

Work commences on waterfront redevelopment

The first sod at the \$5.2 million Ettalong Waterfront redevelopment was turned on Friday, May 24, with Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill, Member for Gosford Mr Chris Holstein and Gosford mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna celebrating the start of the collaborative project.

Ms O'Neill said this was a project of great pride for the entire community.

"I'm very proud of this Federal Government's investment in our region and it is a real boost for local residents and businesses in Ettalong.

"The redevelopment of the Ettalong Beach Foreshore will help us to showcase the natural beauty of our area and will allow both locals and visitors a better chance to share the great lifestyle we enjoy here on the Central Coast," Ms O'Neill said.

Mr Holstein also welcomed the redevelopment.

"This project is long overdue, and will be appreciated by both

locals and visitors alike," said Mr Holstein.

Mayor Cr McKinna said the local community had been very involved in this project and everyone was excited for works to be commencing.

"The local community is really getting behind this redevelopment and we are happy to see the project will be consistent with the Ettalong Beach Reserve Foreshore Plan of Management.

"Council has undergone consultation with the neighbouring property owners, the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and the Ettalong Beach Business Group, with everyone working together to ensure the redevelopment is reflective of the natural characteristics of the area and meets the needs of the local community," mayor Cr McKinna said.

Scheduled works include a new sandstone seawall, cycleway - footpath, playground, park furniture, carpark realignment, stormwater infrastructure and landscaping in the reserve area between Beach St and the

Lemon Grove netball court entry (just south of Bangalow St).

A Beach Facilities Building consisting of a café, kiosk and public toilets will also be constructed at the end of Beach St as will a pedestrian walkway - cycleway along Lance Webb Reserve, between Picnic Pde and Ferry Rd.

Beach nourishment and restoration will also take place.

Construction of the new public toilet facility at Ferry Rd and the demolition of the Schnapper Rd public toilet in November 2011 are also included in the redevelopment project.

The Ettalong Waterfront redevelopment has a \$2 million dollar funding contribution from the Federal Government, \$2.79 million from Gosford Council, \$300,000 from the NSW Government's Metropolitan Greenspace Program and just over \$83,000 from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

**Media Release, 24 May 2013
Gosford Council Media**



Gosford mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna, Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill and Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales

Water rates to increase by seven percent per annum

The NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has announced new water, sewerage and stormwater drainage prices for Gosford City for the next four years.

Gosford Council's director water and sewer Mr Rod Williams said Gosford Council welcomed IPART's final report as it would allow Council to get on with the job of maintaining and improving water and sewerage services for the community.

The new prices will result in a gradual price increase of 28.0% or \$297 over the four year period from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2017, for

a typical residential bill.

Mr Williams said the new prices would help council continue to make multi-million dollar system improvements for approximately 70,000 properties currently using its water supply, sewerage and stormwater networks.

"These charges cover the cost of harvesting, treating and delivering safe drinking water to over 68,000 properties through 1,000 kilometres of water mains.

"During this pricing period council will be delivering major improvements to the water supply system including a \$7.9 million Somersby Water Treatment Plant upgrade that involves the replacement and renewal of

assets to improve their reliability, efficiency, safety and performance.

"Plus, there are extensive, on-going efforts to replace ageing water mains to help reduce main breaks and maintain the quality of the city's drinking water.

"The prices also ensure we transport and treat sewage from over 66,000 properties through 1,500 kilometres of sewerage mains and 185 sewage pump stations to protect public health and the environment.

"In the next four years over \$36 million will be spent on refurbishments and renewals for aging sewerage infrastructure to minimise sewage overflows and odours and reduce risk to the

environment and public health.

"Major upgrades will be completed at Kincumber and Woy Woy Wastewater Treatment Plants, with \$16 million spent to improve the treatment process and ensure we continue treating the community's wastewater to the required environmental standards.

Mr Williams noted that reports from the National Water Commission showed the bill for a typical Gosford household remained below the national average in recent years.

"We understand any price increase can be a concern for residents and we will always strive to deliver services that provide value for money," Mr Williams said.

"Residents can play a role in keeping their bill down by maintaining their commitment to water conservation, which has been a highlight of the commission's reports for some years now."

IPART has considered the submission made by Gosford City Council, as well as the public submissions to determine the final prices.

Following council resolution, new charges will come into effect from July 1.

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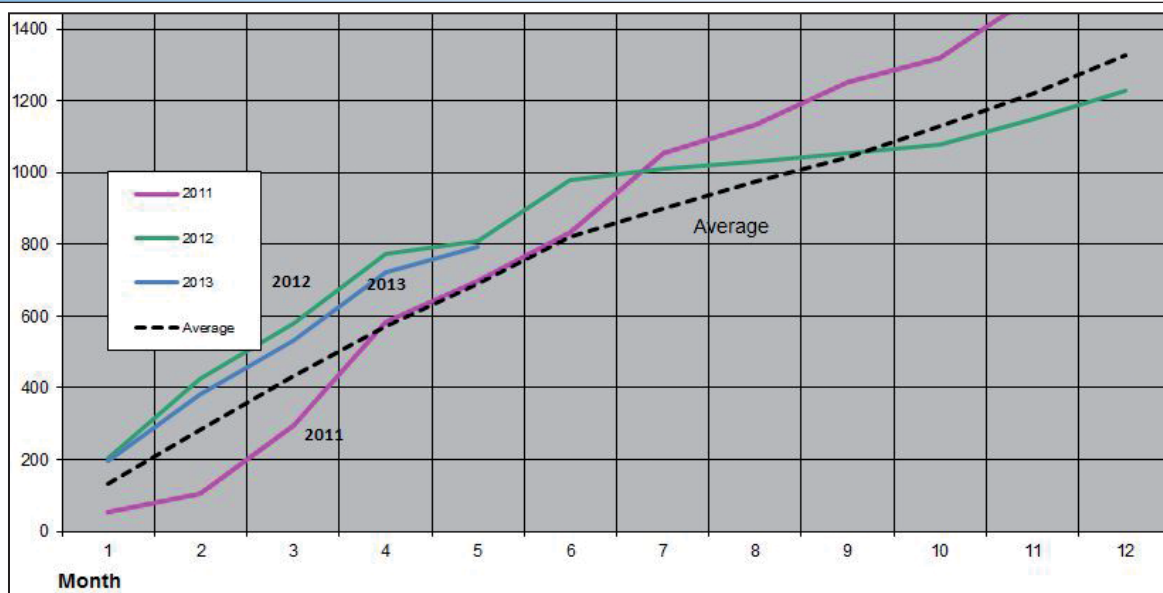
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Above average rainfall continues

Rainfall this month is likely to be below average with only 71.3mm having fallen by Thursday morning, May 23.

This is less than 39 per cent of the average of 118.3mm for May,

according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

However, even with such a low monthly rainfall, the cumulative total for the year to date remains well above average.

So far this year, a total of 793.8mm has fallen, almost 14.7 per cent above the average at the end of May of 692.3mm.

Spreadsheet, 24 May 2013
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

Your Chance to Win

Peninsula News and Royal Life Saving are giving one reader the chance to win a Be Pool Safe prize pack valued at \$150.

The prize pack contains one Royal Life Saving first aid kit, one community lifesaver in a box, two face shield key rings, one Royal Life Saving Pool poster and one Keep Watch Pool Supervisor hat.

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The winner of last edition's Peninsula News Julie Goodwin competition was Mrs L Lenfield of Umina.

Runners up were Julie Bennett of Umina and P Dixon of Woy Woy.

Kaitlin Watts, 24 May 2013

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Independent report finds twelve reasons to object to Patonga draft plan

A formal objection to the Draft Patonga Crown Reserves and Dark Corner Cottages Plan of Management has been prepared by Glendinning Minto and Associates on behalf of the Patonga Progress Association.

The objection to NSW Trade and Investment – Crown Lands details 12 reasons why the Draft Plan should not be adopted.

The first of the 12 reasons for objection was non-compliance with the brief.

Glendinning's report stated that the Draft Plan had not been prepared in accordance with the Expression of Interest (Consultant's Brief) for the preparation of the plan prepared by Gosford Council and the Department of Lands dated September 2008.

Insufficient community consultation was also listed as a key issue.

The report stated that as a result of insufficient community consultation the proposal failed to identify who the key stakeholders and land users were, what existing land uses occurred, what the existing impacts resulting from those land uses were and what the

key on-going user requirements were.

The third point of objection was the lack of a steering committee.

"Appropriate consultation would have identified that the issues associated with the subject reserves are of such complexity that a steering committee should have been established by the trust manager for the preparation of the Plan," stated the report.

"Community groups such as the Progress Association would be expected to be included on such a committee."

The report also noted that due to the nature and issues associated with different elements, it was not appropriate to have a single plan of management and that Dark Corner Cottages should be excised from the plan and included in a separate Plan of Management.

Proper identification of the affected lands was also raised as an issue.

According to the report, it was apparent from documentation included within the Plan and provided by the Council that it was not clear to the Council or Crown Lands where the cadastral boundaries of the particular lots

were located.

"This is particularly relevant in relation to the separation of the caravan park lot from the surrounding access lot.

"Lot 7004 is understood to have a width of 30m measured from High Water Mark, however, this is not reflected on the Council provided survey plan or on the landscape masterplan."

The Progress Association was also unsatisfied with the identification of the permitted use of the land.

"Critical to this matter is that each of the identified parcels of land is being used in accordance with its gazetted purpose.

"It is our understanding that Lot 7004 (the lot adjoining the beachfront and creek) was originally created for public access while Lot 7006 (caravan site) was created for public recreation.

"This is reflected in the composition of different trust managers for each lot with Lot 7006 being managed by the Patonga Caravan and Camping Park Reserve Trust while Lot 7004 is managed by the Patonga Recreation Reserve Trust," stated the report.

The report also called for the removal of encroachments, stating that the existing caravan park encroaches beyond its boundaries and that the plan seeks to endorse and expand upon such encroachments.

"The Plan of Management made reference to the potential for additional uses including the provision of permanent forms of tourist accommodation within the caravan park, however, does not provide details of those additional uses."

The Glendinning report stated that this was contrary to the Trust Handbook.

Funding was also identified as an issue as was maintenance of resident access and parking.

"The plan makes no reference to how any of the strategies proposed are to be funded and does not provide for a budgeted program for maintenance and development work in accordance with the Trust Handbook.

"The Plan fails to properly identify the existing and important role that Lot 7004 plays in providing access and car parking for residents of Patonga Creek.

"The Plan in effect seeks to

remove or at the least compromise this existing situation.

"There is no detailed assessment of the number of spaces required, the number of spaces currently provided or the number of spaces proposed.

"The Plan fails to properly identify existing issues relating to the parking of vehicles associated with the operation of the caravan park and the hotel and as a consequence will only exaggerate those issues rather than providing an effective solution.

"Once again there does not appear to have been any detailed surveys undertaken to identify existing car parking demands associated with either use.

"In the absence of this information how can it be determined if the proposal will provide for an effective response?

"The car parking strategies proposed are deficient in number, are not supported by Council's Traffic Engineers in relation to those proposed for Patonga Central and are heavily slanted in favour of the caravan park."

**Presentation, 18 May 2013
Glendinning Minto and Associates**

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Local highlights in national budget

Vital infrastructure projects and new and continuing community support programs were highlights for locals in the 2013-14 Budget, according to Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill.

Ms O'Neill welcomed the new investment and thanked the Coast community for their involvement.

"New funding in the Budget will make a real difference for people on the Coast.

"Whether it means more support for people with a disability through DisabilityCare Australia, or less time stuck in traffic with funding for the F3-M2.

"I am proud to share these announcements with the Coasties who have signed my petitions and called for these commitments, but there is still more work to do," Ms O'Neill said.

