



Member for Gosford Mr Chris Holstein, Minister for Health Ms Jillian Skinner, Central Coast Local Health District Board chair Mr Paul Tonkin, Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary president Ms Phyllis Thomas, Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill and Woy Woy Hospital Alliance president Mr Ivan Kinny at the official ribbon cutting of the Woy Woy Rehabilitation Unit

Rehabilitation unit is officially opened

Woy Woy Hospital's new \$11.6 million 30-bed Rehabilitation Unit was officially opened on Tuesday, June 11, by Minister for Health Ms Jillian Skinner.

Ms Skinner was joined by Member for Gosford Mr Chris Holstein, Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill, Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary president Ms Phyllis Thomas, Woy Woy Hospital Alliance president Mr Ivan Kinny and Central Coast Local Health District Board Chair Mr Paul Tonkin.

The facility was joint-funded with the NSW Government investing \$5 million into the project and the Australian Government, under the COAG New Subacute Beds Guarantee contributing \$6.6 million.

Ms Skinner said she was pleased to deliver on their pre-election commitment to restore rehabilitation services to Woy Woy Hospital, which were relocated to Wyong Hospital in 2008.

"It is with great excitement that I can be here today to celebrate the fulfilment of a pre-election commitment to provide enhanced rehabilitative care for patients on the Central Coast.

"It's no secret that this area has a growing and ageing population



Woy Woy Rehabilitation Unit gym

and to meet this demand we must continue to invest in these services to deliver quality care to the community," Ms Skinner said.

The new unit comprises 30 patient beds including two inpatient rooms, multiple courtyard therapy areas, a gymnasium and a dining room that includes a self-serve beverage bay.

The facility also features new kitchen areas, staff facilities, linen

holding areas and waste collection facilities as well as additional parking.

Mr Holstein said he was proud to deliver much-needed services for Woy Woy and Central Coast communities.

"The NSW Government is delivering on the commitments it has made to the community and our new rehabilitation unit is a wonderful example of this," Mr

Holstein said.

"The Rehabilitation Unit is designed to provide support for patients including coordinated medical, psychological and rehabilitative care tailored to individual needs.

"We want to see these patients recover so that they are able to return to the community and live with optimal independence while being supported by community-based health services.

"Provision has also been made for bariatric patients with a specially designed room with a ceiling mounted hoist that also provides access to the ensuite, helping to ensure the safety of both patients and staff," Mr Holstein said.

Ms O'Neill said bringing back the Woy Woy Rehabilitation Ward would make a real and practical difference to local residents needing care and support on the Peninsula.

"Anyone can have an accident or a stroke or an illness that puts them in need of rehab services in a dedicated facility," said Ms O'Neill.

"Being near family and friends is part of that healing journey.

"I'm very proud to be a part of the Federal Government that has delivered this great new building, and brought this service back to life

here in Woy Woy."

Ms O'Neill also thanked the strong community campaign that made bringing this facility back possible.

"This is truly a win for the community.

"I want to thank people like Ivan Kinney, Marj Cleere and their dedicated team who, alongside the Woy Woy Hospital Ancillary, kept up their petitioning to make this possible.

"We are committed to ensuring that all Australians have access to the right health care, at the right time and in the right place – and better integrating it across public hospitals, primary care and aged care.

"By investing in the availability of subacute care services, the Government is improving the capacity of our health system to meet the challenges of an ageing population."

**Media release, 11 Jun 2013
Samantha Day, Office
of Jillian Skinner**

**Media release, 10 Jun 2013
Richard Mehrtens, Office
of Deborah O'Neill MP**

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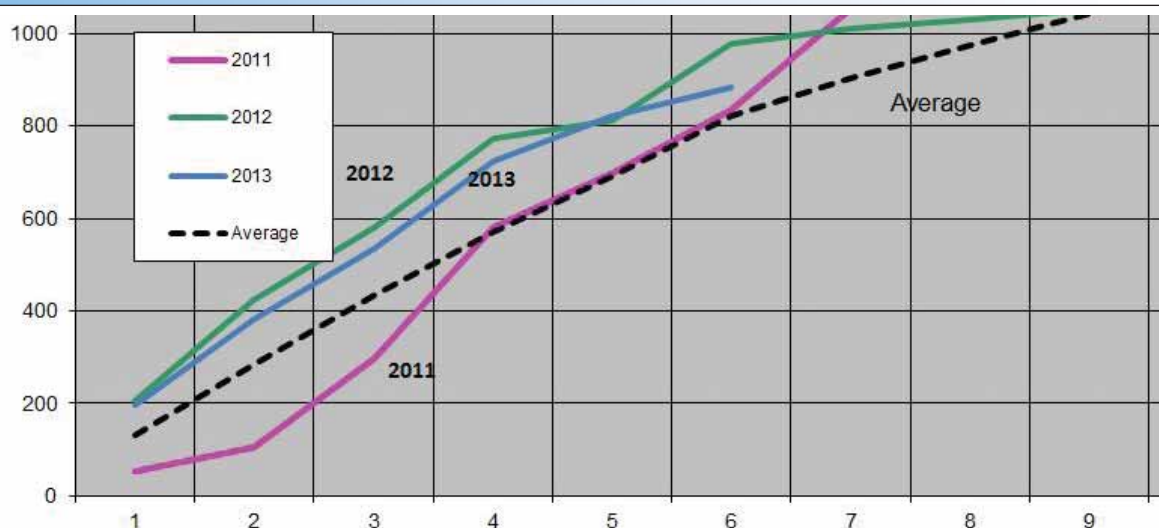
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Shaping up for a dry month

June is shaping up to be a dry month, with only half the monthly average rainfall being recorded three weeks into the month.

A total of 64.4mm had been recorded by Friday, June 21, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

This is about half of the month's average total of 130.5mm, with only a week of the month remaining.

While the month's total is down, rainfall for the year remains above average with falls totalling 884.5mm having been recorded to date.

This is 7.5 per cent above the average figure to the end of June of 822.8mm.

Temperatures so far this month have ranged from a low of 9.3 on June 3 to a high of 21.6 on June

7, according to the local weather website www.peninsulaweather.info.

Highest minimum was 15.3 on June 6 and lowest maximum was 15.4 on June 20.

Highest wind gust was 38.9 km/h on June 2.

Spreadsheet, 21 June 2013
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy
www.peninsulaweather.info

Your Chance to Win

Peninsula News and MotorEx 13 are giving three readers the chance to win a double pass to Motor Ex valued at \$70 each.

The event, which is the most prestigious motoring enthusiast event of its kind, in Australia will be held from July 19 to 21.

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The winners of last edition's Peninsula News Ambi Pur competition were Ruth Holden of Budgewoi, N Gatt of Umina and Sandra Fynn of Point Clare.

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Club members rally against board decision

Members of the Woy Woy Bowling Club voted unanimously on Thursday night, June 13, to request that the Board of Directors reconsider its decision to discontinue the karaoke evening held on a Thursday.

"The Board's recent decision has angered many of the elderly members who look forward each week to meeting with their friends and fellow club members in an evening which has a warm and family ambience, and for many is the highlight of their week," said club member Mr John Cruwys.

"This group of members who are mostly non-bowlers wish to have a greater representative voice to the board, and are angry that they were not consulted prior to this decision.

"If it is just a cost-saving

measure, then surely the board could have discussed the matter with us in an attempt to address the issue and find a solution.

"The non-bowling members do not have a voice and are being bullied.

"The board's action highlights its remoteness from this group of people who they are charged with the responsibility to serve," he said.

Mr Cruwys also said there had been no response to an earlier letter to the board asking for the decision to be reconsidered.

A petition with over 50 signatures has also been submitted.

"At this stage there has been no comment from the Board who appear to be indifferent to the needs of its own membership," said Mr Cruwys.

Email, 14 Jun 2013
John Cruwys, Umina



Woy Woy Hospital Alliance members

Hospital Alliance celebrates rehab unit opening

Woy Woy Hospital Alliance has been celebrating the official opening of the new Woy Woy Rehabilitation Unit on Tuesday, June 11, after four years of campaigning.

Alliance chairman Mr Ivan Kinny said: "The building is a thing of beauty, with its sleek modern design, colourful brickwork, graceful garden setting and its 40-bay car park studded with eucalypt saplings.

"Inside the wards, there is a welcoming atmosphere of efficiency and elegance, with every modern fitting and appliance

necessary to comfort patients and prepare them to return to their homes.

"Permeating it all is that quality for which Woy Woy Hospital has been renowned since its foundation 40 years ago: the warmth, enthusiasm, efficiency and kindly care of its nursing staff.

"The opening ceremony was a marvellous blend of sparkling sunshine, skilful organisation, happiness, goodwill, gratitude and mutual congratulation.

"When the first sods had been turned and construction commenced early in 2012, the

Alliance celebrated with a mud-cake bearing a single candle.

"Each subsequent stage in the work's progress was recognised in our monthly meetings by cakes of increasing delectability and additional candles.

"Last Saturday, June 15, with a rainbow cake generously made by Irene Neville and adorned with 10 candles, we rejoiced and voiced our thanks to all who had made the wondrous Rehabilitation Unit possible," said Mr Kinny.

Email, 19 Jun 2013
Ivan Kinny, Woy Woy Hospital Alliance

End of era party

Hardys Bay RSL will hold its End of an Era party on Saturday, June 29, from 8pm.

The party will be a celebration of times past and all members are invited to attend.

A member's information meeting will also be held the following day from 10am.

The principals of the two

proposals currently on the table for consideration, AAA Pty Ltd, and James Mathers and Co, will address the meeting.

On that date, and after due consideration, the Board and members will vote to decide the way forward for the club.

Email, 17 Jun 2013
Ian Bull, Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association

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Bays' residents attend history book launch

Some 120 local and past residents of The Bays came together on Saturday, June 15, to celebrate the launch of the history book *Our Beautiful Bays, A Collection from the Past*.

