

Masterplan design involved community groups, claims mayor

Gosford mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna has claimed that the development of a new site masterplan for Woy Woy oval has been a “collaborative project” between the council and local community groups.

“We established a project committee to begin the process of designing a masterplan following the grandstand closure, incorporating community groups who will be regularly using the new site.

“The contribution they have each made to this project has been of the highest calibre and I would like to thank them for their participation and involvement in what shapes to be a significant development for the Woy Woy community,” said mayor Cr McKinna.

Gosford Council general manager Mr Paul Anderson said that the masterplan aimed to provide the necessary infrastructure to allow Woy Woy to host regional sporting events.

“The facility will have an attendance capacity of 10,000 featuring a 600 seat grandstand, change rooms, kiosk, media box and club house.

“The masterplan also focuses on the integration of Woy Woy Oval with the CBD to create a vibrant and accessible community hub.

“We are also exploring options to transform the Oval Ave car park into a boulevard space to accommodate community gatherings, such as local markets and special events,” said Mr Anderson.

Mayor Cr McKinna said that the project in its entirety would cost \$8 to \$9 million.

“The masterplan allows for the



Woy Woy Leagues Club general manager Mr Josh Collins, Woy Woy Rugby Union's Mr Stewart McGoldrick, NRL game development officer Mr John Jewiss, Gosford mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna, Gosford Council staff member Ms Karen O'Mara, and CRL infrastructure and game development officer Mr Graham Boland at Woy Woy Oval.

possibility of staged funding.

“This will mean that we can begin work on some elements of the project.

“In an ideal world this project would have a full allocation of funding to allow its full completion

as soon as possible.

“The scope of works set out in the masterplan means we can't do it all on our own.

“Council has committed \$1.75 million to this redevelopment.

“It is anticipated that this will

cover stage one construction, expected to be completed in mid-2014.

“Support from all levels of government would see a timely completion to this project and allow local sporting groups to have the

high class facility they deserve,” said Cr McKinna

Media release, 31 Jul 2013

Lawrie McKinna,
Gosford Council

Shots fired in Ettalong

Police are conducting investigations after shots were fired into a house and an improvised explosive device found near a vehicle in Ettalong on Sunday, July 21.

It is believed that at about 5am, two shots were fired

from a car towards a house on Schnapper Rd, striking a garage door.

An undetonated improvised explosive device was also located near a car parked on the driveway of the property.

The occupants of the home were not injured in the incident.

Police were contacted, with

officers from Brisbane Water Local Area Command and the Police Rescue and Bomb Disposal Squad attending the scene.

The explosive device was rendered safe, before being seized for forensic examination.

Detectives are continuing their investigations into the matter

and are attempting to establish a motive for the incident.

They have been told a small light-coloured vehicle was seen driving along Flounder Rd at excessive speed without its headlights on, moments after the shooting.

Police are now appealing for anyone who may have seen the

vehicle or has information about the shooting to come forward.

Anyone with information about this incident should call Gosford Detectives via Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Media release, 22 Jul 2013
NSW Police Media

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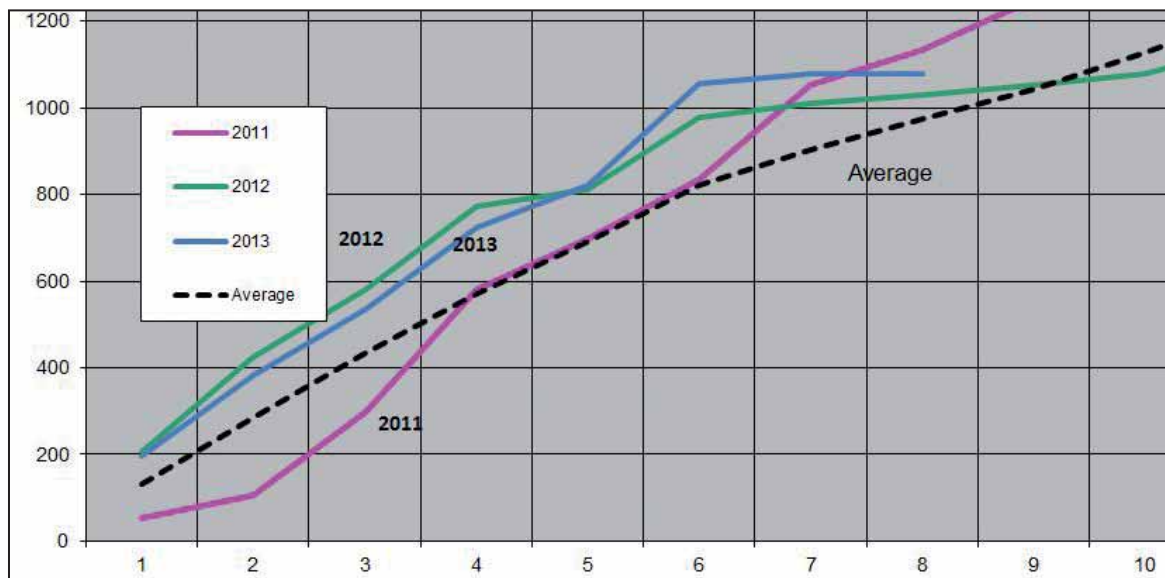
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Rainfall drops to one third

Only one third average monthly rainfall was recorded in June, according to Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

A total of 23.4mm was recorded for the month, compared to a monthly average of 80.3mm.

The year-to-date total was 1078.7mm, about 20 per cent above

the average of 903.1mm at the end of July.

The July total was in contrast to June's high rainfall, which at 235.2mm was almost twice the average for June.

Temperatures for July ranged from an overnight low of 4.9 degrees on July 22 to a top of 22.8 on July 17,

according to local weather website www.peninsulaweather.info.

Highest minimum was 14.2 on July 15 and lowest maximum was 14.7 on July 10.

Highest wind gust for the month was 24.8 km/h, recorded on July 24.

Spreadsheet, 2 Aug 2013

Jim Morrison, Woy Woy
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The winners of last edition's Peninsula News Belinda Janes competition were Jan McGiven of Ettalong, Tressa Brasch of Umina and Jenny Mewburn of Woy Woy.

Kaitlin Watts, 2 Aug 2013



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Boat adrift off Maitland Bay

The duty crew at Marine Rescue Central Coast has helped a boat adrift off Maitland Bay.

It was tasked to assist the skipper of a 5.6m half cabin boat off Maitland Bay at about 8:40am on Sunday, July 28.

Rescue vessel Central Coast 20, which was crewed by Norm Smith, Robert Smith and Peter Alderton, was despatched and located the vessel.

The vessel, which had two people on board, required

assistance due to engine failure.

The boat was towed to Hardys Bay where the tow was transferred to Central Coast 21 to tow the boat to Davistown.

In the afternoon, both crews conducted a medical emergency exercise to familiarise the volunteer crew members with the on board medical support equipment and its proper use.

**Media release, 29 Jul 2013,
Ron Cole, Marine Rescue
Central Coast**



Rotary replaces Guide hall floor

Members of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy have assisted the Blackwall Girl Guides unit in replacing the flooring of their hall on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

The process took place over consecutive weekends of July 13 and 14 and 20 and 21 following almost 50 years of wear and tear.

"There are currently 24 guides

attending the Blackwall Girl Guides and it's good to know they are no longer in danger of getting splinters off the floor or indeed putting a foot through the old floor boards, as they were quite worn," said Rotary Club of Woy Woy public relations officer Ms Marie Armstrong.

A local hardware store supplied the new cypress flooring and a local tradesman

gave his time and expertise in laying and sanding the floor.

Spokesman for the Rotary Club Mr Don Tee said it was great that the Rotary Club was still involved with the hall and supporting the Guides after almost 50 years.

**Media Release, 23 July 2013
Marie Armstrong, Rotary
Club of Woy Woy**



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Jake Cassar to stand for Robertson

Environmentalism and social justice campaigner Mr Jake Cassar will run as an independent candidate for the seat of Robertson in this year's Federal election.

Mr Cassar, 37, said the fact that he and his partner are expecting their first child has motivated him even more to step up to make the Central Coast a better and safer place for future generations to enjoy.

"Statistically, the Central Coast has one of the highest rates for giving to charities in the State," said Mr Cassar.

"That's something locals should all be extremely proud of and I believe that this strength is a key to moving forward as a region.

"It's this type of positive local culture that can help us to bind together to curb some of the less desirable statistics we have to tackle, such as our totally unacceptable high levels of suicide, youth unemployment, homelessness and preventable juvenile incarceration.

"Having grown up in Woy Woy, I have a real passion to see the Peninsula move forward.

"World class sustainable development and a focus on the arts, culture and entertainment, will aid in building tourism and business in general on the Central Coast.

"A thriving and ecologically sustainable tourism industry for Gosford and the Peninsula in particular, is a several fold win.

"It guarantees jobs, it helps to protect our environment by curbing mass development by defining our area as having a pristine environment and promotes a healthy outdoor local culture.

"A focus on such strengths would ensure that Coastal suburbs such as Ettalong, Umina, Pearl Beach and Patonga never become an overpopulated and overdeveloped rat race.

"The Peninsula should be internationally famous for its incredible natural beauty, not just seen as an area for the developers to make a quick buck.

"I believe many of the major issues we have, particularly with the youth in Gosford and the Peninsula, are largely due to boredom and the lack of employment opportunities.

"We really need something big to happen on the Central Coast to put us on the map, to boost our community spirit and create more local employment.

"If I am elected as our Member for Robertson, I will continue to tirelessly battle to ensure that every viable option is explored to see that Old Sydney Town is reopened.