Ms O'Neill highlighted the importance of ensuring that the Budget promoted job creation and economic growth for Australia's future prosperity.

"This Government has made targeted and responsible

decisions, in line with our Labor values, to ensure that we are a stronger, smarter and fairer Australia.

"We will always act responsibly to prioritise jobs to ensure that the economy works for more people.

"With DisabilityCare Australia set in stone in this budget, Coasties can now be assured that they will benefit from one of the biggest social reforms in Australian history.

"This government is proud to be bringing this issue to the forefront of policy discussions and community attention.

"In the seat of Robertson, approximately 2,497 locals may be eligible for support under DisabilityCare when the scheme rolls out across the country.

"To better nurture our young creative talent, this Budget will allocate \$23,500 to each electorate to encourage, support and celebrate the participation of young people in creative, cultural, academic and community events or training.

"Gosford Council will be eligible to apply for one of 14 competitive grants of up to \$375,000 to deliver innovative online local government

services using the NBN.

"Our local Broadband for Seniors kiosk will be eligible to receive extra funding for a new computer and touchscreen monitor, ensuring seniors can benefit from a wider range of interactive computer applications and programs.

"Each kiosk will also be eligible to receive a grant to deliver training and information sessions on the importance of cyber safety and personal security," said Ms O'Neill.

Kiosks on the Peninsula are located at The Cove Village, Mingaletta, Woy Woy Community Aged Care, Peninsula Community Centre, and Living Choice - Deepwater Court.

"For pensioners wanting to downsize their homes, the sting of losing chunks of their pension because of the sale is often discouraging.

"Under a trial outlined in the Budget, eligible pensioners who want to downsize, can put at least 80 per cent of excess sale proceeds (up to a max of \$200 thousand) into a special account that is exempt from the pensioner means test so that it won't affect their pension.

"In the electorate of Robertson, this could benefit around 15,830 pensioners who are home-owners.

"The Federal Government is investing \$5.5 million in Childcare Flexibility Trials to test innovative approaches to provide families with access to more flexible care options.

"Gosford and Peninsula Family Daycare have received extra support to extend hours to better cater to the needs of our local police officers.

"To better support families receiving the partnered Parenting Payment, Newstart Allowance and Widow, Sickness or Partner Allowance, the Federal Government is increasing the amount recipients can earn before their payments are affected.

"This means people can take home \$494 extra per year and for the first time the income free area will also be indexed to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from 1 July 2015.

"In the electorate of Robertson this will immediately benefit 1,038 people on income support currently earning over \$62 a fortnight, and potentially benefit 3,994 more

people should they move into work.

"Labor established disability employment services in mid-2010 – getting rid of the cruel cap and quota based system that was put in place by the Howard government.

"Now, everyone who needs help to find a job gets that help.

"In the electorate of Robertson, this investment has seen 2,083 people placed in work since the program began.

"This Federal Budget provides \$84.5 million over four years for the provision of around 1,650 additional Commonwealth supported sub-bachelor and postgraduate places to universities.

"In the electorate of Robertson, Labor's uncapping of places has seen a 15.2% increase in students commencing University.

"This is vital in ensuring that locals are able to access affordable university education, and are able to get the skilled jobs of the future," said Ms O'Neill.

**Media Release, 14 May 2013
Richard Mehrrens, Office
of Deborah O'Neill MP**

Residents encouraged to vote for Constitutional Recognition

The mayors of both Gosford and Wyong Councils have encouraged residents to support a campaign to give Constitutional Recognition to Local Government.

A referendum will be held at the upcoming September 14 Federal election and both Councils have joined 85 per cent of councils around Australia to support the campaign for Constitutional Recognition.

A high court decision ruled the Federal Government cannot directly fund Local Government, which puts

at risk Federal Government funding across the Central Coast.

If Constitutional Recognition is given to Local Government, this will allow for direct Federal funding of Local Government.

"Local Councils including Gosford and Wyong often rely heavily on Federal funding to improve our roads and community facilities," said Gosford mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna.

"By voting yes in the referendum, residents are voting to continue to access this funding, which contributes to many major projects

in our local areas.

"For example, the Peninsula Recreation Precinct at Umina Beach received \$3.1 million Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program and the Regional Development Australia Fund provided \$2.5 million for the Narara Valley Sporting Precinct.

"Both of these facilities provide important social and recreational opportunities for our residents and are significant community assets.

"In regard to road funding, Gosford Local Government Area

last year received \$454,500 under the Federal Nation Building Black Spot program to increase safety on a number of roads including Dane Dr, Gosford, the Central Coast Highway at Kariong and Maitland Bay Dr - Picnic Pde at Ettalong Beach.

"The Roads to Recovery program also provides vital funding for road upgrades.

"Recently completed projects include; Barnhill Rd at Terrigal, Mount Ettalong Rd at Umina Beach, bridges and culverts at Timber Dr, Lisarow, The Round Dr

at Avoca Beach, Serpentine Rd at Erina Heights and Springfield Rd at Springfield.

"These projects give you some idea of how important this funding is to our region," mayor Cr McKinna said.

Both Councils received an \$80 million grant from the Federal Government for the Mardi-Mangrove Link project, which has secured the region's water supply.

**Media Release, 20 May 2013
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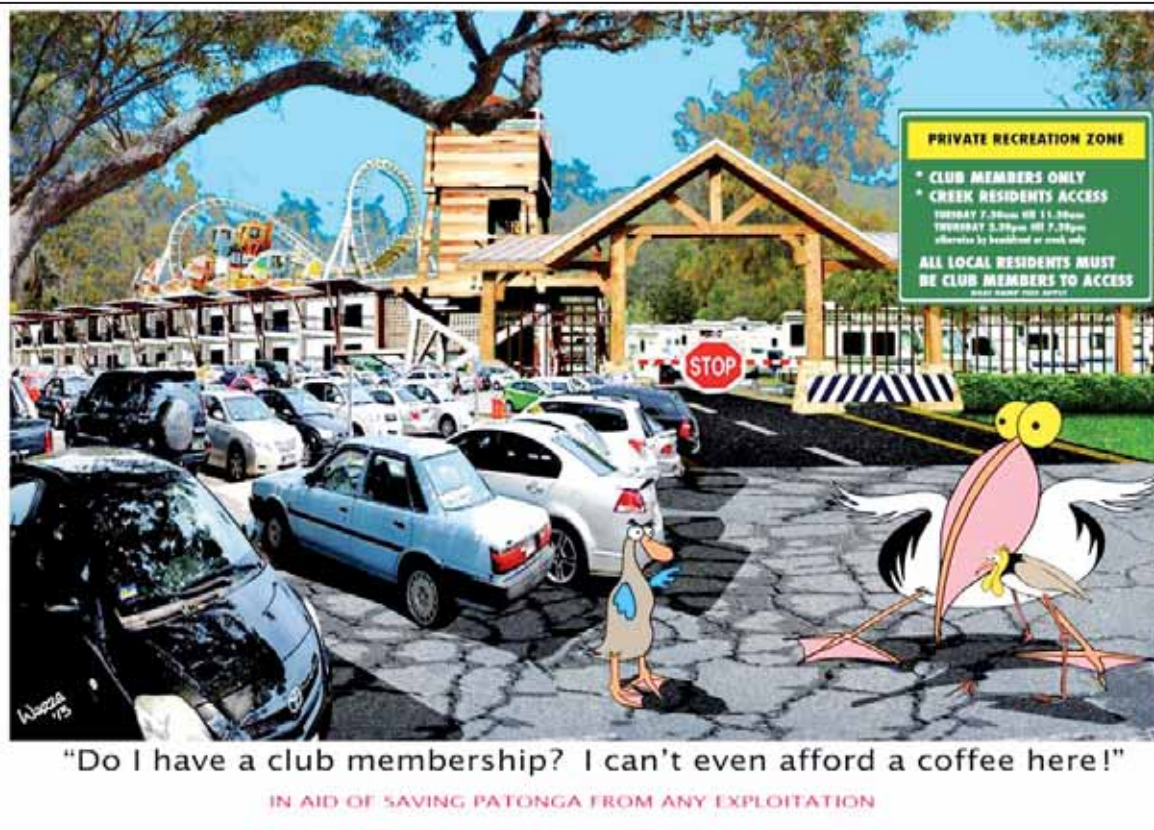
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Patonga meeting hears latest news

The third community meeting on the Patonga Plan of Management prepared by Gosford Council and Crown Lands took place on Saturday, May 18, in the Patonga Progress Hall.

A moment of levity was provided by Patonga local Warren 'Wazza' Pickering with his cartoon of what the caravan park might look like if the Plans were implemented.

The cartoon forms part of his detailed submission on the Plan, one of over 50 submissions that have now been sent to Crown Lands, including support from Pearl Beach Progress Association, from an occasional visitor living in France as well as the young and the old members of the Patonga community.

There were 94 people registered

to hear the Progress Association's consultant Andrew Minto outline the approach the Association's submission was taking, focusing on procedural issues and shortcomings in the way the Plans were prepared.

"There was strong support for the approach being taken which provides a basis for on-going negotiations with Lands and Council, through a working group to be established when submissions close, which will include community representatives," said Patonga Progress Association president Mr Dain Simpson.

The meeting also heard from Peter Henderson on the success of the Fighting Fund established at the first community meeting in April, and from Phil Doughty, who is chairing the Action Committee of the Association.

Mr Doughty outlined what action

had been taken as well as the procedure going forward to ensure the community's views are heard.

Four precinct committees were formed at the meeting to enable members of the community to be consulted on the issues that affect them.

A website, www.patongaplan.com, provided by IT entrepreneur George May, of Patonga Creek, is also providing a forum for community views.

"The continuing sense of community united was evident at the meeting, a strong belief that as a community they are entitled to have their say and not just have a Plan of Management thrust upon them," said Mr Simpson.

Email, 23 May 2013
Dain Simpson, Patonga Progress Association

Man arrested for child-approach incident

Police from Brisbane Water Local Area Command are investigating a child-approach incident in Woy Woy on Wednesday, May 15.

About 9:45am, an 11-year-old girl was walking along Dunbar Rd, Woy Woy, when she noticed a red utility appeared to be following her.

The girl hid in the front yard of a house, emerging when she thought the vehicle had gone.

However, the utility reappeared a short time later.

The child alerted the residents of a nearby house, and police attended.

Despite an extensive search of the area the vehicle could not be located.

Police now wish to speak with the male driver, who is described only as wearing a leather cowboy-style hat and a leather jacket.

Anyone with information about the incident should contact Brisbane Water Local Area Command, or call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the Crime Stoppers online reporting page: <https://www1.police.nsw.gov.au/>.

Information provided will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Police are also reminding people they should not report crime information via their Facebook and Twitter pages.

Media Release, 16 May 2013
NSW Police Media

Police hunt for man in white van

Police are appealing for information after a teenage girl was allegedly followed by a man in Umina on Saturday, May 11.

About 11:30am, a 15-year-old girl was walking along Nelson St when she noticed a white van travelling slowly behind her.

Officers were told the girl went into a number of yards to try and get away from the man but he continued to follow her.

The girl was followed into nearby Trafalgar Ave, before she ran into West St to get away.

Police from Brisbane Water Local Area Command were notified and patrolled the area, however, did not find the man allegedly involved.

They are investigating the

circumstances surrounding the incident and would like to speak to a man who may be able to assist with their inquiries.

He has only been described as being of Caucasian appearance, aged in his 40s, unshaven, with short white hair.

His vehicle is described as being an older model white van with blacked out windows and NSW black and yellow registration plates with a partial registration of 'B407' or similar.

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McFarland is Independents' candidate for Robertson

Niagara Park resident Mr Douglas McFarland has been chosen by Australian Independents party leader Dr Patricia Petersen as the candidate to contest the seat of Robertson in the September election.