The book was a major work by local historians Brian Goodey and Margaret Vidler.

Both Brian and Margaret said how they enjoyed the experience, meeting past residents and locals who were able to provide some of the background stories which enriched the book's collection of articles and photographs.

The book was launched by local historians Gwen Dundon and Geoff Potter.

"This book is a legacy for our children and grandchildren, to know about where you live, the stories and to see the photographs of the past is a valuable contribution," said Mr Dundon.

The Bays Community Group President Mr Bob Puffett thanked Gosford Council for the grant which enabled research and printing of the book.

Copies are still available for those interested by contacting Brian Goodey on 4341 4295 or Ann Taylor on 4341 4545.

Email, 18 Jun 2013
Bob Puffett, Bays Community Group

Computer recycling extends for a year

Gosford Council will offering free TV and computer recycling at Woy Woy tip until June next year.

The offer is available to the general public and small businesses and aims to support council's ongoing sustainable waste management activities.

Gosford Council's acting manager waste and emergency services Mr Glen Pestell said there was an overwhelming response to the free TV and computer recycling offered recently.

"We had over 950 vehicles dropping off their old, unwanted TVs and computers amounting to approximately 70 tonnes of waste being diverted from our landfills.

"Following this huge response,

we have extended the offer so people can continue to recycle this waste for free at the Kincumber and Woy Woy landfills until June 2014."

Items accepted include computer equipment such as desktops, laptops, monitors, modems, keyboards, cables, drives and related accessories, printers and scanners and televisions.

Items not accepted are include game consoles, video recorders and DVD players, whitegoods and household appliances, power tools, non-computer batteries, radios and stereo equipment.

A maximum of 15 items is able to be deposited per person per visit.

Media release, 17 May 2013
Glen Pestell, Gosford Council

Holstein proud of Budget spending

The NSW Budget, released by NSW treasurer Mr Mike Baird on Tuesday, June 18, has delivered on an infrastructure commitment made by the O'Farrell Government to the Peninsula during the last election.

The budget allocated \$7 million for the replacement of the level crossing at Rawson Rd, Woy Woy. Member for Gosford Mr Chris

Holstein said he was proud to be part of a government that was delivering real infrastructure for his electorate and fixing roads that had been neglected for decades.

"The Government is committed to spending over \$1 billion on Central Coast roads infrastructure over the next four years", Mr Holstein said

Media release, 18 Jun 2013
Chris Holstein, Member for Gosford

Bouddi marine park remains protected

All forms of fishing are still prohibited in the Bouddi Marine Extension, despite a State Government amnesty on fishing in some areas of marine parks.

"The Bouddi Marine Extension is protected by a Section Eight fishing closure under the Fisheries Management Act 1994 and is not covered by the amnesty," said Department of Primary Industries director fisheries compliance Mr Glen Tritton.

The adjacent National Park extends into the South Pacific Ocean and is known as the Bouddi Marine Extension.

"This Marine Protected Area was established to protect all marine life and all forms of fishing are prohibited," Mr Tritton said.

Fishers in the Peninsula area are being reminded to check the rules on where they can fish.

"But fishers are being warned that the amnesty only covers specific areas and methods and a range of other restrictions still apply inside and outside of marine parks.

"Fishers should take care to make sure they know the rules before they drop in a line.

"This is especially the case in the Brisbane Waters National Park.

"Local Fisheries Officers and

National Park Rangers have received many enquiries from the public concerning the recent announcement.

"Fishing is a favourite past time for many people and fishers must ensure they follow the rules and regulations.

"Our precious fisheries resources are there for everyone to enjoy," Mr Tritton said.

Where the amnesty does apply, it only applies to line fishing from ocean beaches and headlands within the designated sanctuary zones.

Media Release, 6 Jun 2013
Lyndall Hilder, NSW Department of Primary Industries

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Care association seeks board member

Central Coast Community Care Association is seeking a volunteer to join its board of directors.

The board, which operates three residential aged care facilities at Woy Woy, Lake Haven and Killarney Vale, meets every two months at 1pm on Mondays.

Meetings rotate between the three facilities.

This role provides a sense of involvement and learning experiences for persons seeking to contribute in the governance of a not-for-profit organisation.

A current or former senior

care administrator with a nursing or other relevant clinical background would be well-suited to the position.

The existing board member skill mix includes governance and management in the health sector, local and semi government organisations and volunteer organisations.

To send through an expression of interest or to make an enquiry, contact CEO Greg Williams at gwilliams@cccga.org.au or on 0412 691 538.

**Email, 28 May 2013
Siobhan Kennedy, Central Coast Community Care Association**



Book sale for PCYC

The Umina Beach PCYC book sale held over the weekend of June 8 and 9 raised \$1900.

The PCYC was assisted by the Woy Woy Rotary Club in the organisation of the book sale.

"The PCYC appreciates that reading is learning, and in a warm atmosphere, thousands of new books were sold," said Woy Woy Rotary Club public relations officer Ms Fiona Hunt.

"With police involvement, the PCYC is a charity organisation that invests in our community's wellbeing and the future of young people within it.

"It works very hard to raise funds, for fun, safe, social and recreational activities.

"It believes that helping young people keeps them active.

"They develop leadership skills to help other kids.

"It is a venture that has turned

their lives around.

"The next book sale with thousands of new books shall be held on the long weekend in October, this year.

"Volunteers from all age groups, are always welcome," said Ms Hunt.

For more information about the PCYC, phone 4344 7851.

**Email, 13 Jun 2013
Fiona Hunt, Woy Woy Rotary Club**

Council investments

Gosford Council has reported its investment portfolio had a market valuation of \$53,861,943 on a face value of \$61,698,966 as of April 30.

Of these funds, \$39,834,517 was restricted assets and reserves, while \$ 5,347,096 was unspent loans and \$6,517,353 was committed funds and unspent grants.

According to the report by Council's director corporate services Mr Nic Pasternatsky, Council's investment portfolio return outperformed the bank bill

index benchmark during the month (6.40 per cent per annum versus 3.23 per cent per annum).

Mr Pasternatsky said Council's portfolio was expected to return above benchmark returns if there was no further credit events within its CDO portfolio as the CDO portfolio was currently valued at low levels.

Without marked-to-market influences, Council's investment portfolio yielded 4.33%pa during the month.

**Gosford Council Agenda
COR.40, 28 May 2013**

Ferries diverted

The ferries between Palm Beach, Wagstaffe and Ettalong were diverted to Patonga on Saturday, June 15, due to large swells and

extreme weather conditions.

The swell conditions were assessed frequently and the service returned to normal on Sunday, June 16.

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**Email, 14 Jun 2013
Elisabeth Styler, Fantasea Palm Beach Ferries**



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DLP announces Robertson candidate

Green Point resident Mr Paul Sheeran has been selected as the Democratic Labor Party candidate for the seat of Robertson in the upcoming election in September.

Mr Sheeran has lived on the Central Coast for over two decades and said he believed that his home region deserved better representation in the next parliament than it has had in recent times.

Mr Sheeran said he was an "ordinary bloke" who felt for and empathised with the aspirations, interests and needs of the people on the Central Coast.

He said he shared their concerns about transport, lack of public hospital facilities, the squeeze on small business and the chronic homelessness in the area.

"I will strive to bring support and relief to our small business, workers and community," said Mr Sheeran.

Mr Sheeran has run a small business for 28 years in local and rural areas and said he would campaign to make local manufacturing and small business more competitive.

Mr Sheeran said he also believed small businesses played a vital role in the Robertson electorate and that small business operators were feeling the strain of declining retail activity, increased regulations and a disempowering relationship with big businesses.

He pointed to the Democratic Labor Party's policy of introducing a 30-day standard trading period as a measure that could make a big difference to small business owners.

"Small business people have families to support, they have bills to pay and they have costs to cover like everyone else," he said.

"It is only fair and just that the payments owing to them are made in a reasonable time period.

"The Democratic Labor Party believes that the government needs to support small business people because they support the workers through being the major employers in the nation," said Mr Sheeran.

**Media release, 17 Jun 2013
Paul Sheeran, Democratic Labor Party**



The Peninsula Leisure Centre garden

Community gardens celebrate environment day

Two community gardens on the Peninsula celebrated World Environment Day on Wednesday, June 5, by opening their gates and inviting residents to come and see what they are all about.

"The Woy Woy Community Garden, which is just one year old, highlighted just how much an enthusiastic and dedicated group of gardeners can achieve in a year," said Gosford Council's environmental education officer Ms Anni Griffiths.

"Visitors on the day helped to plant up the newly constructed herb and sensory garden and also in digging up some sweet potatoes and Jerusalem artichokes.

"One sweet potato harvested was the size of a soccer ball," said Ms Griffiths.

The Peninsula Leisure Centre offered a workshop on building a wicking bed which is a simple

and water efficient way of growing vegetables.

The kiosk also made a snack for the visitors from home grown produce.

"The Peninsula Leisure Centre garden evolved from an initiative taken by pool staff to deal with the organic waste from the kiosk and gardens with composting," said Ms Griffiths.

"From this, rich organic compost

was produced and used to build up the naturally sandy soil of the Peninsula Leisure Centre to such a degree that it can now support a thriving organic garden.

"Enough produce is produced to supply the pool kiosk with fresh vegetables that can be used in their soups, slices and other fresh food based foods sold in the kiosk.

Email, 7 Jun 2013

Anni Griffiths, Gosford Council



		
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7. We will build more modern infrastructure to get things moving – with an emphasis on reducing the bottlenecks on our gridlocked roads and highways.



8. We will deliver better services including health services – by putting local communities in charge of hospitals and improving co-operation with the States and Territories.



9. We will deliver better education – by putting local communities in charge of improving the performance of local schools.



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12. We will deliver strong and stable government that restores accountability – to deliver a better future for all Australians.



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Authorised by Mark Neeham, 100 William Street, East Sydney NSW 2011.

Why is government taking my untouched money?

