2013
Kevin Martin, Umina



Lucy Sharp, Margaret Millroy, Freda O'Shay and Eileen Crawford

Long service to auxiliary

Four members of the Woy Woy United Hospital Auxiliary were presented with long service badges at the Auxiliary's February meeting.

Margaret Millroy and Freda O'Shay received a badge for 24 years of volunteering while Lucy Sharp and Eileen Crawford received badges for 20 years of volunteering.

"All four ladies are still very involved and lots of craft items are made to be sold at the hospital kiosk," said president Ms Phyllis Thomas.

"Freda is very well known for all the little Santa's and snowmen sold at Christmas.

"Margaret, Lucy and Eileen, along with donating items, can often be seen selling tickets for our raffles.

"The Woy Woy United Hospital Auxiliary is very grateful for all the work put in by these ladies over the years," said Ms Thomas.

Media Release, 18 Feb 2013
Phyllis Thomas, Woy Woy United Hospital Auxiliary

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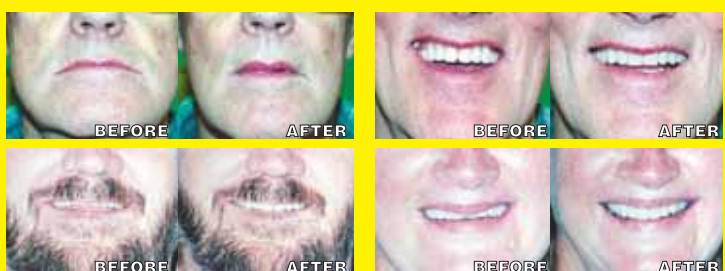
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Positive living day at Village

A Positive Living Gala Day will be held on Saturday, March 23, from 9am until 4pm at Peninsula Village in Umina.

The free Positive Living Gala Day is one of the NSW Trustee and Guardian sponsored Get in the Know series of events.

The event will have information on everything seniors need to know about available community care and government services, as well

as information on healthy living, finance and travel.

"We are sponsoring Get in the Know events during Seniors Week, where older Australians can pick up some great hints and tips at one of the fun lifestyle or technology workshops being held around NSW," said NSW Trustee and Guardian CEO Ms Imelda Dodds.

**Media Release, 26 Feb 2013
Georgina Policarpou, The D'Arcy Partnership Pty Ltd**

New health care facility in Ettalong

A new health care facility has opened in Ettalong.

It is an expansion of 6S Health in Mingara.

Previously known as Ettalong Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinic, 6S Health offers physiotherapy as well as coordinated care for people with chronic conditions that respond well to exercise physiology, dietetics, psychology and clinical hypnotherapy.

"Living with Type 2 diabetes is becoming increasingly common

but there is still a gulf between what the experts know and what the general public knows about how to manage it," said 6S Health director Mr Darren Stuchbery.

"Most people with Type 2 diabetes know that they need to exercise and watch what they eat.

"The problem is that they don't know how much exercise is required, what type of activities will have the greatest impact and how to get around problems like bad knees and foot problems, and often feel unsatisfied with their

change in diet."

A series of free seminars are being offered to Peninsula residents affected by Type 2 diabetes, covering topics such as how to eat less and still feel satisfied, how much exercise is enough and whether weight loss is really necessary.

Accredited exercise physiologist Chris Young, university trained in exercise for optimum health, will be presenting some of the latest information on management of Type 2 diabetes.

"It might surprise you to know that exercising correctly can reduce the risks of disease associated with diabetes to virtually zero for two days, and if done regularly can protect you on an ongoing basis, and what's more surprising still, is that research shows this happening even if people don't lose weight," said Mr Young.

**Media Release, 28 Feb 2013
Darren Stuchbery, 6s Health**

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre will hold a six-session group called Living Well with Awareness from 10am on Thursday, March 7.

The new group is a practical guide to learning to live well and make the most of what you have.

"If you live on a low income or benefits then it is especially for you," said coordinator Ms Katherine Bradfield.

"We will explore ways to save money, share ideas, improve health and lifestyle and live some of the good life," said Ms Bradfield.

The group, which focuses on sustainable living, will be held each Thursday until April 11.

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**Media Release, 26 Feb 2013
Katherine Bradfield,
Peninsula Women's Health Centre**

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Foreshore improvements have enhanced the enchantment of the area and more work is about to commence.

For the fourth year Ettalong proudly offers the community the exciting Ettalong Beach Festival, now over three days.

The festival kicks off with a fun-packed evening of entertainment and dance on Friday, March 15.

On Saturday, March 16, another Big Sing workshop is taking place and all who love to sing are welcome

to join.

On Sunday the main street of Ettalong will come alive with a huge day of cultural entertainment, stalls, kid's activities and a myriad of delicious food stalls.

Interspersed with these activities we also present three sessions of the new Then and Now film, produced to ensure that the memories of Ettalong are preserved for future generations.

We have received many generous sponsorships from community stakeholders without which the festival could not take place.

