



Peninsula facilities identified for solar hot water

Three community facilities in the Peninsula area have been identified for five projects of 15 in a priority list to replace electric hot water systems with solar panels and heat pumps.

Ettalong's senior citizens' centre was identified as fourth priority on the list, while three Peninsula Leisure Centre systems identified as priorities nine, 10 and 11 and two systems on Patonga Camping Ground were placed at number 15 on the list.

In August last year, Council adopted an emissions reduction target of 20 per cent on 2010 emissions by 2025 as part of its Climate Change Mitigation Strategy.

Implementation of the Strategy is underway with projects designed to reduce Council's emissions through energy efficiency, renewable energy and direct abatement technologies.

Council's water and sewer director Mr Rod Williams reported that one of the better opportunities identified in the strategy was to

replace electric hot water systems with solar and heat pump hot water systems.

"The solar hot water opportunity was assessed as having a potential to reduce Council's emissions by 469 tonnes of CO2 equivalent per annum and deliver financial savings through reduced energy costs," stated Mr Williams' report.

Gosford Council has agreed to apply for the maximum amount of funding available from the Local Government Energy Efficiency Program which was announced late last year by the Federal Government.

The grant is for 60 per cent of the capital cost to install solar and heat pump hot water systems on community facilities.

A requirement of the Local Government Energy Efficiency Program is for Council to use local suppliers to undertake the installation works.

The program is a one off, non-competitive grant with all eligible applications to be approved.

Gosford Council identified a total of 22 hot water systems at 16 different sites as appropriate for

replacement using this grant.

The maximum grant amount available is \$61,000 with a required Council contribution of \$40,667.

Mr Williams' report stated that this would allow for the replacement of 13 to 22 hot water systems depending on the actual cost of replacement.

"The hot water systems identified for replacement have been prioritised based on asset age (oldest first) and hot water usage (high usage first) to maximise cost savings to Council.

"The Local Government Energy Efficiency Program provides a cost effective opportunity to replace old fossil fuel powered hot water systems with new low emissions hot water systems.

"The Local Government Energy Efficiency Program is estimated to reduce energy costs by approximately \$13,000 per annum.

"The simple payback based on Council's cash, project management and contingency contribution is 4.6 years."

Gosford Council Agenda, WAT.13, 26 Mar 2013

Tree awaits removal, nine months later

A tree in Umina is still awaiting removal, nine months after it was scheduled for removal by Gosford Council.

The tree was initially brought to the attention of Council in 2010 by a resident of Harold St.

"At the time, the tree was assessed as being in a satisfactory condition," said Gosford Council's maintenance coordinator Mr Mark Smith.

"In June 2011, the resident at 5 Harold St complained that the tree was dangerous and it was inspected immediately.

"The tree was found to have some upper canopy decay and was subsequently approved for removal.

"As for each tree works request, the tree is assessed using certain safety criteria and then given a ranking to determine a timeframe for removal.

"The tree in question was scheduled to be removed within 12 months.

"After further requests, the customer was recently advised that the tree was now scheduled for removal by the end of April.

"This is still the case, although that is qualified as being subject to availability of resources and weather conditions," said Mr Smith.

Mr Smith also said that at the time of the original notification, the

customer was given the standard advice that: "Council is unable to provide a specific date as to when works will be undertaken as all works are subject to availability of funding and resources taking into account storms and/or other urgent works."

Mr Smith said given the number of tree work applications and the list of trees assessed to be removed, Council prioritised all tree removals to ensure urgent works were carried out first.

"The local government area is also subject to severe storms that cause tree damage and branch drop, sometimes blocking roads and damaging other vital services," said Mr Smith.

"This work is a priority and does impact on the planned works program.

"Unfortunately, resources do not allow all trees to be attended to immediately and some trees may not be attended to within the nominated time frame.

"Council is currently reviewing how it addresses the many requests it receives for tree works from residents and it hopes to be able to reduce response times in the future," said Mr Smith.

**Kaitlin Watts, 28 Mar 2013
Interviewee: Mark Smith,
Gosford Council**

Solar pool heating is completed

Gosford Council has been told that the installation of solar pool heating has been completed at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

Gosford Council's director water and sewer Mr Rod Williams' report to Council on Tuesday, March 26, stated that the Peninsula Leisure Centre was one of Council's top 10 energy using sites.

The project involved the installation of solar thermal collectors on the Centre's roof which provide the primary source of heat, with heat pumps and gas used as a backup.

"The cost savings are estimated to be approximately \$54,000 per annum giving the project a 2.6 year simple payback.

"The project is also estimated to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 139 tonnes CO2-equivalent per annum," he wrote.

Mr Williams stated that the Peninsula Leisure Centre building management system and heat pump control upgrade was currently underway and would involve the installation of improved pool temperature probes to control the pool heat pumps.

The project is expected to reduce overheating, saving approximately 10 to 15 per cent on energy.

Council also has completed a number of projects across the whole local government area such as improving streetlight efficiency, improving its carbon and energy management system, a public lighting efficiency trial, a revolving energy fund and a community energy efficiency program.

Gosford Council Agenda, WAT.12, 26 Mar 2013

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March has average rainfall

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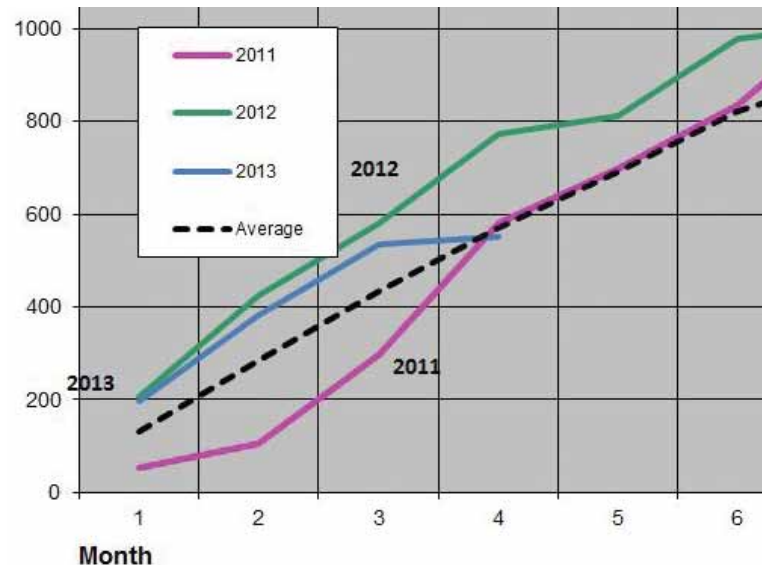
The total recorded was 152.7mm, compared to the monthly average of 149.7mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The March figure comes after two months of above average rainfall, with January recording a figure 40 per cent above average and February recording a figure 20 per cent above.

Another 16.3mm was recorded by 9am on the first day of April.

Temperatures during March ranged between an overnight low of 14.6 degrees on March 30 and a high of 33.2 on March 28, according to local weather website www.peninsulaweather.info.

Highest minimum for the month was 21.6, recorded on March 23,



and lowest maximum was 19.7 recorded on March 1.

Highest wind gust for the month was 32.4 km/h recorded on March 1.

Spreadsheet, March 1
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy
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The winners of last edition's Peninsula News Fabric Traders competition were Mrs J Evans of Woy Woy, Mr D Wibberley of Umina and Mrs M Corkhill of Killarney Vale.

Kaitlin Watts, 2 Apr 2013

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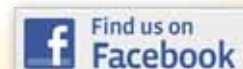
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Electricity rebate for retirement village residents

Peninsula Village residents will, for the first time, be able to apply for the NSW Government's Low Income Household Rebate on their electricity bills, following a \$16 million boost announced by Energy Minister Mr Chris Hartcher on Thursday, March 28.

"This is on top of a \$210 million package of assistance measures announced by the NSW Government last year which helps households manage rising electricity costs," said Member for Gosford Mr Chris Holstein.

"The Low Income Household Rebate, currently at \$215, rises to \$225 from July 1 and to \$235 in 2014.

"I am very pleased that the NSW Government will now be extending this important assistance measure to a new group of customers on the Central Coast.

"Pensioners and customers holding certain concessions cards and who receive a bill from a retailer are eligible to receive the rebate.

"However, most customers who live in retirement villages and are supplied electricity by their landlords have been unable to access the rebate.

"This is a win for customers long-ignored under the former Labor Government and I am pleased that the NSW Government has listened to the community and acted," said Mr Holstein.

Media Release, 28 Mar 2013
Chris Holstein, Member for Gosford



Garry Best (second row on the right)

Firefighter joins volunteers on cruise ship

Volunteer firefighter Mr Garry Best and his wife Eve of Woy Woy joined nearly 40 emergency services volunteers from Australia's bushfire and flood emergencies this summer on Queen Mary 2 when the Cunard flagship made her entry into Sydney Harbour.

Sailing from Brisbane as Cunard's guests were volunteers from the NSW Rural Fire Service, Tasmania Fire Service, Victoria Country Fire Authority and the Queensland State Emergency Service, all of which were at the

forefront of natural disasters this summer.

Cunard president and managing director Mr Peter Shanks said Queen Mary 2's Salute to the Summer Heroes allowed the community to acknowledge the volunteers as well as the overall contribution of volunteer organisations.

"Queen Mary 2 makes a huge impact wherever she goes and we are delighted she can play a part in marking the service and sacrifice of volunteers who routinely defend and protect their communities," Mr Shanks said.