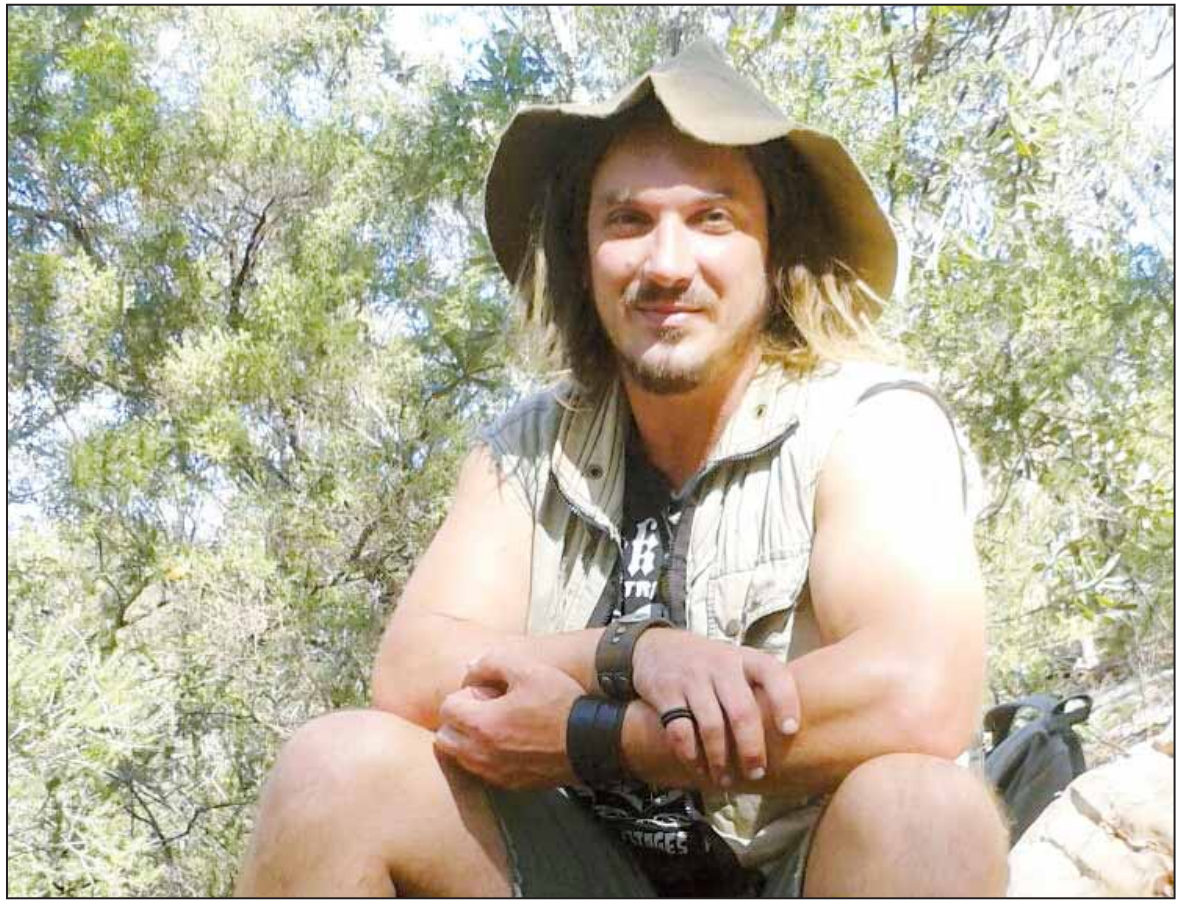
"I would also push for nationwide and compulsory military style boot camps for troubled youth and select juvenile offenders, aimed at building resilience, self-discipline, self-esteem, preventing recidivism and anti-social behaviour.

"If I'm not elected, I will continue to do my best to promote a healthy and positive culture in our great region anyway," he said.

Mr Cassar will hold a campaign launch at the new Rhythm Hut venue at 135 Faunce St, Gosford, from 2:30pm to 3:30pm on Sunday, August 4.

There will be free live entertainment, guest speakers and a kids' bush tucker talk.

**Media release, 31 Jul 2013
Jake Cassar, West Gosford**



Trust seeks grant for weed removal in council reserve

Killcare Wagstaffe Trust has made an application to Gosford Council for a grant to assist with weed removal and bush regeneration in Putty Beach Reserve.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service carried out aerial spraying last month from MacMasters Beach to Box Head and Lobster Beach.

However, the most weed-infested area is the Putty Beach reserve, which is council owned, according to Killcare Wagstaffe Trust treasurer Mr David Legge.

Council was scheduled to spray the reserve earlier in the year, but it was postponed due to a conflict with school holidays.

"It was considered too problematic to close the beach during holidays," said Mr Legge.

Mr Legge said that Gosford Council's coastal and estuary officer, Mr Warren Brown, had said that the Council was still keen to take advantage of the National Parks and Wildlife Service spraying program.

**Newsletter, 22 Jul 2013
David Legge, Killcare
Wagstaffe Trust**

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Aboriginal employee is youth of the year

Youth Connections employee Joey Grauner of Umina has won the Darkinjung Aboriginal Youth of the Year award, which was presented at the NAIDOC Ball on Saturday, July 20.

The 21-year-old Djabugai and Western Kuku Yalanji Murri is from a community at the top end of Queensland called Mareeba, and has been living on the Central Coast for the past eight years.

Mr Grauner was nominated by Youth Connections Koori Connect general manager Ms Denise Markham who said that Joey was proud of his aboriginality and where he came from.

"He understands the struggles of aboriginal people such as Charles Perkins, Chicka Dixon, and Jacko Smith who advocated and created opportunities for their generation and future generations," Ms Markham said.

"Joey is interested in and passionate about human rights

and has a particular interest in indigenous peoples worldwide.

"He is a resilient young person," said Ms Markham.

Mr Grauner has represented the aboriginal community on many occasions, speaking about aboriginal culture, affairs and politics at forums, schools and community events such as Anzac Day services, the Central Coast Domestic Violence Forum and Central Coast Men's Interagency White Ribbon Breakfast.

He has performed aboriginal dances to audiences at schools and events and also hosts a radio program on CoastFM called Kart'N'Yarns where he discusses indigenous affairs and plays music by indigenous artists.

"It is a great honour to have received this award.

"It was totally unexpected as I wasn't even aware I was nominated," Mr Grauner said.

"I know there are many aboriginal youth, especially on the Coast, doing great work to improve our mob's situation and

I appreciate them and thank them for their hard work too."

Mr Grauner said a highlight of his was retracing the 1965 Freedom Ride with Youth Connections Koori Connect unit in 2011.

He assisted the media team in filming the short film Freedom Ride 2011: The Documentary.

Joey is on the Central Coast Aboriginal Youth Leadership Group and presented at the Youth Listening to Youth Forum encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to enrol to vote to make a difference.

Mr Grauner said he has been taught many things in life.

"Striving for better is one of the biggest lessons for me and I hope to inspire other young people to achieve bigger and better things in life.

"Being recognised and reminded about your achievements is a great thing."

**Media Release, 25 Jul 2013
Gabrielle Tawyer,
Youth Connections**



Fresh call made for missing man

NSW Police are appealing for public assistance, as part of Missing Persons Week, to locate missing 56-year-old Neil Hinkley who was last seen in Umina in December last year.

About 10:45am on Wednesday, December 19, Mr Hinkley attended an optometrist appointment in Umina and was expected to return home but did not arrive.

He was reported missing to police by family members.

Neil John Hinkley is described as of caucasian appearance, 175cm tall, medium build, with brown hair and blue eyes.

Anyone who knows of Mr Hinkley's whereabouts, or who

can assist with information, should contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

New South Wales Missing Persons Week posters, featuring Neil Hinkley and located 14-year-old Bethany Neville, are currently being promoted on billboards, at bus stops and train stations across the state.

Over \$210,000 in free advertising space for the Missing Persons Week poster has been donated by Outdoor Media Association.

Missing Persons Week began on Sunday, July 28, and ran until Saturday, August 3.

NSW Police profiled a missing person every day of the campaign.

Each year 35,000 people are reported missing in Australia, which is one person every 15 minutes.

In NSW last year, 12,409 people were reported missing, of those 84 remain missing.

This year's campaign focused on people living with a mental illness as a key group in the community most at risk of going missing.

The campaign message "See the signs before they disappear" encourages people to learn the potential warnings signs that someone they know isn't coping and to seek help.

**Media release, 28 Jul 2013
NSW Police Media**



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Workshop on avoiding food waste

A Love your Lunch winter workshop will be held at the Woy Woy Environment Centre on Friday, August 23, from 11am to 12:30pm.

Love your lunch – Avoiding food waste from the mountain to the sea is a series of workshops funded by the state government's Love Food Hate Waste Program to educate families about how not to waste food.

Amber Cardozo, from Mindfully Green, will use hands-on activities

and cooking demonstrations to inspire and inform participants.

The workshop will explain how to store food effectively, use leftovers, plan ahead and provide healthy seasonal food that tastes good.

All participants receive a free lunch tasting and a Love Food Hate Waste pack.

For more information, call Mia Hughes on 0417 043 165.

Newsletter, 23 Jul 2013
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School



David Tonkin, Elaine McLoon and Gail Heggie

Car backed into house

Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding an incident in Birdwood Ave, Umina, on Wednesday, July 31, which saw a car backed into a house.

Police allege an 18-year-old Umina man with a mental health condition, collected the keys to his mother's Mitsubishi magna at about 7:40pm, and attempted to reverse it out of the driveway.

