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The Gospel Garden Sanctuary in Umina

Gospel Garden sets \$400,000 target

The Gospel Garden Sanctuary committee is attempting to raise \$400,000 by Christmas to buy the Umina building to avoid it being torn down for commercial development.

Gospel Garden Sanctuary founder Mr Danny DeMoreta said the committee had asked Gosford Council for assistance to buy the building for Umina.

"The talks aren't over.

"However, all we've received so far are reasons why they may

not be able to help," said Mr DeMoreta.

"For two years now, dedicated volunteers have run the Gospel Garden Sanctuary in Umina Beach, without the aid of any government grants or assistance.

"It's been hard work and it's

been worth it too.

"The Gospel Garden Sanctuary has become a unique open-door social centre in the heart of Umina Beach, where people can come and feel free to enjoy events and social activities.'

He said people interested

helping could contact committee by email at uacvumina@hotmail.com.au.

> Media release, 27 Sep 2013 Danny DeMoreta, Gospel **Garden Sanctuary**

Submissions made about wharves study

Three submissions have been received about local maritime facilties after Gosford Council exhibited its Brisbane Water **Public Wharves and Boat** Ramps Usage Study.

The study, which aimed to prioritise upgrades and identify sites for added infrastructure, has now been adopted by council.

One submission nominated improvements to the Blackwall Point boat ramp facility.

These improvements included the need for toilets, a longer slipway for low tide launching, double ramp width and the extension of the manoeuvring area to allow for more vehicle waiting capacity.

In his report, Council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen stated that the site was unsuitable for upgrading to a regional facility regarding the relocation of the due to difficult road access and site

considered difficult for vehicular of public recreational maritime access and would require significant improvement before this site would be considered suitable for improvement to a regional facility," stated the report.

Another submission stated that the study should be extended to include commuter user ferry needs and a hierarchy of wharves requiring higher standards.

submission recommended the relocation of the existing Ferry Rd wharf to the alternative Bangalow St site when the Ferry Rd wharf had reached its useful life and required replacement.

Mr Glen responded and said the submission had been noted

wharf, however, the Better Boating Program grant conditions for the "The Blackwall Point facility is study applied only to the assessment facilities and could not be extended to commercial activities.

> One submission identified the need to upgrade Empire Bay's Kendall Rd wharf as well as the need to improve the Empire Bay Reserve area.

Mr Glen reported that this had been identified as a priority to be upgraded.

However, grant funding from the Better Boating Program was restricted to providing maritime infrastructure and other funding sources would be required to improve the public reserve area.

The report stated that Council was responsible for 23 boat ramps

and 43 public wharves within Brishane Water

The study, which was publicly exhibited between February 20 and March 20 this year, found most maritime facilities within Brisbane Water were in an average condition.

The replacement value of existing maritime assets in the study area was estimated at \$6.9 million.

A total of 22 wharves and boat ramps were identified as priority for replacement in the near future, at a total cost of \$2.7 million.

These included Wov Wov Town Centre wharf, Ferry Rd wharf, Kendall Rd wharf and boat ramp, Killcare wharf, Woy Woy cargo wharf, Hardys Bay wharf, Wagstaffe wharf, Lions Park wharf No.2, Woy Woy Bay wharf, Phegans Bay wharf, Oroo St wharf, Pier St wharf and Rawson Rd wharf.

Mr Glen said the need for replacement of public wharves and boat ramps should be given to high priority facilities only, due to the limited funding allocations.

"Any decision to replace low priority works or create new infrastructure should be considered against the priority of other capital works items which will result in already identified projects being deferred," stated Mr Glen's report.

The council was successful in receiving grant funding under the 2010-11 Better Boating Program to undertake a detailed investigation of the existing maritime infrastructure. boat usage patterns and fishing amenities within Brisbane Water.

A total of eight submissions were made in response to the study.

Gosford Council Agenda CIT.28, 17 Sep 2013 News

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Month's rainfall is 60 per cent below average

Only 28.7mm of rain has fallen on the Peninsula for the month of September, as of last Friday.

Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy said the total for the month as at September 27 was about 40 per cent of the average for the month of 68.5mm.

Most of this rain was recorded on September 17, when a fall of 20.5mm was recorded.

The low rainfall for the month comes after two dry months, in which rainfall was more than 70 per cent below average.

Rainfall this year has followed a similar pattern to last year, when a wet start to the year was followed by six months where rainfall was well below average.

Last year's rainfall was 7.4 per cent below the yearly average.

At this time last year, the cumulative total for the year was just one per cent above average.

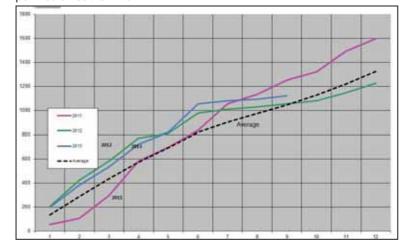
This year the cumulative total is 1120mm, around 7.3 per cent above the average of 1044mm for this time of year.

Temperatures this month have ranged from a low of 10.7 on September 22 to a high of 32.7 on September 26, according to local weather website www. peninsulaweather.info.

Highest minimum was 17.7 recorded on September 8 and lowest maximum was 18.0 degrees on September 13.

Highest wind gust was 28.1 km/h recorded on September 12.

Spreadsheet, 27 Sep 2013 Jim Morrison, Woy Woy Other sources: www.peninsulaweather.info



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Peninsula News and Beyond a Word are giving one reader the chance to win a \$140 online gift voucher to design their own personalised typographic canvas art print.

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The winner of last edition's Peninsula News Taronga Western Plains Zoo competition was Kathryn Moore of Killcare.

Kaitlin watts, 27 Sep 2013



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Gospel Garden sets \$400,000 target **Submissions made**



















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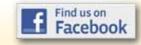


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Council agrees to develop long-term waste strategy

Gosford Council has agreed to motion from Cr Jeff Strickson to develop a longterm strategy for Council's waste management activities.

The multi-part motion will also see the Council continue to promote the benefits of the landfill gas extraction system at Woy Woy tip and resource recovery opportunities at the landfills.

Cr Strickson told the council that AGL currently generates electricity from extraction of landfill gas at Woy Woy with approximately 8084 MWh of electricity produced in the past 12 months.

He said this was the equivalent of generating electricity to provide for 1077 average NSW homes.

"The combustion of landfill gas (methane) has also reduced the carbon emissions from the landfill by 31,003 tonnes of CO2," Cr Strickson reported.

"The generator is now at or near full capacity and opportunities need to be identified to reduce waste to landfill, increase landfill gas capture rates and reduce the

cost of meeting Council's carbon emissions liability.

"Council is currently negotiating opportunities for any improved landfill gas capture with AGL.

"Providing sustainable and cost effective waste and carbon management solutions to both conserve the landfills' life and reduce emissions is a significant challenge for Council, especially as the regulatory environment around waste and carbon price implications is both extremely complex and unpredictable."

Cr Strickson said there was currently funding available under the Waste Less, Recycle More scheme that may assist Council with actions and projects to achieve this endeavour.

In line with Cr Strickson's motion, Council will also write local members seeking support for any relevant funding submissions under the NSW State Government's Waste Less. Recycle More initiative.

Gosford Council Agenda NM.16, 17 Sep 2013



Man charged after car flipped

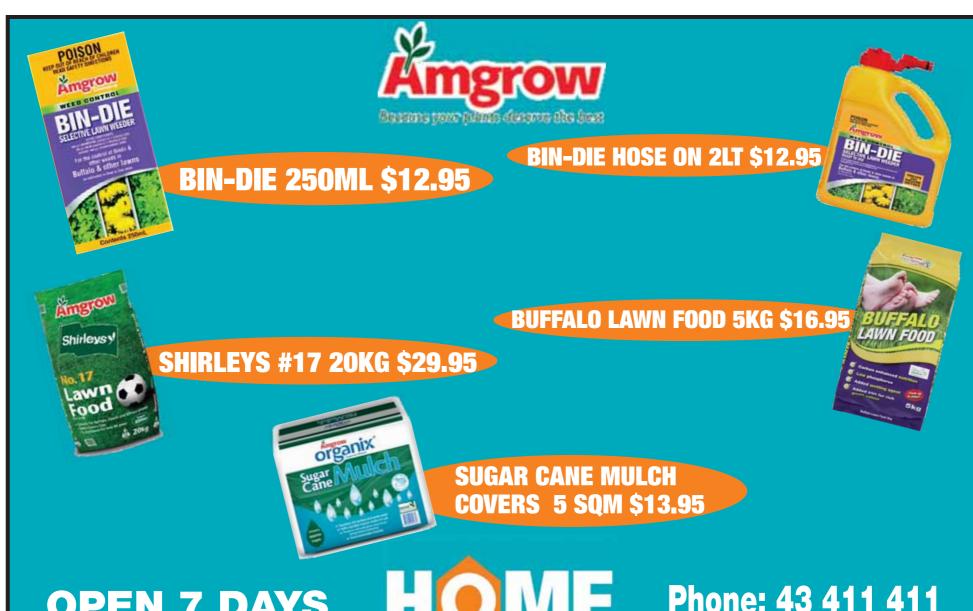
Police are taking action against a 27-year-old man for negligent driving after his car overturned on Woy Woy Rd at Horsfield Bay on Tuesday, September 17.