After recently being told that the Federal Government now has the power to access private bank accounts that have not been operated for three years and remove all of the money held there, I contacted the Member for Robertson Deborah O'Neill's office to ask if the rumour was true.

Ms O'Neill's staff were very helpful and supplied me with a document outlining amendments made to the Unclaimed Money and Other Measures Act 2012 which states (in part) that as of May 31 this year this is in fact the case.

The document states that where you do not deposit or withdraw money from a bank account for a period of three years or more the money will be deemed unclaimed money and paid to

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ASIC (Australian Securities and Investment Commission.)

The good news is if you have your money taken from your bank account by the Federal Government after July 1 the Government will pay interest on the money should you wish to claim it back.

If you do not want your bank account raided you must be sure to operate the account within the three-year period.

One is left to wonder how we ever arrived at this situation and just what my legitimate private financial affairs and banking habits have to do with the Federal Government.

Email, 18 Jun 2013
Vic Jefferies, St Huberts Island

Hospital Alliance man ignored at opening

It is worth noting there were six pairs of gold scissors and six ribbon cutters in the photo on the ABC website which accompanied the story about the opening of the Woy Woy Rehab Hospital.

Mr Ivan Kinny was pushed off the end of the photo; again politicians displaying very bad form.

The report by Mary Louise Vince pointedly ignores the presence of

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Mr Ivan Kinny and the Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance.

There is no mention of Mr Brian Neville in the ABC report even though there is no doubt that alliance members expect him, as the public face of the fight to have our rehab returned to us, to be memorialized in the foyer area of the new wing.

Email, 12 Jun 2013
Edward James, Umina

Brian Neville: a man who inspired so many

The following is in response to the advertisement titled 'Who was Brian Neville?' in edition 319 of Peninsula News.

Brian and I moved to Woy Woy in 1992 after buying a paint and retail business in Woy Woy which traded as Just Paints.

We worked very hard and had a thriving business but, due to Brian's health, decided to sell the paint business to the Campbells after some discussion in 1995.

Brian joined the Campbell Family Hardware store, set up their paint department and became their paint manager and consultant.

He left quiet a legacy within the business.

In 1999 Brian had an operation for a triple A (abdominal aorta aneurysm) which saw him spend six months in Brisbane Waters Private Hospital from complications of the operation.

He lost a leg and half a foot which resulted in another three months in hospital.

Brian had to resign from Campbells in 2000 due to limited mobility and the pain which he was seldom free of.

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Brian was not one to give up the battle for survival so he joined the Central Coast Amputees Association.

He made wooden wheel barrows which he sold and gave the proceeds to help other amputees. He also attended their meetings to offer his support where ever he could.

In 2008 Brian unfortunately had a fall and ended up in Gosford Hospital with a fractured hip socket.

After two weeks he was transferred to the Woy Woy

rehabilitation ward at Woy Woy Hospital in early September.

While a patient there he learnt of the intended closure of this much needed facility.

On September 18, he was sent home.

He was one of their last patients.

Brian, like a lot of other people, was very upset about the closure of the Woy Woy rehabilitation ward on the Peninsula so he joined the fight for its return and became very passionate in his part in the fight with the Woy Woy Hospital Alliance.

He offered his support and met with local politicians and the Minister for Health plus delivered pamphlets and spoke with locals on his motorised scooter whenever he could.

He was a man who suffered an enormous amount of unbearable pain after losing both legs.

Brian was a caring husband and father; a man who inspired so many with his courage and diversity in life and his willingness to always help others whenever he could until his death on the January 7, 2012.

Letter, 14 June 2013
Irene Neville, Woy Woy

Bike riders a hazard for Umina pedestrians

I have found it necessary to write this letter as I am a local resident and walk through the Umina shopping centre every day.

The number of near misses with bike riders and pedestrians is increasing every day and school holidays are the worst.

There are a lot of elderly people that can't move out of the way quickly enough and others don't hear the bike riders creeping up on them.

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There are so many shops that have tables outside and take up a lot of pathways, making it narrow for walkers, let alone bike riders.

I'm sure that most of the riders are not aware of the rules and don't realise that there are signs telling them to dismount.

Your paper could help to remind them and make parents aware that their kids could be guilty of this act.

It is great to see the young ones having good healthy exercise, but to use common sense and remember the safety of others is important.

Email 18 Jun 2013
Viv Donovan, Umina

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So, Klaas Woldring (Peninsula News, June 11) would have our Federal Constitution scrapped and rewritten, to enable an unspecified republic to be foisted upon us whether we like it or not.

This underwrites the wisdom of our founding fathers when they added section 128, to preclude people such as our politicians from tampering, adding or altering anything in the peoples' Constitution without our consent, and then only by referenda with a majority of voters in a majority of states.

It is well said for Australians to ask, "What kind of republic?" when no superior system of governance has been offered to us by republicans, even though they have been given decades to cobble one another.

They can look around the world and compare dozens of different kinds of republics and not one of them measures up to our Constituted Monarchy.

So what hope have they got?

Would they advocate a revolution?

Admittedly, there are shortcomings to be seen in our Federal system, but this is only because it is being administered by imperfect individuals.

The preamble asks us to (humbly rely) on the blessing of Almighty God, so we should rely on God to forgive us for our errors and omissions, as we strive to maintain a stable and progressive Nation here.

We haven't done too bad so far, with Australia being the envy of most

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nations of the world.

This brings us to the next Referendum mooted to be included in the upcoming election this September; to include local councils as a third tier of government in the Constitution.

But do we need this?

The six states are sure to be against it as they see themselves being undermined by the centralism of Canberra.

We need to give serious consideration to this proposal, always remembering, if in doubt, vote no.

Letter, 17 Jun 2013
Don Parkes, Woy Woy

Missing link money already allocated

What a cheek Liberal hopeful Lucy Wicks has to claim her party is doing something about the F3 to M2 missing link when she knows that the money has already been allocated for the job by the Gillard and O Farrell Governments.

It seems she is as deceitful and manipulative as her boss Tony Abbott.

Let's hope the voters of Robertson see through Lucy and will vote for the one who has done so much for the area, the excellent Deborah O'Neill.

Email, 12 Jun 2013
Barry Riley, Umina

I feel I must alert you to the current state of play in relation to planning laws in NSW.

When the Liberal Government came into power they promised a return to community planning and to remove the 3a Legislation, which took away the community's right for comment of development proposals.

Instead, they repealed 3a and put in 3b.

This takes away your right to comment on development next to you, behind you or in front of you.

It also takes away planning authority from the elected councillors.

The Liberals have reneged on their promise and the community of NSW now face something much worse than the dreaded 3a Legislation.

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Some call it 3a on steroids.

The NSW Planning White Paper is arguably the most important government proposal facing NSW communities in decades.

The proposed legislation will have immediate and far-reaching impacts on communities and home owners.

All zonings, which have protected general residential and community lifestyle, will become open slather to development in and around your house or flat.

You or the local council will not have any recourse to address the overshadowing, privacy, infrastructure deficit or heritage loss.

In many cases, you will be given 48 hours of notification of the bulldozers next to, beside or

behind your property.

What has played out and is still occurring on the Gosford waterfront will become common place in the suburbs and towns across the state.

Any character statements from council or zonings to protect green buffers or areas of significance will be lost as the legislation will reduce and remove many zonings.

Please visit <http://betterplanningnetwork.good.do/nsw/email-your-state-mp-3/> to send a brief letter to your local MP.

It is very important to protect your rights, your house or property and amenity of your neighbourhood to make a submission.

Public submissions need to be lodged by June 28.

Email, 14 Jun 2013
Mark Ellis, Woy Woy

Planning changes open opportunity for corruption

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right to comment on planned developments in your local area.

Power is being taken away from residents and given to powerful developer lobby groups who will influence strategic plans and you will lose the right to comment after the strategic plan is developed.

Imagine if the first you time you hear about a block of units being built next door is when the builders arrive and you will have no rights to comment on the proposal.

The Independent Commission Against Corruption made a submission against the

strategies that identified that they were subject to corruption and that state governments, Ministers and bureaucrats were no less corruptible (as we have discovered) than local government councillors and bureaucrats.

The Minister and Premier have ignored their concerns.

The community of Central Coast needs to be informed and alerted to the impacts on their living spaces, as they will be profound in identified growth areas such as the Central Coast.

Email, 8 Jun 2013
Kay Williams, Pearl Beach

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Our local councils are to blame for permitting politicians' campaigns to abuse our due process, which happens every time we have an election!

It seems that Gosford City Council compliance officers, rangers and NSW police are all incapable of acting on illegally placed political signs on power poles and public property, unless or until someone makes a formal complaint.

Changing the subject, most ratepayers won't know, but I will tell you that over ten years ago, Gosford City Council sent me a letter telling me that all of my approaches to council, council officers and councillors would be re-directed for the attention of the public officer. By doing this, the elected corporate entity has blocked my legitimate access to my elected representatives. Those councillors whom I have asked all deny that they asked council to block access. I think it is wrong to take rates and taxes from me while blocking my access to my elected representatives. I know better than to take a political argument into a law court or tribunal where my rates would be used to

fight me.

From that time, I have been paying rates to an alleged corrupt council while not being properly represented. Where Gosford City Council's abuse of power falls down is that some complaints made about the problems with the Old Pacific Highway above Piles Creek were lost, because council did not keep proper records, as the law requires. Had council done their job and acted on the "Lost" complaints, five lives may not have been lost. Would you believe, eight hundred thousand items were not properly registered / logged into DATA works?

Here are a few words about why I took up making paid announcements:

Our elected representatives, Federal, State and Local, political allsorts the lot of them, point blank refuse to do the jobs they are out asking us to elect them to do! Some of them lie to us.

Right now, there are Federal Labor politicians trying to hold on to power. Labor nationally is finally seeing their chickens come home to roost. On the way out Federal Labor Government and local councils are spending tens of millions pushing to formalise local councils. Labor have certainly not learnt their lesson yet.