Join us on the weekend of March 15-17 as we celebrate all that is vibrant and beautiful in Ettalong Beach.

Jeanette Polley

Ettalong Beach Business Group President



Retro bash starts festival



Mikelangelo and The Tinstar featuring St Clare

The Ettalong Beach Festival will kick off with the **Ettalong Beach Retro Bash on the night of Friday, March 15, at the seniors citizens centre in Ettalong.**

"Ray Goodwin has specially created the room and photo lounge for our Retro Bash," said Festival creative director Ms Ylenna Zajec.

"A night of raucous fun, epic folly and high camp frivolity will be had with 60s music sensation Ms Miranda Fair as the host.

"She will have you dancing and laughing in your seat and on the dance floor."

Special guests from Melbourne are Mikelangelo and The Tinstar featuring the bedazzling St Clare who are packing their bags, and bikinis, and leaving their native heat waved Melbourne behind.

"Their sound is best described as fabulously sexy and nostalgic, sounding like a spaghetti western blended with a beach boys' sex party," said Ms Zajec.

All are invited to take part in the Best Dressed Shirley competition.

ETTALONG BEACH RETRO BASH

Friday 15 March 7pm

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Welcome to the new installment of 'Then & Now'. A mix of rivetting interviews from our local residents spliced with historical film footage and scenes of the Peninsula Area over the last century.

Big Sing workshop at festival

A Big Sing Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 16, from 10:30am to 3:30pm in the Ettalong Primary School auditorium as part of this year's Ettalong Beach Festival.

The workshop will be run by award winning singer Ms Lisa Young and will include chanting, songs, vocal percussion and simple percussion parts.

The workshop is open to singers of all ages and experience.

All participants are invited to sing with Lisa the next day at the Ettalong Beach Street Festival.

Reservations are essential, phone Jane on 4339 1336 or Barb on 0435 004 264.

New film about Ettalong's past

A second instalment of a film about Ettalong's past has been shot for this year's Ettalong Beach Festival.

The film Ettalong's Then and Now was originally screened at last year's Ettalong Beach Festival.

The new instalment will be shown on Saturday, March 16, at 1:30pm and on Sunday, March 17, at 1:30pm and 6pm at Cinema Paradiso.

The film, which can be viewed by gold coin donation, will include a mix of interviews from local residents and historical film footage and scenes of the Peninsula area over the last century.

"There are tantalising true stories about the town's past characters, the shops, the picture show, the dance hall, roller skating rink, the waterslide, the connection with Sydney's underbelly and the devastating fire which wiped out the Ettalong Beach town," said Festival creative director Ms Ylenna Zajec.



Venice of the South - Ettalong Beach in the early days

STREET FESTIVAL ATTRACTIONS DOUBLE

The Margaret St Project



The Ettalong Beach Street Festival will be held on Saturday, March 17, on Ocean View Rd from 10am.

Organisers have doubled the number of attractions for this year's festival including two stages with world music and local performers to feature as well as twice the number of Holden classic cars and artisan and handmade stalls, plus delicious international food and coffee stalls in our newly created dining area.

"We have expanded the Kid's Zone out into the car park along the beach front with more rides and crafty pursuits for them to enjoy," said Festival creative director Ms Ylenna Zajec.

Our stages are a cultural celebration of traditional and contemporary music, from international to local performers.

Bukhu www.horsefiddle.com

Bukhu, combines harmonic overtone throat singing with the horse head fiddle to take you on a musical journey that will entice the mind, body and soul. Bukhu's songs incorporate elements of genres as diverse as overtone throat singing, harmonic chant, and folk, classical, blues, metal and more recently electronic and hip-hop.

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We welcome the Lolo Lovina Gypsy Caravan Stage for the first time in the suburbs of the Central Coast. This gorgeous stage has been at many festivals up and down the East coast of Australia.

Gracing the Gypsy Caravan stage is the Margaret Street Project - this electrifying and technically impressive Sydney-based group plays authentic Rroma Gypsy melodies infused with Balkan, Tango, swing and Mexicana with original songs inspired by life in the Inner city.

The street will be closed between Memorial Ave and Picnic Pde.

In the event of heavy rain, the Festival will be held undercover at the Ettalong Beach Public School.

All Enquiries: 0419 226 385 or 0423 586 175
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STREET FESTIVAL DAY Sunday 17 March 10-4pm

For 2013, we have doubled the World Music & Local Performers, Holden classic cars, Food and Artisan stalls. We've also expanded the Festival area out to the beachfront, with a Kid's Zone that has more rides & crafty pursuits for them to enjoy!

Visit our newly created food & dining area & enjoy the sounds floating out of:

LOLO LOVINA GYPSY CARAVAN STAGE

11am - The Margaret St Project (Balkan Gypsy music)
12 - Toni & Gibran (Flamenco Guitars)
12.45 - The Margaret St Project
1.30 - Jesse O'Neill-Hutchin (Guitar/voice)
2pm - The Margaret St Project

GREEN RIDE

This year we introduce the 'Green Ride' to encourage bicycle riding to the Festival, in association with Gosford City Council.