RuralFireServiceCommissioner

Mr Shane Fitzsimmons said: "All our volunteers join up to help support and protect their community in times of need."

"They work and train hard throughout the year and are always willing to lend a hand, despite the fact this means they'll be away from their jobs, homes, family and friends.

"It is great that their work and sacrifices are recognised and applauded by so many in NSW and indeed, throughout Australia."

Media Release, 7 Mar 2013
David Jones, Carnival Australia

RSL plans Anzac Day events

The Woy Woy-Ettalong RSL has a number of events planned for Anzac Day on Thursday, April 25, beginning with a dawn service at 5:30am at Woy Woy Memorial Park.

The dawn service march will also be conducted, with those wishing to participate to assemble at Woy Woy railway station at 5am for a 5:15am step off.

The main service will be held at 10:30am with those wishing to participate in the march to assemble in the Coles car park at 9:30am for a 10am step off.

The Woy Woy-Ettalong RSL will also dedicate a new plaque for the Missing in Action (North Korea) following the 10am service at around 11:15am.

Korean veterans and members of the public are welcome to attend.

A luncheon will then be held at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club from 12pm with tickets on sale at reception.

Schools are also invited to volunteer their marching bands for the 10am service.

Letter, 18 Mar 2013
Merv Heath, Woy Woy Ettalong RSL



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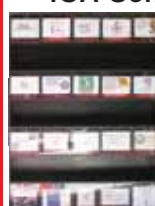
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Council receives capital repayment on CDOs

During the month of February, Gosford Council received a capital repayment on seven of its CDO investments following the out of court settlement of litigation involving Lehman Brothers.

In total, Council received \$13.68m from its initial \$12.8m investment on the CDOs, according to the council's director of corporate services, Mr Nic Pasternatsky.

The seven CDOs comprised two Coolangatta, two Merimbula, one Endeavour, one Global Bank Note and one Miami.

Endeavour had matured in August 2011 and was not included in the number of securities held.

As at February 28, Council's Investment Portfolio had a market valuation of \$55,358,306 and a face value of \$64,182,722.

The face value of \$64,182,722 was made up of \$3,165,000 from the Coastal Open Space fund, \$13,559,098 from the Combined Collections General Fund, \$1,245,005 from Employee Entitlements, \$5,294,270 from the Financial Strategy Projects Loan, \$1,922,978 from the Financial Strategy Sinking Fund, \$73,313 from the Gosford Foundation Trust, \$12,428,337 from the Section 94

Contribution Plans, \$2,564,569 from Security Deposits, \$3,907,458 from the Somersby Industrial Estate, \$52,826 from Unexpended Loans, \$117,000 from the Trust Fund, \$1,525,133 from the Property Development Reserve, \$2,799,629 from the Combine Collections Sewer Fund, \$3,046,547 from the Sewer Contribution Plans, \$2,647,578 from the Combined Collections water Fund and \$9,833,981 from the Water Contribution Plans.

Eleven of these were in the category of Restricted Assets and Reserves, totalling \$39,829,321 while two were Unspent Loans with a value of \$5,347,096 with the remaining three being Committed Funds and Unspent Grants with a value of \$19,006,305.

According to Gosford Council's investment report of Tuesday, March 26, Council currently has a total investment market value of \$55,358,306.24 which includes \$24,193,013.54 of term deposits and \$25,160,509.18 of cash accounts and 20 securities.

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Council's CDO, Capital Protected, FRN and Subordinated Debt and Senior Bond investments had a total market value of

\$6,004,783.52 and a total face value of \$15,022,212.88.

Mr Pasternatsky reported that when compared to the previous month, all of the 17 structured securities currently held, showed an increase in their market value.

"The net market value increase for the period was \$12,698,640, including the lump sum payout on the CDOs.

"These investments were previously valued at close to zero due to the uncertainty in relation to the legal action.

"The lump sum payout on the securities caused the portfolio's performance to surge in February, effectively reversing several years of declining value in those investments in one month.

"Without marked-to-market influences, Council's investment portfolio yielded 3.26 per cent per annum during the month.

"Removing the effect of the CDOs mentioned above, Council's portfolio yielded 4.51 per cent per annum during February.

"Council's investment strategy is continuously monitored in order to ensure that the investment returns achieved are maximised with minimum risk involved," said Mr Pasternatsky's report.

Gosford Council Agenda, COR.20, 26 Mar 2013

Intersection upgrade open for tender

The upgrade to the intersection of Brisbane Water Dr, Manns Rd and the Central Coast Highway at West Gosford is currently open for tender, according to Member for Gosford Mr Chris Holstein.

"Brisbane Water Drive and Manns Rd are vital links between Gosford, Woy Woy and Narara providing access to railway stations, local businesses and retail centres and connects the Central Coast Highway to the F3 Freeway," said Mr Holstein.

"The project is being funded by the NSW Government and involves turning what is a complex intersection into a single intersection.

"Once complete, the intersection

will ease congestion, improve safety and provide capacity for future growth and development in the area.

"Work is expected to start later this year following the announcement of the successful tenderer," Mr Holstein said.

Tenders for the contract close at 2:30pm on Wednesday, May 15.

Tender documents may be purchased from <https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/>

A general information document about e-Tendering with Roads and Maritime Services is available from <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/doingbusinesswithus/e-tendering.html>.

**Media Release, 18 Mar 2013
Chris Holstein, Member for Gosford**

Council grants for culture and community

Applications for Gosford Council's 2013-14 Community and Cultural Development Grants will close on Friday, April 19.

Grants are provided to non-profit community organisations to support and encourage individuals and groups to join together to create a healthy, active and inclusive community.

To be eligible, organisations

must be non-profit, incorporated, be based in or provide services within the Gosford Local Government Area.

The project must also take place in the Gosford LGA.

For more information or to apply for a grant, visit www.gosford.nsw.gov.au or contact Council's community development officer Sharon Moore on 4325 8940.

**Media Release, 27 Mar 2013
Sharon Moore, Gosford Council**

Gorokan man charged

A Gorokan man has been charged over a robbery in Ettalong on Saturday, March 16.

Two men allegedly assaulted and robbed an 18-year-old woman who was walking along Karingi St, Ettalong, at about 9:15pm.

The woman called for help and

the two alleged offenders ran from the location with her handbag.


Police were notified of the incident and detectives from Brisbane Water Local Area Command commenced an investigation.

Investigators attended a home on Leslie Ave in Gorokan on

Tuesday, March 26, and arrested a 38-year-old man in relation to the incident.

He was taken to Wyong Police Station and charged with robbery in company and assault with intent to rob.

**Media Release, 27 Mar 2013
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Local trial of overnight family care

Peninsula families will have access to flexible overnight and weekend care under a new family day care flexibility pilot to be trialled over the next 12 months.

Coastwide Child and Family Services, also known as Gosford and Peninsula Family Day Care, was selected as one of nine trial sites around the country that will work to promote and increase the level of provision of flexible overnight and outside standard hours care to shift working police who live in the local area.

The Government announced late last month that it would fund the development of flexible family day care pilots at selected sites across Australia to look closely at how best to meet the changing and specific needs of shift workers, specifically those working in front line emergency response jobs such as policing and nursing.

Family Day Care Australia, the national peak body for the family day care sector, will work with the Police Federation of Australia, the Queensland Nurses' Union, United Voice and their member families and local family day care service providers in Queensland, Victoria and NSW as these pilots of flexible service provision are developed and trialled.

"Family day care educators currently provide regulated home-based early childhood education and care during both standard weekday hours as well as overnight, early mornings and weekends," said Family Day Care Australia CEO Ms Carla Northam.

"However, the actual supply of flexible care is not widespread and it is hoped the flexibility trials

will help meet the growing demand for non-standard hours care from Australian working families.

The Government's announcement followed stakeholder meetings which were held to discuss the specific child care needs of emergency services and the role the family day care sector could play in meeting these needs.

These meetings revealed that there was a need for increased provision of child care options for police, nurses and paramedics that cater for the often unpredictable nature of their work.

Coastwide Child and Family Services CEO Ms Kellie McNamara said Central Coast families were increasingly seeking child care options outside of the non-standard hours of care.

"There is a need, particularly from parents who work in the emergency services, for flexible child care options that cater for the often unpredictable nature of their work.

"Family day care educators work closely with families to provide care provision for children which can meet this need.

"Working from their own homes, educators arrange their hours of service to match the non-traditional working hours of parents.

"Educators recognise the challenges of parents working in these industries and respond by providing a safe and child focused service which enables parents to be productive in the workplace, secure that their child care needs are well met," Ms McNamara said.

**Media Release, 28 Mar 2013
Sasha Tohme, Family Day Care Australia**



Easter rescues on the water

Central Coast Marine Rescue boat crews were on duty over the Easter long weekend and made a number of rescues in the Peninsula area.

On Good Friday, a radio call was received at around 10am from a 10 metre yacht near Ettalong that had an overheating engine.

Central Coast rescue boat CC020, with Al Howes at the helm, towed the vessel to its mooring in Hardys Bay.

On Easter Saturday, the police phoned at around 1pm to request that the boat crew retrieve an unmanned 3.6 metre dinghy drifting off Saratoga.

On Easter Sunday, an 11 metre yacht with three people on board radioed for help at around 4:30pm as they were stranded at Orange Grove, having strayed to the wrong side of the channel marker.

CC020, with Al Howes in

command, soon had the vessel back in navigable water.