He continued to reverse across the road into a parked vehicle and continued through the front wall of the yard and into the wall of a neighbour's house.

Extensive damage was done to the lounge room and kitchen of the residence with a five metre hole left in the wall.

Website, 1 Aug 2013
Brisbane Water LAC Facebook

Toastmasters to hold trivia night

The Toastmasters of the Central Coast will hold a Community Big Games and Trivia Night on Friday, August 9, at the Peninsula Community Centre.

Single players or teams of up to eight are encouraged to come along and partake in general knowledge questions, games and raffles.

Each member of the winning team will receive an individual prize.

"Our aim is to have fun and to raise funds towards hosting the Toastmasters Semi Annual Conference being staged here on the Coast in November," said Central Coast Toastmasters member Ms Jan Cummings.

"What better way to showcase

our Central Coast to the hundreds of visitors attending the conference.

"They are expected to come from all over NSW, interstate and some from the USA," Ms Cummings said.

The Big Games and Trivia

Night will run between 7:30pm and 9:30pm and entry is \$10 per person including a light supper and raffle ticket.

Media Release, 24 July 2013
Jan Cummings,
Toastmasters District 70

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Daily Telegraph, 17 July 2013



\$1.8 Billion tax hit on car industry

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Record debt and deficit

Kevin Rudd's Labor Government has racked up the highest debt in our nation's history. Interest payments alone are more than \$8 Billion a year – resulting in job losses and less money for hospitals and education.



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Man charged with drink driving

A 57-year-old man from Empire Bay has been charged with high-range drink driving after he smashed into two council road barriers in Ettalong on Sunday, July 28.

Police were in The Esplanade, Ettalong, at about 6:10pm on another matter when they heard a screech of tyres and a smashing sound.

They ran to the road where they saw a man in the driver's seat of a vehicle parked across the northern lane.

The front end of the vehicle was smashed and stopped against two council road barriers in the middle of the road between lanes.

Police ran to the vehicle and saw the man attempting to drive

the vehicle away.

He was directed to get out of the vehicle and turn the engine off.

Police said they directed him to the kerb where they said they could smell alcohol and the man appeared unsteady on his feet.

The man was requested 10 times to submit to a roadside breath test but was unable to provide a sufficient sample.

He was placed under arrest and conveyed to Woy Woy Police Station where he was subjected to a breath analysis which returned a high range reading.

He had his licence automatically suspended.

He will appear in Woy Woy Local Court on August 27.

Website, 1 Aug 2013
Brisbane Water LAC Facebook



Peter Fenton, Sarah Doak-Stride and Lachie Turner at the Fat Goose function

Women hold swap meet

The Wowgirls women's group will hold a buy, swap, barter or trade event at the Gospel Gardens in Umina on Saturday, September 14.

The event will feature a clothes line displayed within the centre for participants to clip their card and details onto, indicating whether they want to swap or sell, and the value of the service or goods they wish to barter or buy.

For those wishing to swap, there will be a red ribbon hanging

from the card where other women can attach their business card or phone number and the item they are wanting to swap.

Examples of things to swap include gardening for a massage, a drumming lesson for a manicure or a haircut for housework.

Contact can be made with the fellow swapper either on the night or at a later date.

Participants with multiple items are advised to bring their own table and change for purchases.

Donations are also welcome for the Wowgirls fundraising table.

The event will run between 1pm and 5pm with an entry fee of \$50.

Website, 31 Jul 2013
Yvonne Lamont, Wowgirls

Money raised for welfare fund

About \$5000 was raised for a local welfare fund at a fundraiser held at a cafe in Killcare on Saturday, July 20.

The Welfare Fund supports local youngsters who might be experiencing difficulty in engaging with people and linking up with various sporting organisations on the Central Coast.

Special guests at the fundraiser included Woy Woy Juniors rugby coach Peter Fenton and Wallaby winger Lachie Turner.

"Both men delighted the huge audience with their respective reminiscences throughout a sparkling evening's activities, during which various items were raffled," said Hardys Bay Residents Group's publicity officer Mr Allan Wilson.

The Fat Goose proprietor Ms Sarah Doak-Stride, who was also one of the instigators in setting up the fund, said she was delighted with the success of the evening.

She paid tribute to the strong community support which she said

has been instrumental in helping to provide support for the Welfare Fund.

"We all want our young people to benefit from the wonderful opportunities that are on offer in our communities and there is no reason why they shouldn't receive all the encouragement we can provide for them to get out and experience the satisfaction which can be derived from being part of a team with their mates," said Ms Doak-Stride.

"We see this fund as being one which provides a financial platform for these opportunities.

Ms Doak-Stride also praised Lachie Turner's ongoing support of the junior rugby movement in the Woy Woy region and mentioned, in particular, how willingly such special support had been forthcoming.

"A shining example of this, for instance, was highlighted when the popular Wallaby star acted as a trainer and water boy for the successful Woy Woy under-13s

during last year's Grand Final at Bluetongue Stadium," said Mr Wilson.

"There was a special moment during the fundraising evening when several members of that under-13 team presented Lachie with a Woy Woy Juniors jersey with the word 'Trainer' emblazoned across the back.

"The gesture brought roars of approval from the large gathering," said Mr Wilson.

Email, 26 Jul 2013
Allan Wilson, Hardys Bay Residents Group

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Mayor supports yes vote

Gosford mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna has called on residents to vote in favour of constitution recognition for local government in the referendum to be held with this year's election.

He said constitutional recognition would ensure the Australian Government could continue to provide direct funding to councils, for local roads and other vital infrastructure projects.

"In Gosford City, projects including the Peninsula Recreation Precinct and the Mardi-Mangrove Link were made possible due to funding provided by the Federal Government.

"Without this funding, valuable community assets such as these ones wouldn't exist," said mayor Cr McKinna.

Media release, 24 Jul 2013
Lawrie McKinna, Gosford Council



Restaurant wins association award

A restaurant in Killcare Heights has won Best Restaurant for Northern NSW in the 2013 Restaurant and Catering Association's Awards for Excellence.

Manfredi at Bells is located in the heart of the Bells at Killcare Luxury Boutique Hotel, Restaurant and Spa.

The restaurant's menu is based on values of authenticity, simplicity and freshness.

It features seasonal dishes inspired by the produce grown and harvested in the estate's vegetable garden known as Stefano's garden.

Stefano's garden supplies the restaurant with more than 15 per cent of the produce on its menu, while 50 free range hens supply fresh eggs.

The garden is currently over 500 square metres, with plans in place to expand it considerably in the coming months.

Stefano's garden and the sustainable practices in place across the entire Bells at Killcare operation has also resulted in Bells at Killcare being honoured with the Good Living Sustainability Award at the 2012 Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide Awards.

The 2013 Good Food Guide Awards also recognised the

restaurant's wine list, naming it Best Regional Wine List for its cellar and collection of both local and international wines.

Manfredi at Bells has retained its One Chef Hat status since its first year of operation in 2008.

Manfredi at Bells will now compete with other region finalists in the national finals to be held in Randwick on Monday, October 28.

Media release, 29 Jul 2013,
Jarrod Rose, Megan Rose Management



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Campaign outside the law in NSW and expect to be exposed.

While all of our political hopefuls are busy asking for voter support to be given to them in trust, there will be a problem if they insist on conducting their political campaigns for our voter support outside our laws!



My long time Peninsula News readers are not willing to put up with our political hopeful's campaign activity being conducted outside the law on our public property or property under the control of the crown's representative in the Gosford Local Government area.

As I would like to vote for Lucy Wicks.

I am pleased to be able to inform all my long term readers that after she was made aware (by me) of some illegally placed campaign material at the Rawson Road railway level crossing, Woy Woy, (which have since been removed), Liberal for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks informed me on Thursday, 1 August, that she does not need, or support, any campaign activity done on her behalf which may be perceived to be outside our law.

How refreshing!

Edward James. political activist.



This is an intentional attempt to combat the spin my taxes pay for each time a politician goes into print

Put the major parties second

If, like me, you are still angry regarding the manner in which Gosford Council usurped the wishes of Umina residents by allowing an American multi-national fast food chain to drastically and irrevocably alter the character of our local community then it is time to rejoice.

It is now payback time.

Payback should be directed at both the Labor and Liberal parties.

Four Liberal councillors and two Labor councillors adopted a bi-partisan approach by all voting to support the ugly American's development while ignoring the wishes of approximately 7000 petitioners, thereby changing Umina from a village to a ghetto.

If you wish to punish Labor and Liberal for ignoring the 7000 Say No To McDonalds petitioners, all you have to do is refrain from giving Liberal or Labor your primary vote.

For each primary vote they receive they will receive \$248.80 of public funding.

Public funding means paid by the tax payer.

If 7000 voters refrain from giving primary votes to Labor and Liberal in the seat of Robertson the two parties will be denied access to more than \$1.7 million that has been budgeted as income and has, most likely, already been spent.

I am sure that most readers of the Peninsula News are familiar with the preferential voting system.

For those unfamiliar with the process, the primary vote is when the voter allocates the number one beside the name of the candidate.

It is still possible to vote Liberal or Labor without giving them your primary vote.

For example you could allocate one to an independent (or an alternate party), two to Labor and three to Liberal.

If the Independent does not receive a decent percentage of the primary vote, your vote will be deemed to be a vote for Labor because you ranked them before

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the Liberals.

I urge local residents to withhold their primary vote from both Labor or Liberal, or if you prefer, Liberal and Labor.

If you can't bring yourself to voting for a minor party or an independent, you have the option of voting "informal".

As a second step to enjoying payback you should also strongly consider voting no in the referendum.

In my opinion Gosford Council is not worthy of constitutional recognition.