The man was travelling east on but he was uninjured. Woy Woy Rd at about 4:40pm in his blue Holden ute when he lost control in the rain and slid.

The car collided with the rock face and flipped onto its roof.

Motorists came to his assistance

Kaitlin Watts, 20 Sep 2013 Interviewee: Brisbane Water LAC Inspector George Bradbury Photo: Edward James



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Peninsula gardens win council competition

Two gardens on the Peninsula have been announced winners of the 2013 Gosford City Garden Competition at the awards ceremony held in Erina on Thursday, September 19.

Alva Bell of Umina was awarded Best Residential Rear Garden while Brendan Gulson of Ettalong was awarded Best Waterwise Garden.

Gosford mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna said the 2013 Gosford City Garden Competition uncovered some truly spectacular outdoor spaces in the city.

"I am continually amazed by the dedication and talent of our local gardeners and this year's competition was no exception.

"It was wonderful to see a large number of new competitors right across Gosford City entering a diverse range of gardens, from large manicured acreages to small and colourful courtyard displays.

"The 2013 competition was fierce and the calibre of entries was stronger than ever, prompting judges to include an additional three encouragement



Ms Alva Bell's garden and Ms Bell with Gosford mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna with her award (inset)

awards in recognition of this high standard."

Ms Bell's garden was also selected as one of the six gardens picked to take part in this year's Open Gardens.

Ms Bell's garden was open to the public on Sunday, September 29.

Gosford City Garden Competition convenor Mr Phillip Raymont said this year's Open

Gardens presented some of the most diverse and inspiring gardens in the region.

"The quality of this year's Open Gardens is a testament to the wonderfully skilled gardeners we have living in our city," he said.

Media release, 20 Sep 2013 Lawrie McKinna, Gosford Council

Extra trains to come with new timetable

Woy Woy train station will receive 15 extra weekly services under a new train timetable to be introduced on Sunday, October 20.

Minister for the Central Coast Mr Chris Hartcher said the new timetable would deliver more services, improved connections, faster journeys and regular departure times for the vast majority of customers.

"The NSW Government has rewritten the train timetable to improve the customer experience - rather than just tinkering around the edges."

The hours of operation for express services will be extended on weekdays, with express trains now leaving Central until 9:15pm.

"Services which currently run between Central and Wyong, and between Newcastle and Morisset will be replaced with trains running along the length of the line, providing 105 extra weekly connections from the Central Coast to Newcastle," said Member for Gosford Mr Chris Holstein.

"The new timetable is easier for customers to understand because it has fewer stopping patterns and more consistent and regular train departure times, with large gaps between services reduced."

The new timetable also delivers extra services in the morning and afternoon, providing an additional 4300 seats per week each way via the North Shore Line.

The train timetable introduces more than 1000 extra services across the suburban and intercity networks, in addition to the 107 extra weekly services added by the NSW Government since March

2011

Anyone interested in the changes should visit newtimetables.com.au or download the new train timetable planning app, New Times which is available to download for free from the App Store and Google Play.

Media release, 18 Sep 2013 Jim Lloyd, Office of Darren Webber MP



Residents seek action on flooding

Residents of Pomona Rd and Wards Hill Rd at Empire Bay have asked Gosford Council to fix stormwater runoff and drainage which floods lower level residences along the two roads.

In a 13-signature petition, the residents stated that stormwater from Maitland Bay Dr drained over the allotments in Pomona Rd and collected into the open drainage

system located on the southern side of Pomona Rd.

The stormwater from Pomona Rd then discharged under the road via a concrete pipe to the lower level properties located on the northern side of Pomona Rd.

Petitioners said that the stormwater then flowed over land through the adjoining properties flooding dwellings, eroding foundations and footings to dwellings, eroding soil around

fencing and causing dampness under suspended dwellings.

The petition also said that creek beds and channels also became flooded which created unsanitary conditions for the residents.

Petitioners have requested that council resolve the stormwater drainage problem and council has noted the petition.

> **Gosford Council Agenda** P.29, 17 Sep 2013



New Federal Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks

Mini festival at waterfront market

A mini Woytopia day will be held at the Peninsula Waterfront Market Sunday, October 13, in lieu of the Peninsula Environment Group's annual Woytopia festival.

The Peninsula Environment Group has teamed up with market organisers to give the monthly markets a green-themed festival feel for the day.

The day will feature a bushtucker

show from Jake Cassar at 10am, followed by a drumming circle with Drumbala, Indian dancing and Ecopella - an a capella choir with a green twist.

There will be workshops and talks on composting, worm farms and renewable energy as well as green living stalls and all the regular market stalls.

The Peninsula Waterfront Market, formerly known as the Woy Woy Art Market, takes place on the second Sunday of every month on The Boulevard in Woy Woy.

The change of name reflects the fact the market has now expanded to include stalls selling a wider range of produce, including local and organic plants and food.

The day will finish with a childfriendly family bike ride around the Woy Woy cycle path which will depart at 2:45pm at the market.

Email, 25 Sep 2013 Mark Mann, Peninsula **Environment Group**

Robertson outcome officially declared

Wicks Lucy has officially been declared the new Federal Member for Robertson with 53.02 per cent and 47,264 of the twocandidate preferred votes.

Former member Ms Deborah O'Neill received 46.98 per cent and 41,885 votes.

In the first preference votes, Ms Wicks recorded a swing against the Liberal Party of -0.12 but still managed to receive 43.41 per cent of votes totaling 38,704.

Labor's Ms O'Neill received 34.82 per cent of the vote with 31,046 votes and a swing away from her of -4.94.

Following Ms O'Neill was

independent Lawrie McKinna with 7772 votes (8.72 per cent of the vote), The Greens' Kate da Costa 4966 votes (5.57 per cent) and independent Jake Cassar 2480 votes (2.78 per cent).

On was Palmer United Party candidate Mr Steven Whitaker received 2082 votes (2.34 per cent) and the Christian Democratic Party's Holly Beecham 1115 votes (1.25 per cent).

Australian Independents' Douglas McFarland received 510 votes (0.57 per cent) and the Democratic Labour Party's Paul Sheeran received 474 votes (0.53 per cent).

Website, 27 Sep 2013 **Australian Electoral Commission**

Springwood St danger, say residents

A petition with 234 signatures Beach St and Nelson St. has been submitted to **Gosford Council by residents** of Springwood St, Ettalong, requesting that council resurface the road between

Petitioners stated that this section of road was the worst in Springwood St and had caused damage to vehicles using the

Petitioners further stated that

there was a risk to the public as there had already been a number of incidents where vehicles had come onto the footpath on the corner of Springwood St and Albion St.

Gosford Council Agenda P.30, 17 Sep 2013



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Rotary club members in the dining room with Member for Gosford Mr Chris Holstein

Umina Beach Rotarians visit State Parliament

A number of Rotary Club of Umina Beach members and their partners attended NSW Parliament House on Wednesday, September 11, on an official visit hosted by Member for Gosford Mr Chris Holstein.

"We had lunch in a private dining room with Chris, attended question time in the lower house gallery and later enjoyed a tour of the buildings with Jim Lloyd,"

said Rotary Club of Umina Beach president Mr Geoff Melville.

"We also met with Minister for the Central Coast Chris Hartcher and Member for Wyong Darren Webber.

"Chris Holstein was most helpful with discussions on some of our coming Rotary community projects," said Mr Melville.