Reduce your carbon footprint, ride your bike to the Festival and take in the beautiful Brisbane Water foreshore.

Meet at Lions Park next to Gosford pool at 9.30am to register and pick up a map. The ride starts at 10am regrouping at the Peninsula Leisure Centre at 11am to arrive at the Festival at 11.30am. Secured lockups for your bikes will be provided and water for your water bottles.

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MAIN STAGE PROGRAM

10am - Welcome to Country
10.15 - Jita and the Jeebeats (Indian Dance)
10.30 - Toni & Gibran (Flamenco Guitarists)
11am - Irish Dancers
11.30 - Jesse O'Neill-Hutchin (Guitar/Voice)
12 - Lisa Young & The Big Sing choir
12.30 - Bukhu (Mongolian Throat Singer)
1.15 - The Bridge Project
(from the Middle East to Asia)
Tunji Beier, Umit Ceyhan, John Robinson,
John Napier, Bertie McMahon & Andy Busuttil.
2.30 - Fiddlers Feast (from Vivaldi to Irish jigs)
Marcus Holden, Mark Oats, Garry Steel,
John Coker & Rodney Ford.

Program may change without notice.



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Beachside Centre moves to Woy Woy

Beachside Family Centre, which offers the Schools as Community Centres program, has officially moved from Umina Public School to the grounds of Woy Woy Public School.

Schools as Community Centres

is for all families with newborn babies to children aged eight-years-old.

"Our aim is to enhance the local community's access to quality childcare and associated services through effective management, community involvement and commitment to community

services and to provide excellence in all child related services for the children and families of the Central Coast," said facilitator Ms Philippa Skipper.

"Here at our Schools as Community Centres, we run a number of activities and programs for parents and carers and their

children to promote healthy, happy families and give children a positive start to school.

"Many of our activities, playgroups and parenting sessions are free to attend and everyone in

the community is welcome at our centre," said Ms Skipper.

**Media Release, 20 Feb 2013
Philippa Skipper, Schools
as Community Centres**



Wiggle and Giggle, one of the programs offered at the Beachside Family Centre

Cricket knockout

Woy Woy South Public School competed in the PSSA Cricket Knockout competition held earlier this year.

Woy Woy South lost the toss and was sent in to bat on a wet outfield.

Batters were conservative with their runs and lost a few wickets early on before being bowled out in 24 overs for 40 runs.

Newcomers to the game took wickets with Shayden Binder, Nathan James, Brayden Rayner, Darcy Larkins and Charlie Polson all taking one wicket each.

Bowling honours went to Nat Collado-MacGregor who took four wickets.

Shayden Binder, Charlie

Polson, Nathan James and Andrew Witten all took one catch each and Riley Doran took two catches.

Woy Woy South bowled the

opposition out for 59 runs.

**Newsletter, 26 Feb 2013
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy
South Public School**

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Taster lessons for primary students

Brisbane Water Secondary College, Umina campus, hosted taster lessons for primary school students on Thursday, February 21.

Nearly 80 students experienced high school science, English, technology and visual arts.

In art, students studied 17th century techniques and used their knowledge to create their own chess board pieces out of paper clay.

In English, students worked in groups to analyse poetry through images and music.

Featuring Wordsworth's Daffodils, students discussed

and compiled a storyboard and gained an understanding and appreciation of poetry as an art form.

Up-and-coming tech-heads used three different computer programs, Prezi, Cooltext, and Publisher, to create their own product advertising campaign.

The science labs were opened up for a variety of experiments that involved the use of chemicals, safety goggles and Bunsen burners.

Students also learnt about magnetic fields, electrostatic forces, and how gas reacts when mixed with different chemicals.

Newsletter, 26 Feb 2013
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School



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Information about college

A parent information evening for parents of children who will be progressing to Year 7 next year will be held at Brisbane Water Secondary College, Umina campus, on Wednesday, March 13, from 6pm.

During the evening, parents will have the opportunity to meet and hear from members of

the school executive as well as teaching staff.

Topics to be covered on the evening will include the structure of Year 7 and the philosophy of middle school, the school's welfare program, subjects and opportunities offered within the college and the S and CAPA class application process.

Newsletter, 26 Feb 2013
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School

Teachers attend off-site training

Umina Public School held a school development day on Friday, March 1, with teachers attending an offsite training day.

The training day looked at the implementation of the new English syllabus for next year and planned future activities so teachers are

comfortable, familiar and prepared to teach the syllabus.

"The activities we undertook have been developed by teachers on the Peninsula so that all schools are undertaking the same training," said principal Ms Lyn Davis.

Newsletter, 26 Feb 2013
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School

Volunteers wanted

Ettalong Public School is calling for volunteers to assist with its Breakfast Club held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

The Breakfast Club is sponsored

by Red Cross but manned by volunteers at the school.