"Mr McFarland is passionate about representing Robertson," said Dr Peterson.

"He's intelligent, socially progressive, up to speed with what people in his electorate want and need.

"He knows what challenges people in the electorate of Robertson face every day because he faces them himself – he lives in the electorate, he runs a small business in the area; he's a local," she said.

Mr McFarland said that he was attracted to the Australian Independents because the party was the only party in Australia for outlawing personal attacks and bullying, both inside and outside of the party, genuine representation, real accountability and democracy.

"The Australian Independents party is based on respect – respect for fellow members and colleagues, respect for other politicians and respect for the community.

"As an Australian Independents candidate, I will continue to listen to what the electorate of Robertson wants and, if elected, will go into parliament and fight for them.

"The Australian Independents party is serious about accountability.

"We don't accept donations from corporations or unions and we don't accept individual yearly donations of over \$500 as we are against corruption.

"We only endorse community driven policies and our constitution stipulates that I, as a candidate, can and will only adopt policies that the majority of constituents in Robertson want; the party is serious about democracy and so am I," he said.

"The majority of people in every electorate of Australia, including Robertson, are for gay marriage, for an outright ban on CSG, for ending homelessness and for cutting red tape and administrative requirements for small business.

"All Australian Independents party candidates, including myself, will fight in parliament to see these issues addressed.

"Some political parties are for a moratorium on CSG, but this is just a delay.

"The Australian Independents

party has the strongest anti-CSG policy in Australia as we understand the urgent need to protect our wineries, drinking water, farmers, agricultural

industry and food export market.

"The Australian Independents party is listening to the Australian electorate; our party is listening to the constituents of Robertson

– we need a ban on CSG and we need it right now," he said.

Media Release, 23 May 2013
Patricia Peterson, Australian Independents party

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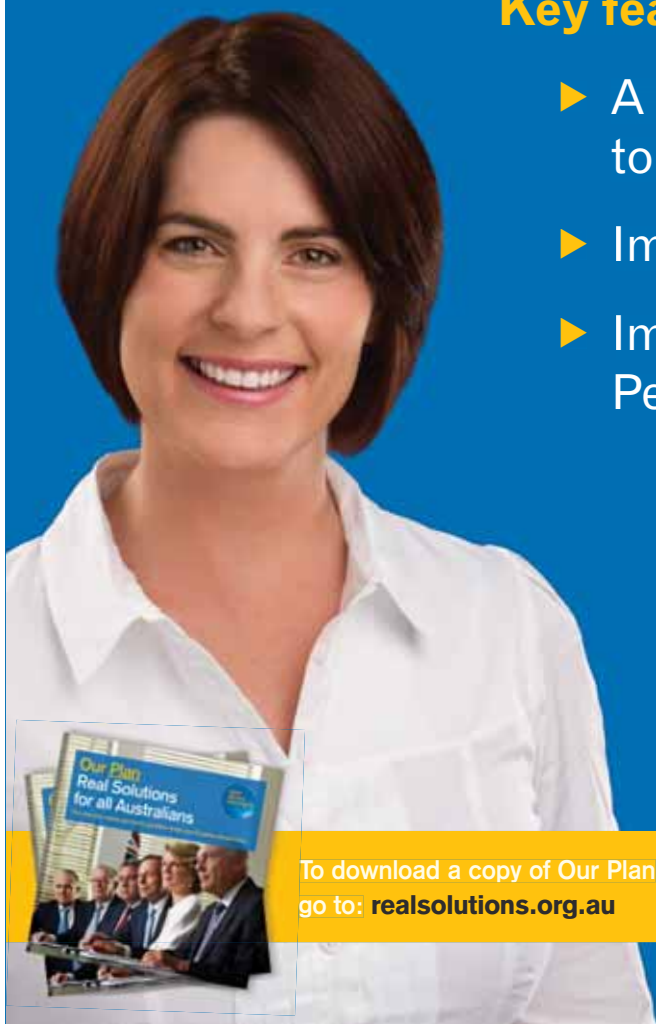


The Liberals' commitment means less time in traffic and more time with families.



Key features of the F3 to M2 link include:

- ▶ A tunnel from the southern end of the F3 at Wahroonga to the M2 Motorway at Pennant Hills Road
- ▶ Improvements to the F3 at Wahroonga
- ▶ Improvements to the M2 Motorway between Pennant Hills Road and the North Rocks Road intersection



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Stephen Glenn will be interim GM at Cessnock

Gosford Council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glenn has accepted a position offered to him by Cessnock Council of interim general manager for a period of three to six months which will commence on Monday, June 3.

Gosford Council general manager Mr Paul Anderson said Mr Glenn accepted the temporary appointment with his full support, along with the support of mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna and all councillors.

Mr Glenn has been employed with Gosford Council for the past 13 years as the director of city services, during which time he has acted in the position of general manager on a number of occasions.

"Gosford City Council extends



its best wishes to Stephen for this opportunity," said Mr Anderson.

Media Statement, 21 May 2013
Paul Anderson, Gosford Council



New multi-purpose vehicle for Pearl Beach fire fighters

A public ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 29, which will see the official hand over of a Cat 12 multi-purpose vehicle from the Rural Fire Service to the Pearl Beach Volunteer Bushfire Brigade.

"The old troop carrier gave us long and good service but the modern Rural Fire Service does more than transport fire-fighters to and from a fire," said Pearl Beach Volunteer Bushfire Brigade president Mr Denis Cathie.

"We now train our members to assist the community with the aftermath of storms, hail, damaging winds, fallen trees and branches, people needing help in different situations including emergency help and motor vehicle accidents.

"All these activities require a more sophisticated vehicle.

"This new CAT 12 will still do the job our beloved Troopie did.

"It will transport tired and spent fire-fighters back to the fire station, and fresh fires to the fire-grounds, but it will support many additional functions," he said.

The official handover was organised by brigade member Van davy and more than 200 people are expected to attend the handover from 10am when the CAT 12 will be available for public inspection.

"We have a lot of thanking to do," said Mr Cathie.

"Most of the funds for this new

CAT 12 came from donations from the Pearl Beach-Umina-Ettalong-Woy Woy community.

"We have members of the public to thank as well as key organizations such as the Pearl Beach Progress Association which give us long-term and unstinting

assistance.

"Rotary and Lions Clubs also provide regular support to the Brigade," he said.

Media Release, 16 May 2013
Van Davy, Pearl Beach
Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

Hiker airlifted to hospital

A 43-year-old male was airlifted to Gosford Hospital from Caves Bay with chest pains on Monday, May 20.

Around 7am, the man and a number of his friends drove to the Little Beach carpark in Bouddi

National Park from Sydney.

They then walked about 4km down a fire trail to Caves Bay.

The group went surfing and left the 43-year-old man who was not feeling well.

Around 11:30am the man contacted an ambulance as he was having chest pains.

Police and ambulance made their way on foot to his location where he was assessed and, due to the remote location, was airlifted by Westpac helicopter to Gosford Hospital.

Website, 23 May 2013
Brisbane Water LAC Facebook



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Water fountain is not just for humans

I was in the habit of making a rendezvous with my loved one at the Bay View beer garden every Friday afternoon.

As its name implies, the Bay View Hotel looks out over the placid delights of Woy Woy Bay and was a perfect, relaxing place to start the weekend.

On this particular day I sat, beer in hand, scanning the vista beyond, when I noticed a singular water-feature between the pub and the water's edge.

It was a fountain, and an unusual one.

It consisted of a ground-level dish, about two metres wide, from which spurts of water occasionally flew up.

There must have been a dozen or so water nozzles in the dish that randomly shot up a spout of water, which then splashed down and recycled through the centre of the dish.

The fountain was fascinating to watch, and I noted that it was indeed "random" and seemed to have no particular pattern by which the spurts shot upwards.

I was admiring the operations of the fountain when I noticed an interloping dog, a medium sized short-haired bitser, the sex of which I couldn't quite fathom.

The dog was interested in the spurts as well.

At first it circled and watched, and then it ventured its snout towards the nozzles that had recently spurted.

The dog gradually grew more 'au fait', and began to anticipate squirts and poke its nose nearby, to collect some of the splash.

But this was just the prelude.

At some stage this astute canine

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had the equivalent of a dog brain-bomb.

The light went on.

It had hit upon a certain Eureka! moment.

Within a very short time it had devised a strategy whereby it lay with its nether regions smack-dab above the water-spout.

It splayed its back legs so that its genitalia lay fair and square on top, as it were.

Every now and then a spurt occurred, and the look on the dog's face was one of such unsurpassed ecstasy as to be the ultimate definition of animal bliss.

When each spurt happened it was as though it was transported way beyond Woy Woy, a dream-like smile locked onto its dial, and its tongue lolled out.

Canine heaven.

In my life, I don't think I have ever seen a happier dog, nor a more functionally perfect water-feature.

Email, 21 May 2013
Bob Treasure, Patonga

Democracy is not a one-man show

Forum

The two documentaries about Rupert Murdoch's media empire, recently shown on ABC TV, clearly demonstrate the need for more media diversity in Australia.

Leaving Murdoch's remarkable entrepreneurship and the growth of News Corporation aside, the

role of the powerful Corporation in pushing his own ideological preferences can only be described as demonstrably dangerous to democratic values.

PM Major was cast aside in favour of Thatcher in Britain; in

Australia, Hawke, Keating and Howard were favoured.

Now it is Abbott and his team who are assisted by his newspapers, having 70 per cent of circulation here.

Winners are those who are favoured by Murdoch's personal world views but democracy is not a one-man show, quite the opposite.

That is why Gillard's legislation aiming at media diversity remains very important.

The Murdoch propaganda war against her is in full swing in this election.

A major reason why the Gillard Government is down in the polls is the non-stop negative treatment by the Murdoch media.

Election outcomes here should never be the result of the views of one media owner, amplified by his virtual media monopoly.

This is not a fair-go Australia.

Surely, it is a modern form of tyranny.

Voters should reflect on this.

Email, 14 May 2013
Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

Australia needs to tighten its borders

Forum

An election flyer can mean anything, but election promises are either true or false.

Both Labor and Liberal parties are to blame for the boat people mess, wasted taxes etc.

There is no deliberate falsehood about illegal migrants.

They will come by air, land and sea whether they are sponsored or not, to come to any country that will look after them.

My father was an ex-Barnardo's boy who left England in 1934 to live and work under sponsorship.

My grandmother was also sponsored to live and work in Australia from England in 1919 when she was married at age 21.

At that time, migration was proper.

I think political figures and dates from the internet and other sources are not in contempt at all.

Processing of these people who arrive on boats will not be processed any faster because of paperwork and assessment of criteria that matches their claims for citizenship.

Therefore, Australia needs to tighten its borders so illegal immigration does not go undetected.

Letter, 29 April 2013
Linda Moverely, Woy Woy

Peninsula or Peninsular

There is a common misuse by contributors, commercial

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and other advertisers in Central Coast publications of the words Peninsula (a Noun) and its derivative, Peninsular (an Adjective).

The best explanation of their use is – the Woy Woy Peninsula is so named due to its peninsular shaped topography.

Email, 14 May 2013
Ian Butler, Pearl Beach

Public keep out; no trespassing

Forum

It is a falsehood to call the state's parks, national parks, as the new Government has rewritten the rules.

No longer about conservation and heritage, the state parks and reserves will have new signs erected.

Welcome shooters, miners and logger.

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Letter, 21 May 2013
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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Who was Mr Brian Neville?



The members of the Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance know who Mr Brian Neville was.

The broader Woy Woy community should be permitted to remember and celebrate in perpetuity the time Brian put in to support and promote the efforts of the Alliance.

He was interviewed on TV and often photographed for media reports.

Brian was always there doing what he could.