Email, 17 Sep 2013 Geoff Melville, Rotary Club of Umina Beach



Energy-efficient hot water

Ettalong senior citizens' centre, Woy Woy depot, Patonga camping ground and Peninsula Theatre are to have new energy-efficient hot water services installed.

Gosford Council has received a Federal grant for the systems under the Local Government Energy Efficiency program. The objective of the program is to support local governing authorities to install energy efficient solar and heat pump hot water systems in their buildings and community facilities.

Council's carbon and energy management officer Mr Dan Waters said the grant would help Council facilities generate renewable energy.

"Different technologies will be used that are best suited to each site

"However, overall the benefits will be similar - hot water generated more efficiently and effectively," Mr Waters said.

> Media release, 27 Sep 2013 Dan Waters, Gosford Council

Open day for fire service

Killcare Wagstaffe Rural Fire Service will hold an open day on Saturday, October 5, on the Hardys Bay Waterfront from 9am to 1pm.

The open day will include a static display, and fire truck and hose demonstrations.

Bookings will be taken for property inspections and to review the Bush Fire Survival Plan.

The open day is one of 300 NSW Rural Fire Service station open days being held.

NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons said the

Service's annual open day was the ideal opportunity for families to meet the volunteers who protect their local community, and learn how to be better prepared in the event of a bush fire.

> Media release, 25 Sep 2013 Shane Fitzsimmons, NSW Rural Fire Service

Help for small boats

Volunteers at the Point Clare base of Marine Rescue Central Coast assisted a small open boat disabled in Woy Woy Bay on Wednesday, September 25.

Following the 11am call for assistance, rescue vessel Central Coast Two, with its crew of Peter Alderton and Peter Ashworth, were tasked for the job.

A search was conducted and the boat was located in Waterfall Bay.

The men on board the boat were towed to Lions Park, Woy Woy.

At 12:15pm, before the rescue vessel had returned to its berth, another phone call for help was received from a friend of a group of three men in another disabled "tinny".

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After an interchange of phone information, the boat was located adjacent to Lions Park and towed to the boat ramp at Blackwall.

Marine Rescue Central Coast has urged boaties to add its phone number, 4325 7929, into their phone address book.

Media release, 25 Sep 2013 Ron Cole, Marine Rescue NSW Central Coast



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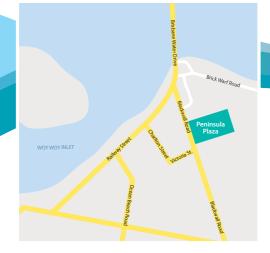














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Central Coast 20 with the 7.5m yacht rafted up approaching Koolewong

Two rescues in two excursions

Marine Rescue Central Coast undertook a tow of a six metre cabin cruiser from Half Tide Rocks on Saturday. September 21.

Volunteers at Marine Rescue Central Coast received a phone call from the skipper at around noon seeking assistance.

He explained that he was phoning because he had no electrical power and could not use his marine radio or start his engine.

The radio operator told him that help was on the way.

Both Marine Rescue boats were on the water undertaking crew training and Central Coast 20 with Ken Sharp in command was given the task.

On arrival, the rescue crew recognised the cruiser and owner as he had needed assistance about a month ago.

The skipper explained that following the previous incident, he had spent \$2500 for a major professional service and this was his first time on the water since.

The Marine Rescue crew were able to jump start the vessel.

On the following day, during a training exercise on Brisbane Water at around 11am, the crew on Central Coast 20 approached a visiting navy boat, Bilgola, whose crew agreed to be "rescued" and put in tow for the exercise.

Media release, 22 Sep 2013 Ron Cole, Marine Rescue **Central Coast**

Rescued in gale force winds

Marine Rescue Central Coast undertook a number of rescues in the Peninsula area on Thursday, September 26.

Volunteers at the Marine Rescue Base at Point Clare received a phone call at around 12pm from a lone yachtsman on his 7.5m yacht with a

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Chris Holstein MP MEMBER FOR GOSFORD

Holstein MP

He had attempted to return to his mooring at Koolewong under outboard power, but the gale force westerly wind that registered 37 knots and incoming tidal force had overpowered his vessel.

His yacht was pinned to one of

Advertisement

the supports of the St Huberts Island Bridge.

Rescue vessel. Central Coast 20. with crew of Ted Leeson. Ken Sharp and Ian Radford was tasked to assist.

The yacht was rafted up to the rescue vessel and peeled off the bridge.

It was then towed to Koolewong and with some difficulty placed safely on its mooring.

The rescue crew were then directed to the eastern end of Wov Woy Channel to assist a 4.5m tinny with engine failure.

The tinny and the two men on board were towed to the ramp at Lions Park.

Water at the same time included a canoe at Koolewong that was unable to paddle back to the shore against the strong wind.

Other incidents on Brisbane

A member of the public in a runabout assisted and towed the canoe back to shore.

Media release, 26 Sep 2013 Ron Cole, Marine Rescue **Central Coast**



Time to replace James

Sensis is on the hunt for to feature on the cover of the most inspirational people on the Central Coast



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> Media release, 17 Sep 2013 Sarah McCarthy, PR Edge



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Gosford City Council's inaccurate information and facts helps me expose the truth!

In my opinion Council's forum letter not permitted without prior approval"! (wrong in the first sentence) demonstrates a poor grasp if not contempt for our due process rather than supporting our Peninsula News readers (mostly ratepayers and constituents) accurate information and facts.

The number of inaccuracies Gosford City Council have pushed into print with its forum letter brings the position of General Manager and our councillors into further disrepute.

Fact One:

My paid announcement in the Peninsula News dated August 19, 2013 page 13 headed: "Those five wrongful deaths of the extended Bragg and Holt families in a ditch at Piles creek should not continue to be ignored!" is not "an advertisement as Council wrote".

It is in fact a considered and authorised page of election material which offers Peninsula News readers a lot more than others supply on so much of the "political graffiti" which I have identified and exposed pursuant to the Graffiti Control Act 2008 Section 6 and other legislation, graffiti and illegally placed advertising, which is still littering the Gosford Local Government Area as late as Monday, September 30.

My phone number, 02 4341 9140 is clearly displayed on my authorised election material.

Perhaps councillors should have used that number to check the "facts" and better inform themselves before putting council in such a position?

My trusting and very important long term readers can rely on the truth of what I pay to offer them, and the Council should have

Fact Two:

Gosford City Council is wrong to tell trusting readers: "This advertisement (sic) displayed an image of a Lawrie McKinna sign placed on fences in front of council land, not on council land itself, which is in effect a permitted use".

In fact, that McKinna Independent core flute was just one of several displayed on railway property during two elections now. That particular one has had a number of runs, including being attached to formal complaints about illegal campaign activity emailed to Gosford City Council which councillors may still be ignorant of.

As I made it quite clear to readers with this line: "Mayor Lawrie McKinna was exposed by me in local papers, bringing the political process into disrepute during the Local Government Elections".

His campaign material, along with the campaign material of other political hopefuls, for example former Mayor Jim McFadyen, whose core flute image is displayed next to the Mayor's in my authorised election material dated August 19, which Councillors have taken misguided issue with.

Some of those political hopefuls identified by me in several formal complaints to Council were experienced sitting Gosford City Councillors who should certainly have known better than to campaign outside the provisions of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912, Section 151 B, and the Local Government Act 1993, which states that "converting council resources or property under its control to personal use is

They were cheating when they conducted their political campaigns outside the law by placing their "Vote for me" signage in places that were illegal to use.

I suspect Council is out of its depth or being intentionally obtuse, because it has nothing of substance to offer Peninsula News readers in the way of accurate information which might support the Council's sloppy published attack on my credibility, in the Peninsula News on page 14 on September

False and misleading best identifies what Council wrote!

Fact Three:

When that clearly stupid revision of Policy D1.12, which Gosford Council management foisted on our councillors on July 16 and through them on us, was brought to my attention, I wanted to know who was responsible for doing the fundamental legal checks before asking councillors to approve it.

I am still waiting for an answer from Gosford City Council management.

Would that be the responsibility of the GM? My guess is no one will take responsibility. As Council has opened the door, my trusting readers are entitled to know that I had no choice but to go elsewhere with their valid concerns about the unworkable, even stupid, changes which were put together by someone and then approved by councillors, because the councillors that I was able to contact just did not understand the policy D1.12 would be void.

The Office of Premier and Cabinet and the Department of Local Government were slow to act.