On Easter Monday, a 12 metre motor cruiser anchored in Hardys Bay, visiting from Mooney Mooney, called for assistance at 9:15am due to a flat battery.

The boat crew was unable to jump-start the engine with their portable battery pack.

They returned to the Point Clare base to collect a second pack but, even with two packs and using the rescue boat battery as well, the engine's starter motor refused to operate.

The owner's wife was evacuated and the owner elected to wait for a mechanic from the local marina on Tuesday.

At 2pm that day, the radio operator received a phone call from the skipper of a 6.5 metre cabin cruiser at Little Box Head.

The three men on board were

seeking help as they were out of fuel.

They had already borrowed eight litres from another vessel while further offshore but did not have enough to reach their destination.

The skipper apologised for calling by phone stating that his VHF radio antenna was broken.

The rescue crew aboard CC020 towed the cruiser to Lions Park at Woy Woy.

Around 2:20pm the boat crew was sent to Lobster Beach to a 6.5 metre runabout with steering failure.

CC020 towed the stricken vessel with one man on board to Lions Park at Woy Woy.

**Media Release, 1 Apr 2013
Ron Cole, Central Coast Marine Rescue**

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Ken Durham

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The No Stopping restriction will be placed immediately east of Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, for a length of 10 metres, while the parking restriction will be provided for a length of 15 metres.

The changes were agreed to by Gosford Council on Tuesday, March 26, following a recommendation by Council's Local Traffic Committee

After Woy Woy Veterinary Hospital requested short term parking restrictions be provided adjacent to their premises in Bowden Rd.

Council's Local Traffic Committee report of Monday, February 4, stated that the street was usually fully occupied by long term parked vehicles or parents

of students attending Woy Woy Primary School.

The timed parking restriction between Bowden Rd and the entrance to the Hospital would provide short term parking for customers attending the veterinary hospital with sick animals.

Council's investigation confirmed that there was no vehicular access to the hospital or onsite parking available for customers.

The Hospital operates between 8:30am and 10am and 3:30pm and 4:30pm.

There are currently no parking restrictions in place in Bowden Rd.

The Local traffic Committee recognised in its report the demand for both short and long term parking due to Bowden Road's close proximity to the Woy Woy Shopping Village and placement within one kilometre of the Woy Woy Transport Node.

Gosford Council Agenda, TR.13.08, 26 Mar 2013

Group elects committee

The executive committee for The Bays Community Group was elected at its annual meeting on Wednesday, February 20.

Bob Puffett was re-elected as president while Gwyneth Weir was elected secretary.

Richard Kirk, Robert Bust, Ann Taylor and Dominic Edmonds have been welcomed by Mr Puffett as new members of the executive

committee.

"I especially thank Thea Brayshaw for her contribution over the past nine years as secretary and welcome her as our new events manager, continuing to do all the things she has become well known for in making a difference for so many," said Mr Puffett.

Newsletter, 6 Mar 2013
Bob Puffett, The Bays Community Group

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Council considers another Secondhand Saturday

Forty-six garage sales were held in the Peninsula area on Saturday, March 23, as part of Gosford Council's Secondhand Saturday event.

Gosford Council's waste and sustainability officer Ms Elyse Ballesty said the event was so popular this year that Council was "definitely considering holding the event again in the future".

"Gosford Council would like to thank all the residents, and those

bargain buyers who helped to make the event such a success, who participated in the event and congratulate their significant efforts to swap, reuse, sell, buy and recycle their unwanted goods.

"If participants have any feedback regarding the event, please email waste@gosford.nsw.gov.au.

"The feedback we have had so far has been positive and we already have a number of people wishing to be participants in the

next Second Hand Saturday event," said Ms Ballesty.

Twenty-one of the sales were held in Woy Woy, while nine were held in Umina, five in Ettalong, two in Blackwall, Booker Bay, Empire Bay and St Huberts Island and one in Horsfield Bay, Patonga and Killcare.

A total of 174 garage sales were held across the Gosford Local Government Area.

Media Statement 27 Mar 2013
Elyse Ballesty, Gosford Council

Comment encouraged on Patonga plan

Member for Gosford Mr Chris Holstein is encouraging the community to comment on the draft plan to manage Crown reserves in Patonga Village, Patonga Caravan and Camping Area and the Dark Corner Cottages.

"The plan has been prepared in partnership with Gosford City Council and provides a strategic guide to future planning and vital foreshore linkages," Mr Stoner said.

"The plan seeks to improve the use of the Crown reserves and facilities through enhancing the operation and functionality of Crown reserves through improving picnic areas, playgrounds and access to Brisk Bay, managing environmental and heritage values and encouraging tourism."

Mr Holstein said Patonga had tremendous potential for the community and holiday visitors if the draft plan's vision was realised.

"It is a proactive plan to improve the environmental and recreational

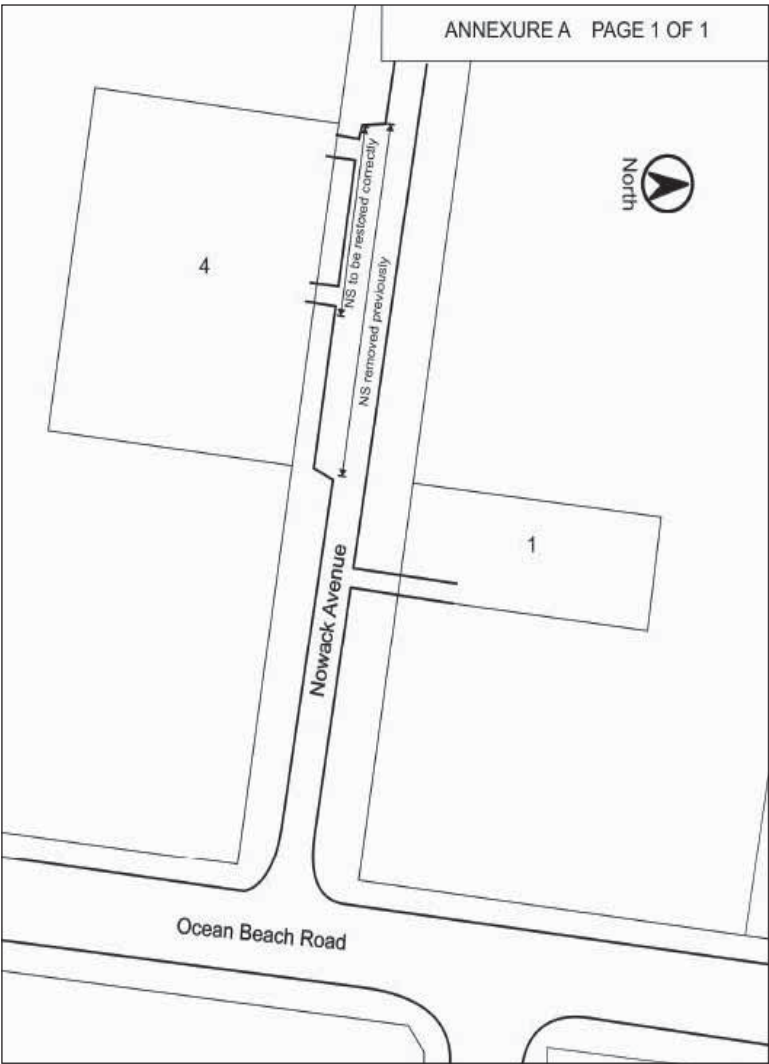
facilities and I urge people to take a look and make their views known," Mr Holstein said.

The draft Plan of Management will be advertised for six weeks.

Copies of the draft plan may be viewed at Patonga Caravan and Camping Area and Woy Woy Library.

Submissions can be sent to MaitlandCrownLands@lands.nsw.gov.au.

Media Release, 16 Mar 2013
Chris Holstein, Member for Gosford



No Stopping zone for preschool

A 26-metre No Stopping restriction will be placed on the southern side of Nowack

Ave, Woy Woy, between the entry and exit driveways of the preschool.

The decision to implement the No Stopping restriction followed a review of Council records which showed that a 26 metre section of No Stopping between entry and exit driveways was part of conditional consent for the preschool and needed to be replaced.

Council's Local Traffic Committee recommended that a 40 metre No Stopping restriction be provided on the northern side of Nowack Ave, westerly from Ocean Beach Rd to the western side of the preschool's driveway.

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Anzac service at Empire Bay

An Anzac Day service will be held on Thursday, April 25, at the Cenotaph in Empire Bay from 11am.

The service is conducted annually and last year attracted around 400 people with over 20 wreaths laid by ex-Servicemen,

with children representing their fathers and grandfathers and wearing their medals.

Member for Terrigal Mr Chris Hartcher and Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill will be present at the service while Brisbane Water Secondary

College students Cana Bell and Tony Brown will speak and lay a wreath on behalf of the college.

Students from Empire Bay Public School and Coast Christian School will also lay wreaths.

**Press release, 11 Mar 2013
Geoff Melville, Empire Bay**

Community group releases financial report

The Bays Community Group has released its financial report for the last year at its annual meeting on Wednesday, February 20.

The group's opening balance was \$5326.76 which included around \$3000 in grants for minor works on the Bays Community Hall in Woy Woy Bay.

Income for the year was \$18,894.43 made up of grants which totalled \$4989.79 and income from activities.

Expenditure was \$17,344.08 which included hall repairs and improvements at a cost of \$5528, rates insurances and utilities at a cost of \$4945.19 which left a carry forward balance of \$6874.11.