The way I am now is a result of my standing up and decrying systemic corruption and abuse of power which is still being accommodated by our political allsorts and their supporters.

It took a very long while to understand our political allsorts. They are a very small minority with not too much self-control. I have asked Labor party members what they would do to change the toxic reputation the Labor party has attracted nationally because of the shonks within the ranks from the top down.

The rank and file members have no

answer to offer me, apart from an uncertain, "we do not get involved in that", or "I don't see a problem".

The reward I will take away with me when I go will be with me because I made an effort to bring about change in my community.

That change is within reach if my readers make the effort on the fourteenth of September to exercise their own votes, by directing their own preferences numbering all boxes in order of preference below the line.

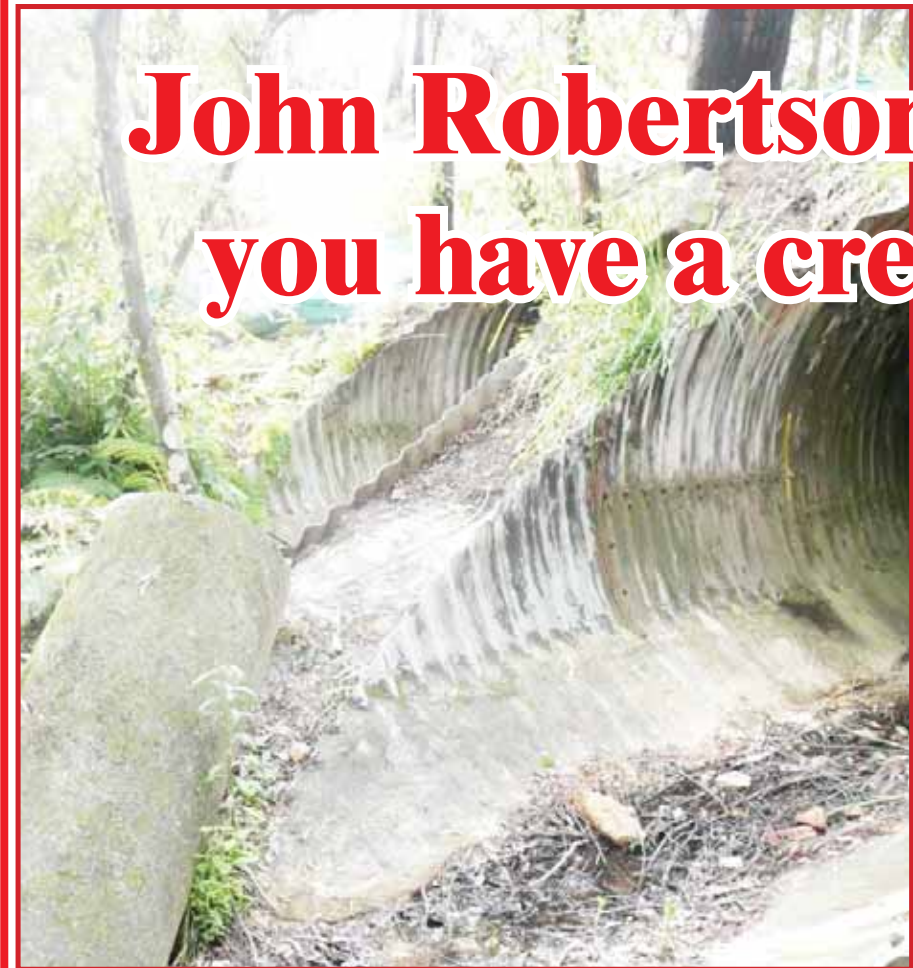
Keep in mind that when you all start exercising your votes below the line, you will be on the way towards attaining honest representative government.

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Former Minister for the Central Coast and leader of Labor in Opposition for NSW John Robertson reading about the alleged corruption

Seeking people to act on specialist fees

I want to contact other Central Coast people with the following problem so we can do something about it.

I have a medical condition, getting worse, which my GP says must be diagnosed by a specialist doctor.

When making an appointment to see a Central Coast specialist, I was told the fee would be \$195.

Further consults with the specialist, I guess, will cost similar amounts.

I hold a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.

I have a dependent wife and dependent daughter in Year 12.

There must be thousands of people on the Central Coast with a Health Card who need specialist medical advice.

Like others, I have paid my taxes fully and without a dodge all my life, thus supporting the great public institutions that provide education for professional people, including doctors.

Like others, I have consistently, without break, paid my 1.5 per cent Medicare levy.

I have, for the 52 years of my working life, paid top medical cover including top extras.

Back to the phone-call: the fee of \$195 took me aback, but I need this diagnosis badly so I informed the specialist's manager that I would make the appointment and speak to the specialist about his fee at the start of the consultation.

On previous occasions I have done this with specialists and they have heard my story and decided to bulk bill me.

This is the way Medicare is supposed to run; doctors get paid by the Government from our 1.5 per cent levy and, where people are financially comfortable, the doctors charge extra which the patient must pay (in addition to his or her 1.5 per cent weekly payments).

Anyway, the appointment was made for July.

That was that.

Yesterday I received another phone call from the specialist's manager.

She informed me that the specialist has asked her to ring me and tell me that the fee was \$195, it was set, it would not be changed, he would not discuss the matter with me either now or in the appointment, that if I wanted to see a skin specialist then I should go to Royal North Shore Hospital where there was a public skin clinic.

It occurred to me that his policy was greedy and his processes cowardly, and I expressed that opinion, politely.

The specialist's manager politely ended the phone-call.

So, I returned to my GP to get another referral, this time to Royal North Shore Hospital.

I rang Royal North Shore Hospital and was told that there were no appointments left for 2013 and that I "will have to

ring back in October to book an appointment for 2014".

So, I'm buggered.

I either do nothing and hope to get a 2014 appointment with Royal North Shore Hospital when I ring in October, or I pay this specialist \$195 a pop, every pop.

It occurs to me that there may be many people on the Central Coast who need specialist attention but who are not getting it because specialist attention is too expensive and out-of-reach despite the existence of means-tested Health Cards and Government bulk-billing funding of doctors.

It is not surprising that Sydney hospitals are difficult to get help from.

They are already over-loaded with people in their own area.

We rely on the specialists to be of excellent quality and compassionate.

My experience is varied.

Some specialists, despite the "no-go" answers from the front desk, will agree to bulk bill if I discuss it with them before their services are provided, but others seem to think they can charge huge fees even to those who are unable to pay.

Am I right to think these latter doctors are greedy?

And, am I correct in thinking it is an act of cowardice to instruct the manager to tell me "no", "no" and "no" and that I must go to a Sydney hospital, sometime in

2014 maybe?

I am keen to know if this is an isolated experience I have had, or if many others are similarly affected.

If you, or a friend or relative, are not getting specialist medical attention you need because the fee is too high, please contact me so we can discuss possible lines of action together.

Email: vandavy@hotmail.com.

Email, 28 May 2013
Van Davy, Pearl Beach

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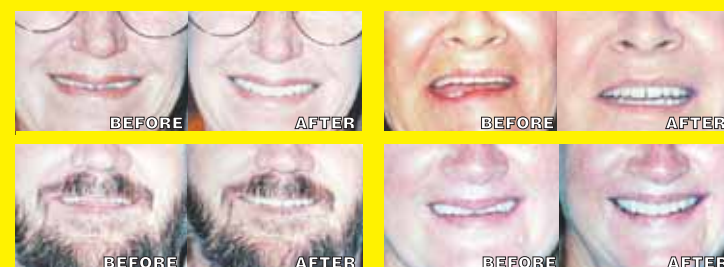
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Pyjama day at Ettalong Club

A Give Me Five for Kids PJ Day was held on Monday, June 3, at Ettalong Beach Club, raising more than \$600 for the children's ward at Gosford Hospital.

Ettalong Beach Club club

members and guests were encouraged to wear their pyjamas to the club, as were club staff.

The club's staff were given a challenge to raise over \$200 which saw the club's newly-appointed CEO Mr Bill Jackson

wear his pyjamas for the day.

Even though he had a few appointments scheduled for the day, Mr Jackson attended the meetings in his pink polka dot pyjama pants and slippers.

To further encourage members and guests to wear their pyjamas, Ettalong Beach

Club provided free entertainment with an arts and crafts table set up for children.

The children also participated in the disco and face painting as well as a movie showing on the large projector screen.

For a gold coin donation, a coffee station was available for

parents while the children were being entertained.

"I'm proud to announce at the recent Board of Directors meeting held June 13, the Board resolved to donate a further \$5000," said Mr Jackson.

Media release, 18 Jun 2013
Joy Allan, Ettalong Beach Club

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Principal attends Great Debate

Ettalong Public School principal Mr Colin Wallis represented the school along with students Bronwyn Hull and Jes and Louise Zammit on Thursday, June 13, at a children's charity Great Debate.

The debate was in aid of the Book Bank project, a Dymocks Children's Charities initiative supported by the NSW Department of Education.

"Our school is one of only seven schools in the state to receive support from the Book Bank project," said Mr Wallis.

"The project distributes a current title book to all Years 3 to 6 students each term.

"This has an incredible impact upon the acquisition of reading skills by switching our children onto quality literature and we

are very fortunate indeed to be one of the receiving schools," he said.

Newsletter, 11 Jun 2013
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

A family yoga class will be held on Tuesday, July 2, from 10am to 11am at Umina Beach Surf Club to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic at Westmead Children's Hospital.

Ruby Sheehan from Umina was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at a week old after needing bowel surgery.

At 2-years-old, she takes over 40 medications a day and spends around two hours every day doing breathing treatments.

"Attending Mini Yoga is a social highlight of her week, as well as a great way of sneaking in extra physiotherapy and teaching her to use her lungs to their full capacity," said yoga teacher Ms Helen Macnair.

Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease that affects a number of organs in the body, especially the lungs, by clogging them with thick, sticky mucus.