The confusion and damage that the incompetent revision of policy D1.12 caused during our Federal election should be more than embarrassing to everyone responsible for putting it in place.

Not just for putting it in place to guide the conduct of the Federal election, and those political hopefuls campaigning, but for refusing to remove it as soon as I pointed out to Council and some councillors the obvious problems which Council had created.

What the council tried on was, in my opinion, an attempt to legitimise what Gosford City Council is on record of having accommodated during past elections.

Fact Four:

In 2001, Gosford City Council, as a consent authority, accepted a development application 11923/2001 and promoted it for their ratepayers and councillors' consideration.

That development application (DA) certainly was misleading in no small way, pursuant to the regulation of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, as the DA denied in both the plan overview and the accompanying statement of environmental affects (entry 14) the existence of my fourteen hundred square foot, three bedroom residential house, with all its entitlements.

What Gosford Council wrongly accommodated in 2001 and attempts to hide now, caused my father, and continues to cause me, unnecessary grief.

I have no option but to pay to correct what I believe to be Gosford City Council's misleading political spin in a forum letter.

These are things which I must pay to go through again now, for the edification of my important readers here.

My long term readers would know that I realised the peoples' court of public opinion is the best place to expose political sins against the peoples.

Many of the unresolved issues of alleged corrupt conduct may one day find their way into a court in another place.

For the record, as soon as Gosford Council's assessment team 4 informed me they had approved DA 11923/2001, I pointed out to them why I had been telling them in writing for years that it would not fit on the site as drawn.

Council might say I pointed out a very important "anomaly", to use Council's word, which the skilled assessment team 4 should have picked up without me needing to point it out to them.

If they had exercised due diligence during the lengthy time they spent considering approval of the DA, they would have noticed the obvious problem with proposed underground parking.

The plan, as drawn, asked people and councillors to accept that 18 underground car parking spaces would be provided.

This was impossible, because the sewer line presented the developers with an insurmountable barrier, as I had pointed out to Council after the DA was approved. The DA was withdrawn and changed substantially. Big deal!

The fact is that Gosford City Council, as a consent authority, point blank refused to do its job and reject the DA in the first place, when they were told how it was "misleading in no small way" pursuant to the regulation of the planning legislation.

Fact Five:

I have often pointed out and supported with instructive photos in several reliable local papers that Gosford City Council misled the State Coroner during his inquiry into the deaths of five people at Piles Creek, Somersby when Council allowed the Coroner to understand that they, the Council, had no knowledge or experience in the use or application of concrete to protect the structural integrity of those three corrugated steel pipes which formed the culvert in Piles Creek.

I would suggest that Council and councillors make themselves familiar with the transcript of the inquiry, which I attended.

Why Gosford Council would attempt to deflect the readers' focus away from what I have alleged for almost five years in many public forums, I do not know!

To be accurate, "at the time of this incident' (Council's words), being the fatal collapse of a local road into Piles Creek at Somersby resulting in five wrongful deaths, Gosford City Council was busy not doing its job on ratepayers' behalf, of inspecting its roads and structures twice each year to keep us all as safe as possible.

The forum letter was Council's silly attempt to shift focus away from the human errors and misleading information given to the Coroner.

A long time after, the Coroner found those people died because of "human error", Council publicly accepted the Coroner's recommendations and supported the independent review of Council's procedures.

That was long after fighting every step of the way during the enquiry to protect itself from any adverse findings coming into the purview of surviving family members.

Dick Persons, acting on the Coroner's directions to audit the Council's procedures, exposed the fact that there were some eight hundred thousand (800.000) items which should have been entered into DATA works and were not.

This one of many human errors went some way to explaining why Council management was busy claiming ignorance of any need to repair rusted out pipes.

Gosford City Council hold the photos I have provided anyone with interest in truth, which show two eight foot diameter pipes in Mooney Mooney Creek beneath Peats Ridge Road which were lined with concrete in the invert position when placed in 1962. It is worth mentioning that the RTA, as they were during the Coronal inquiry, were also claiming they had no knowledge or experience with concrete linings to protect the pipes until there was a culvert collapse on the South Coast.

It was the DMR which put the two concrete lined pipes in place in 1962 were repaired at least once with concrete in their working

These were the pipes which I did the photo surveys of.

Fact Six:

That Council court case being pursued by Gosford City Council was considered by all in the court to be a win for the defendant. When the magistrate put the rhetorical question "time" to interested parties. It was withdrawn.

Councillors seem upset by me publishing my political assertions that Council is bullish in its support of developers getting their hands on our public property.

Most were not even there when the process

Lend Lease and others have a history of entering into arrangements with councils and governments to develop foreshore open space which they see as an opportunity to promote and make money!

The recent rather crass commercial attempt to convince ratepayers of the need for renaming of part of Brisbane Water as Mariners Cove is like waving a developer's flag over the area.

Ratepayers can then be convinced it is best for them.

My response is all about exposing Council's lack of credibility.

Our councillors are there to take our instructions and the GM is there to put those instructions into practice while ensuring our council conducts its elected corporate business on ratepayers' behalf within the laws.

The perceived differential enforcement of compliance which I have exposed is a bad political look.

Political allsorts campaigning outside the law everywhere we look at every election, is simply illegal on so many levels.

Senior politicians talk about stopping graffiti while breaking the same law themselves.

It is not OK to continue breaking our laws while asking for our votes in to be given

> **Edward James POB 3024** Umina 2257 02 4341 9140



Police install number plate screws

Brisbane Water Local Area Command police facilitated **Operation Tabella at Brisbane** Water Secondary College Umina campus on Monday, September 23.

Operation Tabella is a crime and fail to pays. prevention initiative to fit one way number plate screws, preventing number plate theft which frequently involves other crimes including vehicle theft, property theft, frauds

About 200 vehicles were seen throughout the day with a free sausage sizzle provided for all who

> Website, 23 Sep 2013 **Brisbane Water LAC Facebook**

Fair raises \$15,200 for Pretty Beach

Pretty Beach Public School's Seaside Fair raised over \$15,200 for the school on Sunday, September 15.

The Seaside Fair committee met every Monday evening since May to plan, organise and discuss the fair.

"Our dedicated committee are to be congratulated for all their hours, numerous phone calls, meetings and the list just goes on," said P and C president Ms Rose Mackay.

"I mentioned to them all that my Monday nights will not be the

"This was our second Seaside Fair and despite the little bit of rain we could not have asked for a better day on Sunday.

"The morning setup for everyone went smoothly and everyone was ready to go at 9am for their first customers.

"The event attracted people from all over the Coast, with cars parked from the RSL Club to Turo

"It was wonderful to hear the children perform their first concert in front of many eager parents, grandparents, friends and community members.

"I hope that everyone had the opportunity to hear HG Nelson run our celebrity auctions; he had many people in the crowd laughing and bidding for the auction items.

"At closing time, 3pm, we still had many people walking around not wanting our Seaside Fair to

"It's amazing to see that such a small school can achieve such fantastic results.

"I would like to acknowledge the people that baked yummy cakes and jams, assisted with the barbecue, donated items to the white elephant, Tombola, side show alley and drinks to the canteen.

"There was also an amazing number of people who gave their time, to set up and pack down stalls, assist with the White Elephant and provided chairs and tables.

"Many of these people were current and past students, teachers and staff just willing to lend a hand," said Ms Mackay.

Newsletter, 19 Sep 2013 Louise Hoyle, Pretty **Beach Public School**

Police monitor house party

Command attended and monitored a Thursday, September 19.

Police from Brisbane Water house party in Umina as part of its Schoolies Operation on

The gathering saw three people arrested following an "affray".

Brisbane Water Police were assisted by the Public Order Riot Squad and the Mounted Unit with the additional police kept busy quelling several brawls throughout the Command during the night.

Vehicles were deployed throughout the Command including at Kariong, Springfield, Woy Woy, Umina, Terrigal and Wamberal.

Website, 23 Sep 2013 **Brisbane Water LAC Facebook**







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Primary students had science day

Twenty students from each and completed an experiment that of the primary schools in the Brisbane Water Learning Community participated in a day of activities in the science laboratories **Brisbane Water Secondary** College's Umina campus.

Students learnt about flora and fauna found at the Umina campus and how volcanos are formed.

Students made their own model

simulated a volcanic eruption.

"A fantastic day meeting new friends was had by all and learning about the science program at Brisbane Water College excited our future high school students," said College teaching and learning head teacher Ms Sheree Gilchrist.