The Bays Community Group

has a term deposit of \$5500 held on behalf of the History Group and has also commenced a Building and Maintenance Fund which has a current balance of \$1155 to provide for ongoing maintenance of the hall.

The Group also received grants from Gosford Council for the Neighbour in Need program and a contribution towards its Council rates.

The Group has a current membership of 101 with 54 of those life members and 47 ordinary members.

The annual membership fee is \$10 per household or \$120 for life membership.

**Newsletter, 6 Mar 2013
Bob Puffett, The Bays Community Group**

Council opposes forced amalgamation

Gosford Council has unanimously agreed to write to the Minister for Local Government Mr Don Page and thank him for his recent statement reaffirming the State Government's policy of no forced local government amalgamations.

Greens Cr Hillary Morris put forward a Notice of Motion at the ordinary Council meeting of Tuesday, March 26, which expressed her concern at Mr Page's previous statement that he would take the Better Stronger Local Government Case for Sustainable Change document to cabinet for approval despite

the State Government promising before the 2011 election that there would be no forced amalgamations.

Mr Page, however, reaffirmed the Liberals and Nationals policy of no forced amalgamations on Thursday, March 21, in the wake of "numerous erroneous claims and unwarranted concerns that the Government was planning forced amalgamations".

Ms Morris spoke to the meeting and said any forced amalgamation was "really doomed to fail on a

number of fronts".

"We already work quite collaboratively with Wyong Council and have a number of joint ventures," said Ms Morris.

Cr Craig Doyle expanded on Ms Morris's sentiments and said Gosford Council currently had 96 joint ventures with Wyong Council.

"Obviously we have learnt quite a lot from previous forced council amalgamations that are quite geographically large, as is the case with Gosford and Wyong.

"If we can work better together, that's regionalisation and that's why we must not have forced council amalgamation," said Cr Doyle.

**Kaitlin Watts, 26 Mar 2013
Gosford Council Agenda
NM.1, 26 Mar 2013
Media Release, 21 Mar 2013
Johnathon Porter, Office of Don Page MP**

Signs to help with truck turning

Gosford Council has agreed to a recommendation put forward by its Local Traffic Committee to place a No Stopping restriction at the end of Timbertop Dr, Umina, along with a painted pavement hatching on the turning pads.

The decision was made following the identification of the need for a turning facility at the southern end of Timbertop Dr to assist with the turning of fire

trucks, following Gosford Council's Bushfire Planning Review.

Council's Local Traffic Committee report of Monday, February 4, stated that the turning facility would also assist waste collection trucks in servicing the area.

The Committee's report also stated that the No Stopping restriction would prevent cars parking and obstructing the turning area.

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TR.13.07, 26 Mar 2013**

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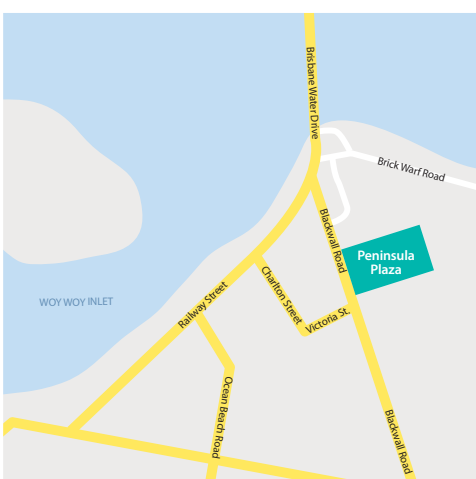


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Views were not accurately reflected

An article appeared in the March 18 edition of Peninsula News with the title "Poor do not value education, claims local principal".

For the record, the headline and the article that appeared underneath it do not accurately reflect my views.

I have never and would never hold the view that the poor do not value education.

I have been principal of St John the Baptist Woy Woy for five years and, during that time, have valued and respected the input

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that parents of the students at the school have had into the St John the Baptist school community.

From my experience, the majority of parents place great value on the education of their children.

Most parents are very supportive of the school and work in partnership to achieve positive educational outcomes for their children.

I am very proud of our students and their achievements and I look forward to continuing to work with the St John the Baptist parents and to further build a strong, vibrant

and diverse community.

Email, 27 Mar 2013

Frank Cohen, St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

Editor's note: Peninsula News accepts Mr Cohen's statement that he does not hold the views described. The heading and introductory paragraph of the news item was based, in good faith, on the statement under Mr Cohen's name in the school newsletter that "... there is a direct relationship between socio-economic status and educational attainment. In other words parents who value education and help children with their education do better than those who don't." The full text of the newsletter can be read at <http://sjbwwoy.org.au/download/newsletters-pdf/Newsletter2013Term1Week7.pdf>

Honesty about carbon tax

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It is very nice seeing Lucy Wicks' smiling face in the Peninsula News, again, but perhaps a bit of truth in political advertising would not go astray.

Please be honest when you say you will immediately scrap the world's biggest Carbon Tax.

People tend to believe that if the Coalition wins the election on September 14 then, on September 17, their electricity bills would reduce.

The Coalition needs to win both Upper and Lower Houses, which is very unlikely, to be able to do such a thing, and then that cannot even happen until July 2014.

More than likely what will

happen is the Coalition will not win both houses, the Carbon Tax will not be scrapped and it will merely change to an ETS in 2015 as planned.

Also it is far from the world's biggest carbon tax, and don't get me started on linking low interest rates to government waste, debt and balancing the budget because her understanding of economics obviously leaves a lot to be desired, but let's not let facts get in the way of cheap slogans.

Email, 23 Mar 2013

Ross Cochrane, Woy Woy

Never a good relationship

Regarding the Government's proposed media laws, it is relevant to return to our past.

Before the days of the Hawke-Keating Labor Governments, the Australian Labor Party never had a good relationship with the press.

In NSW in the 30s and 40s, there was the Labor Daily which, ironically, was later sold to Sir Frank Packer.

This publisher was anti-Labor and was once sued for calling Bob Hawke a "puffed up Napoleon".

In spite of the hospitality of the press, the ALP was successful in gaining government nationally and in all states.

NSW was Labor's crown.

The press can be vindictive and invasive, but it can also expose corruption and incompetence.

The classic example that the people are the final decider was when US president Franklin Delano Roosevelt ran for his historic third term of office.

Every major newspaper in the country campaigned against him, but despite all their efforts, Roosevelt won convincingly.

Letter, 24 Mar 2013

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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The benefits of education can work for all families

I am writing in response to the "Poor do not value education claims principal" exert from the St John the Baptist School newsletter published in the newspaper dated March 18.

I read this with interest as I am currently working with all principals of the Peninsula schools on a project to engage families in activities that will support their further engagement in their child's education.

This project particularly targets "poor" families or more accurately families from low socio economic backgrounds and they would be the families mentioned in the school newsletter.

Every school on the Peninsula has families from equity target groups and schools work hard to engage them because, as the newsletter suggested, there is a well-researched direct correlation between socio economic status and educational attainment.

As I had not yet met with the principal from St John the Baptist school (I was due to call him the day I read the paper) I was understandably incensed that any educated person would suggest the "poor" are to blame for low levels of educational achievement, let alone a principal of any school.

I had some initial discussion with my colleagues and we thought it was better to rethink our inclusion of St John the Baptist School in the project as the kind of elitist view projected in the article did not sit well within the philosophy of Peninsula family activities project.

This was quite disappointing as one of the important features of the project was to endeavour to remove all barriers to participation in the family activities by using a very inclusive approach of the whole Peninsula community, to exclude one school, albeit a Catholic one sitting within five public schools would not be conducive to the success of the project.

National Partnerships and leading Australian and international research state it is essential to the success of family and community engagement to be inclusive and collaborative of all community including both private and public education.

The pilot project is very much intended to test that research and is to the best of our knowledge a first formal approach of this kind of community strategy.

Following another conversation I was then further directed to the schools website to view the newsletter in its entirety.

It is fair to say I was even more incensed as to the inaccurate reporting of the newsletter by your paper.

The information within the newsletter sits within the body of research regarding the need for families to support their child's education to gain optimum results.

It is a school newsletter and while does not go into the research and underpinning explanatory reasons, and perhaps could have been given a more reader friendly manner, it does not makes any

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statements claimed by the heading and opening lines in the paper, and frankly I find it a stretch that it could be interpreted as such except for a headline.

Neither the newsletter nor the research lay any such blame at the feet of the poor.

The newsletter did not blame the poor or parents for their child's lack of success at school or in fact state that "poor do not value education".

Having worked for many years in public education across the Hunter Central Coast to support public schools to engage with families and community to increase learning outcomes for students, I can state there would be very few principals who would not say exactly what has been written in the newsletter by the St John's school principal.

I am pleased someone had the sense to remind me to question the source of the information, as a reminder not to believe all you

read, as I could have been just as culpable in not doing my own homework.

That would have had a definite impact on the outcome of the pilot project we are about to undertake.

The truth is I am embarrassed to also admit that at any other time I may well have cast the article a cursory and critical glance and moved on, it was only the personal interest for the project that caused me to take deeper notice.

Having said that, I did contact the principal and have since met with him to discuss the participation of St John the Baptist School community and found he had a deep understanding of the issues affecting families in low socio economic communities, as do all Peninsula principals.

He was more than willing to engage with other schools to support all Peninsula families we hope to engage in this project to build community capacity through taking a proactive, whole community approach to address the research.