Anyone able to assist is encouraged to get in contact with the school.

Newsletter, 5 Feb 2013
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School



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Four compete in Touch

Four students from Umina Public School competed in the Junior State Touch competition held in Port Macquarie over the weekend

of February 16 and 17.

Thirty-nine teams from over the state competed with Umina finishing third overall.

The four students from Umina

that competed were Jack and Jye Colvin, Mitchell Brady and Dylan Pardy.

Newsletter, 19 Feb 2013
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School



Four records in swimming

Lachlan Braddish of Umina Public School broke four records at the school's swimming carnival held on Friday, February 15, at the Peninsula Leisure Centre. "The carnival showcased both up and coming talent as well as

some of the more experienced swimmers," said principal Ms Lyn Davis. "All events were keenly contested." Newsletter, 19 Feb 2013
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School

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“These children have been sold by their uneducated and poor parents to human traffickers that exploit children,” said school principal Ms Deborah Callender.

“While students may not understand what this actually means, as we do as adults, they know that these poor children are in need of our help,” she said.

Destiny Rescue is seeking donations of antibacterial wipes, new and sterile bandages, antibacterial hand wash, Panadol tablets, girls’ underwear in small

sizes, toothbrushes, toothpaste and tissues.

Newsletter, 21 Feb 2013
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School

Principals attend breakfast meeting

Umina Public School principal Ms Lyn Davis attended a breakfast meeting with fellow principals on Thursday, February 21, where professional learning for principals was discussed.

Ms Davis said the meetings allowed principals an opportunity to keep abreast of the latest issues

in education and network with colleagues.

“I am sure we all agree that it is vital that principals are abreast of current research and trends as they lead their schools in these ever changing times,” said Ms Davis.

Newsletter, 19 Feb 2013
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School

Low-key Catholic Schools Week

St John the Baptist Catholic School will hold a special liturgy on Friday, March 15, to celebrate Catholic Schools Week which runs from March 10 to 16.

The liturgy will provide a photo story of what has happened and what takes place at the school and the importance of celebrating its successes as a community.

“Normally we would have open classrooms and other events,” said principal Mr Frank Cohen.

“Due to the pressures of getting the school ready for educational

review, which will begin the following week on March 21, 25 and 26, staff have been instructed by me to dedicate their energies to these events.

“Also this year, Easter arrives early and, as a Catholic school, our purpose is to celebrate being Easter people and we will be recreating the Easter story during this time.

“So essentially our contribution to Catholic Schools Week this year will be low key,” said Mr Cohen.

Newsletter, 27 Feb 2013
Frank Cohen, St John the Baptist Public School

Year 7 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College attended a camp earlier in the year which aimed to help them build relationships with their teachers and learn how to work together as a team.

“Although it was wet and humid weather, the kids we had were absolutely extraordinary,”

said Teaching and Learning head teacher Ms Sheree Gilchrist.

“Year 7 was lucky enough to do rock climbing, the flying fox, high ropes course, archery and of course, the dam.

“It was so great to cool off on the waterslide, jump in from the rope swing and use the kayaks after such a long sweaty day.

“The twilight karaoke competition was a huge hit.

“The contest was very close and clearly we have some budding actresses and pop stars in the making,” said Ms Gilchrist.

Newsletter, 25 Feb 2013
Kendell Smith, Brisbane Water Secondary College

Artwork selected

Five students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus and two from the Woy Woy campus had their artwork selected for A Central Vision.

The exhibition will be on display at Gosford Regional Gallery until March 13 and involves 14 high schools.

“This matches our highest number of entries ever selected from the Umina campus and a

huge achievement for all involved,” said Umina campus relieving principal Ms Kennell Smith.

Newsletter, 25 Feb 2013
Kennell Smith, Brisbane Water Secondary College

State winner

Umina Public School school captain Lily Perry has been announced the state winner in the Country Women’s

Association research project. Lily researched East Timor.

She said she enjoyed learning more about a country she didn’t

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Newsletter, 5 Jan 2013
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School

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Choir offers melodrama

The Frantastics Choir, based in Woy Woy, has learnt a melodrama which can now be offered as part of their performance program.

"This year's melodrama, Rogue in Retirement, in which the actors appear in different roles, is set in a retirement village where, through rejuvenating exercises, Michael Jackson returns from the dead," said Frantastics director Ms Frank Kendall.

"The Frantastics Choir has

been giving top-class choral entertainment at retirement villages, nursing homes and hostels and at Laycock St Community Theatre for a few years.

"Apart from programs including solos, duets, trios, parodies and harmonious choral performances of well-known songs, the choir's new choral melodramas have proved quite popular," said Ms Kendall.

Email, 26 Feb 2013
Fran Kendall, The Frantastics



Ann Marcus (Mum) and Douglas Kent (Blackbeard)

Trivia afternoon raises \$800

A fundraising trivia afternoon for local resident Mr Brian Wright was held on Sunday, February 24, in Empire Bay, raising over \$800 despite adverse weather conditions.