Every four days, a baby in Australia will be born with cystic fibrosis.

There is no cure and the average


life expectancy of someone with cystic fibrosis is currently 37.

One in 25 people carry the cystic fibrosis gene and most don't know it.

Class prices for the Family Yoga Class are by donation.

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Email, 12 Jun 2013
Helen Macnair, Umina Beach Yoga



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Students work in simulated newsroom

A journalism day was held for gifted and talented students at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus on Wednesday, June 12.

Year 5 students from schools in the Brisbane Water Learning Community worked in a simulated

newsroom.

"Responding to scenarios as they came to hand, budding reporters compiled investigative reports and sports reports using technology," said Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus teaching and learning head teacher Ms Sheree Gilchrist.

"Despite the stormy weather, students had an opportunity to make new friends with children from other primary schools at the lunch break while enjoying a pizza lunch."

Newsletter, 18 Jun 2013
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School

Cheque to buy new laptops

Pretty Beach Public School's P and C Association presented the school with a cheque for \$15,000 at its meeting on Monday, June 3.

The cheque will be combined with money saved by the school over the past few years to purchase 42 new laptops for students to use

in class.

"We are so appreciative of the P and C's contribution, knowing how hard the parents have worked to raise the funds," said relieving principal Lee Simpson.

Newsletter, 6 Jun 2013
Lee Simpson, Pretty Beach Public School

Students become crime scene investigators

Year 5 students from primary schools in the Peninsula area attended an enrichment day at Brisbane Water Secondary College, Umina Campus, on Thursday, June 6.

A CSI team comprising of primary students and Year 9 peer leaders spent a day at the campus

laboratories investigating four crime scenarios.

Students honed their problem-solving skills, with hands-on experiments in chromatography, finger printing analysis and suspicious liquid testing.

Newsletter, 18 Jun 2013
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

Volunteer scheme is voluntary

Ettalong Public School has registered for the Time Banking program in

the hope of assisting and supporting some of the volunteers at the school.

The program is well established in England and the USA and is currently being trialled on the Central Coast.

"How it works is that parent and community members who volunteer in our school are able to 'bank' that time and exchange the time for services from other volunteers registered with the program," said Ettalong Public School principal Mr Colin Wallis.

"This is a small and simple

way in which we can say thank you to the wonderful volunteers who give of their spare time so freely and graciously to support and assist our school.

"Without their support we could not offer the excellent programs, such as Breakfast Club, that assist our children so much.

"Our volunteers do not have to register, it is completely voluntary," said Mr Wallis.

Newsletter, 18 Jun 2013
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

Open day for prospective parents

Ettalong Public School held its Open Day for prospective parents and students on Wednesday, June 12.

"Although the weather was not perfect, the school and its students looked fantastic and feedback from our guests was overwhelmingly positive," said Ettalong Public School principal Mr Colin Wallis.

"Our djembe drumming group, choir and senior dance troupe all performed outstandingly and exemplified the great commitment of our staff and the opportunities available at the school."

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Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

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Dance troupe performs at festival

Ettalong Public School's Stage Two Dance Troupe has performed in the Central Coast Dance Festival on Monday, June 17.

Principal Mr Colin Wallis said the performance was "wonderful".

"It certainly was a show stopper and exemplified the excellent talent of our students."

Meanwhile, four students, Dylan Lom, Cooper Staunton,

Jordan Curran and Nicolas De Vivo, competed in the Central Coast finals of the Multi-cultural Public Speaking Competition and the school's girls netball team won over Copacabana at the Netball Gala Day on Friday, June 14.

"Our girls behaved and played exceptionally well and were well deserved victors," said Mr Wallis.

Newsletter, 18 Jun 2013
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School



Heavyweight steer led by Allana Norris

Students present beef cattle at Wingham

Students from the Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus agriculture department successfully competed in the Wingham Beef Week held from May 11 to 18.

Sixteen schools and several pastoralists from throughout NSW attended the week, with Brisbane Water Secondary College presenting three cattle in the led section and one in the unled competition.

The Middleweight steer placed third on the hoof, led by Laura

Oliver and bred by Mr and Mrs McCredie.

The heavyweight steer placed sixth, led by Allana Norris, bred by Mr and Mrs Kelleher and sponsored by Global Performance Systems.

The lightweight steer placed fifth on the hook and was led by Ben Nadan and bred by Mr and Mrs Tomkins of Clarencetown.

Brisbane Water Secondary College students Luke Boxsell and Allana Norris also qualified for the finals of the junior judging competition and continued to tie

second overall.

Allana was also the recipient of the Belinda Hobbs award, which is judged by a panel of qualified industry representatives.

Based on her commitment and performance in agriculture, skills in mentoring in the agriculture department and visions and goals for her agricultural future, Allana was nominated by her school and successfully won the award.

Newsletter June 2013
Brent Walker, Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus

Cartoonist visits Empire Bay

Empire Bay Public School hosted a visit from cartoonist, illustrator and author Mr Tony Murphy on Friday, June 21.

The workshop was offered to students who were identified as having an interest or talent in

this area.

Students were able to purchase a copy of Tony's book, Bonza and his Magic Boots.

Newsletter, 12 Jun 2013
Brad Lewis, Empire Bay Public School

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Umina wins debate at home

Umina Public School hosted the second round of the NSW Premier's debating challenge on Friday, June 7.

Umina went up against a team from Empire Bay Public School and debated the topic that primary school kids should be allowed to use social networking sites.

A coin toss saw Umina Public School take on the affirmative position.

"The Umina team had some last minute changes due to team members being unwell, and handled the situation with a mature approach," said Umina Public School debating coordinator Ms Rebecca Rodwell.

"The arguments put forward were convincing from Umina, however, their ability to challenge the opposing team on their misleading information was fabulous.

"In another close debate, Umina Public School was awarded the win.

"The fact that we were debating in front of Umina Public School students made the win a little more special.

"The students are now preparing for their next debate against Woy Woy South Public School in the last week of the term," said Ms Rodwell.

**Newsletter, 11 Jun 2013
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School**



Parent Rachael Reeves, Parental and Community Engagement Program coordinator Scott Campbell, parent Jo Brannigan, student Zac South, Aunty Anita Selwyn, Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus principal Brent Walker, Ettalong Public School aboriginal community support worker Tania Whiting and Koorana AECG member Kennedell Smith

Engagement program to run in local schools

Youth Connections has announced it will run a parental and community engagement program for parents and carers of aboriginal students in eight schools in the Peninsula area.

This follows the grant of funding by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

The program will operate out of Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus, Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus, Ettalong Public School, Empire Bay Public School, St John the Baptist School, Umina Public School, Woy

Woy South Public School and Woy Woy Public School.

"Studies show that building effective partnerships between families, parents and schools to support children's learning leads to better learning outcomes," said program coordinator Mr Scott Campbell.

The program will support programs already being operated by schools, and will also deliver workshops to parents, careers and the aboriginal community to assist with the development and growth of skills in leadership, computer technology and public speaking.

"These workshops will not only

help participants to engage positively and actively within the education system but will assist them in other areas of their lives, in turn helping the community and improving educational outcomes for our children and young people," said Mr Campbell.

Parental and Community Engagement is a community-driven program supporting parents and carers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people to be engaged in their children's education.

**Media release, 17 Jun 2013
Gabrielle Tawyer,
Youthconnections.com.au**

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Carved poles installed at Wagstaffe

A community arts project is nearing completion at Wagstaffe where three carved poles have been installed in a small public space beside the water.

Landscaping is underway to have the site looking its best for an official unveiling in July.

"The fascinating project began a year ago after a long-term local resident of Wagstaffe suggested that local people could create some artistic poles to greet visitors arriving by water," said Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association project coordinator Mr Peter Scott.

"The idea took wings after the Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association agreed to sponsor the project and Ausgrid kindly supplied used power poles, which were cut in half to give five metre lengths for carving.

"A call went out for volunteers and a group of enthusiastic local novices came forward to chip away at the poles under the guidance of Terry Baker, our own master wood turner and carver.

"A variety of designs were used by the carvers, who were hugely inspired by the local environment.

"The wood is very hard, which made it slow going for the learners

and tough on tools, but means the poles and their designs will last many years in all weathers.

"The carvers enjoyed the work and had a lot of fun while learning their new craft every Saturday afternoon at Wagstaffe.

"They have been dedicated to the work and have given their time

freely.

"Carving continues on a fourth pole, which is being dedicated to the Furies who did so much to protect the area from last October's bush fires," said Mr Scott.

The new installation can be found in the small park between the wharf and the hall at Wagstaffe.

"An inspection of the poles is a rewarding experience – the more you walk around them and look at them the more you will find," said Mr Scott.

Email, 19 Jun 2013

Peter Scott, Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association




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Regional exhibition for Pearl Beach artist

Pearl Beach artist Ms Robyne Palmer will exhibit her collection of paintings and drawings at the Gosford Regional Gallery from June 29 to July 7.

Ms Palmer was a finalist in the Dobell Art Prize, Art Gallery NSW and has won many other awards.

She is represented in corporate,

vice-regal and private collections in Australia and overseas.

After many years of ill health, a kidney transplant in 2009 gave her new energy and enabled her to return to painting and drawing.

The exhibition will open at 2pm on Saturday, June 29.

Email, 17 Jun 2013
Carol Serventy, Pearl Beach

History book is launched

The launch of Robyn Warburton's *People, Place and Progress: A history of the Association at Wagstaffe and Pretty Beach* book was held on Sunday, May 26, with over 100 people in attendance.

There were a number of speakers who each talked about the different decades and the issues that faced the Association.

Mr John Heron spoke about the 50s.

Cr Jim Macfadyen spoke about the 60s on film as he was unable to present.

Ms Bev Walther spoke about the 70s.

Mr Robert Bell summed up the 80s, followed by Fay Gunther who



spoke about the 90s.

The new century was covered by Mr Graeme Anderson and this was followed by the official launch

of the book.