There is no question that parental engagement in student learning increases outcomes and it is a fact that many families with lower levels of education also have lower levels of engagement for a great many reasons, and it would be wonderful if the paper would consider engaging with the research in a deeper manner and discussing strategies to support schools to increase that participation and perhaps a more accurate quoting of school newsletters could also be well considered.

I hope the Peninsula community can count on the local newspaper to support the inclusive and collaborative project with positive publicity around the family activities to commence at Woy Woy South Public School in term two.

Reports such as the one in

question create further divisions in our community rather than finding reasons to unite.

All schools have both rich and poor families and right of choice is important, but research tells us when communities work together, those differences in socio economic status can have a positive impact, as role modelling and mentoring demonstrate the benefits of education, and can work for all families rather than create a further divide of haves and have nots.

The comments by the principal of St John the Baptist that schools can't do it alone are echoed in every school in the region, far from blaming anyone, the combined Peninsula principals are taking a proactive approach to the research.

Email, 27 Mar 2013

Elizabeth McMinn, Gosford

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Ivan Kinny is highly commended



Ivan Kinny and PM Gillard
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Pearl Beach's Ivan Kinny received a highly-commended award in the Health and Wellbeing category of the 2013 NSW Seniors Week Achievement Awards.

Since he retired from teaching English and working as a high school principal, Mr Kinny has been playing organ for several churches and fostering groups of local singers and musicians. For nearly a decade, he conducted the Peninsula Choir. Each Christmas, he organises a small band of these choristers to entertain the War Widows, several aged care facilities, Umina Library and Woy Woy Hospital. He is chairman of the Woy Woy Hospital Alliance and has been active in the Pearl Beach Annual Music Festival.

Website, 28 Mar 2013
NSW Family and Community Services

Hearing store expands to Umina

A hearing store in Ettalong has expanded its services with the opening of a new shop in Berith St, Umina,

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said: "This is great news and shows that small business has confidence in our town centres." "Penninsula Hearing proprietor Louise Brown will be maintaining the very successful Ettalong shop in Pacific St and establishing a complimentary shop in Berith St at Umina Beach. "Louise and her team will continue to service her Ettalong clients especially the elderly who rely on the business being easily accessible while taking the opportunity to provide hearing services to an important market in the Umina area. "Penninsula Hearing has built a highly successful business over

the last 18 months and has firmly established itself in the local business community. "It is encouraging to see professional services such as Penninsula Hearing grow and expand their business while maintaining key services for the elderly in local centres. "With improved market conditions, the Chamber is seeing a growth in confidence in the Peninsula town centres and particularly in health services. "With a growing population, especially with the elderly, it is important that a range of services are provided in each town centre. "Penninsula Hearing is fulfilling that role both in Ettalong Beach and soon in Umina," said Mr Wales. Media Release, 25 Mar 2013 Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

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Neighbour day at the Bays

The Bays Community Group held its Neighbour Day on Sunday, March 31, at the Bays Community Hall in Woy Woy Bay.

"This was a community day and we wanted to do something to bring neighbours together and strengthen the bonds in this little

part of the Gosford area," said group president Mr Bob Puffett.

The Bays Brekkie was provided free of charge to those who brought along a neighbour.

Newsletter, 6 Mar 2013

Bob Puffett, The Bays Community Group

Book club meets

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre will hold its next book club meeting on Wednesday, April 10.

The book club meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month and are an informal and social get together for women who enjoy reading and discussing books they have read.

"It is also a great place to get inspiration for new reads," said Peninsula Women's Health Centre coordinator Ms Katherine Bradfield.

"The Centre also has a small library where you can borrow books," she said.

Email, 27 Mar 2013

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New technology tracks graffiti offences

Police have taken action against a man who they alleged was responsible for 35 instances of graffiti in the Brisbane Water Local Area Command, including instances in Killcare and Woy Woy.

Police arrested an 18-year-old man on Sunday, March 17, in the act of committing a malicious

damage offence by spraying a graffiti tag on public property.

He was subsequently charged with a malicious damage offence.

Police from Brisbane Water Local Area Command commenced an investigation utilising the Vandaltrak system, which subsequently identified a large number of tags police alleged were linked to the same male.

Around 6pm on Friday, March

22, the man attended Gosford Police Station where he was spoken to in relation to the offences.

Due to the fact the man was a juvenile at the time of the offences, he is being dealt with under the Young Offenders Act for 35 offences of malicious damage and one of enter enclosed lands.

The offences ranged from 2010 to 2012.

Brisbane Water Local Area Command Inspector Paul Nicholls said the investigation highlighted the police's potential to track down graffiti offences using new technology.

Media Release, 22 May 2013
NSW Police Media

Rescue boat kept busy

The volunteer rescue boat crew from the Marine Rescue Point Clare Base, aboard Central Coast 20 and skippered by Anthony Porter, was kept busy during the afternoon of Sunday, March 24, with three runabouts requiring help in the Peninsula area.

Two people on a 4.5m runabout needed a tow to Lions Park, Woy Woy, at around 1:10pm, due to a mechanical problem.

At 1:30pm, the Water Police

from Broken Bay called to request help for a 4.8m runabout at Daleys Point needing a tow to Lions Park.

Another runabout called in around 1:40pm.

The two men on board had anchored off Box Head and waited for help until the rescue boat had completed its first tow.

This vessel was also towed to Lions Park.

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

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Education



School holds Splash-a-thon

Umina Public School has raised \$6800 so far from its Splash-a-thon held on Friday, March 22.

According to principal Ms Lyn Davis, the day was a great success.

"Our P and C did a great job coordinating the day and

our volunteer fire fighters were wonderful.

"We hope that, as sponsorships come in, the event will be the financial success the P and C deserves.

"Our goal is \$20,000," said Ms Davis.

**Newsletter, 28 Mar 2013
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School**



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New committee is elected

Umina Public School P and C has elected a new committee at its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 12.

All executive positions were made vacant with Louise Johnson elected as president, Sue Perry and Amanda Macdonald as vice presidents and Simone Page as secretary.

Julie Fayers was elected as

uniform shop co-ordinator while Kathryn Kompass was elected as uniform shop treasurer and Denise Da Silva as uniform shop secretary.

The position of treasurer was not filled, and anyone interested in the position should contact the school on 4341 1630.

"Mrs Nicole Mottlee has stepped down from executive level at our school to move on to high school," said Ms Johnson.

"Nicole has done an outstanding job as our president over the last three years and will be missed on the executive team.

"Nicole has helped in many aspects around the school and is now going to enjoy her daughter's final year at Umina Public school," said Ms Johnson.

**Newsletter, 19 Mar 2013
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School**

Smokers asked to move away

Woy Woy South Public School principal Mr Terry Greedy has asked smokers not to congregate near the school gates.

In the school's newsletter dated March 26, Mr Greedy reminded parents that the school was a smoke-free zone.

"While this does not cover the area outside the school gates, out of courtesy, it would be appreciated if smokers who need to have a cigarette when they are at the school, could move away from the entry gates to do so," said Mr Greedy.

"By congregating in groups near the gates, the cigarettes create an unpleasant cloud of smoke that students and parents have to walk through to enter the school.

"The reason the school is a smoke free zone is because of the irrefutable evidence regarding the damage caused by passive smoking and the negative effect cigarette butts have on our environment.

"Those people who need to have a cigarette have every right to light up outside the school grounds.

"However, the members of our school community who choose not

to smoke or expose their children to cigarette smoke also have a right to be able to enter the school grounds without being exposed to cigarette smoke.

"With the increase in parental complaints about this situation, it is clear that the problem is growing.

"To ensure the rights of all members of the school community are respected by all parties, I would appreciate it if the gates to the school remained free of smoke," said Mr Greedy.

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

Free community courses offered

A number of free community courses will be held on the Peninsula next term as part of the Schools as Community Centres program.

Fun with Sounds will be held at Mingaletta Hall on April 19, May 31 and June 28 from 10:30am.

Fun with Sounds is an interactive program for three to five-year-olds and is just in time for Education Week.

Two free parenting programs, 123 Magic and Triple P Parenting, will also be held to teach parents strategies to deal with difficult behaviour from children as they grow.

First Aid courses will also be held again in term two from May

7 at the Schools as Community Centre.

This free first aid course is an accredited TAFE course.

For parents with children aged one to five years, free music classes will be held with a number of spots still available.

The centre will continue to run its usual playgroups, story time and literacy projects.

To register for activities, contact Philippa on 0477 317 862.

**Media Release, 26 Mar 2013
Philippa Skipper, Schools as Community Centres**



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Removal of hardwood oyster rack timber, many years old, dumped and stacked on Mangrove Island
Inset: Massive load of timber and oyster plastic, on Simons barge, back to the boat ramp

Students help clean up islands

Twenty-five students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus's bushcraft program assisted in a bulk pick up of rubbish on Pelican Island and Mangrove Island and a clean-up of Rileys Island on Friday, March 15.

The aim of the clean-up was to remove the stacked items on Pelican Island and Mangrove Island and survey and remove waste from the western foreshore of Rileys Island.

Coordinator Mr Graham Johnston said the students did an outstanding job on the difficult task.

"A group of four students removed approximately 250kg of bulk from Pelican Island," said Mr Johnston.

"Rileys Island had abundant litter, with many oyster products and small litter items, which filled 25 bags, removed from the 500 metres of mangroves and high tide foreshore.

"Eight hundred and fifty kilograms of rubbish was removed from this area.