Am I the only person wondering why a bi-partisan approach can be adopted to mitigate electoral fall out from a local planning decisions but it can't be utilised to humanely resolve a refugee crisis?

Don't vote Labor.

Don't vote Liberal.

Email, 31 Jul 2013
Tim Haylor, Umina

In an article written prior to his original bid to lead the Labor Party, Kevin Rudd wrote passionately about the question of asylum seekers.

"Another great challenge of our age is asylum seekers.

"The biblical injunction to care for the stranger in our midst is clear.

"The parable of the Good Samaritan is but one of the many which deal with the matter of how we should respond to the vulnerable stranger in our midst."

However, as Mr Rudd recently said: "Times change and adjustments have to be made."

Now 100 per cent of the asylum seekers have become economic refugees (as declared by Senator Bob Carr), they will be shipped off

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to Papua New Guinea forever.

So much for caring for strangers in our midst.

Where this leaves those who have been assuring us over the last six years that the asylum seekers were genuine refugees fleeing from danger and persecution and should be allowed (indeed in some cases encouraged) to come to Australia I do not know.

Similarly, "the greatest moral challenge of our time" (global warming) seems to have changed somewhat and although we have all been told that the Carbon Tax was not affecting our cost of living, Mr Rudd now seems to think that moving to an emission trading scheme would benefit us

all to the tune of \$380 a year, (but, as it turns out, for only one year) notwithstanding no one has the slightest idea of how much carbon credits will be worth in Europe next year.

As one pundit put it this week, we have now effectively tied ourselves and our economic future to the very unstable and problematical Euro currency.

I just hope the pending election happens quickly so that Kevin Rudd does not have to come up with anymore very surprising adjustments (not that I would be so crass as to suggest that Mr Rudd has made these decisions to improve his party's electoral chances).

Email, 21 Jul 2013
Vic Jefferies, St Huberts Island

More forum on page 23

Need for speed on oval plan?

I was surprised to see the new Master Plan featured on your front page last issue.

Perhaps I missed it, but was there ever an opportunity for ratepayers to have some input?

While the plan seems fine in


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principle, is there such a need for speed that we can't have at least one public meeting to make a few suggestions or whatever?

As this project is going to cost millions and will be with us for decades just one little meeting doesn't seem too much to ask.

What about it, Lawrie?

Email, 25 Jul 2013
Fred Charles, Woy Woy



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The New Empire Ballroom Ragtime Dance Orchestra

Concert held for aged care centre

A group of over 20 young people will hold a concert to raise funds for the residents of the Woy Woy Community Aged Care Centre on Wednesday, August 17. The New Empire Ballroom Ragtime Dance Orchestra will play

popular tunes from the 1920s and 1930s at the Everglades Country Club from 3pm. The performance will feature songs such as Baby Face, The Sheik of Baby and Yes Sir That's My Baby. Tickets are \$15 and are

available at the door. Funds raised from the day will help the residents purchase a new special purpose care chair. For further information, phone 4341 6004. Email, 31 Jul 2013, John Greenway, Pearl Beach

Fire fighters hold White Ribbon event

Killcare Wagstaffe fire fighters held a White Ribbon Night on Friday, August 2, to raise funds and awareness about the seriousness of violence against women in Australia. The local fire fighters came together for a sausage sizzle, to play games, watch the football and support Australia's campaign to stop male violence against women. The White Ribbon campaign is the largest global male-led movement to stop violence

against women. The organisation works to prevent violence by changing attitudes and behaviours. This year, the cost of violence against women and their children to the Australian economy reached \$14.7 billion. This figure is expected to rise to \$15.6 billion by 2021. Locals can support this event by making a tax deductible donation at www.whiteribbon.org.au/donate. Media release, 25 Jul 2013, Kirsty Jagger, White Ribbon

Art show to fund school program

Umina Public School will hold its Art Show from August 16 to 18 to raise money for the school's arts and craft program. The school's P and C Association will hold a raffle with a number of prizes on offer including an iPad mini for first

prize. The opening night will be held on Friday, August 16, as an adults-only event. "It will be an evening of wine and gourmet food," said P and C president Ms Louise Johnson. Newsletter, 31 Jul 2013 Lyn Davis, Umina Public School



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Disco raises money for school projects

Umina Public School held its disco on Thursday, June 6, raising a total of \$2280 for this year's school projects.

"I have had a lot of feedback from

children, parents and teachers," said Umina Public School P and C president Ms Louise Johnson.

"Most reported that it was the best one ever."

"The children and teachers all seemed to be having a wonderful night."

Newsletter, 11 Jun 2013
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School

Umina wins debate against Woy Woy South

Teams from Umina Public School and Woy Woy South Public School went head-to-head in round three of the NSW Premier's Debating Challenge on Friday, July 19, at Umina Public School.

The topic was "That Australia should ban people under 18 from working as models".

A coin toss resulted in Umina Public School being the negative team.

"Both teams constructed convincing arguments and delivered an entertaining debate," said Umina Public School debating coordinator Ms Rebecca Rodwell.

"Some arguments put forward from the opposition were that young models wear excess make up, use botox and the fact that modelling can ruin relationships with their parents."

"Umina's arguments were that modelling can build confidence in young people; it provides part time jobs that can pay for a better education and develops positive

health choices combined with social skills.

"The strong persuasive language used by Umina successfully convinced the adjudicator as Umina won this debate."

Ms Rodwell said the team had shown a "continual improvement of their debating skills".

"Their ability to accept constructive feedback and regular attendance at our weekly workshop meetings is exceptional."

"We have a team that consists of seven members and we rotate speakers for each debate."

"The team is very supportive of each other, a wonderful bunch of talented students."

"As the host school we were fortunate to have a fantastic audience from stage three."

"The students are preparing for the final round to be held at Woy Woy South Public School later this term," said Ms Rodwell.

Newsletter, 23 Jul 2013
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School

School leaders attend enrichment day

Primary school leaders from schools in the Brisbane Water Learning Community participated in an enrichment day at of the Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre on

Friday, June 7.

Students worked in teams to develop their leadership skills through team-building activities.

"It was a very long but rewarding day for all," said Brisbane Water Secondary

College Umina campus teaching and learning head teacher Ms Sheree Gilchrist.

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

Entertaining songs and dance

Empire Bay Public School hosted a visit from the Beatty Clan Crew on Friday, June 7.

Principal Mr Brad Lewis thanked the school's Aboriginal Education Team for coordinating the visit.

"Our visiting performing artists presented songs and dance

based on Torres Strait Islander culture in an entertaining and informative manner," said Mr Lewis.

"This presentation contributed towards our NAIDOC Week celebrations," he said.

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

Umina Chiropractic Centre

Your chiropractors Pete Grieve, Ursula Renfrew and Michael Grieve
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Hi there people of the Peninsula and especially all those regular readers who appreciate these articles of interest that we publish each month.

We have had some great feedback.

As a result of these articles, we believe we are beginning to assist people in moving their beliefs that we all need to be on prescribed medications, when all we need to do, in many cases, is pay attention to the factors in our environment that are not in line with our human DNA and make a shift.

One common comment I get is: "I want my friend, family or whoever it may be, to see my chiropractor because I 'know' you guys can help".

They ask me: "How do I explain what it is you do?"

I thought about that question and in the light of both time honoured concepts and current irrefutable proof, the best and most simple answer is as follows: "You have a brain up top and a body underneath."

"Tell me, what is it that connects the two together?"

"The answer is, your spine."

"So..., if you have 'blockages' (poorly functioning regions in the spine), do you think your brain is 'getting' the correct information?"

Of course it doesn't.

Recent research verifies the fact that if the brain is receiving noxious (damaging) sensory input from the world around it, the 'systems' of the body change, initially in an attempt to cope and later on if the sensory stressors are persisting, we 'run out of the goods' to cope and we get sick.

For example, if I sit at a computer for say 45 minutes (or in any slumped position for that matter), my blood clotting factors and dangerous cholesterol levels elevate along with my heart rate and blood pressure.

My breathing becomes shallow and my accessory muscles of breathing contract, (you know that 'burning

pain in your neck and shoulder region and headaches).

My entire spinal muscle group becomes 'fired' up in readiness to move away from this dangerous position.

It doesn't stop there.

The gut function becomes sluggish and the acid for digestion is not produced as it should be, my reproductive system is also challenged and the story goes on & on.

At our practice, we address as best we can the cause of your health related issue by addressing the lifestyle factors that are likely causative and by adjusting your spine to remove the interference to your brain.

It is common place now to see a complete reversal of the spinal neck curve in children as young as 7 years of age along with the increase in juvenile scoliosis now thought to be due to the legal requirement to sleep infants on their back and the impact of gaming at the early teen stage of development.

If this is the case, no longer should chiros be treating spines, we should be caring for anyone who happens to have a spine as a dentist cares for teeth.

We have a duty of care to assist people in discovering their fullest potential and removing stressors, that if left unchecked, will lead them into the world of disease based care.

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Education



Inaugural art show held at Ettalong

Ettalong Public School kicked off its Education Week celebrations on Monday, July 29, with the grand opening of its inaugural Ettalong Public School Art Show.

Principal Mr Colin Wallis said the show was a celebration of the artistic talent and creativity of every student at the school.

"Our school hall was transformed into a prestigious gallery of outstanding artworks created by our talented students under the watchful and encouraging eye of their teachers," said Mr Wallis.

"The gallery looked absolutely

amazing, exhibiting our children's work in the best possible way.

"I am sure that all who visited were absolutely enthralled and amazed at the quality of the artwork on show.