Newsletter, 14 Jun 2013
Peta Colebatch, Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association

Foster elected president of bridge club

Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its annual meeting on Saturday, May 18, which saw Mr Barry Foster elected as the new president.

Ms Jan Kukura was elected secretary while Ms Carolyn Sandell was elected treasurer.

Outgoing president Mr Louis Koolen was thanked for his efforts over the last two years.

The AGM Pairs event was held following the meeting which saw Judy Wulff and Jacqueline Wilson place first with 66.10 per cent.

Jorgan Boettiger and Bill

Penfold placed second with 63.10 per cent and Susan McCall and Robyn Scahill placed third with 61.90 per cent.

Email, 19 May 2013
Jenny Buckley, Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Conversation in foreign languages

Three informal conversation classes in foreign languages will be held throughout July at The Red Lime Cafe in Woy Woy.

The month will begin with a Spanish class on Saturday, July

6, followed by an Italian class on Saturday, July 13, and a French class on Saturday, July 20.

All classes will be held at 10am and will be free of charge to attend.

Teachers, mother-tongue speakers, and all levels of learners

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Email, 15 Jun 2013
Rosy Landi, The Red Lime Cafe

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Central Desert artists visit local gallery

Two Central Desert artists, Billy and Lulu Cooley, visited the Bouddi Gallery on June 15 and 16 to meet residents of the Central Coast and demonstrate their painting skills.

Billy Cooley is internationally famous for his realistic, life size liru (venomous snake) carvings and Lulu for her piti and wira (carved wooden bowls).

Billy and Lulu are also well known for their walka boards, a painting and etching method using hot wire, developed by the artists at Maruku Arts (Uluru).

Lulu said she remembered learning her carving skills from her mother and other female relatives in the 1960s.

Since Creation, women have been responsible for making their own wooden tools, most importantly the digging stick and collecting bowls, she said.

They must also learn designs relating to ceremony and storytelling for country and kinship.

Lulu said long and close observation of her mother's work led to her distinctive scallop style.

Now a consummate carver of many years' experience, Lulu specialises mainly in piti and wira, traditional bowls, as well as punu timpilypa - music or clap sticks.

She works closely with her husband Billy and is the grandmother

of 10 children who she helps raise at Ulpaia in the Musgrave ranges.

Billy was born on a cattle station near the Northern Territory and Queensland borders and now lives with his Pitjantjatjara wife, Lulu, and six children on their homeland near the South Australian community of Amata.

In his younger years, Billy was an accomplished stockman, travelling widely and eventually meeting Lulu at Mulga Park Station.

Billy found himself at home on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Lands and began to make kali (boomerangs) from the desert mulga trees after watching some of the older local Anangu people crafting snakes.

When he began carving in earnest, he said he wanted to make his liru (snake) sculptures as life-like as possible so he started to watch out for naturally occurring serpent forms in the twisting roots and branches he came across in the landscape.

He said he also made careful study of the different scale patterns of desert serpents and, over the years, he arrived at four etching styles to replicate different snakes.

Billy has exhibited widely since 1990, including in Japan and both the National Gallery of Australia and the National Museum of Australia have acquired his work.

Email, 10 Jun 2013
Jody Deamer, Bouddi Gallery



Cellist plays to capacity crowd

Capacity crowds packed the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall over the June long weekend for a musical program including a concert by David Pereira.

Central Coast Conservatorium cello student Sebastien Hibbard, a participant in the previous week's Pearl Beach Showcase concert, said it was an exciting experience as he and his parents were among

the audience for the Sunday afternoon David Pereira concert.

"David Pereira is regarded as one of Australia's finest cellists," said Pearl Beach Progress Association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

From 1980 to 1987 David was principal cellist with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

He was also founding cellist of the Australia Ensemble and, from 1990 until recent times, he was

senior lecturer at the Australian National University where he now teaches part-time.

"Across his career David Pereira has commissioned, performed and recorded more cello music than perhaps any other Australian cellist," said Ms Lillico.

"For ten-year-old Sebastien Hibbard, it was a thrilling moment as the previous day he had a very special meeting with David who confirmed that he would be

delighted to tutor Sebastien on a monthly basis.

"Sebastien is an outstanding young musician who was recently awarded the Central Coast Conservatorium's encouragement scholarship for 2013.

"He has also been awarded a scholarship to the Central Coast

Grammar School from 2014 to 2019.

"The Association is delighted to announce that he will perform at the Pearl Beach August Glee Club Variety concerts," said Ms Lillico.

Email, 17 Jun 2013
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

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Theatre hosts a comedy

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Gosford Council manager of arts and entertainment Mr Chris King said: "The Peninsula Theatre

is a change in venue for this production and we're sure that this intimate theatre space will be the perfect environment for it."

"We are delighted to be welcoming an amazing trio of actors to the Peninsula and look

forward to them serving up an unforgettable evening of laughs and top quality entertainment."

The story centres around a man who spends a fortune on an all-white modern painting and his best friend can't believe why he could possibly want such a thing and is outraged by this act of extravagance.

With very different opinions on life, art and philosophy, the audience watches three friends slowly tear themselves apart.

Media release, 14 Jun 2013
Jan Wells, Gosford Council



Community awards presented

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy celebrated the dedication of some local community members recently at its annual Community and Vocational Service Awards evening.

Louisa Briggs and Ron Unsworth from Brisbane Water Secondary College were recognised with a Vocational Service Award for the work they do with the agriculture farm.

Mr Unsworth was unable to attend the evening as he was accompanying students at a cattle judging evening.

Bruce Graf and Don Tee were recognised with a Community Service Award for their dedication to working within the local

community.

Mr Graf has also been instrumental in his work with the Brisbane Water Secondary College farm, caring for animals after hours.

Mr Tee has been serving the community for the past 42 years as a rotaractor and a Rotarian, supporting such organisations as the Girl Guides, Sea Scouts, PCYC, and initiating the Anzac Dawn Service candles, tea and coffee.

Tim Whiting, an apprentice butcher at J and B Meats at Umina, was awarded the Apprentice Award.

Email, 15 May 2013
Fiona Hunt, Woy Woy Rotary Club



Louisa Briggs, Bruce Graf, Woy Woy Rotary president Ted Crawley, Don Tee and Tim Whiting

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The line between Strathfield junction and the Hawkesbury River was opened on April 5, 1887, with the terminus being on the southern bank of the Hawkesbury River.

The line between Newcastle and the northern bank of the Hawkesbury River (near present day Wondabyne) was opened in January 1888.

A large sandstone ridge formed a natural barrier to railway construction and a lengthy tunnel through the ridge was required to allow construction of the railway line to continue towards the Hawkesbury River.

Woy Woy Railway Tunnel was built approximately 3.2km south of Woy Woy Railway Station.

Contractor George Blunt commenced work on the tunnel in March 1884.

The tunnel proved to be a massive undertaking and was then the longest in Australia, being 1.79km long.

It required 10,000,000 bricks which were drawn by a steam locomotive to the tunnel mouth where another crane unloaded them.

Even though explosives were used, the tunnel was dug laboriously, shovel by shovel, without the help of modern mechanical engineering aids.

The engineers started at both ends and missed the mean centre by only a few centimetres.

The spoil on the Woy Woy end

was dumped on the mud flats on the route of the railway line and built the causeway from the site of the station to the bridge over Woy Woy Creek.

The spoil on the other end of the tunnel was dumped on the Wondabyne foreshores.

During construction, a tramway was built between Brisbane Water (at Woy Woy) and the site of the tunnel (4km) to convey materials which had been landed at Woy Woy by boat.

There was a 'navvy' camp near the Mullet Creek portal and there were never less than 600 men at work on the tunnel during the five years it took to build.

The settlement was clustered on the flat, at the foot of what is now known as Bull's Hill, and on the hillsides.

Most of the present day comforts

were missing but there were very few restrictions such as taxes, closing times, and compulsory unionism.

However, on the job there was definitely no room for the loafer; men in the tunnel worked by candlelight.

The bricklayers building the inner wall of the tunnel packed the space between the brickwork and the excavated wall with rock.

Inspectors armed with canes constantly scrutinized the work and, if a space was left into which the point of a cane would enter, they would order it to be more tightly packed.

Hundreds of men fed at the eating houses which were log tents with wooden poles for seats.

To cater for the thirst of the workmen there were three hotels at the tunnel site, one on the flat, another near the tunnel mouth and

one on top of Sugarloaf Hill.

There were two police constables and, except for a drunken row when one or two of the men could be chained to a log until they sobered, the police lived at peace with the men encamped.

An unusual aspect of the tunnel is that the Newcastle-end portal is more southerly than the south-end portal.

The tunnel was opened at a ceremony on July 17, 1886, some 18 months before the opening of the line to Mullet Creek.

The line was completed through between Sydney and Newcastle with the opening of the massive bridge over the Hawkesbury River in 1889.

Newsletter, 9 Jun 2013
Shirley Rider, Brisbane
Water Historical Society

Foreshore under threat from nature

It is many years since we made a trip north along the coast.

The last time we were in Kingscliff, for instance, there was still some native vegetation along the top of the dunes and development had only just begun.

Now it is a large metropolis as it were, with high rise units, caravan parks, clubs and boutique coffee shops along the coastal road.

The business fraternity and residents evidently got their way, for much of the former dune area is now a wide expanse of mown lawn, about 50 metres wide across the top, for people to exercise themselves or their dogs, or just sit.

It must have cost a great deal to establish and to maintain and now this whole area is under threat from nature.

For instance, a very large rock wall is all that protects the bowling club from falling into the sea and as with all sea walls, the erosion is even worse at the end of the wall and has removed much of the mown grass and poinciana trees, which can now be seen lying on the beach.

The erosion will no doubt wind around behind the club and so it will be attacked on all sides.

Large expanses of dune are being held up by sand bags and/or rock

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walls but still the sea is relentlessly wearing it all away.

Caravans have been moved to the rear of the parks and campers at the front could easily wake-up and find themselves swimming.