He, and so many others, for over four years, pursued door knocking and collecting signatures.

The work of the alliance attracted over seven thousand supporters, all with the same aim, the return of a very important medical amenity to our Woy Woy "Public" Hospital, central to an area believed to have the highest ratio of needy people over sixty five in the Gosford Local Government Area.

Brian Neville, right

until the day he died, was the public face of our community's fight to have a stolen fifteen bed rehabilitation ward returned to Woy Woy "Public" Hospital.

He was chosen years ago by popular vote to be our guiding light.

We the people put him at the top of a metaphorical growing mountain of community resistance to what was an unconscionable act of misgovernance!

Alliance members are now insistent that Mr Brian Neville, as a representative of our broader community which united to seek help wherever they could find it, be memorialized with a plaque inside our new thirty bed rehabilitation wing.

Brian Neville epitomized community involvement, identifying just what community can achieve when people are needing to correct their government's mistake.

As an honoured,

lifetime member of the Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance, I make this paid announcement to acknowledge all those thousands of people who supported the Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance.

I wish to point out to Peninsula News readers that our rehabilitation amenity is right back where it belongs because the people do not blindly accept and follow the governments "protocols".

Edward James



Brian Neville



It's a joy to be an aged pedestrian

Rod Munson touches a nerve when he complains about speeding pushbikes.

It is very unnerving to see a speeding bike race past you, when one false step could put you in hospital, as happened to Bill Lang's 90-year-old mother.

One zoom star raced past me at about 60km per hour.

I let out a mouthful and she turned to grin, in the far distance of the end of the West St footpath.

Well, at least we don't have maniacal joggers on the Peninsula.

In Sydney, joggers just push or elbow you aside.

Oh, it's a joy to be an aged pedestrian I can tell you.

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Letter, 21 May 2013
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Colin Williams writes that "my desperate yearning is for the installation of personnel who will deliver a safe, secure and flourishing Australia" (Peninsula News, April 29).

Actually, compared to many western countries Australia is "safe, secure and flourishing".

His comments about debt levels and "losing control over borders" are ill-informed.

Also, Colin clearly is still of the view that the issue is still capitalism versus socialism.

Not so.

Most of the privatisations and tariff reductions in Australia were actually undertaken by the Hawke and Keating Governments.

However, the issue of lack of confidence in the political system and many politicians is certainly real.

But this is an area where Gillard, together with the Greens and Independents, has at least the greater potential to make headway.

Briefly, what are the major causes of this lack of confidence?

Number one is the archaic federal constitution.

The federal construct had merit in 1900 but not any longer as it has been basically impossible to amend it.

The costly nightmare of federal-state relations is system problem number one.

Number two is the two-party system, largely the result of the 1918 and 1924 electoral laws resulting now in exceptionally nasty adversarial spectacles.

Abbott's great contribution here

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is that he has fully exploited his Opposition leadership role to the point that voters are heartily sick of it now.

So let's reflect on what party or parties and - or Independents - would most likely tackle system change necessary to achieve new respect and quality in our parliaments.

Abbott may have succeeded in endlessly rubbishing the Government but does that make him a suitable candidate to be Government leader?

In particular would he embrace system change?

There is no indication of that at all.

But system change is possible.

Why is Australia not talking about that?

Moreover, the Opposition leader's other policies remain unimpressive.

He has backtracked on several definite promises.

His position on climate change is just dangerous scaremongering.

The NBN alternative is completely unconvincing.

Abbott cannot stop the refugee boats, but he does not have a credible alternative refugee strategy.

The laudable Gonski deal could well be accepted by all states, issue resolved.

The ALP budget is likely to be

realistic and responsible, tough but generally acceptable.

Additional revenue may be found by levying more progressive taxes on banks, mines and grossly over-rewarded executives, as the Greens rightly recommend.

The opposition's endlessly negative utterances about the Gillard Government may increasingly annoy voters.

Gillard could announce that Badgerys Creek will become Sydney's long overdue second airport.

A new formula for an amicable partnership with the Greens could emerge.

We should also realise that there is very solid support within the ALP caucus for Gillard (and not for Rudd).

Gillard is proving to be "tough as nails", as Swan claims, as well as a skilful negotiator.

The economic indicators show that trying circumstances lie ahead.

My view is that voters will soon begin to doubt that the Abbott team has the quality to deal with them.

Many voters would want a government that could initiate major institutional reforms, system changes.

Could these be expected to come from a deeply conservative Government?

Email, 30 Apr 2013
Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

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Tourism figures questioned

Forum

I was amazed to read in your last edition (317) that in 2003 the Central Coast had 5.3 million visitors.

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Gordon Paterson, Ettalong

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New hoist for stroke victims

A new hoist has been installed at the Woy Woy Hospital hydrotherapy pool with Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club members attending a training session recently to learn how to operate it.

"The hoist is of invaluable use to stroke affected people, and other afflictions, as it enables members to gain easy access in and out of the pool," said Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club secretary Ms Gina Channon.

The Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club, which is affiliated with the NSW Stroke Recovery Association, was formed around 20 years ago to support persons who have suffered a stroke.

The group provides support with regular hydrotherapy sessions and up to date information on what to

do after having a stroke.

"The club also provides company and friendship to stroke members and their families by having regular bus trips, luncheons and other social functions," said Ms Channon.

The club meets every second Tuesday each month at the Peninsula Community Centre.

"Anyone affected by stroke, including family members, are welcome to join the club.

"The club is also looking for able bodied volunteers to assist stroke members that may need assistance in and out of the pool," she said.

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Email, 18 May 2013
Gina Channon, Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club



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Newsletter, 21 May 2013
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

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Earlwood Greg dies suddenly



The Glenn Cardier with Earlwood Greg and Chris Marsh show, scheduled for the weekend of May 25 and 26, was cancelled due to the sudden death of Earlwood Greg.

Earlwood Greg, whose given name was Greg Derrig, was a blues songwriter from Woy Woy.

A Memorial Service was held at Palmdale Gardens in Ourimbah on

Friday, May 24, with those paying their respects wearing a yellow piece of clothing to remember him.

A number of tributes were posted on his Facebook page with one stating that he "was a lovely gentleman and a great musician".

Another said: "Greg, you were an inspiration and one of the most kind and gentle men I've ever known. We will miss you sorely."

Kaitlin Watts, 23 May 2013

Bridge for Brain Challenge held

Brisbane Water Bridge Club participated in an Australia-wide bridge competition on Thursday, May 2, at the Peninsula Community Centre.

The Bridge for Brain Research Challenge is held each year in May and raises funds for

Neuroscience Australia.

The Challenge promotes the benefits of playing bridge by keeping the mind active, while raising funds to continue research into brain health.

The Club's winners were Sylvia Foster and Judy Wulff (North-South positions) and

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Susan McCall and Adam Moffat (East-West positions).

Email, 12 May 2013
Jenny Buckley, Brisbane
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Education



New Aboriginal community support worker at Ettalong

Ettalong Public School principal Mr Colin Wallis has announced Ms Tanya Whiting as the school's new Aboriginal community support worker.

"Tanya works at Woy Woy

Public School for two days and is an active and involved member of our local Koranna AECG," said Mr Wallis.

"Tanya will commence duties with us on Monday, May 27, at our Reconciliation Week Assembly.

"Tanya will work Mondays

and Tuesdays with us and will be another invaluable resource for our students and community.

"We look forward to welcoming her aboard," said Mr Wallis.

Newsletter, 21 May 2013

Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

Pretty Beach win debate

Pretty Beach Public School Year 5 students competed in a debate at Kincumber Public School on Wednesday, May 22.

The team won the debate on the topic that self-defence should be taught in all primary schools.

The girls were given the negative side.

"Great work girls and thank you Trinity-Rose for being the advisor and Mrs Bridgman for training the team," said Pretty Beach Public School assistant principal Lee Simpson.

Newsletter, 23 May 2013

Lee Simpson, Pretty Beach Public School

"The Wrong Book" read simultaneously

Empire Bay Public School participated in National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday, May 22.

National Simultaneous Storytime, now in its 13th year, is organised by the Australian Library and Information Association.

"It is a colourful, vibrant and fun event that aims to promote the

value of reading and literacy," said principal Mr Brad Lewis.

"Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

"This year, The Wrong Book by

Nick Bland was chosen to read to children across the nation.

"I was invited into several classrooms to read this book and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to share good literature with our students," he said.

Newsletter, 22 May 2013

Brad Lewis, Empire Bay Public School

Preschool under national quality review

Woy Woy Public School's Preschool is currently undergoing a review under the National Quality Framework's Assessment and Rating Process.

All childcare services, including long day-care, family day-care and preschools are now subject to a national standardised review under the Process.

After their inspections, each service receives a rating for each quality area and an overall rating.

One of the first steps undertaken by Woy Woy Public School's Preschool was a self-assessment phase conducted by staff.

The self-assessment was driven by staff's personal reflection of the strengths and weaknesses of all of

the quality areas and from that they developed a Quality Improvement Plan.

The school was required to submit the Quality Improvement Plan to the Regulatory Authority at the end of last term and have since been advised that the review visit will occur in week seven of this term.

Preschool staff have been working to ensure all necessary documentation is readily available for the assessors.

While the assessors are at the school, they will observe staff interacting with the children and will also ask to see the policies and programs that are in place for the education of the children.

They may also wish to speak to

the children and some families.

This is the first time Woy Woy Public School Preschool staff have been involved in this process.

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Kevin Lane (relieving principal), Woy Woy Public School



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New principal for Umina college campus

Mr Brent Walker has officially taken over as principal at Brisbane Water Secondary College, Umina campus.

"As a resident of the local community and a passionate educator, I am excited about the future and look forward to enhancing the learning opportunities at the school through providing a strong focus on educational excellence," said Mr Walker.

"I would like to sincerely acknowledge the work of my predecessor Frank Gasper, the leadership team of the school and

the efforts of the hardworking P and C and AECG who have worked tirelessly for the college.

"I have always been proud to work in public education as an English teacher making a difference for all students.

"As a deputy principal I became even more aware of the range of background circumstances our students face.

"I am deeply committed to working with the partner primary schools, senior campus and the wider community to improve the learning outcomes and opportunities of all students.

"I believe that high expectations and quality teaching is essential in creating a vibrant learning culture.

"Through meaningful communication with parents and by building upon existing relationships within the learning community, I will work tirelessly to make Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus the school of choice for all students in the area," said Mr Walker.

**Newsletter, 20 May 2013
Brent Walker, Brisbane Water Secondary College
Umina Campus**



Woy Woy South to focus on reading

Woy Woy South Public School Year 2 through to Year 6 teachers have been involved in professional development activities this year related to a new program that has been trialled over the past few years in schools across the state.

The program, called Focus on Reading, aims to provide professional learning support to classroom teachers by increasing teacher knowledge about how to develop fluent readers and develop comprehension and vocabulary skills based on effective evidence-based research.

The program involves explicit teaching of critical aspects of reading.

Students' reading progress is monitored against a set of standards provided by the Department of Education.

"Evaluations on the Focus on

Reading program in other schools found that the program had provided teachers with a deeper understanding of comprehension strategies and the links to comprehension, vocabulary knowledge and text reading, a deeper understanding of effective teaching and reading and a deeper understanding of the nature and needs of literacy learners in Years 2 to 6," said Woy Woy South Public School principal Mr Terry Greedy.

"Teaching staff in these schools were all extremely positive about the impact of Focus on Reading on students' outcomes, with the majority stating that the program brought about improvements in areas relating to students' engagement with and capability in literacy.

"Implementation of the Focus on Reading program will be a gradual process.

"Over the next two years, various aspects will be incorporated into

teaching and learning programs across the primary grades.

"Student learning outcomes will be monitored during this period to identify specific areas where further refinement is required.