"After lunch, our visitors received certificates of participation."

Newsletter, 17 Sep 2013 Lyn Davis, Umina Public School



Four compete in spelling bee finales

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Four students from Woy Woy **Public School competed** at the regional finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee at Umina Public School on Thursday, September 12.

Mason Freewater and Blayze Keller competed in the junior final

and Dylan Barrett and Emily Sauv in the senior final.

"All overcame their nerves and spelt some extremely difficult and unusual words," said teacher Mr

Newsletter, 16 Sep 2013 Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School

Election barbecue raises \$550

The Cattle Club at Brisbane Water Secondary College raised \$550 in an Election Day

Students

Day activities.

Principal Mr Terry Greedy said the Tree Planting Day activities transformed sections of the playground.

"Hopefully all trees planted will grow and we will end up with a beautiful garden along this section that can be enjoyed by all," said Mr

Newsletter, 6 August 2013



barbecue at Umina campus on Saturday, September 7.

Students, volunteers and staff cooked, sold raffle tickets for the school's free range pork and sold farm produce.

"Community goodwill and support is vital to the ongoing success of this valuable educational program which continues to benefit our students beyond measure," said Umina campus principal Mr Brent Walker.

Newsletter, 23 Sep 2013 **Brent Walker, BWSC Umina**



Students of Woy Woy South Public School have helped plant a new garden on the eastern side of the school as part of their Tree Planting

Greedy.

Terry Greedy, Woy Woy **South Public School**



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Ms Jan Tochowicz and Ms Amanda White

Students represent school

A number of students represented Woy Woy Public School in sporting competiton this month.

Students Jake Kay and Amara Pilsen represented their school and the Southern Central Coast zone at the Sydney North Athletics Carnival at Homebush on Monday, September 9.

The school's girls' soccer team made it through to the final 32 teams in the state in the NSW PSSA knockout competition, but lost 3-0 to Kariong Public School on Wednesday, September 11.

Newsletter, 16 Sep 2013 Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School (relieving principal)

Students produce animated movie

Twenty-four Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus students participated in a clay animation workshop on Thursday, August 24.

Using a stop motion clay animation process, students produced story boards, animated, edited and burned their movie onto a DVD

All material was provided including eight laptops and digital SLR cameras and each student received their own DVD at the end of the workshop.

Students developed their narrative writing skills and utilised aspects from the school's Creative Arts syllabus.

Newsletter, 23 Sep 2013 Brent Walker, BWSC Umina

Awards of appreciation

Two Pretty Beach Public School community members received a Central Coast Public Education Award of Appreciation at Erina

Two Pretty Beach Public High School on Thursday, School community members September 5.

Ms Jan Tochowicz was nominated for her "drive, passion and commitment to supporting student achievement" which "is highly recognised in the classroom, office and canteen".

Ms Amanda White was nominated for her "dedication to providing quality education in an organised, nurturing manner having a positive impact on student outcomes".

Newsletter, 19 Sep 2013 Louise Hoyle, Pretty Beach Public School





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Reserve is given low priority

When I was a very young child, the preferred party game was called Pass the Parcel.

What is this all about?

Well, another game was contrived with Gosford Council in mind and called Pass the Authority.

The point of contention is the reserve at Pozieres Ave, Umina.

In exchange letters, the earliest in year 1999, the mayor required for the area to be placed on a program for mowing approximately every six weeks when the grass was growing.

The two previous occasions the area was mown, which were only at request of ratepayers, were March 2012 and January this year.

Many reasons have been given for the undue delays, the most popular being changes in staff.

Although perhaps in oversight, to date the blame has not been put on to the tea lady.

In hindsight, it must be disturbing when a mayor and fellow councillors see that the two

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sections of council accountable appear to have the right to overrule the instructions that have been issued

A further text from council states the area of land is classified as community land so it will not be redeveloped for any other use than for some community facility, such as a park.

There has been feedback from some areas of council that the land is low priority.

There is no expectation for a park or landscaping and the like, but get rid of the dead trees and clean out the large pockets of undergrowth, at least that will being the area back to some respectability.

And please consider some form of fencing to the rear lane to stop the boys from playing with their vehicles

Having said that, it all just seems to fall on deaf ears.

Letter, 9 Sep 2013 Ian Turner, Umina

Council fails to act on wood theft

In the early hours of Sunday, September 1, a male was seen stealing our wood.

As he disappeared into the Patonga Caravan Park, I called out to him and noted his appearance and distinctive clothing.

He continued on through the children's playground.

Around 8:30 am I walked down the track from the park to the beach and found our palings with nails facing upwards, scattered on the pathway only meters from children playing on the equipment.

I continued onto the beach and found our blocked wood,

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where a fire had been started and many empty beer cans and bottles scattered around.

I collected the palings, gave them to the staff and reported the incident.

On returning home, I saw the same male go to his vehicle in the park.

I went and noted the number plate and again reported the number plate and incident to the park office where it was confirmed that he was staying with his family in the park.

I requested that it be reported to the police when they made their daily run through the park as we have previously had this problem this year and from campers when palings from our common fence were taken and used for fires.

The park was quite full and there was no security as had been promised by Gosford Council.

What needs to be done to have Gosford Council carry out their duties to the community?

This type of behaviour from campers is not an isolated incident in Patonga and the response from the Council is an indication that it does not believe that the camping area has any effects on the residents of Patonga.

Email, 15 Sep 2013 Chris Lawson, Patonga

Climate crisis consensus

The climate debate is over.

Friday's (September 20) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report shows overwhelming scientific consensus that humans are causing climate change.

The report also provides solutions for how to remediate catastrophic climate change.

The seriousness of this crisis and the opportunity to stop it

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requires responsible journalism that reports on the facts and doesn't give airtime to fake science that will delay vital political action.

This story is about the future of our planet.

Put it on the front page.

Email, 27 Sep 2013 Sue McCarthy, Ettalong

Delivering on promises

I think Deborah O'Neill should have won the seat of Robertson.

But now that we have Lucy Wicks as our Member, I hope she will deliver on her promises for the Central Coast region.

I also hope that Woy Woy Oval gets refurbished and does not become a white elephant, so that sporting teams that play on the Coast have a viable facility.

Yes, I do agree with Fred Charles

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(Peninsula News, September 16) about his view on the parking spaces near the existing tennis courts from the Peninsula car park.

I imagine that they don't spoil the Woy Woy area. We have tourists visiting our region and they find it most welcoming. You mentioned about Lawrie McKinna declining the discussion of issues.

Most politicians wouldn't give it the time of day, although they want votes to win seats.

Letter, 23 Sep 2013 Linda Moverley, Woy Woy





'Voice in the wilderness' should be applauded

I would like to respond to new Gosford Council general manager Paul Anderson who defended his council against recent allegations by local Mr Edward James (Peninsula News, September 17).

Gosford Council has a long history of behaviour which borders on corruption.

Having personally endured almost four years of an illegal party house next door to me, I came to the conclusion long ago that interests in matters other than those for the community were running this council

In the past few months, we have witnessed another local resident who was forced into taking action in the Land and Environment Court after suffering for over 12 years of similar treatment, with council intent on letting the parties roll.

Despite the uses being illegal, Gosford Council continued to act for the benefit of its business partners in the real estate industry rather than

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for the good of the community.

If this is not corruption at work then I fail to understand what is.

The deaths of five innocent locals in the collapse of the Pacific Highway at Piles Creek was bad government in action and the cover-up after the collapse was corruption at work.

If the missing report and photographs and the deleted

emails were not enough to establish corrupt behaviour then misleading the coroner and the so-called independent inquiry were the icing on the cake.

Both conveniently left key information which would have implicated council and required councillors and staff who caused the tragedy to be held accountable.

As no level of government wanted accountability for elected officials, the reporting process was manipulated so that the culprits would get off.

They did.

It is amusing that Anderson refers to the State Government as being the lead player in the waterfront development.

What he does not say is that the State Government is little more than a rubber stamp for council which makes the actual decisions.

If it were not so then the current Gateway Process to legalise commercial-style party houses in residential homes without effective controls would not be permitted. It has been.

And finally, we all need to remember that many State Members of Parliament are ex-mayors who have an allegiance to their former

Anderson's allegation that political advertising on the street edge is legal is wrong.

Apart from being a blight on the locality, this advertising is illegal.