Brian's family held the afternoon to raise funds for his paraplegia

equipment.

"Brian needs special physio-exercise equipment to help make things a little easier each day," said event coordinator Ms Jan Consoli.

Email, 27 Feb 2013
Brooke Simmons, Pursuit Communications

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The day will include:

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- Live music
- Our Men's Shed will be open with demonstrations
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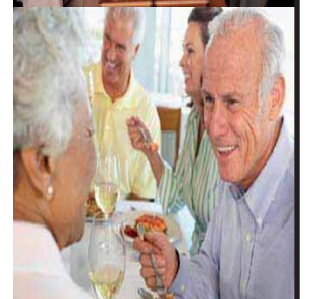
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Cost: FREE

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One of Ian's works from his The Abbee exhibition



Ian Provest

Artist exhibits in Redfern

Wagstaffe artist Mr Ian Provest will exhibit his photomedia work at the Arthere Photomedia Gallery

in Redfern from March 16 to April 4. Mr Provest, who works from the old Woy Woy abattoir site which closed in 2003, said the

space and spiritual experience of the quiet cathedral-like industrial interiors have both uniquely influenced and inspired his work. "I've found that the times

I'm most inspired are at the beginning and end of the day when I best respond to the quietness, light and energy. "It has been both rewarding and challenging living and working here, but it provides me with a fantastic opportunity for creativity," he said. Shooting mostly on medium format, the work has been created on site and hand printed

by Provest in his studio, using the highest quality archival museum grade pigment ink paper. Provest said he was inspired by the work and aesthetic of artists William Eggleston, Bill Viola, and Richard Long. Media Release, 1 Mar 2013 Cassandra French, Pop-Up Publicity



Some of the Mary Mac's volunteers

Trivia night for Mary Mac's

A Mary Mac's Place trivia night will be held on Friday, March 15, at the Woy Woy Leagues Club from 7pm. Tickets cost \$10 and include

access to the trivia competition and a silent auction. Prizes will be given with people encouraged to bring their own gold coins for bribes and games. With inquiries, contact Claudia

on 0416 072 757 or Maureen on 0420 938 028. Newsletter, 27 Feb 2013 Frank Cohen, St John the Baptist Public School

Busy time at Ettalong

Ettalong Public School principal Mr Colin Wallis said the 2013 school year at Ettalong would be busy with the Department of Education and Communities' imminent initiatives. "There will be clear benefits for all students and staff," said Mr Wallis. "The school will begin to

trial aspects of the new English syllabus as well as prepare for the new Maths, Science and History curriculums. "The English syllabus will be fully implemented across all grades in 2014. "As well, the school will continue to be an active participant in the Empowering Local Schools National Partnerships initiative affording the school community a greater say in school organisation and decisions. "Implementation of the KidsMatter Program will also commence this term. Newsletter, 30 Jan 2013 Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

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Good songs about trains

Troubadour Folk Club held a Train Concert on Sunday, February 23, at the Woy Woy CWA Hall.

"Few of us realised how many really good songs there were about trains until this concert put them all together in a wonderful musical clump," said publicity officer Ms Sue Robinson.

"There were songs about building railways, robbing them, committing crimes as passengers, and crew jumping trains.

"There is a range of songs which all use the sound of

the train's whistle to indicate loneliness, lost freedoms, and love, leaving or arriving.

"The songs and stories of the night showed clearly that the train journey has become iconic.

"Representing far more than just travel, the train is used in music as a metaphor for loneliness and separation, homecoming, running away, making new starts, and love in all phases of a relationship.

"Brother can you Spare a Dime, for example, sung by Tom Flood, contrasts the successful and powerful man who could

build a railroad and make it run with the destitute beggar he had become.

"Trains took women to prison to visit their men and when the light of a midnight train shone through the bars of just one cell in a jail, the cell where prisoners stayed the night before they were released, The Midnight Special (sung by Hugh Worrall) was written about that train.

"Rick Rack Retro performed their own song, Coal Train, for their Troubadour debut, the Troubalukers sang their maddeningly mesmerising

Ukulele Railway Song – making the audience join in.

"The Russells presented Crystal Chandeliers from Johnny Cash, and the equally poignant Solid Gone.

"George May had the joint jumping with Choo Choo Ch Boogie and Folsom Prison Blues, Linda Graham sang Peace Train and Last Train to Guildford, Ken Grosse had us all join in with Freight Train and Steel Rail Blues, Slightly Off, Bill Bekric, and Sunlit (and a Three Day Growth) also played.

"Ian Smith, performing for

us for the first time gave us Dylan, managing to inspire such magnificent harmonies from the audience that he vowed he would pay to see us all sing again.

"Our final performance was from Cec Bucello, who arrived damp and delayed but in time to rock the room one last time with Rambling Man," said Ms Robinson.