"The creative arts team lead by Katie Walker and Merran Hansford took the initiative and hard work in getting this project to become a stunning reality," said Mr Wallis.

The school's celebrations continued with the Book Fair and the Open Day held on Thursday, August 1.

Newsletter, 30 Jul 2013
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

Preliminary recorder rehearsal

Thirteen students from Umina Public School travelled to Sydney on Thursday, July 25, to take part in the preliminary recorder rehearsal before their concert at the Sydney Opera House on Thursday, August 29.

"These students represented Umina Public School perfectly," said teacher Mr Geoff Bonner.

"They wore their uniform with pride, had outstanding behaviour and manners and worked tirelessly learning their repertoire through a long and quite tiring day.

"We are aiming to showcase the talents of the recorder ensemble on a couple of occasions before their big day," said Mr Bonner.

Newsletter, 31 Jul 2013
Lyn Davis, Umina Public School

Teacher nominated for inspiration

Pretty Beach Public School teacher Ms Amanda White has been nominated for an Australian Scholarship Group Inspirational Teaching award.

"The purpose of this prestigious award is to honour and recognise inspirational teachers and highlight the work, not only of individual teachers throughout Australia and New

Zealand, but also the team contribution of all teachers in every school," said Pretty Beach Public School principal Ms Deborah Callender.

"Miss White is now eligible for consideration for a National Australian Scholarship Group Inspirational Teaching Award and grant."

Newsletter, 25 Jul 2013
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School

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Pretty Beach completes mental health component

Pretty Beach Public School has completed the second component of the KidsMatter Program which looked at social and emotional learning for students.

KidsMatter is a national mental health program specifically developed for Australian primary schools by the Australian Principals' Association Professional Development Council, the Australian Psychological Society, the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, and Beyond Blue and is supported by the Australian Rotary Health

Research Fund.

"As a staff, we have been fortunate to be involved in the training of the KidsMatter Program," said Pretty Beach Public School KidsMatter coordinator Ms Louise Hoyle.

"We have identified how best we can further enhance our school in order to support student health and well-being.

"Our training has had particular emphasis on ensuring that our students, staff and parents feel connected to each other and the broader school community.

"Learning how to manage feelings and get on with others

is an important part of children's development that helps them learn and feel good about themselves.

"Teaching children social and emotional skills as part of the school curriculum gives them the tools for coping with emotions, solving problems and learning more effectively.

"As part of the KidsMatter program, future school newsletters will feature regular information and tips for parents and carers on social and emotional learning."

Newsletter, 25 Jul 2013
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School



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Students and teachers working in the mangroves

More rubbish removed from foreshore

The Brisbane Water Secondary College Support Unit in conjunction with oyster grower Simon Funnel conducted a foreshore clean-up from Woy Woy

Bridge to Koolewong Station and Saratoga Island on Friday, July 26.

Thirteen students and two teachers worked for 54 hours to remove a total of 640kgs of litter

and oyster products from the Brisbane Water Foreshore.

The group, equipped with wetsuits and spray jackets, boarded an oyster barge and IRB for the trip to the mangroves beside the main road.

Litter and oyster products immediately appeared from the Woy Woy Bridge, with many plastic bottles and bags collected by the students.

The incoming high tide allowed the barge to easily access the mangroves and foreshore.

Thirty-five bags in total were filled with small items, with 34 pieces of oyster foam also retrieved.

All of the litter was moved to Woy Woy tip by Gosford Council contractors.

Email, 31 Jul 2013
Graham Johnston,
MacMasters Beach

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Free show for Ettalong students

Students from Ettalong Public School were treated to a free performance from the NED Show on Wednesday, July 24.

Principal Mr Colin Wallis said NED stands for Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best, which were concepts developed and explored through the presentation.

These were "great sentiments

and values to base our lives around and hopefully values we can instil in all our students," he said.

The school had a number of NED yo-yos up for sale and Mr Wallis said he has been "amazed" by the overwhelming response to the sale of yo-yos by the Student Representative Council.

Newsletter, 30 Jul 2013
Colin Wallis, Ettalong
Public School

Principal attends conference

Ettalong Public School principal Mr Colin Wallis attended the LEAP (Leading Educators Around the Planet) conference in Sydney on Monday, July 29.

"It was an outstanding professional learning opportunity being treated to inspiring and thought provoking international speakers including Professor Stephen Dinham, Professor John

Hattie, Professor Jenny Gore and Ms Anne McIntyre," said Mr Wallis.

"These four speakers are leading educationists, specialising in current and innovative education theory and practise and inspired all who attended.

"It was a very worthwhile and productive day," he said.

Newsletter, 30 Jul 2013
Colin Wallis, Ettalong
Public School

Trivia night raises \$1000

Ettalong Public School held its Trivia Night on Saturday, July 20, raising more than \$1000.

Principal Mr Colin Wallis said it was an excellent evening with much enjoyment had by all.

"It was a fantastic community event where parents, friends and staff came together to socialise

and help raise funds for our school and our students," said Mr Wallis.

"Proceeds will go towards the purchase of iPads for our younger students, to keep our school at the forefront of innovative effective education."

Newsletter, 23 Jul 2013
Colin Wallis, Ettalong
Public School

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Members of the 1951 Glee Club having fun at a picnic



Members of the 2013 Glee Club having fun rehearsing!

Photo: Patrick Everett

Variety concert planned for Pearl Beach hall

The Pearl Beach Glee Club and Friends' Variety Concert will be held from 7:30pm on Friday, August 30, and 2:30pm on Saturday, August 31, in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

The Variety Concert will include vocal and instrumental items, community singing and mini dramas.

Glee Club members will

entertain with a Potted Panto – Albert (Al) Laddin and members of the Pearl Beach Youth Theatre will perform a short melodrama called Raulos the Rotter.

Variety Concert musical director Ms Diane Orton said: "This year we are featuring a number of special guest performers including local Pearl Beach Opera divas Michael Archer and Anita Marie de Listen, cool jazz pianist Tony Doyle, well-known Central

Coast lyric tenor Shane Edwards, Chinese instrumentalist Yue Davy and classical pianist Graeme Orton."

"We invite everyone to come along and re-live an era before the advent of television, video and CDs, a time when entertainment was often impromptu and always spontaneous."

Pearl Beach Progress Association president Mr Roger Murray said the Pearl Beach community was delighted to continue the long tradition of its commitment to music by presenting young performers who will sing, and play items on piano, cello and violin.

"Featuring brothers Taylor and Justin Westlake, brother and sister Anastasia and Sebastian Hibbard, Jai Harrison, Lauren Turner and recipient of the Pearl Beach 2013 Music Scholarship violinist Eva Li, you are invited to

join with us in the Memorial Hall, where it all began, and have some fun," said Mr Murray.

The hall was purchased in 1943 by William Steinbeck, James Armstrong, and William Frost to give to the Pearl Beach Progress Association for the purpose of building a community meeting place.

Raising the necessary funds was a community effort and it was not until 1950 that the hall was ready for use.

Even before the hall was completed, the residents, led by Jim and Beryl Slee, were making use of it to amuse themselves with their own version of the Village Glee Club, a popular radio show at the time, with musical items, dramatic sketches and recitations.

Many of the community had no previous theatrical experience, however, at their first concert on June 11, 1950, to show off their

talents and to raise further funds toward the building costs of the hall, they presented a night of musical entertainment.

The night included skits, comedy items, musical renditions and concluded with a number of popular melodies for the audience to join in.

The Glee Club and its concerts came to an end with the departure of the Sles and changing tastes in popular entertainment after the introduction of television.

In 2010 a handful of local musicians began work on a concert to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the original Glee Club.

After the success of the concert, it was decided to maintain the regular meetings around the piano.

Email, 1 Aug 2013
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

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Blitz will survey species in Bouddi National Park

The Central Coast Bioblitz will take place on September 6 and 7 in Bouddi National Park to celebrate biodiversity and mark Threatened Species Day on September 7.

Schools can get involved on the Friday and the general community on the Saturday.

The BioBlitz will be a snapshot over a limited-time of the species that live in a specific area.

It will provide opportunities for people get involved in the natural environment with an aim to increase their awareness of and understanding for the environment.

This event will bring together

scientists, naturalists, citizen scientists, students and volunteers working collaboratively to discover, identify and record the diversity of living things.

There will be opportunities for the community to engage in field survey activities and, through monitoring and recording entries into the Atlas of NSW Wildlife,

contribute to the knowledge of the Bouddi Peninsula.

The event is being coordinated by the Community Environment Network and the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

**Newsletter, 22 Jul 2013
David Legge, Killcare
Wagstaffe Trust**

Four authors at bookstore

A Umina bookstore will celebrate National Bookshop Day on Saturday, August 10, by hosting a line-up of local authors.

"We have four wonderful local authors coming in to help us celebrate National Bookshop Day, and to highlight the role that local bookstores play," said Book Bazaar owner Ms Mandi McIntosh.

"We are setting up an author table out the front and each author will be with us for an hour to talk about their book and sign copies for those who would like to buy a copy.

"We will have balloons and also book giveaways for every customer," Ms McIntosh said.

The day's timetable will commence at 9am with picture book author Melanie Lee, followed at 10am by poet and picture book author Beverly George.

Memoir author Diane Eklund-Abolins will feature at 11am, followed by South African cookbook author Merle Bartlett at 12pm.

National Bookshop Day will be celebrated throughout Australia

on August 10, with bookshops around the country giving away free books, hosting events, reading and conducting many other activities.

**Media Release, 31 Jul 2013
Mandi McIntosh, Book Bazaar**



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Out and About



English as a second language consultant Ms Judy Rowlands, leading a training session at Woy Woy Presbyterian Church

English conversation classes

Woy Woy Presbyterian Church has set up a committee to offer English conversation classes on site from Tuesday, August 6, in response to a community need and expression of interest.