The Electoral Act is quite clear but it comes as no surprise that those entrusted to prevent this are a part of the game.

Mr James is a voice in the wilderness trying to bring accountability and honesty to local government, which continues to refuse to play ball.

If it were not so then we would have seen accountability laws put forward, a restructure and thinning of the workforce so that ratepayers stop paying for the propaganda and useless reports and for those who wander the streets with no real job

We would also have seen a move to a services-based council and an end to the routine calls for "more money" which, when given, would also be wasted.

We should all applaud people like James who spend their own money exposing illegal and corrupt behaviour.

I, for one, understand where James is coming from and realise that it is lack of accountability which permits those in high places to behave as they do.

If it were in private practice many would have been before the courts and-or in prison where they rightly

We should all be for demanding that a Royal Commission looks into the workings of this council and that ICAC examine the behaviour of those in charge so that this organisation might be fixed.

It is broken and nobody cares.

Email, 26 Sep 2013 Michael Jakob, Copacabana

Election harassment was a disgrace

I have worked inside and outside of pre-polling and Election Day booths a was a disgrace. number of times and have had a nice camaraderie with fellow booth workers.

This election campaign, however, led firstly by the media and then the behaviour of some of the imported campaign volunteers

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Harassment, intimidation and ridicule were never a part of any campaign I have worked on.

In comedy shows on the television with complete disrespect for our parliamentarians, the number of commentators trying to come up with the best story sensationilising ordinary events was baffling.

There was harassment of people walking on the footpath; I just felt it was not the Australian

I hope to never again have to witness this behaviour.and method of domination, after all we are trying to have elected the people that we choose to run our great country and in so doing have the honour of living in a democracy not a country run by one person.

Email, 12 Sep 2013 **Genny Murphy, Woy Woy**

Not interested in consultation?

I was amused to read on page 25 of Peninsula News dated September 16, that Council did not receive any objections to an "advertised" increase in fees to be charged for the use of the Peninsula Theatre.

One would have thought that such an increase would have raised enormous concern, particularly as the theatre is already too expensive to hire and sits there empty most of the

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Of course they didn't receive any response, because they didn't advertise the increase in Peninsula News.

The Peninsula has had its own newspaper for 14 years and yet Council continues to go through the motions of "advertising" anything to do with the Peninsula in another paper that is not as well read on the Peninsula.

I guess if you want to look as if you've tried public consultation but the community wasn't interested, that would be the way to do it.

> Email, 25 Sep 2013 Cec Bucello, Tascott

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Amazed at the good

The creators of the World Wide Web believed they had developed a great vehicle for mankind by spreading information, knowledge and understanding throughout the world.

But there seems to be a big downside.

Much computer communication appears to be at least trivial, at its worst, mindless, pernicious and very much encouraging murder, terror and violence - really downright nasty.

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So it's pretty certain that modern technology does not change man's behaviour for the better.

However, one can take comfort in the French philosopher's comment that "one can be worried about the amount of bad in the world but, think again, one is constantly amazed at the amount of good in the world".

> Letter, 28 Aug 2013 Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Costly system for choosing Labor leader

What a costly, inefficient, wasteful system for choosing a leader Kevin Rudd has imposed upon the Labor Party.

We have the two aspirants travelling throughout the country with their individual entourages at enormous cost to the party (and I hope not the tax payer) engaging in some sort of American style presidential campaign while the ALP is effectively left directionless and in limbo with a temporary and powerless leader.

Talk about RUDDerless.

The whole debacle smacks of another typical Kevin thought bubble which sounded good at the time but as usual is proving extremely difficult and expensive to implement.

We are told that 40,000 members of the ALP as well as the

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Caucus are entitled to vote.

Hello... has anyone worked out the logistics and the costs associated with this exercise?

The so called democratic process put in place by Rudd carries with it the proviso that the leader cannot be removed once elected unless he or she loses an election.

I think this was Kevin's main concern and his attempt to ensure that he could not be dumped again,

which was very much on the cards, in the unlikely event that he won the last election.

While the current leadership campaign is being conducted discreetly and respectfully, what damage could be caused to the party if next time the two (or more) candidates decide to conduct their campaigns in a less agreeable manner and resort to a traditional ALP knock down drag out affair?

Email, 23 Sep 2013 Vic Jefferies, St Huberts Island

Enjoyable read

Just a thanks for the enjoyable read of the local paper on a recent day train trip to Woy Woy for lunch.

It is always interesting to connect with the local scene.

Magnificent views of Brisbane Water and upper reaches from the train.

I especially enjoyed the Woy Woy tunnel article from Shirley Rider.

Email, 8 Jul 2013 Brian Naylor, Shoalhaven Heads

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O'Neill came second

Deborah O'Neill has lost

By receiving 6574 more first preference votes, Lucy Wicks is more popular.

At the last election, Deborah O'Neill also came in second and it was only after preferences from the Greens that she got over the line by a handful of votes.

We have had our say. Email, 17 Sep 2013 Frank Schmidt, Ettalong

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Workshop deals with disabilities

A free workshop for people with a disability, called Getting Ready, will be held at **Everglades Country Club in** Woy Woy on October 21 and

The workshop aims to help

people gain more control over their life by identifying what is important to them, setting goals and making a plan to achieve them.

It will provide an opportunity for individuals to identify and focus on what is important to them through discussion and personal reflection,

assist individuals in identifying skills and supports they may need to attain their specific goal, gain information about funding initiatives and enable greater self-awareness and confidence in individuals.

The workshop is conducted

in two half-day sessions with a night in between for reflection and preparation.

The optimum number of participants for each workshop is five people, but up to 10 will be accepted.

The workshop is conducted

by two facilitators, at least one of whom has a physical disability.

To register, email admin@ pdcnsw.org.au or call 9552 1606.

Media release, 24 Sep 2013 Hayley Brooks, Physical **Disability Council of NSW**

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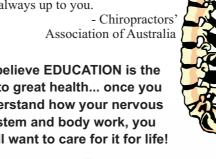
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Discobility to be held at community centre

Coast Community Connections will host Discobility on Saturday, November 30, **Peninsula Community Centre** from 12pm to 4pm.

As part of celebrations for International Day of People with a Disability, the Discobility event was first introduced last year and offers local people with a disability a free day of entertainment, fun and social activities.

The Discobility event transforms the Peninsula Community Centre into a daytime dance festival, featuring music, DJs, workshops and live entertainment performers who have a disability.

Peninsula Community Centre manager Ms Michelle Remy said: "Discobility is unique in its format as all the activities and entertainment planned for the day are ideas from people who themselves have a disability, making it an event for people with a disability - by people with a disability.

"We will have the Acoustic Corner, Boogie Central, Workshop Haven and Chill Out Zone as well as workshops in drumming, yoga, Zumba and Bollywood dancing.

"We have also planned performances from the Singing Hands Choir and a number of guest DJs who will have us dancing the day away," said Ms Remy.

Sponsored by Gosford Council, Discobility is free to local people with a disability aged 16 and over as well as their friends, family and

"Discobility is all about fun and we can assure our attendees that they will be treated to one of the best dance parties they have ever experienced," said Ms Remy.

"Tickets are limited so we urge local eligible people to get in quick to book.'

Community Contact the 4341 9333 or Centre email communitycentre@ coastcommunityconnections.com. au to receive a booking registration

> Media release, 27 Sep 2013 Katey Small, Brilliant Logic



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Rowena takes a chance

Umina Beach resident Ms Rowena Newton was recently given the chance to ski down Perisher's Front Valley, thanks to the support from the Disabled Winter Sports Association and the Muscular Dystrophy Association of NSW.

Ms Newton was diagnosed with dermatomyositis, a debilitating and muscle-wasting disease six years ago, after tripping over in her home and finding she couldn't get up.

Six weeks after that incident, she was admitted to Royal North Shore Hospital which was then followed by six weeks of rehabilitation at Mt Wilga Private Hospital.

"During this time, I felt like I'd been dumped on the side of Mt Everest in my pyjamas left to claw my way through the snow and ice to the summit with nothing but my bare hands," Ms Newton said.

"Having a chronic illness is a tough road."

Despite her diagnosis, Ms Newton recently decided to challenge herself by attempting to ski down Front Valley with her family. "Five years later while watching the rest of the family ski, I decided to ski down the mountain instead of trying to climb up," Ms Newton said

"I turned the mountain around.
"However, going down the mountain proved far more challenging in reality."