Media Release, 26 Feb 2013
Sue Robinson,
Troubadour Folk Club

Apology assembly

Ettalong Public School held a special Apology Assembly on Wednesday, February 13.

The assembly was held to commemorate the apology made

to aboriginal Australians by Kevin Rudd on February 13, 2008.

Principal Mr Colin Wallis said Teresa Lechowski, Ray Eather and the Gurringai Committee organised

the event.

Newsletter, 5 Feb 2013
Colin Wallis, Ettalong
Public School



Bouddi National Park

Photo: Bob Peters

Actors wanted to audition

Woy Woy Little Theatre is calling for actors to audition for a number of performances that will be held at the Peninsula Theatre in May.

Auditions will be held on March 5 and 7 for Three One-Act Plays that will be performed between May 10 and 19.

Witty comedy, *Oldest Profession*, requires five females aged over 50.

Auditions will be staged on Thursday, March 7.

The *Craft*, a comedy about two actors who despise each other,

requires one female and one male, both of similar age.

Writer's Block, also a comedy, requires one female and two males of any age.

Auditions for both *The Craft* and *Writer's Block* will be held on Tuesday, March 5.

All auditions will be held from 7:30pm at the Peninsula Theatre in Woy Woy.

For further information, phone Nola on 4341 6179.

**Media Release, 14 Feb 2013
David Wicks, Woy Woy Little Theatre**

Long walk ends at Patonga

The National Parks and Wildlife Service is celebrating Parks Week, which kicked off on Saturday, March 2, with a number of walks, including one which ends at Patonga in 13 weeks' time.

National Parks and Wildlife Service acting regional manager Mr Deon van Ransburg said the theme of Parks Week was Get Healthy in Nature.

The Parks Week celebrations

kicked off with the Coastal Walk Series which runs over 13 weeks and travels from Queens Wharf in Newcastle to Patonga.

"The Coastal Walk series is so popular that this year we will run it on both Thursdays and Saturdays.

"Other activities to celebrate getting healthy in nature include a walk through beautiful Brisbane Water National Park near Girrakool where you can enjoy nature's beauty.

"For others there is an

opportunity to explore the area where a fire ravaged bushland in Bouddi National Park near Lobster Beach and marvel at nature's recovery," said Mr van Ransburg.

The Central Coast activities are among more than 30 events occurring in national parks across the state to celebrate Parks Week.

It is a Trans-Tasman celebration aimed at encouraging people in Australia and New Zealand to explore their local national parks.

**Media Release, 21 Feb 2013
Susan Davis, National Parks and Wildlife Service**

Music night in honour of Dave Ward

A night of music was held at the Gospel Garden in Umina on Thursday, February 14, in honour of the late Dave Ward.

The Gospel Garden was packed with fans, friends, family

and Dave's musical mates for the Love is in the Air event.

Performances were heard from Rick Taylor, John Marks, Jesse O'Neil Hutchins, Geoff Cartright (Swanee), Dale Hutchin, Colene Crawford, Peter Healy and the Hurricanes, and Dave Ward's old band Big Things On Toast.

Dave was a well-known saxophone player and a resident busker at an Ettalong cafe.

"Dave was an exceptional talent and very loved," said Gospel Garden representative Ms Gina Booth.

"He was also known for his humble character and ability to inspire young people to play music.

"He is sorely missed by friends, fans and family.

"In his honour, a music program for teens, especially youth at risk will be founded at the Gospel Garden."

**Email, 20 Feb 2013
Gina Booth, Gospel Garden**

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Tennis programs, events and fundraisers

Woy Woy Tennis Centre's new fulltime coach Louise Andrews has a number of programs, events and fundraisers planned for the year.

"Social tennis is alive at Woy Woy," said Andrews.

"The buzzing environment makes it a friendly place to be and also a place to unwind and let off some steam; all ages and abilities," said Louise.

"Our passion is for grassroots player development," she said.

Louise said LA Tennis could assess player requirements and

develop a specialised program to help achieve player goals for all ages or abilities.

"Everyone learns differently and we make it our business to be aware of this.

"All staff are qualified, experienced and insured with Tennis Australia, also current

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"We embrace other professionals to advise and assist where necessary, we have a network of personal trainers, dieticians, sports psychologists, podiatrists, massage therapists and sports physicians available to

help our players whether beginner or elite."

Social evening competitions are in the pipeline, but more numbers are needed.

Email, 19 Feb 2013
Louise Andrews, Woy Woy Tennis Centre

State surf championship events postponed

Events at the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships at Ocean Beach-Umina, which were due to start on Friday, March 1, were postponed due to bad weather.

At the time Peninsula News went to press, all events were cancelled for the day as strong southerly winds buffeted the coastline.

Updates will be posted at www.surflifesaving.com.au.

The NSW State Surf Lifesaving Championships are expected to attract over 4000 junior participants, 5000 open – masters competitors, 600 officials and 15,000 spectators.

The Championships are open

to all Surf Life Saving members Australia wide and is the third largest competitor event held in Australia, second to the Olympics and the Commonwealth Games.