"The Focus on Reading program is the first program introduced by the Department of Education that has provided primary classroom teachers with a specific program on which to base their literacy teaching.

"Having a specific program to follow will ensure students across each primary grade will receive the same quality instruction.

"It will also allow greater opportunities for teachers on each grade to collaborate with their colleagues when planning and programming literacy sessions," said Mr Greedy.

**Newsletter, 21 May 2013
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School**

Peer support at Pretty Beach

Pretty Beach Public School students have been participating in weekly peer support sessions.

The weekly sessions are focused on taking opportunities which concentrates on resilience.

The experiences presented in these sessions help the children develop skills to identify their strengths, celebrate their achievements and seek assistance when faced with challenges.

Over the first two weeks students established group agreements to work together and learnt about the other members of their group.

They then discussed having a go and what to do when faced with difficulties and identified the need for courage when they try something new.

**Newsletter, 23 May 2013
Lee Simpson, Pretty Beach Public School**

Speech therapist starts at Ettalong

Ettalong Public school has welcomed speech therapist

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ALL WELCOME



Ms Ruth Turner to the school.

"Ruth will work each Tuesday for the remainder of the term with a number of young students," said principal Mr Colin Wallis.

"This valuable program is being funded through our Local Management Group with financial

resources gained through the Every Student Every School Initiative that facilitates local decisions based on local needs.

"Its impact will be invaluable," he said.

**Newsletter, 21 May 2013
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**

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Ukulele players graduate

Participants from Uke Central's first beginner class can now join the first Uke Circle to be held on Wednesday, from 1pm at Gospel Gardens in Umina.

The beginners have received graduation certificates following the completion of the 10 week program where they learnt the basics of playing ukulele.

The Uke Circle participants will continue to learn new songs, chords, strumming techniques and rhythm patterns as well as build their song repertoire.

All are welcome to join the Uke Circle, with a pre-requisite of a few basic chords and strum patterns.

When asked about their experiences with learning in a small group environment the group agreed that being able to command individual attention within a small group and moving at a pace that the group could keep up was vital

to their learning.

Participant Ms Louise Burden said she would proudly display her graduation certificate on her fridge for weeks to come and show her grandchildren how clever she was.

Daphne Ashton and Robyn Keys-Smith said it was a highlight to their week and they looked forward to sharing afternoon tea and a celebration cake at the Uke Circle.

Facilitators Ms Marilyn Russell and Ms Leila Desborough said they were extremely proud of the progress with the beginners groups and were looking forward to the next group's graduation in another three to four weeks' time.

Beginner classes currently run on Wednesdays at 11am and Tuesdays at 6:30pm at Umina Gospel Gardens.

Media Release, 23 May 2013

Marilyn Russell, Uke Central

Photo: Danny Demorata



Girl Guides' fundraisers

The Blackwall unit of Girl Guides NSW will host two fundraising stalls in June in an attempt to raise awareness of Girl Guides' presence on the Peninsula and encourage more girls to become involved.

The first stall will be held on Saturday, June 15, outside Woolworths at Umina while the second stall will be held outside the IGA in Ettalong on Saturday, June 22.

Both stalls will run from 9:30am to 11:30am and will be selling Girl Guide biscuits.

"At our stalls, we also display promotional materials and give out information to people interested in our organisation and the opportunities we are able to give girls and young women, some of whom come from disadvantaged backgrounds," said Blackwall Girl Guides secretary Ms Marie Carles.

Email, 15 May 2013

Marie Carles, Blackwall Girl Guides

Bridge Club

Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its annual Restricted Pairs Championship on Tuesday, May 9, which was open to any pair with less than 100 master points each.

Eighteen pairs participated in the event with Jurate Petrauskas and Jean Haggar (North - South positions) and Thomas Fleming and Margaret Fleming (East - West positions) taking home the

title.

In second place were Carla Wisenbeck and Stella Hunter (North - South) and Kenneth Yates and Robyn Serra (East - West).

Third place went to Robyn Henwood and Denise Collister and Janusz Pazkowski and Thelma Duffy.

Email, 12 May 2013

Jenny Buckley, Brisbane Water Bridge Club



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Classical music festival at Pearl Beach

The 20th Pearl Beach Music Festival will be held over the June long weekend on Saturday, June 8, and Sunday, June 9, at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

The inaugural Pearl Classical Music Festival was held over the June long weekend in 1994 and seen at the time to be quite an ambitious venture for the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

From the beginning, the objective has been to harmonise fine music with the cultural life of Pearl Beach and its environment.

Since 1994 the festival has played host to many performers and young artists.

"The earliest players, Charmian Gadd and Friends, Sydney Brass Quintet, Sydney Wind Quintet and the Pergolesi Players set a high standard of performance for all following to emulate," said festival coordinator Ms Lynne Lillico.

"Many have returned and all comment that the Memorial Hall is an ideal venue with its intimate atmosphere and excellent acoustics," she said.

Pearl Beach Progress Association president Mr Roger Murray said the festival was a huge and consistent commitment



David & Tamara Anna

by the Pearl Beach Community to the arts.

"The Festival also continues to be an occasion that brings our community together to enjoy great music."

Tickets are now only available for the Saturday and Sunday afternoon concerts commencing at 2:30pm.

Saturday afternoon will see a performance by The Sydney Omega Ensemble (Trio), which was established in 2005 by artistic director David Rowden when he and other young musicians sought to redefine Sydney's classical chamber music landscape.

David Pereira will return on Sunday afternoon to enthral audiences with his cello playing, accompanied by Tamara Anna Cislowska, a concert pianist and chamber musician.

The two evening performances are sold-out.

Saturday evening will see the Slava and Leonard Grigoryan guitar duo while Sunday evening will see renowned musician Simon Tedeschi with award winning jazz pianist Kevin Hunt.

"This year we are delighted to be able to present a particularly exciting program featuring internationally renowned musicians," said Ms Lillico.

Proceeds from the weekend will be used to maintain the upkeep of the Memorial Hall.

Media Release, 21 May 2013
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

"Our Beautiful Bays" to be launched in June

A book launch for **Our Beautiful Bays, A Collection from the Past** will be held at the Bays Community Hall on Saturday, June 15, from 3pm to 5:30pm.

The book is a result of a grant from Gosford Council to local historians Brian Goodey and Margaret Vidler to research, develop and print a history of the Bays.

The book, which took a number of years to create, will be launched by historians Geoff Potter and Gwen Dundon AM.

"This project has been both a rewarding labour of love and demanding," said Mr Goodey who lives in Phegans Bay.

Both Mr Goodey and Ms Vidler spent hours collecting and collating the stories, photographs and yarns

that tell the story of the Bays, its history and characters.

"Brian and I really developed an intense love for the Bays and the many residents who created its history," said Ms Vidler.

In the latter stages of preparation, Tom Mangan from Woy Woy Bay assisted Mr Goodey.

The book, which contains over 200 photographs and copies of original documents, chronographs the establishment, growth and development of Woy Woy Bay, Phegans Bay and Horsfield Bay.

"The Bays community will be further enriched with the release of our history," said Bays Community Group president Mr Bob Puffett.

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Bob Puffett, Bays Community Group

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Out and About



Gavin Germin, Rolf Garda and past president Mike Curley

Community members receive awards

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach held a Community Service Awards evening on Wednesday, May 8, and presented awards to two local, community minded people.

Mr Gavin Germin was awarded a Community Service award along with Mr Garry Beitsch.

Mr Germin, of the NSW SES Sydney Northern Region, was nominated by Gosford SES controller Mr Rolf Garda.

Mr Germin joined the SES in early 2010 and has regularly attended training sessions.

In the last 18 months, he stepped up to become deputy team leader, workplace trainer and a general

mentor for newer members.

He volunteers in excess of expected weekly training and recently contributed many hours to the SES's inaugural unit camp and upcoming regional rescue competition.

Mr Germin also encourages initiative and change within the unit, especially in regard to equipment, boats and training tools.

Mr Beitsch was nominated by Rotary Club of Umina Beach past president Mr Glen Scorer.

Mr Beitsch is currently the fundraising chairman of Youth Life, which is the fundraising arm of Religious Education Teachers at Brisbane Water Secondary College.

He has been involved with Religious Education Ministries for 18 years and involved in fundraising for Brisbane Water Secondary College for the past 14 years.

He is the associate chair of the local Red Shield Appeal and is particularly involved with the door knock appeal.

This year is his 28th year of involvement with the Red Shield.

Garry is also a member of the Salvation Army Leadership Council and is involved with the Youth Life Op Shop in Umina.

Media Release, 10 May 2013
Geoff Melville, Rotary Club of Umina Beach

"Competitive Tenderness" is next theatre production

Auditions for the next Woy Woy Little Theatre production, Competitive Tenderness, will be held on June 17 and 19.

An information night will be held on Wednesday, June 12, while auditions will be conducted from 7:30pm at Woy Woy's Peninsula Theatre.

Director Christine Vale said Competitive Tenderness was one of Hannie Rayson's best comedies, with all the hilarity, corruption and political mayhem in the Greater Burke local council.

"Dawn Snow has a fierce reputation as a businesswoman," said Ms Vale.

"After all, she reformed the prison system in Uganda and ran a successful chain of weight loss clinics.

"So when she is appointed the new CEO of the Council of Great Burke, she insists on outsourcing as many services as possible.

"This is to be done through competitive tendering, which gives

us the name of the play.

"What will happen to the parking officers, dog catchers, maintenance workers and other loyal staff?

"How will the community relations between the Greeks and Macedonians be improved?

"Will the mayor and minister for local government sort out their differences?"

There are 12 characters in the play, aged between 30 and 40 years.

"All are relative but some can be doubled," said Ms Vale.

"There are some other smaller cameo roles as well," she said.

Ten performances of Competitive Tenderness will be staged between October 25 and November 10.

Contact Christine Vale at christine.vale@westnet.com.au for further information.

Media Release, 21 May 2013
David Wicks, Woy Woy Little Theatre

Parents café and family activities at Woy Woy

The launch of the Multicultural Parents Cafe and Peninsula Family Activities will be held on Friday, May 31, from 10am to 11am at Woy Woy South Public School.

The Peninsula Family Activities are held every Saturday until July 6 from 10am to 12pm and 1pm and 3pm at Woy Woy South Public School.

The activities are free and include storytelling, drumming, ball games and bush dancing.

The Multicultural Parents Cafe is held every Friday from 10am to

12:30pm until July 5.

The program allows families to meet other families in the area from a multicultural background, meet representatives from schools, learn about resources in the community and share and get new ideas.

The Parents Cafe is a series of facilitated group conversations that bring parents together to discuss issues important to them.

Email, 22 May 2013
Liz McMinn, Department of Education and Communities

PowWOW in Umina

A WOWGIRLS PowWOW networking event will be held at the Gospel Garden Cafe in Umina on Thursday, June 13, from 7pm to 9pm.

The event provides an opportunity for local businesses,

groups and interested parties to meet each other and learn how to maximise advertising potential.

"After such a wonderful response to our first PowWOW in March at Wyoming, WOWGIRLS will be holding another evening for businesses and groups on

the Peninsula," said WOWGIRLS founder Ms Yvonne Lamont.

"The evening will showcase the many new, exciting networking opportunities around the WOWGIRLS theme of fun, friendship, health and wellbeing.

"Share ideas in a friendly, casual environment, build relationships with aligning businesses and groups," said Ms Lamont.

Email, 3 Apr 2013
Yvonne Lamont, WOWGIRLS

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New website for Arts and Craft Centre

Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre has launched its new web site with members able to post examples of artworks and profiles of the Centre's tutors.

"At the tender age of only four weeks, there have been quite a few visitors but we invite all members of the community to come in and see what we have to offer," said Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre publicity officer Ms Sue Sullivan.