"Teaching staff reported many old plastic oyster trays partly stacked on the Saratoga corner of Rileys Island.

"The litter from these two areas totally filled one Council tip truck and half of another.

"The removal of the oyster stack on Mangrove Island was very repetitive, with hundreds of hardwood oyster racks, requiring many trips to the barge.

"This was very challenging and tiring for the students.

"The old boat, demolished the day before, was also removed.

"Total weight from Mangrove Island was 900kgs with a total of two tonnes deposited at Woy Woy Tip in three full loads by the Council trucks.

"A total of 14 tonnes has now been removed from Brisbane Waters, in the Woy Woy area," said Mr Johnston.

Media Release, 17 Mar 2013

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Out and About



Seniors Week concert held at Ettalong

The Peninsula's annual Seniors Week Concert was held on Thursday, March 21, at the Ettalong Leisure and Learning Centre.

Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill said she was very happy to host the Seniors Week Concert again this year with Mr Chris King.

"This is always such a wonderful day out, and this year was bigger than ever," said Ms O'Neill.

The 200 guests enjoyed local musical acts and performances, as well as a complimentary lunch.

The contributions of long-serving community volunteers were also recognised with an awards presentation.

Three local Vietnam Veterans were presented with awards by Patricia Amphlett, also known as Little Patty.

The veterans, Alan Ball, Jack Chalker and Pat Bright, have all been members of the Vietnam Veterans' Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia Gosford City Sub-Branch

for more than a decade each and have spent those years working to help other veterans on the Central Coast.

The Sub-Branch has a drop-in centre on the corner of Beach St and Broken Bay Rd, Ettalong, where diggers from all theatres of war and peacekeeping can receive assistance with their pension applications and welfare assistance for themselves and their families.

"The concert is not just about having a good time. It is a wonderful opportunity to come together to recognise the great work of so many that work tirelessly in our community and often don't get the recognition they deserve," said Ms O'Neill.

Media Release, 27 Mar 2013
Robyn Creswell, Vietnam Veterans, Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia, Gosford City Sub-Branch
Media Release, 21 Mar 2013
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A variety of products will be on display and for purchase including paintings, drawings, photographs, handmade cards, handcraft products and jewellery.
Tea, coffee and refreshments

will also be on sale.
Entry will be free.
The Bays Community Group has two spaces left for stalls for a fee of \$20 each.
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Newsletter, 6 Mar 2013
Bob Puffett, The Bays Community Group

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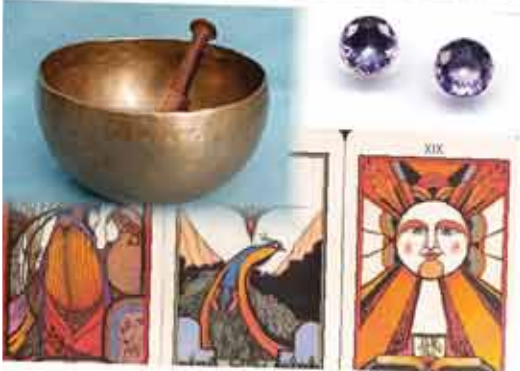
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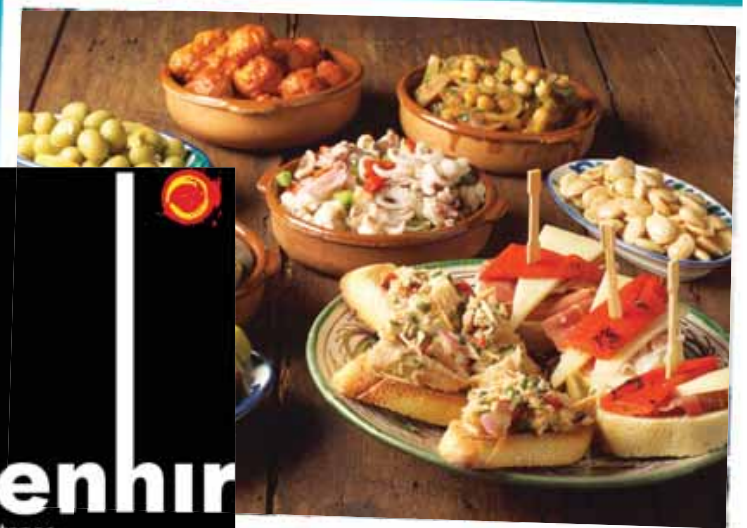
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Out and About



Ettalong festival attracts 12,000

Ettalong Beach's three-day festival was held from Friday, March 15, to Sunday, March 17, with an estimated 12,000 people attending.

Local shop owners reported high levels of trade with some recording all-time record day sales on the Sunday.

Festival attractions included the Ettalong Beach Retro Bash held on the Friday night, which sold out prior to the night, the Big Sing Workshop and film screenings on Saturday and Sunday, which

were also sold out, plus the all-day Street Festival with wall to wall entertainment on the Sunday.

Two separate stages operated all day on the Sunday with a wide variety of entertainers.

"The Lolo Lovina Gypsy Caravan stage was a huge hit with the crowd and I'm sure we will see it again on the Coast at other events," said creative director Ms Ylenna Zajec.

"On the main stage Bukhu, the Mongolian throat singer, completely changed the atmosphere when he began to sing."

Ettalong Beach Business Group president Ms Jeanette Polley said: "Some of the stall holders have already booked for next year's festival so that they don't miss out."

The festival is organised by the Ettalong Beach Business Group and is scheduled each year at the beginning of autumn to stimulate activity for the town at a low time in the tourist season.

Media Release, 20 Mar 2013
Ylenna Zajec, Ettalong Beach Festival

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Broadcaster started in Umina

A community radio station which started in Umina has celebrated its 20th anniversary in the week of Monday, March 18.

The station began broadcasting a few hours a week in a small room above a chemist shop in Umina.

The broadcast only reached several close streets, but after a good response from listeners, the station moved to Gosford in the mid-1990s and broadcast two days per week before advancing to three days per week.

The station obtained a licence to broadcast seven days per week in 1999 and obtained a permanent community broadcasting licence in 2002.

Radio Five-O-Plus 93.3FM president Mr Wayne Flett said the station now broadcasted at 2000 watts, considerably higher than the mere 10 watts that it started with.

"We now have over 100 volunteer staff, including 36 on air presenters.

"We broadcast 24 hours a day, seven days a week, playing our easy listening music format from our timeline of 1940-1980 to over 60,000 listeners here on the Central Coast.

"We are one of only one or two community stations within Australia that covers such a broad spectrum of music," said Mr Flett.

Media Release, 19 Mar 2013
Wayne Flett, Radio Five-O-Plus 93.3FM



Conservatorium students perform at arboretum

Fourteen Central Coast Conservatorium students appeared on the program for the ninth annual Opera in the Arboretum held on Saturday, March 23, in Pearl Beach.

Led by Central Coast Chamber Orchestra ensemble director Olena Zaporozhets, the Conservatorium's premier ensemble has been rehearsing for the concert since Strings Summer School in January.

Soloist Olivia Bell, who is the current Ray Allen scholarship holder at the Central Coast Conservatorium, said it was a particularly proud moment.

Olivia, 15, is currently studying eighth grade AMEB violin with Ms Zaporozhets as well as viola with head of the Conservatorium Strings Program Ms Suzanne Borrett.

Olivia commenced studying a Diploma of Music this year with the Central Coast Conservatorium and is active in the Chamber Orchestra.

Central Coast Conservatorium artistic director Mr Patrick Brennan conducted the Orchestra through a program that included the Summer movement of Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, an excerpt from Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, and *Nessun Dorma*

from Puccini's *Turandot*.

Ms Zaporozhets also featured as a soloist with Conservatorium vocal tutor and Pearl Beach resident Ms Michaela Archer.

The program for the event was put together by Ms Archer with support from the Central Coast Conservatorium.

Also featuring on the program was Central Coast Conservatorium flute tutor Vanessa Ropa.

Ms Ropa has appeared with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra as well as other orchestras in Sydney and internationally.

She performed, along with Sydney based harpist Verna Lee Brown, and the Conservatorium's Chamber Orchestra.

"Participating in such a highly prestigious concert is a wonderful opportunity for our students," said Mr Brennan.

"It is such a wonderful event and the Conservatorium is very proud to support it.

"After so many hours of preparation, it's great to play to an appreciative audience and with such high caliber singers and a prize winning pianist such as Jem Harding," he said.

All profits from the event go to support the Guide Dogs.

Media Release, 26 Mar 2013
Lisa Kelly, Central Coast Conservatorium

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• 2nd Wed Windows 7pm to 10pm
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1st Sat 1pm Lions Community Hall, behind 8 Russell Drysdale St, E. Gosford. www.

centralcoastfhs.org.au
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Hardys Bay Residents' Group

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The Community Centre, McMasters Road, Woy Woy
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Tues, Wed, Thur
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vrc@volunteeringcentralcoast.org.au

Wagstaffe to Killcare Community

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2nd Mon, 7.30pm Wagstaffe Hall - 4360 2945
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4323 3890

Arthritis NSW

3rd Tues Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr McMasters Rd and Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy - 4341 5881

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Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance

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2pm 2nd Sat St Lukes Church Hall, Blackwall Rd Woy Woy
4344 4811

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Peninsula Community Centre
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2nd Mon Umina Beach Bowling Club 7.30 4341 7323

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Country Women's Association Umina

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Flash mob surprise at festival

Over 50 dancers from Brisbane Water United Physie Club surprised the Ettalong Beach Festival with a flash mob dance on Sunday, March 17.