The free classes are designed to assist people who have recently emigrated to Australia, and particularly to the Peninsula, to practice their English skills, understand Australian society and culture and build friendships.

Training has been provided by Judy Rowlands, an English as a second language consultant, who has prepared a number of Presbyterian Churches to offer assistance.

"In Christian thinking, God has

been generous to humankind.

"He made it possible for us to know him and to communicate with him so that we are not left as outsiders," said Committee coordinator Mr Gordon Goodman.

"It is appropriate that we share a taste of this generosity with others."

A number of people have already signed up with their birth country or ancestry including Egypt, Sri Lanka, China, the Philippines, South Africa, New Zealand, the USA and Britain.

One of the latest enrolments is Ming Li, who migrated to Australia from Northern China with her husband in 2004, and was unable to speak English.

This became an issue when her husband required heart surgery and suffered a series of health

problems as Ming was unable to contact an ambulance which resulted in the pair walking to Gosford Hospital from Woy Woy.

"We couldn't talk to the doctors, I was scared and upset," Ming said, through her daughter's translation.

Ming, who has begun to study English at Gosford TAFE, said she was looking forward to practicing and applying her English studies in the conversation classes.

Enrolment for the classes will take place on Tuesday, August 6, from 9:15am to 12pm, with classes continuing on a weekly basis during school terms.

The classes are open to people from all religious and cultural backgrounds.

Media Release, 17 July 2013
Judith Bartholomeusz, Woy Woy Presbyterian Church

Jack selected for Carpentaria trip

Year 11 Brisbane Water Secondary College student Jack Riley has been selected to travel to the Gulf of Carpentaria to assist conservation group Tangaroa Blue in removing litter and disused fishing items, washed ashore by the South East Asian currents.

Tangaroa Blue director Ms Heidi Taylor has rewarded Jack for his efforts and leadership over the past two years in the local foreshore clean-up program that has removed 18.7 tonnes of litter from Brisbane Water.

Jack will fly to Cairns and join a four-wheel-drive convey that will be based in the Gulf over five days.

He will work with the local aboriginal community and park rangers to complete the task.

Jack will be using the expedition as part of his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Brisbane Water Secondary College recently won the Regional Landcare Award, and has two nominations in the State Awards for the Foreshore Program to be announced in September.

Email, 19 Jul 2013
Graham Johnston,
MacMasters Beach

Competition for Bouddi photos

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust is holding a photo competition with the theme of Where the Water Meets the Land.

The photos must be taken on the Bouddi Peninsula and can be submitted in digital or print form.

Judging will take place on the last weekend of September in time for the entries to be displayed at

the Maitland Bay Centre on the October long weekend.

The winners will receive a framed print of their entry.

Entry forms and competition rules are available on the Trust website at <http://killcarewagstaffetrust.org.au/>.

Newsletter, 22 Jul 2013
David Legge, Killcare Wagstaffe Trust

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Crowd funding succeeds where publishers fail

Umina author Kate Toon has raised over \$9000 in 10 days to publish a children's book and the campaign is set to continue until Wednesday, August 17.

Ms Toon, along with the book's illustrator Will Pearce, launched

a crowd funding campaign on the www.pozible.com website to fund the publishing costs of Wobbly Jim and a Parrot named Sue.

The move to crowd funding was the result of publishers turning down Ms Toon's pirate book due to a belief that pirate

books were overdone.

"I wrote the book for my four-year-old and was lucky enough to get it signed by major Australian literary agent Curtis Brow," Ms Toon said.

"But the book was rejected by the big publishers.

"They loved the writing but

said pirates were overdone."

Ms Toon and Mr Pearce's aim was to raise \$8,300 by offering rewards such as copies of the book, signed illustrations and poems.

"I'm delighted that the book will now hit the bookshelves.

"We even have an eBook

version planned," Ms Toon said.

Ms Toon has published one previous book via crowd funding.

Gone Dotty is on sale in book shops across the Central Coast.

**Media release, 31 Jul 2013,
Kate Toon, Umina**

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Solo exhibition program at Killcare

Killcare's Bouddi Gallery will run its annual local artists' solo exhibition program titled Iconic Australia from August 1 to September 18.

The exhibition highlights the character of the Australian landscape and the ways in which indigenous and non-indigenous artists represent it.

Award-winning artist John Biggart will be the first to exhibit.

Mr Biggart's new abstract impressionist landscape paintings are a result of his visceral responses to the Nullabor Plain and the Flinders and MacDonnell Ranges through which he has been travelling and painting extensively since 2009.

Following Mr Biggart's Central Desert exhibition, acclaimed collagist and printmaker Kath Giovanelli will exhibit her new work in a show called Australian Impressions.

Ms Giovanelli's work is a reflection of her time spent travelling throughout remote Australia.

Due to the high demand for her work, Ms Giovanelli will exhibit limited works for two weeks only.

Finally, award-winning painter and assembly collagist Glenda Morgan will close the Iconic Australia program with her Exploring Country exhibition.

Ms Morgan's new works, colours and textures are an expression of her recent experiences travelling from the red centre of Australia home to the waterways and river systems that fringe Bouddi National Park.

It is Ms Morgan's first exhibition at Bouddi Gallery.

A private pre-exhibition viewing of her painting will be held.

Media release, 28 Jul 2013, Jody Deamer, Bouddi Gallery



Paintings from Yuendumu



Singer releases film clip

Umina singer songwriter Annita Jo Haggart has released a film clip for her song The Newtown Song prior to the release of her debut album The Long Road Back to Mulberry Street in November.

The film clip which was choreographed, filmed and created by Danny DeMoreta, was filmed at various locations including Newtown Cafes, Martin Luther King Square and the Gospel Garden Sanctuary in Umina where Ms Haggart regularly volunteers.

The clip runs for three minutes and can be viewed on the crowd funding site, Pozible, which she

is using to fund the album.

As well as the chance to pre-purchase her CD, contributors will also be invited to Annita Jo's fancy dress CD launch party, which is hoped to be held at the Gospel Garden Sanctuary around November.

The theme of the party will be choices of dressing in green and gold, a pirate or a Dr Seuss character.

Ms Haggart said she hoped to achieve 350 pre-purchases of her album before the cut-off date of August 16.

**Email, 17 Jul 2013
Annita Jo Haggart,
Umina Beach**

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White paper is far from one-party government

While agreeing with Mark Ellis, Kay Williams and Keith Whitfield that there are many disagreeable features of the new planning legislation, I think Keith Whitfield rather overstates his case if he sees the current situation as being in any way comparable to Nazi Germany or other totalitarian regimes.

It is worth recalling that there was no planning legislation in Australia, and hence, no right of community involvement in development decisions prior to the 1950s and that, in fact, the planning legislation itself did not incorporate any community involvement until even later than that.

However, it would be exaggerating to maintain that we were living in a fascist state until then.

The system that was proposed in the White Paper did provide

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for community involvement, except that the involvement was at an earlier stage of procedure than the community has become accustomed to.

This is not exactly riding roughshod over the will of the people.

The problem is, first, that the actual legislation seems to fall somewhat short of the promise of the White Paper and, secondly, that the concept of community involvement set out in the White Paper was more a theoretical construct than a practical method of allowing concerned individuals to be involved in planning decisions.

However, this is still some distance from establishing a one-party government.

Email, 23 Jul 2013
Bruce Hyland, Daleys Point

Will nourishment of Ettalong Beach affect navigation?

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Matthew Wales has presented a glowing report on the redevelopment of the Ettalong Beach foreshore.

It is acknowledged in the media release (Peninsula News, July 22) that this area is not a stable environment, so the fact that the proposed restaurant "will provide essential income through the leasing of the facility so as to pay for the maintenance and upkeep of the foreshore area" must reduce the council's management problems.

Funding has been provided for the redevelopment from the Federal Member and Gosford Council.

What's the problem?
Residents will know

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renourishment of Ettalong Beach has a history and safe navigation in the Ettalong Channel is a hot topic for councillors.

The Broken Bay Beaches Coastal Management Plan adopted in August 1999 advises of a PWD Study in 1973.

"Ettalong Beach has been subject to large changes in sand volumes ever since accurate records have been available this century.

"Nourishment of Ettalong Beach has been undertaken in 1941, 1967 and 1980 and a further nourishment is being considered by council," (LET, 1966).

Navigation in the entrance area is limited by available water depths of about 1.2m at all states of the

tide.

Is the redevelopment environmentally wise?

When is renourishment due?

What is known about the area from Ettalong Point to Rip Bridge?

The Management Plan comments: "the rates of change and mechanisms during sediment transportation in this area are not well understood."

"Further studies are required," (Page 54, Index 5.3).

Has there been a detailed study since 1999 and what studies have supported the expenditure of \$5 million with more to follow?

Ettalong Beach should be involved in future coastal processes studies.

Letter, 29 Jul 2013
Norman Harris, Umina

Prospective lawmakers ignore the law

While reading the last edition of the Peninsula News, I took note of Edward James' paid advertisement on Council's new policy regarding election advertising.

This time I found myself nodding in agreement with this self-proclaimed lover of the Australian democratic process.

Every election cycle, we see a plethora of illegally-placed posters spruiking the prospective candidates of all parties.

Mr James asks the question of whether they will comply with the law.

Lo and behold, on a Saturday morning what do I see but

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election material placed along the foot path in front of the Peninsula Plaza and indeed all around the Peninsula, on railway property, trees and power poles.