"As a community group, we aim to inform residents of the Central Coast about everything the art centre is involved in and the many and varied arts and crafts classes currently being provided.

"This is a wonderful forum for celebrating the successes of our tutors and students.

"Both the newsletter and brochures are available to view,

bringing up to date information about our classes and future activities to the wider community.

"This will always be a work in progress as we aim to keep it up to date with items of interest such as our recent annual general meeting where the new committee was voted in.

"Advertisements, articles and news items are all listed on a very easy to follow menu.

"Not only will the web site show future activities such as exhibitions, workshops and classes but we can demonstrate with pride our history in bringing this craft centre to the community.

"Come and visit, take a tour and find out more about your local arts and craft centre," said Ms Sullivan.

Email, 16 May 2013
Sue Sullivan, Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre



The Beggars play in Umina

South Australian country folk trio The Beggars performed at the Gospel Gardens in Umina on Saturday, May 11.

Troubadour president Mr Michael Fine said The Beggars were "clearly one of the best groups to come out of Australia in recent years".

"Renee, Stuart and Quinton were simply great singing Seeker's, Weaver's, Aussie songwriters' and their own compositions, as well as some well-known and loved traditional songs.

"Renee and Stuart's voices blend perfectly and when Quinton joins in with his sweet, low harmonies you'd think it just couldn't get any better.

"That was until Tamworth award winning guest artist Trev Warner lifted the sound to another level with his soulful slide guitar or his blisteringly fast bluegrass fiddle.

"Quinton stayed on double

bass for the concert, while Renee and Stuart alternated guitar and mandolin.

"The Beggars have been quietly occupying the same ground in Europe as the Seekers once did and attracting rave reviews for their work.

"They have topped the European country music charts and made over 200 appearances on the iTunes singer songwriter and world music charts.

"Playing original folk and country inspired music of the

highest quality, the Beggars were exhilarating and heart wrenching at the same time.

"With vocal harmonies to die for, exciting and original instrumental backing and great interaction with the audience, it was no wonder they had us begging for more at the end of the night.

"We hope it won't be too long before they get back here," said Mr Fine.

Email, 13 May 2013
Michael Fine, Troubadour

Biggest Morning Tea in Hardys Bay

Over 60 people attended the Biggest Morning Tea hosted by the Hardys Bay Community Church on Friday, May 17, with \$813.20 raised for the Cancer Council.

"Guests were spoiled for choice with lots of homemade treats and the occasion was accompanied by lovely old standards on the grand piano by Mr Lance Dover,"

said member of the organising committee Ms Angela Glover.

"We would like to thank the community for their wonderful support.

"We are looking forward to supporting the event next year," she said.

Email, 20 May 2013
Angela Glover, Hardys Bay Community Church

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Directory - Not for profit Community Organisations

Animal Care

Animal Welfare League
provides aid to sick or injured animals & subsidised assistance in the desexing of dogs.
Meet 2nd Tues, Spike Milligan Room, Woy Woy Library, 10am.
Debra 4344 4435
awlcentralcoast@virginbroadband.com.au

RSPCA

DESEXING PROGRAM
Assist with desexing for cats, dogs & small animals.
Veronica 0407 295 655

Art

Ettalong Beach Art & Crafts Centre
Adult Classes in Patchwork & Quilting, Pottery, Folk Art, Silk Dyeing, Oils, Acrylics, Pastels, Drawing, Watercolour, Silvercraft and Children's Art & Pottery Classes
Mon - Sat 10am - 3pm
4341 8344
info@ebacc.com.au

Central Coast Art Society
Weekly paint-outs
Tues 4369 5860.
Workshops 9.30am 1st & 3rd Wed Gosford City Art Centre 4363 1820.
Social Meetings 1.30pm 4th Wed for demonstrations publicity@artcentralcoast.asn.au
4325 1420

Point Clare Arts & Crafts
Wed - Adult Art Class
Wed & Fri - Adult Crafts
Bunka Embroid, Cards, Crotchet, Cross Stitch or bring your own - \$3/session
Point Clare Community Hall
10am - 12noon
4325 5007

Hospital Art Australia
Meet every Tue and Fri
9am-2pm - 109 Birdwood Ave, Umina - Painting and Canvas drawing. Volunteers welcome
4341 9920

Community Centres

The Krait Club
Community Centre - Cooinda Village, Neptune St, Umina
10.30am For senior members of Woy Woy/Umina Community
Gentle exercises, quizzes, games, social activities, guest speakers, entertainment and bus trips - 4341 0698

Peninsula Community Centre
Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd Woy Woy
Child Care - Before & After School, Vacation, Family, Day & Occasional
Children, Teenagers & Adults - Dance, Singing, Guitar, Drama, Music, Physie, Karate, Belly Dancing and multicultural support

Children - Little Kickers, Indian Dance, Playgroups, KindyGym,
Teenagers - "The Web" Youth Support Services.
Adults - Bridge, Yoga, Cake Decorating, Zumba, Scrabble, Weight Watchers, Boot Scooting, Song Writing, Community College, free tax help, Post & Pre Natal Exercises.

Counselling - Drug, Alcohol, Relationship, Financial, Gambling, Weight Control.
Over 55's - Social Outings, Oil Painting, Multi craft, Needlework, Bushwalking, Stroke Club, History, Tai Chi, U3A, Scrabble, Arthritis Assoc, Gentle Exercise, Free Seniors Internet Kiosk,

Discussion Groups.
www.pccinc.com.au
4341 9333

Ettalong 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre

Mon - Fri - Cards, Computer Lessons, Dancing, Indoor Bowls, Fitness, Handicrafts, Leatherwork, Line Dancing, Painting, Scrabble, Table Tennis, Tai Chi, Yoga, Darts
4341 3222

Gosford 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre

Handicraft, Painting, Knitting, Tai Chi, Scrabble, Darts, Table Tennis, Indoor Bowls, Patchwork, Yoga, Fitness, Gentle Swimming, Line Dancing, Cards, Variety Social, Womens Group, Zumba, Crochet, Computer Class
4324 4749

Community Groups

AACC Computer Club Inc.
www.aacc.asn.au
Help with all Computing problems - Program demos + Q&A sessions - Monthly meetings held from Feb to Nov
• 2nd Wed Windows 7pm to 10pm
Narara Valley High School Fountains Road, Narara
• 4th Thur Social + Windows 12.15 - 3.15pm
East Gosford Progress Hall Cnr Webb Rd & Henry Parry Drive
4362 1918 - 4324 2740
secretary@aacc.asn.au

ABC "The Friends" Support group for Public Broadcaster. Aims: Safeguard ABC's independence, adequate funding, high standards. Meetings through the year + social afternoons
Well-known guest speakers
www.fabcnsw.org.au
4341 5170

Bridge

Tues 12.15pm A friendly game without pressure.
Duplicate Bridge Mon Thur Fri Sat at 12.15pm and Wed 9.15am and 6.45pm
Brisbane Water Bridge Club
Peninsula Community Centre
93 McMasters Rd. Woy Woy
www.brisbane-water.bridge-club.org

Cash Housie

50 Games every Sat night
Peninsula Community Centre, McMasters Rd, Woy Woy,
7.30pm. Proceeds to Woy Woy Catholic Parish.
www.cphousie@hotmail.com

Central Coast Amateur Radio Club (CCARC)

World wide hobby of Amateur Radio? Dandaloo St, Kariong
Sat 11am to 4pm
ccarc@ccarc.org.au 4340 2500

Central Coast Handweavers, Spinners and Textile Arts Guild Inc

Spinning and weaving, patchwork and quilting, felting and other fibre and fabric crafts
Workshops and community quilting bees - Day and night groups - 4325 4743
www.centralcoasthsguild.org.au

Central Coast Family History Society Inc.

All the resources, information and advice needed to study your family's history available.
1st Sat 1pm Lions Community Hall, behind 8 Russell Drysdale St, E. Gosford. www.centralcoastfhs.org.au

Visits welcome 4324 5164

Hardys Bay Residents' Group

Working for a positive & Healthy Environment in our Community
allanbw@bigpond.com

Peninsula School for Seniors

The Community Centre, McMasters Road, Woy Woy
Discussions, Rumikin, Craft, History, Walkers, Coach trips
Tues, Wed, Thur
4341 7785
4341 2142

Peninsula Village Playgroup

Carers, Grandparents, parents & children - join our 'Intergenerational Playgroup'
Every Tues 10 to 11.30am
Paula Newman - 4344 9199

Probus Club of Umina

Friendship, Followship and Fun - Advancing intellectual, cultural and social interests for active retirees 55yrs+ Non Political and Non Sectarian - 2nd Wed 10am, Everglades Country Club
uminabeach@probusclubs.com.au

Seniors Computer Club Central Coast Inc.

Beginners classes for PC or Mac Mon or Tues. Classes Mon to Fri for most programs - see website. 10am - 12md or 1pm - 3pm Kincumber & District Neighbourhood Centre. Monthly Meetings with Guest Speaker held at Kincumber Hotel 1st Mon 43692530

Umina Beach Men's Shed Inc.

Men come and share, a variety of tools, pursue interests and hobbies, Spend time with other men and Learn new skills
Darrell 4341 2355

Umina Beach Scrabble Club

For all levels and ages Every Wed, 9.30-12.30pm, relax, enjoy a cuppa while you play Scrabble
Ruby 2, Broken Bay Rd, opp Ettalong Beach Memorial Club

Volunteering Central Coast

Refers potential volunteers to community orgs. Support both volunteers and community orgs. Training for volunteers and managers of volunteers. Regular general info sessions at Woy Woy. 4329 7122
vrc@volunteeringcentralcoast.org.au

Wagstaffe to Killcare Community

Work to protect and preserve the environment and low density residential nature of the Bouddi Peninsula and to strengthen community bonds
2nd Mon, 7.30pm Wagstaffe Hall - 4360 2945
info@wagstaffetokillcare.org.au

Disabled Services

Riding for the Disabled
Horse Riding as a therapy for those with intellectual or physical disabilities
Volunteers required. No Previous exp necessary - School hours only Mon to Sat 4340 0388
stateoffice@rdansw.org.au

Environment

Peninsula Environment Group

Talks, films, social events, workshops, renewable energy and recycling projects, organic food buying group
www.peg.org.au

Health Group

Alcoholics Anonymous

If you want to drink, that's your business.
If you want to stop, that's our business.