Visitors looked on as children located around the festival spontaneously began to dance to modern music playing from a portable loud speaker.

The energetic dance lasted for several minutes and ended in the children casually walking back to their family and friends while onlookers applauded.

Brisbane Water United Physie founder Ms Lee-Anne Allan said she thought the Ettalong Festival would be a great opportunity to spread the word about physical

culture.

"Physie is an excellent sport for children who want to learn to dance.

"The routines are modern, based on hip hop, ballet and different styles of dance.

"The kids have fun and it also helps them to stay fit," said Ms Allan.

Ms Woodward, whose daughter Halle performed at the Ettalong Festival, said she liked the confidence that Halle had gained since starting physie.

"She has learnt heaps about dance and it has improved her confidence," Mrs Woodward said.

**Media Release, 18 Mar 2013
Monica Wright, Umina**

Three bridge events

Brisbane Water Bridge Club members participated in three bridge events last month.

The State Mixed Pairs, which was played on Monday, March 4, was won by Judith Smyth and Edward Mallinson, with Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa in second place and Barry Foster and Hope Tomlinson in third.

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club Grand National Open Teams event was contested on March 9 and 10 and won by Shirley and Noel Crockett, Barbara Grant and Louis Koolen.

In second place were Patricia Bowles, Marie Purkiss, Kaylee Lemon and Ronnie NG and in third place were Nancye Joss, Adele Mills, Karen Ody and Christine Hadaway.

The Autumn Pairs was contested on Monday, March 11, and was won by Kathy Mitchell and John Mitchell.

In second place were Virginia Dressler and Carolyn Molloy and in third place were Janette Kukura and Adam Moffatt.

**Media Release, 16 Mar 2013
Jenny Buckley, Brisbane Water Bridge Club**



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The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Tuesday April 9

Author event with economist Ross Gittins, Gospel Garden Sanctuary, 6:30pm

Wednesday April 10

Book Club, Peninsula Women's Health Centre

Thursday April 11

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

Saturday April 13

Uminafied Skate/BMX/Skoot, Umina Skate Park, 9am-3pm

Monday April 15

School holiday pottery

workshops begin, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre, 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm

Wednesday April 17

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

Saturday April 20

Central Coast Italian Festival, Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort
Friends of the ABC meeting featuring Karen Barlow, Peninsula Community Centre, 2pm
Bays Arts and Crafts Day, Bays Community Hall, 9am-4pm, free

Sunday April 21

Central Coast Vocal Academy launch, Peninsula Community

Centre, 4pm

Thursday April 25

Anzac Day
Anzac Day dawn service, Woy Woy Memorial Park, 5:30am
Anzac Day main service, Woy Woy Memorial Park, 10:30am
Anzac Day service, Empire Bay Cenotaph, 11am

Sunday April 28

Breakfast in the Bays, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall

Wednesday May 22

Brisbane Water Secondary College variety Night, Woy Woy Campus, 6:30pm

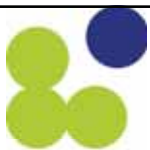
If you've got something happening on the Peninsula over the next few weeks, let us know about it and we'll list it here for you, for free. Contact details are on page 2. See the Coast Community News for events in post code areas 2250, 2251 & 2260 and the Wyong Regional Chronicle for events in post code areas 2258, 2259, 2261, 2262 & 2263

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Comments are invited from the community on a draft Plan
of Management for the Crown Reserves in Patonga Village,
including the Patonga Caravan and Camping Area and the
Dark Corner Cottages.

The Plan has been prepared in partnership between
NSW Trade & Investment – Crown Lands and Gosford
City Council. It includes a heritage assessment and
conservation management plan for the cottages situated
at Dark Corner. It also revises a former draft plan for the
Caravan and Camping Area together with a Landscape
Masterplan for the Caravan and Camping Area.

The remainder of the Crown reserves also included in the
Plan form a foreshore linkage from the cottage precinct
along the foreshore fronting the village centre, past the
Caravan and Camping Area and along Patonga Creek.
The Plan once adopted will provide a basis for the future
planning and direction of Crown lands at Patonga for trust
managers and decision makers and help to guide the
conservation of the Dark Corner cottages.

The draft Plan of Management can be downloaded from
the link below:

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Copies of the draft plan may also be viewed at the
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- Patonga Caravan & Camping Area - Bay St, Patonga
- Erina Centre - Erina Library, Erina Fair
- Kincumber Library - 3 Bungoon Rd, Kincumber
- Woy Woy Library - Cnr Blackwall Rd & Oval Ave, Woy
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Community feedback is now invited on the draft plan
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Umina defeated in cricket grand final

Umina was defeated by Lisarow in division one of the Central Coast Cricket Grand Finals which were held on the weekend of March 16 and 17 at Sohler Park, Ourimbah. Lisarow set the game up on the first day by bowling Umina out for 73 in 45 overs.

Rod Wehrle took 4-9 and Mitch Pennington 4-21 while Troy Spicer top scored with 29. Lisarow then batted for 59 overs and were bowled out for 151. Brendan Simpson achieved 43, Brady Pennington 41 and Mitch Pennington 33, while Umina's bowlers were led by Daniel Fiddock 5-47 and Jordan O'Donnell 3-45.

Umina batted again and, with captain Brad Jones scoring 50, they managed a score of 126.

Lisarow gained the outright win with 3-49 with a couple of overs to spare.

Media Release, 20 Mar 2012
Aidan Cuddington, Central Coast Cricket Association

Junior league registration

Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club is seeking players to fill teams in a number of age groups.

Players are required for the under-8s, under-10s, under-11s, under-12s, under-13s and under-14s.

All new players are required to bring their birth certificate and two passport photos to register.

Each registered player will receive a club polo dress shirt, playing socks and shorts as well as a participation trophy at the end of season presentation.

For information on how to register, contact Melissa Moore on 0425 324 956.

Email, 26 Mar 2013
Tim McParlane, Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club

Relay winner

In the previous edition of Peninsula News, it was stated in "Killcare masters pick up medals" that Phil Tubby was the current world and national title holder in the men's 50 to 54 years beach flags event.

Mr Tubby actually placed second to Phillip Brady of Dixon Park in Newcastle.

Mr Tubby won gold in the beach relay at last year's Australian Titles, not the beach flags.

Email, 28 Mar 2013
John Bourne, Killcare Surf Life Saving Club

Allison wins athletics medals

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club beach sprinter Allison Tucker won six medals in the women's 35-39 category at the NSW Masters Track and Field Championships held over the weekend of March 15 and 16 at Homebush.

Tucker won gold medals in the 60m, 100m and 200m sprints along with the triple jump with a

personal best of 9.01m.

She won silver in the long jump with another personal best of 4.27m and bronze in the discus.

Tucker also won the women's 35-39 beach flags event the weekend before at the NSW Masters Surf Life Saving Championships.

Email, 23 Mar 2013
Peter Quick, Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club

Trial matches for junior Roosters

The Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Club has had two trial matches and a visit from the Footy Show's Darryl Brohman at one of their training sessions in recent weeks.

The club's first trial took place at Brisbane Water Secondary College, Woy Woy campus, against the Macquarie United Scorpions on Sunday, March 10.

Good football was played with

all of the Woy Woy teams on display except for the under-13s who were trialling at St Eddies.

Roosters club captain Sean Downey welcomed Darryl Brohman to the team's training session on Tuesday, March 12, and introduced him to a few players who were later interviewed for an upcoming segment of Small Talk on the Footy Show.

"Darryl was a big hit with all the players and they are all waiting with much anticipation and excitement

for a chance to watch themselves on TV," said club president Tim McParlane.

The Roosters then travelled up the F3 to Cessnock on Sunday, March 17, to play their second trial for the season against the Cessnock Goannas.

"The Roosters were fortunate enough to have retained the honours and bragging rights for the third year in succession, with some outstanding displays of rugby league from both clubs over the course of the day," said McParlane.

The Roosters have another three trials before the season kicks off on Saturday, April 27.

Media Release, 18 Mar 2013
Tim McParlane, Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club

Students represent school

A number of students from Ettalong Public School have represented the school in their chosen sporting events this month.

Sophie Murray represented the Southern Central Coast Zone at the Metropolitan North Swimming Carnival on Monday, March 18.

Brendan Hodge, Christian O'Connor and Mino Polaio were selected to represent the Southern

Central Coast Zone at the Central Coast Rugby League trials while the school's boys' softball team played Umina on Wednesday, March 13.

Newsletter, 19 Mar 2013
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

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Two compete at Special Olympics titles

Two Special Olympics Central Coast competitors from the Peninsula area, Carley Chapman and Alexander Shepherd, competed in the State Titles in bocce, athletics and long and short course swimming held by Special Olympics NSW last month.

Bocce was held at Club Italia in Lansvale where Carley of Umina won two bronze medals for singles and doubles.

She said it was the best she had played and she thoroughly enjoyed the competition.

Athletics was held at Barden Ridge Athletics Field with a short shower through the day which meant athletes had to contend with wet conditions for field events.

Carley won gold in discus with a personal best, won silver in the 50m run and placed fourth in the shot-put and the 100m run with another personal best.

Long course swimming was held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, where Carley won bronze in the 50m freestyle, placed second in the 200m Individual Medley and placed fourth in the 50m butterfly.

Short course swimming was also held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre where Carley backed up the next day from the long course and was the only contender from the Central Coast.