Events were expected to

resume the following day providing the weather cleared.

Donna Wishart, Surf Life Saving NSW



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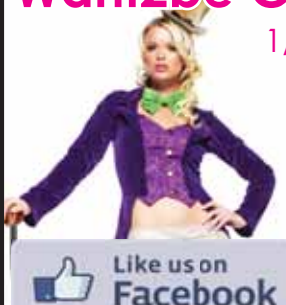
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The Ettalong Memorial team of Lauren Williams, Valerie Brownlie, Valma Wynn and Tracy Ward [skip] that defeated Munmorah United in the District Open Fours

Sydney Roosters visit school

Students from Ettalong Public School received a visit from members of the Sydney Roosters rugby league team on Friday, February 15.

The players spoke to the children and about not being a bystander when they see cases of apparent bullying.

They urged the children to be strong and do something and become "upstanders" instead.

The players also left behind prizes and resources for the school with message to stop bullying.

Newsletter, 19 Feb 2013
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School



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Everglades Bowling Club and Ettalong Bowling Club hosted events in the State Open Fours and the State Senior Fours at district level on Monday, January 21.

The Open Fours, which saw 31 entries from clubs throughout the district, began at Ettalong on the Monday.

Winners then travelled to

Avoca Beach Bowling Club on the Tuesday to contest the quarter finals in the morning and the semi-finals in the afternoon.

The final was played at Bateau Bay on Thursday where an Ettalong Memorial team comprised of Lauren Williams, Valerie Brownlie, Valma Wynn and Tracy Ward emerged victorious against a Munmorah United team comprised

of Doris Kirk, Helen Stevenson, Kay White and Pamela Robson.

The Senior Fours, which was being run for the second year in a row, had 35 entries.

Everglades Bowling Club was one of the venues on the Monday.

Email, 30 Jan 2013
Lesley Swales, Central Coast District Women's Bowling Association

The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Tuesday March 5

The Craft and Writer's Block auditions, Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, 7:30pm

Wednesday March 6

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

Thursday March 7

Oldest Profession auditions, Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, 7:30pm

Living Well with Awareness, Peninsula Women's Health Centre, 10am

Friday March 8

The Wharf at Wagstaffe event, 7pm-11pm

Saturday March 9

Hardys Bay RSL Club Party, 7:30pm
Ettalong Uniting Church garage sale, 8am-12pm

State Surf Life Saving Championship, Umina and Ocean Beach

Sunday March 10

State Surf Life Saving Championship, Umina and Ocean Beach

Monday March 11

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce annual meeting, Ettalong Beach Club, 7pm

Wednesday March 13

Parent Information Evening, Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus, 6pm

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
Ettalong Beach Festival retro Bash, Wadhay, Leisure and Lifestyle Centre, Ettalong

Saturday March 16

Ettalong Beach Festival Then and Now film screening, Cinema Paradiso, 1:30pm

Kelly Martin Leukaemia Shave, Woy Woy Old Pub, 4pm

Ettalong Beach festival Big Sing workshop, Ettalong Primary School auditorium, 10:30am-3:30pm

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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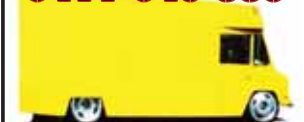
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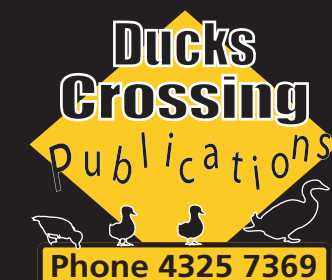
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Winners of the Woy Woy Major Pairs Championships

Women's major pairs

Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club held its Major Pairs Championships on Thursday, February 7. Toni Kenny and Barbara (skip) were runners up. Email, 18 Feb 2013
Champion (skip) won the event. Miriam Cotton, Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club
Irene Varley and Jan Fliedner

Triathlon organisers hope for record

Organisers of an under-16s triathlon series at the Peninsula Leisure Centre held last month are hoping that it will be recognised as the largest in the world.

As a result of the size of the event, a number of road closures and temporary parking restrictions were in place in and around the area.

"Obesity and inactivity continue to be big problems for Aussie kids and I believe that getting kids engaged in exercise where they are rewarded for participating, like this triathlon, is part of the solution," said event ambassador Mr Kurt Gidley.

"Now in its 15th year, the series continues to encourage kids to get healthy and active while building confidence to 'give it a try' in a fun and rewarding environment," according to sponsor Sanitarium's marketing general manager Mr Daniel Derrick.

"It is great to see the kids bursting with confidence as they cross the finish line, and all are rewarded with a gold medal and certificate from some of our great sporting hero ambassadors," he said.

Media Release, 8 Jan 2013
Gosford Council
Media Release, 1 Nov 2012
Sheree Dell, Sanitarium

Umina Surf Life Saving Club nipper Lachlan Braddish competed at the annual Australia Day Junior Ironman event at North Cronulla beach and won the Under-11 boys race.