Meets every Saturday - Progress Hall Ronald Ave, Wyoming 8pm
4323 3890

Arthritis NSW

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

Central Coast Prostate Cancer Support Group (Gosford)

Last Friday Terrigal Uniting Church 9.30am to 12 noon
Affiliated with PCFA 4367 9600

Meals on Wheels

Delivered meals and flexible food options for people with a functional disability
4382 9401

Mary Mac's Place

Providing hot, freshly cooked meals - Mon to Fri 11am-1pm in welcoming, friendly environment with support, info & referrals to appropriate services - 4341 0584
marymacs@woywoycatholic.org.au

Overeaters Anonymous (OA)

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Peninsula Corn. Cntr, cnr. Mc Masters Rd & Ocean Beach Rd. Woy Woy,
Every Fri 8 - 9pm
www.oa.org - 0412 756 446

Pink Butterfly Breast Cancer Support Group -

First Sunday 10.00am -12.00
Shop 71 Schnapper Road
Ettalong Markets
0428 712 251

Peninsula Village Carer's Support Group

For carers of loved ones with dementia - 1st Wed - 10 to 11.30am Paula Newman
4344 9199

Peninsula Women's Health Centre

Clinic sister; counselling; alternate therapists; groups and community education; drop-in; support for women in crisis; 4342 5905 Wed & Thur 9.30am-3pm 20a McMasters Rd, Woy Woy www.ccwhc.com.au

Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance

Formed to restore medical services previously available at this hospital - upgrade to a standard commensurate with the needs of the Peninsula and the Gosford City area
2pm 2nd Sat St Lukes Church Hall, Blackwall Rd Woy Woy
4344 4811

Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club

Peninsula Community Centre
2nd Tues 11.30am
Company, up-to-date info, hydrotherapy, bus trips
4342 1316

Marine

Central Coast Rescue Unit

Marine Education Courses. Radio Licences, Boat Safety & Boat Licence & PWC Licence Tests, Navigation, Seamanship and Meteorology.
4325 7929 www.vmrcc.org.au pr.centralcoast@

marinerescuensw.com.au

Music

Central Coast Concert Band

Every Tues 7.15 - 9.30pm
Community playouts with four concerts a year at Laycock St Theatre. 0407 894 560

Gosford Musical Society Minstrels

GMS Minstrels is a group which entertains at various venues on the Central Coast
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4341 4210

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Ray 0405 030 945
randtbale@bigpond.com

Troubadour Central Coast Inc

Folk, Traditional & Acoustic Music and Spoken Word Inc Ukulele meets, Concerts and Sessions
Usually 4th Sat each Month
7pm CWA Hall Opposite Fishermans Wharf Woy WOY
mail.info@troubadour.org.au
4341 4060

Political Group

Australian Labor Party

Umina Ettalong Branch
Political discussions, national, state and local government issues
2nd Mon Umina Beach Bowling Club 7.30 4341 7323

Central Coast Greens

Branch of Geens NSW, active regarding ecological sustainability, social & economic justice, peace & non-violence, grassroots democracy & getting Greens elected
3rd Thur, centrally on the Coast
centralcoast.nsw.greens.org.au
centralcoastgreens@gmail.com

Service Groups

Lions Club of Woy Woy Peninsula

1st and 3rd Mon at Everglades Country Club 4326 1996
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Peninsula Community Centre
93 McMasters Rd
Woy Woy - 4334 3877

Rotary Club of Kariong/Somersby

International service club improve lives of communities in Aust. & o/seas. Fun-filled activities, fellowship and friendship. Phillip House 21 Old Mount Penang Rd (opp Shell), Fridays 7.15am 4340 4529
kersuebay@philliphouse.com.au

Rotary Club of Umina

International service organisation of business leaders improving lives of youth & those in need in our community and abroad. Weds. Everglades Country Club
curleys@ozemail.com.au
0409 245 861

Rotary Club of Woy Woy

International service club improve lives of communities in Aust. & o/seas. Fun-filled activities, fellowship and friendship. Every Tues 6pm
Everglades Country Club.
Don Tee 4369 7496
0428 438 535

Sport

Woy Woy Judo Club

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0434 000 170
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National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc

1st Sat (except Jan) 2pm
Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 51-52 The Esplanade.
4342 1107

Vietnam Veterans', Peacekeepers' and Peacemakers'

Assist all Veterans & families with pension & welfare matters.
Mon & Wed 9am-1pm
4344 4760 Cnr Broken Bay Rd & Beach St Ettalong.
vietvetsgosford@bigpond.com

Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL Sub Branch

Provide help with pensions and welfare etc.

Shop 5/382 Oceanview Rd
Ettalong. Tues & Thurs 9am to 1pm 4341 2594

Women's Groups

Country Women's Association Woy Woy

Opposite Fisherman's Wharf
Friendship Mornings
1st and 2nd Wed 10am
Meetings 4th Wed 10.30am
4324 2621

Country Women's Association Umina

Craft and Friendship:
• Mon 6pm; Wed 9am; 1st Sun 12.30pm • Branch meeting: 1st Wed 10am
CWA Hall, Cnr West and Sydney St, Umina.
4341.5404 or 4369.5353

The Endeavour View Club, Woy Woy

Lunch 1st Mon Everglades Country Club 10.30am.
Friendship days, 3rd Wed
Uniting Church Hall, Picnic Pde
Ettalong, 10.30am. 4342 2283

Gosford RSL Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliary

For women over 18 years. Raise money for welfare of veterans and their families
RSL Club West Gosford
4th Mon 2pm 4323 7336

Inner Wheel club of Gosford North

Women making a difference with friendship, personal service and international understanding. Social activities combined with fund raising
2nd Wed 7pm Phillip House
Kariong 4324 7176
gosfordnorthiw@live.com.au

If you would like your Community Organisation listed here, call us on 4325 7369



Umina students in zone cross country

Forty-eight students from Umina Public School attended the Southern Central Coast Zone Cross Country Carnival at Umina Oval on Friday, May 10.

"The children represented our school in a way which we can all be proud," said Umina Public School

teacher Ms Elizabeth McLean.

"They cheered on their team mates, showed great sportsmanship and gave it their best.

"Well done boys and girls."

Newsletter, 14 May 2013
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School



Cheerleaders and aerobics group win through to State

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus's cheerleading and aerobics group performed at the School Aerobics Competition in Sutherland on Sunday, May 5.

The cheerleaders, who performed in the 100 per cent Cheer section of the competition, placed first and secured a position at State level.

Their score also secured them a place to compete at the National Championships in Queensland.

The cheerleading squad comprised Amber Antonio, Kirra Black, Courtney Carswell, Angelique Dennison, Misty Dady, Taylah Garland, Katelyn Harding, Rhian Kirk, Tahlia Pope, Katie Roberts and Ellen Ryder.

The school also entered a team in the Stage One Aerobics section of the competition.

"After a very rocky lead-up to the competition, including injuries, withdrawals and conflicting schedules, six students from Year 7 to 9 performed," said coach Ms Kylie Hocking who, in her earlier years, was a cheerleader for the Parramatta Eels.

The team comprised Amy Fitzpatrick, Brooke Hodgen, Katelyn Bergan, Leela Cross, Maddison McLeod and Alana Hardcastle.

"They did a fantastic routine coming fourth in their section and scoring high enough to progress through to the State Championships to be held on June 15," said Ms Hocking.

It was the first time the school



has performed in the aerobics section of the competition and the second time in the cheerleading section.

Newsletter, 20 May 2013
Brent Walker, Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus

Peninsula directory of services, contacts and support groups

Ambulance, Police, Fire 000

Emergency

Ambulance, Police, Fire 000
Police Assistance Line 131 444
Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000
Woy Woy Police Station 4379 7399
Energy Australia 13 13 88
Gas Emergency 131 909
Gosford City Council 4325 8222
Marine Rescue NSW -
Central Coast 4325 7929
SES - Storm and Flood
Emergency 132 500

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Organisations

Mingaletta 4342 7515
Aboriginal Home Care 4352 1153
Drug & Alcohol rehab 4388 6360

Accommodation

Dept. of Housing Gosford 4323 5211
Cassie4Youth 4322 3197
Coast Shelter 4324 7239
Pacific Link Com Housing 4324 7617
Rumbalara Youth Refuge 4325 7555
Samaritans Youth
Services 4351 1922
Youth Angle • Woy Woy 4341 8830
Woy Woy Youth Cottage 4341 9027

Animal Rescue

Wildlife Arc 4325 0666
Wires 8977 3333

Community Centres

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

Counselling

Centacare: 4324 6403
Relationship Australia: 1300 364 277
Interrelate: 1800 449 118

Family and Relationships

Centacare Gosford 4324 6403
Gosford Family Support
Service 4340 1099

Horizons (For men with children) 4333 5111

Uniting Care Burnside
Gosford 1800 067 967

Health

Poisons Information 131 126
Ambulance Text Mobile 106
Ambulance GSM 112
Gosford Hospital 4320 2111
Woy Woy Hospital 4344 8444
Sexual Health @ Gosford
Hospital 4320 2114
After Hours GP Help Line 1800 022 222

Legal & Financial Help

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The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Monday May 27

Annie Bilton public reading,
Peninsula Theatre, 7:30pm

Tuesday May 28

Central Coast Art Society Paint
Out, Brisk St, Patonga
Biggest Morning Tea, The Cove
Village, Daleys Point, 10:30am
Fashion Parade, Ettalong
Uniting Church, 10:30am

Friday May 31

Multicultural Parents Cafe and
Peninsula Family Activities launch,
Woy Woy South Public School,
10am-11am

Friday June 7

Umina Bunnies 50th Year
reunion, Col Gooley Field
clubrooms, 5pm

Saturday June 8

Umina Bunnies 50th Year
reunion semi-formal event, Woy
Woy Bowling Club, 6:30pm
Rotary Club of Woy Woy
Bonanza Book Fair, Umina Beach
PCYC, 9am-5pm
Pearl Beach Music Festival,
Pearl Beach Memorial Hall

Sunday June 9

Rotary Club of Woy Woy
Bonanza Book Fair, Umina Beach
PCYC, 9am-5pm
Pearl Beach Music Festival,
Pearl Beach Memorial Hall

Thursday June 13

PowWOW networking event,
Gospel Garden Cade, 7pm-9pm

Saturday June 15

Our Beautiful Bays, A Collection

from the Past book launch, Bays
Community Hall, 3pm-5:30pm
Blackwall Girl Guides
fundraising stall, 9:30am-11:30am,
outside Woolworths, Umina

Monday June 17

Competitive Tenderness
auditions, Peninsula Theatre,
7:30pm

Wednesday June 19

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

Saturday June 22

Blackwall Girl Guides
fundraising stall, 9:30am-11:30am,
outside IGA, Ettalong

Saturday June 29

Official hanover of Cat 12,
Pearl Beach Volunteer Bushfire

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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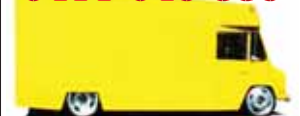
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10 students was held
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Ten members of the
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Wilson's Real Estate,
Tonkin Drysdale Partners
and ABC Learning came
along to inform the students
about careers within their
industries.

Michael Quilkey of

Wilson's Real Estate said
that he "hoped it inspired
some of the kids to start
thinking about future
opportunities".

Many of the students
reported afterward that
they felt it was a worthwhile
experience and gave them
information on a range of
career paths.

"Many of the students at
Brisbane Water Secondary
College have expressed an
interest in joining the Police
Force, so the two police
officers who attended were
able to impart some useful
information," said Brisbane
Water Secondary College
careers advisor Ms Yvette
Beemster.

"Hospitality is one of our
school's strong focus areas
so it was great to have
a manager from Crown
Plaza, Terrigal, speak to the
students of career pathways
and travel opportunities
within the hospitality
industry.

"Overall, the morning was
a great success, there may
be other business people in
the community who would
like to be involved next year
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contact me at the school to
express an interest," she
said.

Email, 20 May 2013
**Yvette Beemster, Brisbane
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Woy Woy win grade four Pennant

Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club celebrated the unfurling of the grade four flag on Thursday, May 9, which was won at the District Play offs the week before.

NSW State Bowls representative Leslie Swales, Central Coast District president Patricia Frewin, District secretary Dianne Elsom

and a number of other dignitaries were present for the unfurling.

A guard of honour was formed for the visiting dignitaries and for the winning side while the song 'We are the champions' filled the airways.

Two teams made up the side that won, comprising Patricia Toohey, Toni Kenny, Dawn

Haworth, president Barbara Champion (skip) and Shirley Taylor (skip), Gayle Wise, Jan Beston and Christine Gentle.

The last flag won by the Club was in 1990.

Email, 14 May 2013
Miriam Cotton, Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club

State surf event held in Umina wins state award

Surf Life Saving NSW has been named the winner of the Volunteer Management of the Year award at the NSW Sports Federation's 2013 Community Sports Awards at State Parliament House on Friday, May 17, for the 2013 Allphones State Surf Life Saving Championship held at Ocean Beach – Umina.

Surf Life Saving NSW conducted the championships which included the coordination of 565 volunteer

officials.

In addition, event organisers conducted a course for junior and senior officials.