On her first day on the slopes, Ms Newton arranged private, adaptive ski lessons which were discounted through her Disabled Winter Sports Association membership.

"Ironically, I found it easier to move with the skis on," Ms Newton said

"But my first time down the carpet was scary."

On day two, Ms Newton travelled to the very top of Front Valley to begin her great downhill challenge.

"I felt like I was perched on the very edge of the world about to fall off," Ms Newton said.

"As much as I had faith in my instructor, I struggled to trust my jelly legs which have let me down

in much more humble situations.

"Half way down, I had to pause as I was having trouble breathing but we kept going and I finally made it to the bottom.

"I had done it."

At the completion of her challenge, Ms Newton said she found she had gained a changed outlook on life and her situation.

"At this point, I realised that my journey was as much about conquering my mountain of fear as much as beating any physical mountain," Ms Newton said. "I still have dermatomyositis and it affects me on a daily basis but I still get out there and carpe diem – seize the day".

"Whatever your personal mountain may be, I encourage you to see it from a different angle and take a fresh approach.

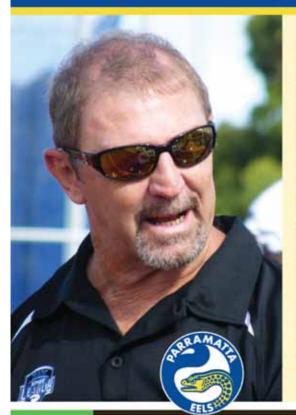
"No one can do everything but you'll never know what you can achieve unless you have a go," said Ms Newton.

> Media release, 13 Sep 2013 Rowena Newton, Umina



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Umina hosts regional spelling finals

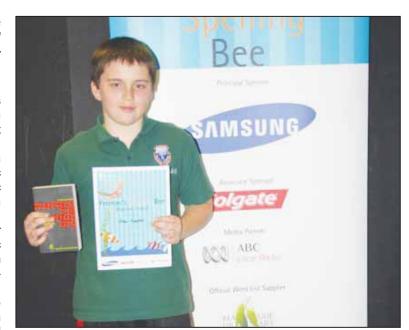
Umina Public School held the regional finals for the NSW Spelling Bee Competition for the second time on Thursday, September 12.

Junior and senior school finalists from 22 schools across the region each participated in the event at Umina.

The junior winner was Samantha Windley from Gosford Public School (a former Umina Public School student) with Hannah Barker from Ettalong runner-up.

The senior winner was Oliver Franklin from Wamberal Public School and Sam Hobson from Narara Public School was runner-

> Email, 18 Sep 2013 Deidre Hauraki, Umina Public School



Senior winner Oliver Franklin

Contributions recognised

Three members of the Woy Woy South Public School community were recognised at the Central Coast Appreciation Awards held at Erina High School earlier this

month.

Michelle and Jason Te Puia and Diane Burley were all recognised for their contributions to the school community.

The awards were given to

people who had made significant contributions to their children's or grandchildren's schools.

Newsletter, 17 Sep 2013 Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School

Staff attend development day

All permanent staff of Woy Woy Public School attended a school development day

on Monday, September 9.

Keynote speaker Professor Barry Carpenter delivered a presentation entitled Children with Complex Needs – The New Generation Challenge.

He outlined research on foetal alcohol spectrum disorder and the implications for teaching children with complex learning difficulties and disabilities.

"It was a fascinating presentation and should enable our teachers to more confidently plan personalised learning pathways and improve learning outcomes for students with complex learning difficulties and disabilities," said relieving principal Mr Dan Betts.

Newsletter, 16 Sep 2013 Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School (relieving principal)





Students volunteer for graffiti project

Brisbane Water Secondary Umina campus students have volunteered with the Graffiti Art Project to create street art in graffiti hotspots in Umina.

"The walkway next to Coopers, Arty's general store on Ocean Beach Rd and the wall on the basketball courts at the school have all been enhanced through our students' creative art work," said Umina campus volunteering

coordinator Ms Lea Lawler.

"The partnership with Peninsula Village as a result of our National Australia Bank Schools First Award is also proving to be a success.

"Students worked alongside the residents to produce mosaics,

murals to beautify the Village Ms Lawler. surrounds, and make jewellery.

"Next term students will be creating a Bali garden in the

teach them to use iPads, produce grounds of the nursing home," said

Newsletter, 23 Sep 2013 Brent Walker, BWSC Umina











Craft group celebrates 10 years with exhibition

The Pearl Beach Craft Group will celebrate its 10th anniversary at the Pearl Beach Biennial Craft Exhibition and Sale to be held over the long weekend of October 5 and 6.

The exhibition and sale will be held between 10am and 4pm each day in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

The event will present a number of local artisans who will exhibit and sell a variety of hand crafted items

Charities to benefit from proceeds over the weekend are Mercy Ships Foundation and the Leukaemia Foundation.

Pearl Beach Craft Group member Ms Bev Lapacek said: "Mercy Ships is an international charity that was founded in 1978 and currently operates the largest non-governmental hospital ship in the world, providing free health

"Operating in more than 70 developing countries, it brings hope and healing to the forgotten poor by mobilizing people and resources worldwide, and serving people without regard to race.

"The current focus is on the countries of West Africa.

"In choosing the Leukaemia Foundation, the craft group wanted to support the charity which was founded in 1975 in Queensland and now has offices in all states.

"Each year the Leukaemia Foundation invests millions of dollars in blood cancer research to improve treatments and find cures.

"The Leukaemia Foundation receives no ongoing funding and relies on the generosity of corporate and community supporters," said Ms Lapacek.

Central Coast artist Ms Mary Cottam has donated a painting of the Pearl Beach waterfall which will be raffled with all proceeds going to the Mercy Ships Foundation.

"Mary came to Australia from the UK in 1987 and has exhibited in many art shows, as well as teaching pottery and art; we are delighted to have her generous support," said longtime member of the Pearl Beach Craft Group Ms Yvonne Stranger.

A variety of hand-crafted items will be on display and for sale including patchwork, silver jewellery, Christmas decorations, stoneware, pottery, driftwood, artifacts, clothing, knitwear and a selection of other handcrafted Items with homemade cakes and jams also for sale.

Media release, 23 Sep 2013 Lynne Lillico, Pearl **Beach Craft Group**



Bev Lapacek with artist Mary Cottom and Yvonne Stanger with the painting of the Pearl Beach Waterfall

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Peninsula Village will hold a short film festival in March next year entitled We Are Not Done Yet (Wandy) with the theme for all the short films being Seniors.

The Wandy 2014 Short Film Festival will be held at Avoca Beach Picture Theatre on Friday, March 21.

The festival provides the opportunity for students and new filmmakers to have their skills

Entries are now open and will be accepted until 5pm January 24

First prize is \$2000 with a Viewer's Choice prize of \$500.

For further information and to download the entry forms go to

www.peninsulavillage.com.au. Newsletter, 17 Sep 2013 Lyn Davis, Umina Public School









One of the phoTTo submissions

Photographers present their work

Seven photographers from the Bouddi Peninsula will present their local, national and international landscapes and portraits in the inaugural phoTTex exhibition.

The exhibition will be launched on Friday, October 4, at 7pm at the Hardys Bay Community Church.

It will be open from 10am to 5pm on Saturday, September 5, 1pm to 5pm on Sunday, September

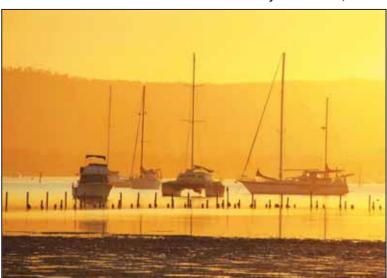
6, and 10am to 3pm on Monday, September 7.

The Sunday morning church service will run as normal.

The photographers are Ben Canty, Paul Kelly, Fiona Lambell, Jeremy Linton-Mann, Montgomery, Brendon Weston and Terry Wilson.