She contested the 50m backstroke race.

Media Release, 8 Mar 2013
Jenni Chapman, Special Olympics Central Coast



Kai Ellice-Flint

Malibu surfers reach finals

Three surfers represented the Ocean Beach Malibu Club at the 2013 Noosa Festival of Surfing conducted at First Point, Noosa, from March 10 to 16 with all three reaching the finals of their respective events against long boarders from all over the world.

Kai Ellice-Flint won the Old Mal division against seasoned competitors and placed third in the U18s.

Tom Payne, 14, claimed fourth place in the under-15s final while newcomer to the OBMC, John Gill, placed third in the final of the over-40s despite recovering from a broken wrist.

In other events, the OBMC held its first point score contest for the year at Umina Beach on Sunday, February 24.

Wild seas and strong onshore winds in the days leading up to the contest had everyone assuming the competition would be postponed but a light NNE breeze cleaned up the water surface and the swell dropped to around head high.

John Gill, in his first contest with the OBMC, showed he was going to be in contention for the 2013 championship title, untroubled in winning both rounds from last year's champion Garry Halliday and Tom Payne in third place ahead of Chris Irwin, Craig Coulton and Brian Cook.

Marty Skewes, who returned to the club after a year's absence, claimed victory in the seconds

while Matt Sing easily won the thirds.

Ben Scully-Hawkins made up for a disastrous first round heat by winning the fourths while another member surfing his first contest with the club, John Wilson, was successful in the fifths with Peter Wellington winning the sixths.

The full results for the contest were:

Round one, heat one: Garry Halliday, Martin Skewes, Matt Sing, Greg McKilliam, John O'Malley and Peter Wellington.

Heat two: Craig Coulton, Sean Cornwall, Richie McClelland, Ben Scully-Hawkins, Tony Irwin and Daryl Anderson.

Heat three: John Gill, John Payne, Angus O'Malley, Hayden Wellington, Brent Olsson and Callum Baker.

Heat four: Kai Ellice-Flint, Matt Kirby, Ron Stockings, Angela Goodwin, John Wilson and Mark Shaw.

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Media Release, 19 Mar 2013

Craig Coulton, Ocean Beach Malibu Club
Photo: Tony Gilbert



Shaq Mitchell offloads in traffic

Melbourne Storm play at Woy Woy

The Central Coast Centurions Matthews Cup rugby league team played Melbourne Storm in humid conditions at Woy Woy Oval on Saturday, March 16, with Central Coast winning 46-6.

Erina five eight Matt Downey contributed a try and seven goals to the win.

The Centurions were missing half and captain Ethan Fortis due to injury yet both Downey and replacement number seven Liam Swan were able to control both

sides of the ruck.

Hooker Daniel Peck was the standout player on the field and his weaving darts out of dummy half had Storm defenders backpedalling all afternoon.

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Andrew Stark, Point Clare
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Club Fours Champions - Leith Woodward, Max Wilkinson, Allan Rhodes and Brian Burrows.

Umina bowlers play Club Fours final

The final of the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club Fours Championship was played on Sunday, February 28, with Brian Burrows, Leith Woodward, Max Wilkinson and Allan Rhodes winning 24-19.

Brian's winning team was taken on by Allan Hancock, Robert Milligan, Ken Miller and David

Josh.

Alan's team leapt out of the box and, after eight ends, held a lead of three, but then dropped five which enabled Brian's team to lead for the first time.

The match then seesawed for the next nine ends with the lead changing as one team or the other looked to be taking control.

With the score at 21-16, with two ends to play, it looked like

Brian's team had the game in hand, however, their opponents snatched a three on the second last end.

Brian's team held their nerve and won the match with a three on the last end, giving them a victory of 24 points to 19.

Media Release, 23 Mar 2013
Ian Jarratt, Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club

Ettalong leads pennant comp

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club has won back the Grade One Pennant lead with a win over last year's winner Avoca Beach in round one of the Central Coast Men's Pennant competition.

Playing on home turf, Ettalong got away to a flying start on all three rinks with John Roberts' team scoring an all-the-way 22-15 win from Avoca's Brett Pritchard.

With the end wins shared almost evenly, it was the greater number of multiples by Ettalong that told the difference.

Aron Sherriff skipped his Ettalong team to a 20-9 caning of Tony Shoebridge, allowing Avoca to score five singles and two twos in a match that drew applause for the accurate draw shots from Ettalong's lead Luke McBeatty.

The win was a late birthday present for Luke who turned 17 three days before the game.

It was no easy task for Ettalong's Lee Trethowan and his team as they were up against former English International representative Phil Downs who had come to Australia to play for Avoca for his fourth year in a row.

Phil skipped his team in a game that saw Ettalong crowd the jack, forcing Phil to drive into the head and kill the end on at least four occasions.

With the scores tied at 6-6 on end seven, 9-9 on end 10 and Ettalong trailing by six shots at end 14, Ettalong kept their cool and exploded by rattling off 12 shots for six ends straight, to lead Avoca by six shots with one end to go.

It was all over for Avoca as a single shot scored on the last end wasn't enough to stop Ettalong winning the game 21-16 and the master scoreboard 63-40 which gave the home side three rink wins and six competition points.

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club then secured a win over Bateau Bay at Bateau Bay Bowling Club the following week.

Aron Sherriff's Ettalong team had to work hard against Bateau Bay's Steve Bryant and team.

Ettalong managed to sew the game up for a 27-23 rink win but

John Roberts, with Shane White leading took a rink win of 25-14 from Bateau Bay's skip Greg Cott.

Ettalong's other team, with Lee Trethowan as skip, had a nail-biter of a game against Kevin Trezise (Bateau Bay) with the score tied at 13-13 on end 20.

With both teams giving it their all, it was Kevin's team that grabbed one shot on the 21st end, and one competition point for Bateau Bay.

Ettalong is now leading grade one with 11 competition points from two rounds.

Media Release, 18 Mar 2013
Bob Bourke, Bowls Central Coast



Shane White (left) and Harley McDonald (right) firing for Ettalong at Bateau Bay

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Japanese lifesavers taste State championships

Two Japanese lifesavers got a taste of Aussie beach culture at Ocean Beach-Umina when they joined thousands of Open competitors at the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships from March 1 to 10.

Reina Ohyama and Tsukasa "Aichi" Sakakibara, both 19, had been in Australia for a month staying at Brighton Le Sands and training at North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club.

They competed at the branch carnival last month, but will return home before the Australian championship in mid-April.

"Every Aussie so nice to me," said Ohyama after she lined up for a heat of the open women's board event.

Due to a short beach season of six to eight weeks in Japan, lifesavers have limited time to hone their skills and beachgoers have the same limited opportunity to head to the sand for some fun in the sun.

"There is magnificent surf but due to the offshore breezes and the beaches facing directly towards the ocean, the water can be just 13 degrees while the air is 30 degrees," said Surf Life Saving NSW representative Ms Donna Wishart.

"For a couple of months a year the water temperature rises to 24 degrees."

North Cronulla Surf Life Saving

Club board captain Stewart Cameron worked in Japan in the off-season training a group of Hasaki Life Saving Club members in the board and ski disciplines, as well as how to patrol a beach.

Through a commercial operator, Hasaki Life Saving Club, the only surf club in Japan with an actual clubhouse, has an informal exchange arrangement with North Cronulla and Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club.

Cameron said there were many differences between Australian and Japanese beaches.

Their more popular beaches such as Nishihama can have a crowd of 100,000 turn up on a warm day.

"Cars drive onto the beach where barbecues are unpacked and often drinking alcohol starts in the morning as part of relaxation," said Cameron.

"Unless there is a storm, surf conditions are similar to those at the NSW state titles with flat seas and a tiny shore break.

"There are some strange Council rules like you can swim with a body board but no flippers in case you kick someone in the face.

"Also swimmers can't wear goggles in case they smash and break against your face if you are dumped by a shore wave."

Ohyama said the surf was much bigger in Australia, but there was less to worry about surfing in Japan given there were no sharks.

On the culinary differences she

said: "I eat many sausages here."

Cameron has had a 48-year association with Australian surf lifesaving and a 25-year affiliation with Japanese surf lifesaving, which he said was a growing movement.

"Japanese lifesavers come to Australia for the cultural experience and they train with Australian champions like ironman Chris Allum, Will Budd, the national board champion from North Cronulla, and Maggie Mahoney, the Under-15 board champion.

"They are that keen to learn," said Cameron.

Swimmer and paddler Lara Hughes from North Cronulla agreed that they had a strong work ethic.

"I got to the pool the other morning and Reina was asleep in her car waiting for training to start."

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Donna Wishart, Surf Life Saving NSW



Reina Ohyama and Tsukasa Aichi Sakakibara

Bowls triples

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club hosted Two Bowl Triples on Wednesday, February 27, with 22 teams lining up in the first carnival of the year.

"With the greens running well, there were a number of close tussles and a few upsets set the tone for the day," said club publicity officer Mr Ian Jarratt.

After three games of 12 ends, the team of Mick Maycock from Ettalong, Terry Gaines from Avoca and John Aldersley from Ettalong emerged as winners with three wins, 46.

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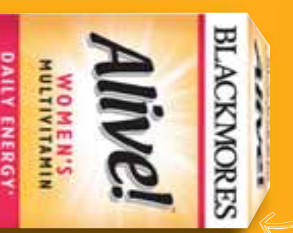
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