A function was also held to recognise the contribution of officials, with the Official of the Championship being rewarded with a fly over in the Westpac Rescue Helicopter.

Media Release, 23 May 2013
Mardi Love, Office of Communities Sport and Recreation

Award presented at Bendigo

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club's Aron Sherriff was named International Bowler of the Year in front of a capacity crowd at the Bendigo Town Hall during the 2013 Sandhurst Trustees Hall of Fame and Awards Night held on Saturday, April 27.

Sherriff's award followed a busy 12 months which saw him guide the men's fours to a gold medal at the 27-nation World Championships last December.

Sherriff, 27, also played an instrumental role in Australia's

success on the world stage at the six-nation SA International Series in May, where he clinched a silver medal in the pairs and the green and gold's dominance over New Zealand at the Trans-Tasman test series in September.

Following his win, Sherriff skipped his fours team to win 34-10 against the Northern Territory to help the NSW men's contingent win the Alley Shield in the 2013 Australian Sides Championships held in Bendigo from April 29 to May 2.

Media Release, 2 May 2013
Aidan Davis, Bowls Australia

Zone final played at Ettalong

The Bowls Central Coast Zone 15 under-18 Championships were held at Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club over three days from Monday, April 15, to Wednesday, April 17.

Mitchell McDonell from Halekulani Bowling Club emerged the 2013 Singles Champion on the Wednesday after a neck and neck race with Brad McIntyre from Avoca Beach Bowling Club as they both strove to be the first to score

the required 31 shots resulting in a close finish at 31-28.

Ettalong's World Champion Aron Sherriff took on the duty of marker for their match.

"We've seen some great bowls worthy of a Zone final," said Zone 15 State councillor Kevin Dring.

Another neck and neck race was in the Pairs Final on the Tuesday when the Ettalong team of Jacob Casswell (lead) and Luke McBeatty (skip) had to battle against Jayden Moody from Terrigal Bowling Club leading for

newcomer Maddisnon Fennel, late of Gwandalan, but now playing for Munmorah United Bowling Club.

The final could have gone either way until the last few ends when Jacob and Luke found a little extra which just got them over the line.

"It was a good game of bowls with nothing in it all the way," said bowls co-ordinator Mr John Roberts.

The final score was 28-12, however, the State Match Committee ruled that the Fours Final was invalid as one player would turn 18 years of age before the State Finals.

The entire fours championship will need to be replayed.

Media Release, 27 Apr 2013
Bob Bourke, Bowls Central Coast

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Woy Woy South are Peninsula league champions

Woy Woy South Public School's rugby league team were named runners up in the State Knockout Gala Day at Rogers Park on Friday, May 17.

Woy Woy South triumphed over Umina Public School and Woy Woy Public School to go through to the final but went down to a strong Avoca side in the final.

The team was led by lock Jamie Capell and consisted of halves Reece Roseworn and Jack

Young, forwards Ernie Green and Menzie Leslie-Fitch who replaced the injured Kye Hibbard, centres Tobey Floyd, Jeff Grono and Brayden Rayner, second rowers Ethan Roser and Aaron Robinson, wings Eljay Duncan and Codey Wilsemith, fullback Lachlan Purcell, hooker Darcy Larkins and reserves Guy Keegan and Kane Sliman.

**Newsletter, 21 May 2013
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School**



Bert Dodd, National, NSW and Central Coast President of the Past Presidents Associations holding the Mixed Fours Perpetual Trophy with Peter Arnold, Coordinator, holding the Gordon Charlton Shield.

Woy Woy lose to The Entrance

Woy Woy rugby union team lost to The Entrance by 29-20 in round seven of the Central Coast Rugby Union competition on Saturday, May 18.

Central Coast Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson said the clash was a "great game of rugby".

"Play went from one end of the field to the other and the lead on the scoreboard changed on numerous occasions.

"Both teams had their chances

and both teams could have won, but it was to be The Entrance.

"Their win was largely due to wonderful performances from fullback Adam Williams, who scored two tries for the visitors, Frank Munroe and Jarrod Grange.

"Best for Woy Woy was forward Kane Byrne who was in the thick of the action all day," said Mr Thomson.

**Email, 19 May 2013
Larry Thomson, Central Coast Rugby Union**

Past President's Carnival at Ettalong

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club was the venue for the second Bowls Past President's Association of NSW Friendship Carnival held from Monday, May 13, to Friday, May 17.

The carnival is held every two years and was first held in Tamworth in 2011.

The event saw a program of two games of 18 ends played on

Tuesday and Thursday and one game on the Friday morning with Wednesday's lay day being a Mystery Tour by coach.

Over 80 players, reserves and officials came from all over the state to participate, including retired ex bakery and cafe owners Keith and Marie Moore who had travelled down from Werris Creek, south west of Tamworth.

Next year, the 21st National

Friendship Carnival of Bowls 2014 will be held on the Central Coast hosted by the combined efforts of Ettalong Memorial, Terrigal, Avoca Beach and Davistown RSL Bowling Clubs.

**Email, 20 May 2013
Bob Bourke, Bowls Central Coast**

Woy Woy South in Zone cross country

Woy Woy South Public School's cross country team competed in the newly formed zone competition on Friday, May 10.

"Our students ran against a much larger number of schools than in the past and special mention must be made of the outstanding performances by Iona and Heather Snape and Jack Jackson, who have made it through to the next rounds and will be competing in Gosford," said principal Mr Terry Greedy.

Iona and Heather placed second and third respectively in the eight - nine years and 10 years

girls races.

"Well done to these students and to all who attempted their best on the day."

**Newsletter, 14 May 2013
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School**

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Fourteen new records at masters swimming carnival

Ettalong Masters Swimming Club held a carnival on Saturday, May 11, at the Peninsula Leisure Centre which saw 220 swimmers from 35 clubs compete in races from 25m to 200m.

Clubs represented at the carnival were from Canberra, the Blue Mountains, Port Macquarie, Sydney, the Central Coast and the Hunter Valley.

The Novocastrian Swimming Club won the point score while Ettalong finished fourth, its best result in four years.

During the carnival, three Fina Masters world records were set by 55-year-old Jenny Whiteley from Ryde Masters Swimming Club in the 50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke.

She also set a National record in the 25m butterfly.

"In total, 14 new records were set for Australian and NSW times, showing that the Peninsula Leisure Centre is regarded as a fast pool and popular with Masters swimmers," said Ettalong Pelican Masters Swim Club publicity officer Ms Marion Dreyer.

"The presence of qualified officials from many of the clubs

ensured that the meet went smoothly.

"From Ettalong Masters we have two new female swimmers, 30-year-old Kristen O'Brien who won all her four races in incredible times and 56-year-old Julie-Anne West who also won all her four races in impressive times.

"They both won their respective age group points score.

"Let's not forget the other 12 members who swam some great personal bests with Bill Cook, Russell Thompson, Opal Eddy and Scott Smith all coming third in their age groups.

"Ettalong Pelicans would like to thank the Peninsula Leisure Centre staff for their help and co-operation in the running of the meet.

"Masters swimming is for anyone aged between 18 and 100 plus, no matter what level of swimmer they are.

"Our youngest member is 21 and our oldest is Opal Eddy at the age of 87.

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Email, 17 May 2013
Marion Dreyer, Ettalong Pelican Masters Swim Club

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Umina win mini-pult

A team of Year 4 students from Umina Public School were declared the winners at a Mini-Pult challenge held at St Cecilia Primary School in Wyong on Tuesday, May 14.

As part of the challenge, students were required to design a catapult and launch a ball into a hoop from three, six and nine metres.

On the day of the challenge the

Umina students faced off against 40 other students.

The winning Umina team's catapult, the Dark Destroyer, succeeded in getting the ball into the hoop at the three metre mark and was the closest at the six metre mark.

Their catapult was the most accurate on the day.

Newsletter, 21 May 2013
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School

Umina invited to chess challenge

Umina Public School students in Year 2 and above have been invited to attend the Interschool Chess Challenge of 2013.

The School has been invited to compete in the local heat at Swansea High school on Monday, June 17.

While the competition is school based, no teachers will be in attendance and parents will need to accompany children.

Newsletter, 14 May 2013
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School

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NEW YORK— What is the essence of traditional Chinese culture? Is it kung fu, dumplings, or perhaps the snugly fit mandarin gown also known as the qipao? Contrary to popular belief, those do not equate to the epitome of Chinese culture.

Many people, even Chinese people, think of the 1920s qipao as the representative of traditional Chinese attire, or that martial arts is nothing more than thrilling tricks from kung fu movies. However, those elements are not the zenith of classical Chinese garment or martial arts.

New Tang Dynasty Television (NTDTV) plans to make the true essence of traditional Chinese culture more widely known through its annual series of cultural competitions, the Global Chinese Competition Series.

Many essential elements of the Chinese heritage were lost during the Cultural Revolution. NTDTV is currently looking for contestants who are interested in researching, learning, and promoting authentic Chinese culture.

NTDTV is a nonprofit news station founded in 2001. It directly broadcasts uncensored news via satellite into parts of mainland China and has 100 million potential viewers around the world.

This year, NTDTV will be hosting its Global Han Couture Design, International Chinese Traditional Martial Arts, Chinese International Figure Painting, and Chinese International Piano Competition in hopes of sparking interest in traditional culture, particularly Chinese culture.

International Chinese Traditional Martial Arts Competition

"In China, there are hundreds of major [martial arts] schools and an uncountable number of smaller ones," said Tim Sun, the director of the competition series.

Each school has its own discipline, its own art.

According to Sun, Martial arts played a pivotal role in Chinese history; it would be a shame for these traditions to undergo atrophy.

Historically, the martial arts have played a large part in winning Chinese wars. Yue Fei (1103–1141), one of China's most famous military generals, practiced and created martial arts styles.

Many Taoists also pursued martial arts for its spiritual significance.

This year will be NTDTV's fourth martial arts competition. Contestants are required to research a traditional martial arts school and embrace its essence in the competition performance.

"This is not your typical competition," Sun said. "In previous years, we've had students who entered with their teachers. The purpose of this competition isn't to win, but to rediscover this culture and promote it."

Registration for the martial arts competition lasts from Jan. 1 to Sept. 15 for North American competitors, and Jan. 1 to July 15 for Asia-Pacific entrants.

Competition Details

The registration deadline is July 15, 2013, for the Asia-Pacific region. All contestants must register in advance. This year's competition does not accept on-site registration.

Methods of registration

- 1) Internet: <http://martialarts.ntdtv.com>
- 2) Email: martialarts@globalcompetitions.org
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Chinese International Piano

Preliminaries in Taiwan will be held at the end of August 2013. The registration deadline is August 1, 2013. Competitions in the United States will be held on October 25–27, 2013. The registration deadline is October 1, 2013.

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Methods of registration:

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Global Han Couture Design Competition

There is currently a renaissance of traditional Chinese attire, according to Amy Lee, one of the judges of the competition.

Cultural experts have found that the climax of traditional Chinese fashion design belongs to that of the Han people from the Tang, Song, and Ming dynasties (A.D. 618–1644).

When Lee went to fashion design school in China in the 1980s, her curriculum only touched on the Han designs briefly. Many ancient traditions have not been passed down, she said.

The competition contestants are required to do research on traditional Chinese fashion, since its history is not incorporated in fashion design schools in China.

"This is our fourth competition ... and people are beginning to realize that the qipao does not represent Chinese dress. More and more people are learning about the Han Couture," Lee said.

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There is a deeper layer to Han design, and it encompasses the essence of Chinese culture, according to Lee. Traditional Chinese culture emphasized civility, etiquette, and elegance; the ambiance of Han design is elegance.

"Wearing elegant clothing helps to refine a person's speech and conduct," she said. "You will automatically think of how should I behave when I wear elegance."



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