If you don't believe me, just use the internet to look up erosion at Kingscliff.

Surfers might be interested to do the same for Kirra Beach on the Gold Coast, where severe erosion has put the Australian Surf Titles in doubt.

Eight per cent of beaches there are too badly damaged to host the event.

As is usual, residents and traders rant at the Council's failure to prevent the ongoing erosion, despite spending millions on the project.

You can even view a series of photographs taken of these beaches since the early part of the last century, monthly in later years and notice what the power of nature can do.

It is interesting, therefore, to return to the Central Coast and find that the story is being repeated here in Ettalong.

Again public money is due to be wasted because man just cannot accept that he must live with nature, instead of re-making it.

History demonstrates that the same mistakes are made over and over again and that this supposedly intelligent species is a very slow learner.

Unfortunately, it seems that much of what is done to our natural environment is largely due to greed, supported by ignorance.

When will we ever wake up?

Email, 28 Mar 2013
Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

The small group of MPs who persuaded the ALP caucus to replace Kevin Rudd with Julia Gillard as Prime Minister now have the responsibility and opportunity to correct their mistake.

Removing Kevin Rudd, apparently because he was too much of a micro manager and/or acted too independently of unions, was a serious error of judgement not just of the initiators but of the

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majority of the ALP caucus.

Rudd had solid popular support at the time (around 70 per cent).

Was this the only way to deal with a deficient management style of a successful Labor leader, no matter how irritating to some?

Of course the plotters did not foresee or did not consider the consequences of their actions in that their new preferred leader

could and would be portrayed as not trustworthy on account of perceived implicitness, surely a further mistake on their part.

Ms Gillard performed very well but had to carry the burden of those actions.

In the coming days, the plotters have the opportunity to correct their mistakes.

They should end the imbroglio.

Email, 18 Jun 2013
Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

Imbroglio should end

Enough personnel needed for legal entrants

Most illegal arrivals don't come with valid reasons.

They just come to a country of choice to get a visa and citizenship so that they can live and work in that country.

Not only do British and Americans slip through the loopholes but other migrants do it and eventually get caught out.

Yes, our border control can only be effective if there are enough personnel to handle situations of legal entrants which come by air, land and sea which I mentioned in my letter to the editor which was published in edition 318 of Peninsula News.

I do concentrate as a voter on what is brought to my attention

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when it comes to issues concerning Australia.

Which parliamentary committee is going to be able to keep promises and deliver on what they say will work for all Australians in the future?

I thank Bruce Hyland for his feedback in the Peninsula News (June 11).

Letter, 14 June 2013
Linda Moverley, Woy Woy

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Debra 4344 4435
avlcentralcoast@optusnet.com.au

RSPCA

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
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,

Directory - Not for profit Community Organisations

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
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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.caphousie@hotmail.com

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

Community Care Services - Central Coast
For people with memory loss & their carers to enjoy a relaxing coffee morning with others experiencing similar circumstances
Rocky Point Café - Ettalong Beach Memorial Club 3rd Wednesday
4324 4244

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

The Krait Club
Community Centre - Coinda 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 - 4344 2992

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.peq.org.au

Health Group
Alcoholics Anonymous
If you want to drink,

that's your business.
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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)
Meet last Friday Month
Terrigal Uniting Church
380 Terrigal Drive, Terrigal
9.30am to 12 noon
4367 9600
www.pcfca.org.au

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 Com. 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 Wellness Centre
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Peninsula Village Meals
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Peninsula Village Carer's Support Group
For carers of loved ones with dementia - 1st Wed - 10 to 11.30am Paula Newman
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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,
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Gosford Musical Society Minstrels
GMS Minstrels is a group which entertains at various venues on the Central Coast
Seeking new members
Thur Night Laycock St Noth Gosford
4341 4210

Soundwaves
Men's acapella 4 part harmony chorus - all ages welcome
7.00pm Mondays Central Coast Leagues Club
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
Make new friends and have fun while serving your community.

Northern Settlement Services
Provides socialisation for migrants. Volunteers assist with home visits, shopping and social days. Every Thur
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
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Every Tues 6pm
Everglades Country Club.
Don Tee 4369 7496
0428 438 535

Sport
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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



Team competes in Bay to Bay run

A team comprised from members of a Woy Woy gym competed in the Bay to Bay Fun Run on Sunday, June 16.

This year over 3000 people took part in the 12km race from Woy Woy to Gosford.

Anytime Fitness Woy Woy owner Ms Carla Simpson said she was so proud of her team that all finished the race in less than two hours.

This race is a huge event for the Central Coast with it getting bigger every year.

Ms Simpson said this was just the start of the winter running season and she would be taking the group down to compete in the City to Surf in Sydney.

"It is important to stay active all throughout the year and I'm not going to let my members slow down and feel the winter blues.

"The winter chill has set in and it's getting harder to remember long hot sunny afternoons.

"As we scurry home out of the cold, it's easy to let fitness habits lapse.

"While this does sound appealing, it is also important to remember that by keeping up on your fitness regime you will enjoy the immediate effects," said Ms Simpson.

Email, 17 Jun 2013
Carla Simpson, Anytime Fitness Woy Woy

College played in mixed competition

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus participated in the Boomerang Oz Tag Gala Day held at Adcock Park in Gosford on Friday, May 17.

The day encourages indigenous and non-indigenous students to come together in good spirits and play a mixed-competition.

Fourteen students represented Brisbane Water Secondary College.

The first game saw Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina take on Kariong with Umina coming out on top with a 7-5 win.

The girls received two points for every try scored and so the boys tried to get the ball to them as often as possible.

Umina dominated game two

with a 13-4 win and also won game three with a score of 9-6.

In the semi-finals, Umina was up against Gorokan and won 6-3.

In the grand final, Umina took on Tumby Umbi, but had their first loss of the day.

Newsletter, 17 Jun 2013
Brent Walker, Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus

The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Monday, June 24
ART, Peninsula Theatre, 8pm

Tuesday June 25
ART, Peninsula Theatre, 8pm

Saturday June 29
Official handover of Cat 12, Pearl Beach Volunteer Bushfire Brigade
End of Era party, Hardys Bay RSL, 8am

Sunday June 30
Breakfast in the Bays, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall

Tuesday July 2
Umina Beach Yoga, Umina Beach Surf Club, 10am-11am

Saturday July 6
Woy Woy Ettalong Hardys Bay RSL Women's Auxiliary garage

sale, Unit 2, 97 Karinga St, Umina, 8:30am-12:30pm
Spanish language class, Red Lime Café, Woy Woy, 10am, free

Saturday July 13
Bays Community Group Wine, Cheese and Art Night, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall, 7:30pm-10:30pm
Italian language class, Red Lime Café, Woy Woy, 10am, free

Saturday July 20
Ocean Beach Malibu Club midyear function, Ocean Beach hotel, 7pm
French language class, Red Lime Café, Woy Woy, 10am, free

Monday July 22
Central Coast Mariners fan forum, Ettalong Beach Memorial

Club, 7pm

Sunday July 28
Breakfast in the Bays, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall

Wednesday August 21
Bays Community Group annual meeting, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall, 7:30pm

Sunday August 25
Breakfast in the Bays, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall

Saturday September 7
Bays Community Group Kids Disco, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall, 2pm-5pm

Sunday September 29
Breakfast in the Bays, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall

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

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

Financial Counselling Service 4334 2304
Tenants' Advice and Advocacy Service 4353 5515
Woy Woy Court 4344 0111

Libraries

Gosford district:
Umina Beach 4304 7333
Woy Woy 4304 7555

Problems,

Habits & Addiction

Alcoholics Anonymous 4323 3890
Narcotics Anonymous 4325 0524

Transport

Taxi 131 008
Busways 4368 2277
City Rail 131 500

Welfare Services

Gosford Family Support 4340 1585
Meals on Wheels 4341 6699
Department of Community Services Gosford 4336 2400
The Salvation Army 4325 5733
Samaritans Emergency Relief 4393 2450
St Vincent De Paul Society HELPLINE 4323 6081

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Peninsula clubs wins five bowls pennants

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club won three pennants and Woy Woy Bowling Club one in the 2013 Bowls Central Coast Pennant Finals on Saturday, June 15, at Bateau Bay Bowling Club

“Ettalong is on cloud nine after winning three Pennant Flags in grades one, three and seven, helped no doubt by their mascot Egor the Eagle moving around the three greens stirring up the many Ettalong supporters,” said Bowls Central Coast publicity officer Mr Bob Bourke.

“In the blue ribbon grade one event, the 2011 winners Ettalong were determined to take home the number one flag from last year’s title holder Avoca Beach,” said Mr Bourke.

Ettalong’s world champion Aron Sherriff and team had a toe-to-toe battle with Colin Passfield’s Avoca Beach team who levelled the score on at least two occasions before Ettalong pulled ahead to win their rink 20-15.

Team mate Lee Trethowan had it easier against Avoca’s Justin Shelley posting a 23-9 rink win and John Roberts scraped a narrow 19-17 win over Tony Shoebridge to give Ettalong a win on all three rinks and a master scoreboard victory

of 62-41 to regain the Grade One Pennant.

A narrow Master Scoreboard win of 64 to 59 in grade three gave Ettalong their second flag of the day over Umina with rink victories by Allan Quinn 23-22 over Brian Burrows, Jeff Kelly 24-16 over Alan Rhodes leaving Lee Patterson to score a face saving rink win of 21-17 over Ettalong’s Frank Powter.

With grades four and five decided on June 1, it was Woy Woy in grade six that put an end to Ettalong making it four out of four with Woy Woy scoring rink wins by Glen McWhirter over Hans De Jong 20-19 and Russell Phillips over Robert Taylor 27-15 while Mick McMahon of Woy Woy and Dieter Fialla of Ettalong fought an 18-18 draw.