Surely the major parties are aware of the law, which they are elected to uphold.

Email, 31 Jul 2013
Mark Ellis, Woy Woy

Mark Neeham, as the authorizing officer of photographed Liberal campaign material on railway property at the level crossing gates Woy Woy and elsewhere at Woy Woy, this is a heads up.

While it is very apparent there is a lot of money being invested in promoting Lucy Wicks as Liberal candidate for the seat of Robertson, I expect if asked Lucy would confirm that I really need her to displace Labor's Deborah O'Neill.

The problem is, as my readers are pointing out, the perceived illegal and non-complying use of our public property to date by Liberal and Labor campaigns.

The Local Government Act and other laws play a part in our due process, which I have over the years, explained to my readers in our local papers.

While Gosford Council (some

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Liberal and Labor councillors) is demonstrating a poor grasp of what is required of them and ratepayers with its revised policy D1.12 advocating people to ignore the Electoral Act.

I expect Mr Neeham you are able to grasp the importance of being seen to be running a good honest campaign by directing compliant placement of your authorized political material in the electorate of Robertson and

elsewhere across NSW.

I am already committed to promulgating photos of campaign material which is perceived by voters to be placed in contempt of our political due process.

Perhaps you should consider page 12 of the Peninsula News on June 24.

I need to have Lucy Wicks take the seat of Robertson.

I am not able to ignore people who bring to me their concerns about a lack of due process.

Email, 29 Jul 2013
Edward James, Umina

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The Krait Club

Community Centre - Cooinda Village, Neptune St, Umina
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Umina Beach Men's Shed Inc.

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Volunteering Central Coast

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vrc@volunteeringcentralcoast.org.au

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2nd Mon, 7.30pm Wagstaffe Hall - 4360 2945
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Environment

Peninsula Environment Group

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Health Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous

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4323 3890

Arthritis NSW

3rd Tues Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr McMasters Rd and Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy
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(Gosford)

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www.ccwhc.com.au

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Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance

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Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club

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Woy Woy 4341 4060
mail.info@troubadour.org.au

Political Group

Australian Labor Party

Umina Ettalong Branch
Political discussions, national, state and local government issues
2nd Mon Umina Beach Bowling Club 7.30 4342 3676

Central Coast Greens

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3rd Thur, centralcoast.nsw.greens.org.au
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Service Groups

Lions Club of Woy Woy

1st and 3rd Mon at Everglades Country Club 4326 1996
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Women's Groups

Country Women's Association Woy Woy

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Meetings 4th Wed 10.30am
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Country Women's Association Umina

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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
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Gosford RSL Women's Auxiliary

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4th Mon 2pm 4323 7336

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gosfordnorthiw@live.com.au

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



Music teacher releases album

Woy Woy School of Music teacher Cat Cork has released his new album titled Feet in the Dirt.

The album, which features lyrics dealing with depression, hopelessness and bittersweet moments of happiness, is now available online.

Mr Cork previously worked as a lawyer and often helped people who were facing bankruptcy and the loss of their home or business.

He retired from practice 18 months ago and relocated to the

Central Coast.

"The Woy Woy School of Music has been incredibly supportive to me," Mr Cork said.

"There is a real sense of community spirit there."

For each copy sold, \$1 will be donated to Street Smart Australia.

Street Smart Australia raises funds and awareness for grass roots projects which support the homeless and those at risk of homelessness.

"Street Smart uses 100 per cent of donations to support community

projects that are unable to raise funding themselves," Mr Cork said.

"For example, a women's refuge needed a washing machine to provide clean linen.

"The volunteers at the refuge weren't able to raise the necessary funds so Street Smart stepped in.

"I am very impressed with the direct and sensible approach taken by Street Smart and am proud to do what I can to support them."

**Media release, 29 Jul 2013,
Stuart Cork, Woy Woy
School of Music**

Local band plays at Ettalong

Local rock, pop and rock blues band Imposition will perform at the Ettalong Bowling Club on Friday, August 23.

Since last year, Imposition has been performing their take on the classic hits at venues such as Woy Woy Leagues Club, Hardys Bay RSL and Jack's Bar and Grill.

The band is currently booked

out for shows in August and its schedule for September and October is starting to fill with performances at Hornsby RSL and Mangrove Mountain Golf Club.

Imposition will take the Ettalong stage from 7:30pm.

**Email, 30 Jul 2013,
Kevan Harding, Umina**

Peninsula directory of services, contacts and support groups

Ambulance, Police, Fire 000

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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
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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
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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

The Peninsula Diary of Events

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Tuesday August 6

English as a second language class, 9:15am-12pm, Woy Woy Presbyterian Church

Thursday August 8

Spring planting demonstration, Flowers by Marianne, Woy Woy, 10am-11am

Friday August 9

Central Coast Toastmasters Community Big Games and Trivia Night, Peninsula Community Centre, 7:30pm-9:30pm

Saturday August 10

National Bookshop day celebrations, Book Bazaar, Umina, 9am

Sunday August 11

Wedding Expo, Ettalong Beach Club, 11am-3:30pm

Friday August 16

Umina Public School Art Show opens

Wednesday August 21

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

Friday August 23

Love your Lunch Winter Workshop, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 11am-2:30pm
 Imposition performance, Ettalong Bowling Club, 7:30pm

Sunday August 25

Breakfast in the Bays, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall

Friday August 30

Pearl Beach Glee Club and Friends Variety Concert, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, 7:30pm

Saturday August 31

Pearl Beach Glee Club and Friends Variety Concert, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, 2:30pm

Friday September 6

Central Coast Bioblitz, Bouddi National Park

Saturday September 7

Bays Community Group Kids Disco, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall, 2pm-5pm
 Central Coast Bioblitz, Bouddi National Park

Saturday September 14

WOWgirls Buy, swap, barter and trade event, Gospel Gardens, Umina, 1pm-5pm

Sunday September 15

Pretty Beach Public School seaside Fair, 9am-3pm

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

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This will be the first season of the Central Coast Cricket Association's elite eight-team Premier League.

Since its establishment in 1969, Umina District Cricket Club has won nine first grade premierships and nine other senior grade premierships.

Two of Umina's junior teams made last season's grand finals, with the 13B team winning the

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The 14 years champions at the NSW Rugby League All Schools Secondary State Finals

Umina campus wins Rugby League final

A team from Brisbane Waters Secondary College Umina campus has been crowned the 14 years champions at the NSW Rugby League All Schools Secondary State Finals held at St Mary's League Stadium in Western

Sydney. The Umina team defeated Leumeah High School 12-4 to take home the title on Tuesday, July 30. The 69th NSW All Schools Knockout competition ran from Monday, July 29, through to Wednesday, July 31, and saw four thousand young competitors converge on Western Sydney. The students won 40 respective divisions across NSW to compete at St Mary's. NSW Rugby League general manager Mr Geoff Carr said the event was one of a kind for rugby league and was something the league was proud of. "The standard, from under-9s through to the elite schools on Wednesday, is of the highest quality which is due to the quality of staff we have working in the development landscape," Mr Carr said. Media release, 30 Jul 2013, Jamie Anderson, NSW Rugby League Media release, 29 Jul 2013, Brad Preston, NSW Rugby League

Bridge club holds annual Super Congress

Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its annual Super Congress on the weekend of July 27 and 28 at the Peninsula Community Centre. The event, in which 52 tables in the pairs and 71 tables in the teams competed, saw the club's congress become the second biggest in NSW, following Coffs Harbour. Attendees travelled from locations all over the country, such as Perth, Launceston, Gold Coast, Canberra, Manning, Northern Tablelands, Southern Highlands, Blue Mountains, Hunter and Sydney. On the Saturday, 20 tables participated in the restricted and 32 tables in the open Swiss Pairs, with separate NS and EW fields. The Novice Pairs North-South was won by Faith Ross and Carol Long from Brisbane Water Bridge Club. On the Sunday, 22 tables participated in the restricted and 49 in the open teams. Media Release, 30 Jul 2013 Jenny Buckley, Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Netball gala day

Students in Ettalong Public School's netball team competed in the Netball Gala Day held on Wednesday, July 24. "Teachers from other schools commented on the sportsmanship after the games and we also received a phone call from a parent from another school commending our students. "All students were exemplary representatives of our school and we are very proud of them," said Mr Wallis. Newsletter, 30 Jul 2013 Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

Umina plays for netball cup

Umina Public School participated in the Netball NSW School's Cup held at Adcock Park in Gosford on Wednesday, July 24. Twenty-three teams from across the Central Coast participated in the new event which was designed to encourage participation in netball. "It was a very cold and windy day but the spirit of all competitors was high," said Umina Public School netball coordinator Ms Rebecca Rodwell. "Students could be found chatting to new friends, making up chants, learning the rules for some and creating set plays ready to take on their opponents. "The Umina teams, Mulloka and Ukamirra, did their very best each time they took the court. "Lots of positive encouragement could be heard from the sideline. "Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College and Terrigal High who umpired and scored all our games." "We had several players who had only played a handful of netball games and they improved significantly throughout the day." Newsletter, 31 Jul 2013 Lyn Davis, Umina Public School



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Ettalong club fields three State finals teams

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club will compete in three grades at the State Pennant Finals held between August 3 and 5.

The Grade One team, comprising Lee Trethowan, John Roberts and world champion Aron Sherriff, will compete at Merimbula-Imlay Bowling Club on the South Coast.

The Grade Three, comprising Allan Quinn, Jeff Kelly and Frank Powter, will compete at Wiseman's Park Bowling Club in Wollongong.

The Grade Seven team, comprising Brandon Fraser, Bob Conklin and Doug Gordon, will compete at Dubbo Railway

Bowling Club in Dubbo.