According to Lachlan's father Mr Richard Braddish, the surf was challenging and the course was big and for the first time there were heats due to the large number of entrants.

"Lachlan came in well ahead of nearest rival in the final after a good swim leg and board section," said Mr Braddish.

Lachlan also won the Ironman

at the recent Manly All Australian carnival and said he was looking forward to the State Titles in March which are to be held at his home beach of Umina.

Email, 29 Jan 2013
Richard Braddish, Umina Surf Life Saving Club



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National ranking at the age of 10

Ningali Forrest-Freeman of Woy Woy has achieved a national tennis ranking at the age of 10 after she competed in the Gosford Mentor Silver OJT at Gosford Tennis Centre in December.

Ranked 1816 nationally in the women's category, Ningali said her achievement had a lot to do with her love for the sport, and meeting her greatest inspiration in sport, Evonne Goolagong.

Ningali met Evonne last year in Sydney at a Tennis Australia Come and Try day for indigenous children.

Ningali has played since age six and has also received an Evonne Goolagong Foundation scholarship for coaching and equipment.

"Evonne is awesome," said Ningali.

"Meeting her was better than Christmas.

"She is such a great person and I loved talking with her," Ningali said.

Ningali receives coaching at the Pearl Beach Tennis Centre.

Coach Andrew Coates said coaching Ningali from the age of seven had been a joy.

"Ningali's athletic ability and natural talent has made teaching her modern techniques more effective, adding to Ningali's fast tracked progression and consequent national ranking at a very young age.

"Ningali's true love of the game and fantastic attitude has definitely been a major contributing factor in her success as well as the dedication of her parents," said Coates.

But for Ningali, she said playing was the most important thing.

"I think I've learned a lot.

"I'm more consistent and I know it's not the most important thing to win everything, but to play your best, and just have fun," she said.

**Email, 20 Feb 2013
Andrew Coates, Pearl Beach Tennis Centre**



Evonne Goolagong and Ningali Forrest-Freeman

Teenager defeats Sherriff

A 16-year-old Trevallyn bowler Michael Sims has defeated Ettalong's Aron Sherriff in the Australian Open Men's Singles



competition on Monday, February 18.

Sims won the match 6-5, 7-8, 6-1 and, in doing so, earned high praise from his more experienced opponent.

"Michael was fantastic today. He thoroughly deserved the win," Sherriff said after the match.

"He is one of the up-and-coming

talents in Australia. It's great to see him playing in events like this, and I will get to see more of him at the Trans Tasman in a couple of weeks.

"It's disappointing not to go further, but that's the way it goes."

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Winners Adam Pinkerton (second), Peter Freestone (skip) and Miro Perovik (lead)



Runners-up Darren Morrison (skip), David Nielson (second) and Jeff Watson (lead)

Section two triples played at Ettalong

Section Two of the Zone 15 Triples Championship was played at Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club.

The format for the event was two bowl triples over 25 ends with 62 teams divided into four sections. The first day's play was washed

out with heavy rain that sent the Match Committee scrambling to re-schedule matches. Section two went to Terrigal's Peter Freestone (skip), Adam Pinkerton (second) and Miro Perovic (lead) while section three was won by Ettalong Memorial's

World Champion, Aron Sherriff steering his team of John Roberts (second) and Harley McDonald (lead), the same team that won this event in 2012 and 2011. The drama continued in the semi-finals with one tournament

favourite, Aron Sherriff's Ettalong team, getting out to an early lead over Darren Morrison, but the Terrigal boys hit back and caught Ettalong 6-6 at end seven. From there on Terrigal stormed to the finish winning 26-17 after 24

ends with end 25 not required to be played.
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Roosters at junior development day

A Junior Rugby League Development Clinic, hosted by the Woy Woy Roosters, was held at Woy Woy Oval on Saturday, February 15, with over 200 players participating.

Participants, aged between six and 16 years, were put through a number of basic drills by development staff from Sydney Roosters as well as injured players Mitchell Pearce, Jared Warerea-Hargreaves, Shaun Kenny-Dowall and new signing Sonny Bill Williams.

At the completion of the clinic, the entire 36 player Sydney Roosters squad made themselves available for autographs and photographs.

"The entire squad were fantastic with all the children and were more than happy to chat and sign all sorts of gear on offer," said Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club president Tim McParlane.

"Sonny Bill Williams was a big hit for all, especially one of Woy Woy's Under-15 players, Lewis Laycock, who was not only celebrating his birthday but got the opportunity to meet his



Sonny Bill Williams and Lewis Laycock

football hero and get a photo or two with him as well.

"Jared Warerea-Hargreaves, the Kiwi hard man, was fantastic with everyone especially the younger ones.

"During the drills he was having as much fun as the kids.

"His excitement and enthusiasm was infectious.

"It was great to see players from other clubs such as Umina, Toukley and Erina, as well as children who don't play the game having so much fun."

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