The Ettalong Eagles were back in the winner’s circle in grade seven with their third pennant flag for the day after disposing of Umina Beach with another three rink victory by Brandon Fraser 26-15 over Vassilios Tselios, Douglas Gordon 26-14 over Colin Miew and Robert Conklin 26-20 over John Landrigan.

The grade five pennant was won by Umina.

For more information, see page 29.

Media release, 19 Jun 2013
Bob Bourke, Bowls Central Coast



Number One Pennant winners Ettalong



Number 3 Pennant winners Ettalong



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Malibu surfers compete in Classic

A total of 11 surfers from the Ocean Beach Malibu Club competed at the 2013 Crescent Head Classic held from May 23 to 26.

Cyclonic conditions saw the event extended to the Sunday for the finals with near perfect conditions producing five foot waves peeling off the point.

Kai Ellice-Flint placed second in the open loggers while Hayden Emery wasn't far behind, finishing fifth in the same event.

Cyndi Zoranovic placed third in the women's over-35s while Bryce Williams was the only other surfer to progress to the finals, placing sixth in the under-18s.

The father and son teams of John and Tom Payne, Angus and Lachlan Mackay and John and Gus O'Malley along with Mark Williams also competed but were eliminated prior to the finals.

**Email, 19 June 2013
Craig Coulton, Ocean Beach Malibu Club**



Contest winner John Gill

Umina pennant teams finish at the top

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club fielded six teams in the 2013 Pennant season, with grade five the only Umina team to take out the flag.

Three teams were successful in winning their respective sections and a fourth team finished second in their section.

The third grade side, which won its section, was defeated in a close finish by Ettalong in the Round Robin playoff after leading early in the game.

The seventh grade finalists

were defeated by a strong Ettalong team.

"While disappointed that we only won one flag, the club was pleased with their achievements this year and look forward to season 2014," said club publicity officer Mr Ian Jarratt.

"The players welcomed the support of their members at all the playoffs which once again encouraged the teams to do their best."

**Email, 19 Jun 2013
Ian Jarratt, Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club**

Surfing contest was 'one of the best'

Ocean Beach Malibu Club held its most recent surfing contest on Sunday, May 25.

According to president Craig Coulton, it "would go down in history as one of the best contests the club has ever held".

"Umina Beach provided shapely, consistent head high waves all day, along with beautiful late autumn sunshine," said Mr Coulton.

John Gill, Garry Halliday, Chris Taylor, Ben Scully-Hawkins and Chris Irwin all won their first round heats to meet in the round two battle of the firsts.

As has been the case so far this year, John Gill again outpointed the rest to score

maximum points for the day with Garry Halliday claiming second place from Ben Scully-Hawkins, Chris Taylor and Chris Irwin.

Craig Coulton won the seconds from Shane Muldowney, Peter Wellington John Wilson and Angela Goodwin.

Wayne Priestly beat his son Jordan into first place in the thirds with Ron Stockings, Wylie Gill and Tony Irwin filling the minor places.

In what turned out to be a three-man heat for the fourths, Brian Cook won from Hayden Wellington and Huxley Walker.

In the fifths it was Daniel Ambler winning from Mick Day, Jonas Rowell and Daryl

Anderson.

Craig Palmer was successful in the sixths with Callum Baker placing second, Darrell Young third and Graeme Carroll, surfing his first contest, in fourth.

The next Ocean Beach Malibu Club contest will be held on June 30 followed by the April makeup competition on July 7.

**Email, 19 Jun 2013
Craig Coulton, Ocean Beach Malibu Club
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Yvonne takes top surf club honours

Killcare Surf Club member Yvonne Hayter took top honours at the club's recent annual presentation dinner when she was named the Most Outstanding Member for the past season.

Yvonne, who has been the junior activities co-ordinator at the club for four years, following previous roles as an age manager, treasurer, and secretary, was presented with the RJ Tubby trophy by father and son life members, Jim and Phil Tubby.

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"Yvonne's dedicated efforts to promoting the club's Nippers program have been largely responsible for a remarkable increase in this category's ranks which have attained a record level," said Killcare Surf Club publicity officer Mr Allan Wilson.

"Underlining her versatility, the Killcare resident also took out the over-50 year's women's championship."

Individual club championship winners announced during the evening's festivities also included Don Dennis in the over-50 years men's campaigns, Andrew Stevenson and Mal Cooper, who were equal recipients of the over-40 years men's award, Laura Washington in the over-40 years women and Michaela Hofer in the over-30 years women.

Luke Hayter won the under-17 years men, Jess McCartney won the under-17 years women, Rafael Lagos won the under-15 years men and Jennifer Webb took out the under-15 years women event.

A special award for water excellence throughout the season was presented to the



Junior activities co-ordinator Ms Yvonne Hayter receives the R.J. Tubby trophy flanked by life members Phil Tubby (left) and his father Jim

women's surf boat crew of Sarah Doak-Stride, Monique Keogh, Megan Shepherd and Angela Goodwin, with Mel Smith the coach and sweep.

The crew gained bronze medals in the State titles and the Peters Series, and was a finalist

in the Australian championships at Kirra, Queensland, which were contested in heavy seas.

A particular mention was made during the evening's ceremonies of the club's male and female representatives in the Masters series for outstanding displays

at World, National, State and Branch levels under long-standing coach John Bourne who has been involved in this capacity for 20 years.

Media release, 16 Jun 2013
Allan Wilson, Killcare Surf Club

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Mariners hold supporter forum at Ettalong

The Central Coast Mariners will hold a fan forum in Ettalong on Monday, July 22, at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club from 7pm.

The forum is one of three being held across the Central Coast to provide supporters with the opportunity to engage with the Club.

The community forums will enable fans to air their ideas with the Club and hear from and quiz senior Mariners and A-League management about plans to ensure soccer on the Central Coast continues to grow.

Central Coast Mariners

majority shareholder Mr Michael Charlesworth, group general manager Mr Peter Turnbull and A-League head Mr Damien de Bohun will be present at each of the forums.

Mr Turnbull said the club was eager to strengthen its bond with local supporters and connect with new fans.

"These fan forums will provide us with the opportunity to interact with our supporters on a more personal level and provide them with briefings on club initiatives from areas such as youth development and community engagement," Turnbull said.

"More importantly they are about us opening a two-way conversation with supporters, allowing them to provide input to our ideas and plans as we aim to build upon the foundations in place."

"Each forum will have a particular theme," Turnbull explained.

"We'll be concentrating purely on club matters in the second forum at Ettalong."

Central Coast Mariners staff will be present at all three forums to provide additional information to fans as necessary.

Media Release, 5 Jun 2013
Peter Turnbull, Central Coast Mariners

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Boxers record victories for NSW

Three Umina Beach PCYC boxers recorded victories while representing NSW in the inaugural Mayfire Challenge recently.

The Challenge was an interstate tournament between the best boxers in Tasmania and the NSW PCYC Boxing Academy.

"A massive crowd in the lovely scenic town of Burnie came to watch their local boys and girls give the NSW boxers a hiding," said Umina Beach PCYC boxing coach Joel Keegan.

"They were to be sent home mostly disappointed as the NSW team rallied to win the night five bouts to four.

"The baby of Umina PCYC at just 11 years old, Thomas Deakin, got the NSW team off to a cracking start with an 11-5 victory.

"His opponent, Tasmanian Champion Kaleb Garth, a willing and capable boxer, had little answer for the hand speed and slick footwork coming from young Deakin.

"By the end of the third round, the local boy had almost had enough of the barrage of well delivered combinations.

"It was a very impressive performance by Thomas, in front of a hostile crowd as well.

"It was also a great moment to see his father Steve coach him



and others that night.

"Steve is one of a few fathers who have chosen to help out at the club and come on board as coaches.

"These guys are talented people who make huge contributions to our program," said Keegan.

Jason Fawcett, the current Australian Amateur Boxing Champion, went up against Bailey Wells, who had a controversial

points victory over the young Umina lad two months earlier.

"Fawcett, who plays rugby league for the Woy Woy Roosters as well, was always going to be hard to beat in this mood, dominating the bout from the start," said Keegan.

"A natural puncher with a great eye, Fawcett landed his heavy right hand enough times to make the decision easy for judges."

Ben Howell, the veteran in the team at 25, took on Joe Corner, a middleweight with some recent victories over handy opponents.

"Howell had some good form going into the fight, with two great performances at the recent Australian Health and Fitness Titles in particular, so fireworks were also expected from the big punching Umina boxer.

"A dominant first round by the

Peninsula boy had some thinking an early night was likely, as he had Corner in massive trouble with several big bombs landing flush.

"However, momentum swung sharply in the second round back to the Tasmanian as he began to connect with his own combinations.

"Umina boy Howell, stood tall in the final round, rediscovering the dominance of the first round, making the decision pretty clear for all judges."

While the boys were representing NSW in Tasmania, team mate Satali Tevi-Fuimaono was taking part in a Boxing Australia preparation camp at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) for boxers selected to go to the World Juniors in Kiev, Ukraine, in September.

"This camp had the best fighters in the country, and they were all tested over eight days of training and competition," said Keegan.

"It was very heartening to see Satali win every testing protocol set by the AIS among the group and also dominate both competition bouts, including one against a current junior world champion."

Email, 13 Jun 2013

Joel Keegan, Umina Beach PCYC

Three compete in zone cross-country

Three Woy Woy South Public School students competed in the Southern Central Coast Zone team at the Sydney North Area Cross Country Carnival on Thursday, June 13.

Heather Snape, Iona Snape and Jack Jackson all posted

personal best results, with Jack qualifying to represent Sydney North at the State Carnival at Eastern Creek in the first week of next term commencing July

22. Iona finished 14th out of over 70 in her heat and received a congratulatory letter from the team's organising teacher due

to her outstanding improvement. Newsletter, 18 Jun 2013 Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School

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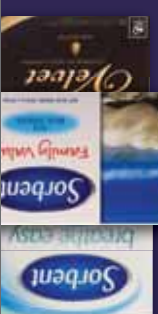


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