The State Final qualifications follow each team winning Zone 15 Pennant Flags at the 2013 Bowls Central Coast Pennant Finals held on June 15 at Bateau Bay Bowling Club.

"This is the first time in living memory a Central Coast club has won three Pennant flags in one year, and will represent the Central Coast at the state finals," said Bowls Central Coast publicity officer Mr Bob Bourke.

Laura Bradley, 31 Jul 2013

Interviewee: John Roberts

Email, 30 Jul 2013

Bob Bourke, Bowls Central Coast

Wheelchair bowler Scott Carlyle from Everglades Bowling Club has issued an invitation to other wheelchair-bound people to play the game.

The 28-year-old bowler is originally from Strathfield but moved to St Huberts Island two years ago.

He has been playing bowls at Everglades for the past six months and said his ambition was to compete in the 2014 Handicapped Bowling Tournament.

"I would love to have other wheelchairs come out and join me on the green," Carlyle said.

Everglades Bowling Club has a wheelchair fitted with wide wheels that can be used to go out on to the bowling greens.

Any wheelchair dependent people interested in trying a free introduction to lawn bowls lesson should contact Mr Carlyle's bowls coach Daryl Clifford on men's bowling days at Everglades Bowling Club or phone the club on 4341 1089.

**Email, 31 Jul 2013,
Bob Bourke, Bowls Central Coast**



Scott Carlyle with his coach Daryl Clifford

Ettalong pair emerge as champions

Wamberal wins at Everglades

Wamberal Bowling Club duo Dale Kalms and Allan Olsen have taken out the 2013 Bowls Central Coast Veterans Pairs Championship held at Everglades Country Club on Thursday, July 25.

In the four years that this event has been running, this was the first win by a Wamberal team.

The Wamberal pair were up against the local Everglades team of Merv Sampson and Col Nicholls.

Although the locals were building good heads and holding shot, Wamberal skip Olsen managed to convert on enough occasions to keep his team in the lead.

With Wamberal leading 19-12 on end 17, it was decided to call it a day and retire to the club house for the presentation ceremony.

**Email, 31 Jul 2013,
Bob Bourke, Bowls Central Coast**

The Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club duo of Tony Laguzza and Aron Sherriff emerged as the 2013 Bowls Central Coast Major Pairs Champions after a finals match at Munmorah United Bowling Club on Saturday, July 20, against Brian Howe and Michael Stead from Halekulani Bowling Club.

The semi-final was played between the Ettalong Eagles pair and their grade one Pennant foes, Justin Shelley and Brett Pritchard from Avoca Beach Bowling Club.

The Peninsula pair stung Avoca on the first end by scoring five shots, and raced ahead to lead 14-1 at end 10.

The Avoca pair fared better in the second half of the game with Justin Shelley putting down consistently good lead bowls.

Avoca went down to Ettalong 25-14 after 20 ends, with play not required in the last end.

Ettalong was into the afternoon's final.

In the other semi-final, Brian

Howe and Michael Stead from Halekulani were too strong for Wyong's Appollo Birch and Mark Wheatley, taking out the match 25-15 and booking themselves a finals berth against Ettalong.

After the lunch break the Major Pairs Final got underway and finished with a score of 23 shots to 16.

**Media Release, 31 Jul 2013
Bob Bourke, Bowls Central Coast/Zone 15**

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Kingfisher Carnival held at Umina Beach



Scott Wilson, Branden Fraser, Allan Quinn and Mark Knowles

The revamped Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club's Kingfisher Carnival was held on July 18 and 19 with 32 teams from across the Central Coast vying for the winner's prize money.

After the first day, the Umina team, led by Brian Burrows, held a slight lead over the Ettalong team which was led by Allan Quinn and the composite team led by Wayne Hughes from Mooney Mooney.

The second day saw Quinn's team record seven wins and take out the title for 2013.

Runners-up were the Ettalong team skippered by Michael Braham and in third place was the composite team skippered by Wayne Hughes.

Lee Patterson's side and Brian Burrows' side, both from Umina, placed fourth and fifth respectively.

Media release, 29 Jul 2013
Ian Jarratt, Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club



Leagues club sends CEO to snake pit

Woy Woy Leagues Club CEO Mr Josh Collins will sleep next to spiders and snakes as part of Coast Shelter's annual executive sleep-out at the Australian Reptile Park on Friday, August 9.

Mr Collins participated in the sleep out last year and is now gearing up to join some large pythons at this year's Zoo and Snooze event.

To attend the sleep out, each executive must raise at least \$1000.

Mr Collins is selling raffle tickets at the club to help raise the funds required for him to represent the Peninsula at Zoo and Snooze.

The raffle prizes include a fishing charter for 10 people and a corporate box at the Central Coast Mariners for eight people.

Tickets are \$5 each and all proceeds go directly to Coast Shelter.

Mr Collins can be sponsored at www.everydayhero.com.au/easts_woy_woy.

Media release, 26 Jul 2013
Vicki de Carle, Coast Shelter

Surf club holds presentation night

Warren Whitney and Danny Cunningham have been named Umina Surf Club's Persons of the Year at the club's annual presentation

night.

Jess Thomas was named the under-19 Club Person of the Year and Christine Bishop and Savannah Paterson were named

Patrol Persons of the Year.

The award of Stirrer Paddle was won by Emily Wardle and the Masters and Lifesaving Competitor of the Year was Kerry Armstrong Smith.

Jemma Smith took out the Senior Lifesaving Competitor of the Year award, as well as the Junior Club Person of the Year title.

Rookie Club Person of the Year went to Mollie Murphy.

Umina Surf Club will hold its open and registration days on Sunday, August 25, from 9am to 12:30pm, Thursday, September 19, from 9am to 12:30pm and Sunday, September 29, from 9am to 1pm.

Tours of the club will be conducted by Umina Surf Life Saving Club members and community members are invited to attend.

Media release, 26 Jul 2013,
Peter Talty, Umina Surf Club

Winter pairs for bridge club

Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its annual Winter Pairs event on Saturday, July 6, at the Peninsula Community Centre.

The winners on the day were Kathy and John Mitchell with 64.6 per cent.

Second place went to Marie Tucker and Joan Walsh with 59.8 per cent.

In third place were Susan McCall and Pamela Joseph with 57.4 per cent.

Media Release, 20 Jul 2013
Jenny Buckley, Brisbane Water Bridge Club

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Professional boxer visits Umina PCYC

Professional boxer Nigel Benn visited Umina Beach PCYC Boxing Academy on Saturday, August 3.

Nicknamed the Dark Destroyer, Benn is an ex-British soldier.

He is a former World Boxing Organisation middleweight champion and World Boxing Council super-middleweight champion.

He holds the Guinness world record for successfully defending, in the 1990s, the World Boxing Council title the greatest number of times.

Benn is now based in Sydney,

studying theology and working as a volunteer ambassador for PCYC to assist with boxing programs.

"I'm interested in helping disadvantaged and disenfranchised youth to get into positive and healthy activities and the PCYC boxing programs are a great way to achieve this," he said.

"I've made a commitment to help grass roots boxing through the PCYC programs and hope this will help produce a future Australian amateur or professional champion."

**Media release, 31 Jul 2013
Michael Blaxland, PCYC NSW**

Rescue championships held at Woy Woy pool

Terrigal Surf Life Saving Club took out the NSW Pool Rescue Championships at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on July 27 and 28.

Competitors from 24 clubs competed in events such as obstacle swims, manikin carries, line throws, medley relays and a simulated emergency response competition.

With the largest team in the competition, Terrigal dominated the Championships, achieving an overall point score of 487.5.

Local club Umina finished in fourth position with an overall point score of 126, and strong performances from Claire Gaffney, Rachel Wood, Jemma Smith, Jasmine Darwin and Bronte Smith.

Surf Life Saving NSW head coach Jeff Mowbray said he was impressed with the growth of the event.

"Pool Rescue gives athletes who prefer swimming over other disciplines a greater opportunity to participate in Surf Life Saving Competition," Mr Mowbray said.

Competitors under 18 also had the chance to be selected to travel to New Zealand as part of a NSW Development Team for the National Championships in October.

The squad is yet to be announced.

**Media Release, 29 Jul 2013
Alix Vanny, Surf Life Saving NSW**



Soccer defeat for Umina

Umina was defeated 3-0 by Budgewoi at Budgewoi in Round 15 of CountryNet soccer played on Sunday, July 28.

The match, which saw Budgewoi move into clear third place on the competition ladder, was far closer than the score indicates, according to Central Coast Football director of partnerships Mr Alistair Kennedy.

Goals were scored by Kaine

Harmsworth and Billy Lockley in the first half, with Jack North settling the match late in the second period.

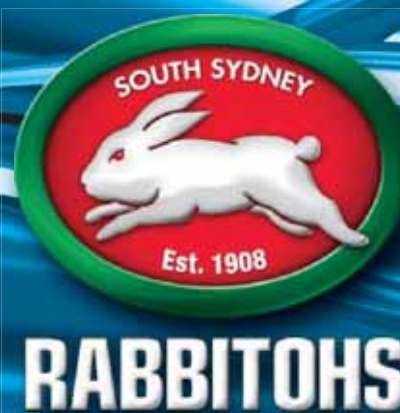
Although still in contention for a semi final place, Umina has now dropped six points behind fourth place and with a negative goal difference.

**Media Release, 22 Jul 2013
Alistair Kennedy, Central Coast Football**

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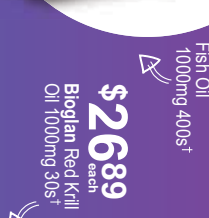
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