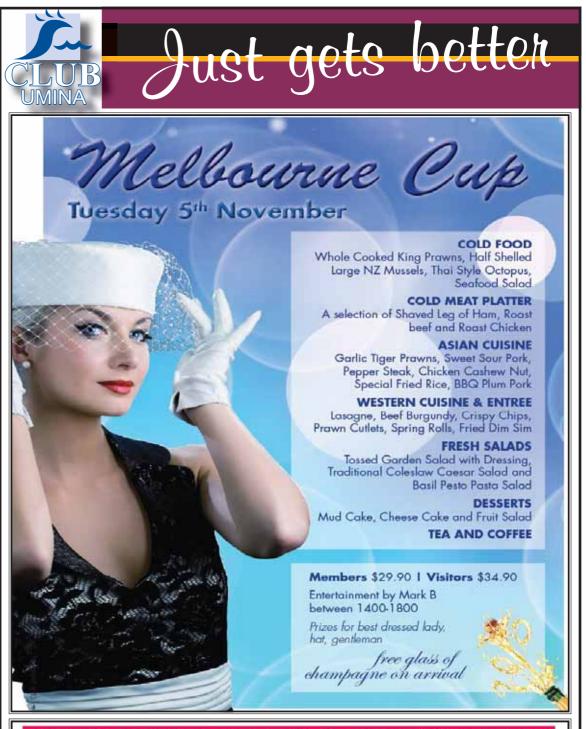
All visitors are welcome and all works are for sale.

> Email, 23 Sep 2013 Jeremy Linton-Mann, Killcare



Sunset on Hardys Bay









Art show and fashion parade

Woy Woy's Mary Mac's Place held an art and craft show and fashion parade over the weekend of September 21 and 22.

Members from the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Group exhibited their works, and Umina Rotary cooked a sausage sizzle.

The fashion parade was held on Saturday, September 21, and was opened by newly elected Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks.

All those who attended the event enjoyed food prepared by Mary Mac's volunteers, as well as the summer fashions from Victoria Black Boutique.

Both events were held to raise funds to continue the work of Mary Mac's Place.

Mary Mac's Place assists people in need on the Peninsula by serving a nutritious hot lunch each week day and providing referrals to other local services.

Those interested in assisting Mary Mac's Place can contact Christine on 4341 0584 for more information.

> Media release, 25 Sep 2013 **Christine Burge, Mary** Mac's Place





Ensemble at Ettalong

Sally Maer, JP Fleury and Mark Johns will perform at the Ettalong Beach Club from October 4 to 6 as part of the Espressivo Ensemble.

Sally, a cellist, and JP Fleury, a saxophonist and flautist, will both perform on October 4 from 7:30pm and October 5 from 8:30pm.

JP Fleury and guitarist Mark Johns will perform on the Sunday from 9pm.

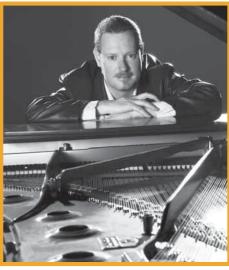
Email, 25 Sep 2013 Joy Allan, Ettalong Beach Club

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Polish pianist plays at Ettalong



Polish pianist Krzysztof Malek will perform at the Ettalong Beach Club on Friday, October 25, from 8:30pm.

Krzysztof Malek, who now lives in Sydney, graduated from special talents school Z. Brzewski State Music High School in Warsaw with highest distinction for artistic achievement.

He also studied with Teresa Manasterska at the Chopin Academy of Music in Warsaw, on full scholarship studies with Victor Makarov in Sydney and Lee Kum Sing at the Vancouver Academy of Music in Canada.

He has also taken part in master classes with pedagogues Merzhanov including Victor (Moscow Conservatory), Oxana Yablonskaya (Juilliard School), Rita Reichman (ANAM Melbourne), Vladimir Viardo (Moscow Conservatory), Alexey Orlovetzky (St Petersburg Conservatory), Christopher Elton (Royal Academy of Music, London) and several others.

Krzysztof is a prizewinner at a number of national and international competitions.

He won his first national contest at age 10, which was soon followed by his debut with an orchestra.

In 2007, he received first prize and a gold medal at the Chopin Competition in Sydney.

Since his early successes in piano competitions, Krzysztof continues to travel and perform around the world.

So far music has taken him to nearly 20 countries in Europe, North America, Asia and Australia.

In 2008, Krzysztof received a Distinguished Talent Permanent Residency of Australia.

In 2011, he was awarded an honorary Diploma from the Polish Ministry of Culture and National Heritage for Outstanding achievements in promoting the heritage of the great composer internationally during International Chopin Year 2010.

Tickets to see Krzysztof Malek perform live at Ettalong Beach Club are \$39 for members and \$44 for non-members.

Media release, 25 Sep 2013 Joy Allan, Ettalong Beach Club



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Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL

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to 1pm 4341 2594 Nomen's Groups

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Saturday October 5

Killcare vvagstaffe to Community Association art and craft event, Wagstaffe Hall

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100 game bingo marathon, Peninsula Community Centre

Lateral Stitchers Group exhibition, Woy Woy CWA Hall, 9am-5pm

Pearl Beach Biennial Craft exhibition and Sale, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, 10am-4pm

Espressivo Ensemble, Ettalong Beach Club, 8:30pm

PhoTTex exhibition, Hardys

Bay Community Church, 10am-

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Sunday October 6

Book Bonanza Fair, Umina PCYC, 9am-5pm

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Saturday October 12

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Monday October 21

Getting Ready workshop, **Everglades Country Club**

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Getting Ready workshop, **Everglades Country Club**

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Tuesday, November 5

Melbourne Cup Day

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

The Gospel Garden Sanctuary in Umina will host two Queensland jazz collectives on Thursday, October 3.

Scat and the Chris Poulsen Trio are part of a tour that features shows at the Manly Jazz Festival and The Blackstump Music and Arts Festival.

Scat is a four piece band (vocals, keys, drums and double bass) presenting original tunes and humour while the Chris Poulsen Trio is a jazz-fusion combo which has toured internationally and supported US jazz artists such as

Yellowjackets, Mike Stern, Cindy Blackman and Snarky Puppy.

The Trio will be presenting their latest retro-fusion album titled David and Goliath.

Scat will hold a jazz workshop the following day at the Gospel Garden Sanctuary.

The workshop is aimed at intermediate players with an interest in jazz and related styles and will explore a number of core jazz concepts.

Media release, 18 Sep 2013 Emma Poulsen. **Wholetone Promotions**

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The day started with a Jump Rope for Heart event. which is the school's targeted fundraiser for the months of August and September.

The students then enjoyed a reading session with their "grandfriends" and morning tea was arranged for visitors before many visitors ventured into the

library for the book fair.

After a short break, many of the visitors returned to the class rooms to participate in a variety of maths activities.

The school also hosted a family picnic and students and parents assembled to view Kincumber High School's Road Show.

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Newsletter, 8 Aug 2013, **Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School**

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Sport



Council's Beach Superintendent Craig Healy, Mayor of Gosford City, CIr Lawrie McKinna, Surf Life Saving and Central Coast CEO Chris Parker at the cheque presentation.

Triples championship win

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club held its Triples Championship on Friday, September 6, with Lee Patterson skipping his side of Dale Phillips and Rob Andersen to a win in his second championship final this year.

The lead-up to the final saw Lee's team defeat Alan Rhodes' side 29-14 and Brian Burrows skip his team to a 23-19 win over the team skipped by Denis Longman.

The final was a closely-fought contest with "the seniors" Brian Burrows, Terry Murphy and Max Sheldon taking up the challenge of the young brigade of Lee Patterson, Rob Andersen and Max Sheldon.

Scores fluctuated during the course of the game until the last few ends where the young guns got over the top of their opponents to win by 28-21.

Email, 24 Sep 2013 Ian Jarratt, Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club

Surf clubs receive subsidy

Three local surf lifesaving clubs have received a subsidy of \$5000 each from Gosford Council to offset the cost of providing lifesaving services and equipment.

Killcare, Ocean Beach and Umina Surf Clubs received the subsidy at Gosford Council's annual cheque presentation recently.

Gosford mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna said the subsidy to

each club was one of the many contributions council made to the surf lifesaving community.

"Council also provides \$20,000 each year to Central Coast Surf Life Saving to aid its operations.

"This equates to a \$65,000 annual investment which we believe is vitally important in helping to ensure the wellbeing and safety of all our residents, as well as our ever growing tourist population.

"Last summer saw over 2.2

million people visit our beautiful beaches while surf club members and council lifeguards were in attendance.

"Council's ongoing support of our surf lifesaving clubs has become a benchmark for other local government areas within Australia," said mayor Cr McKinna.

Using the Water Safety Levy, council has also purchased a range of equipment for use by both council lifeguards and surf lifesaving volunteers.

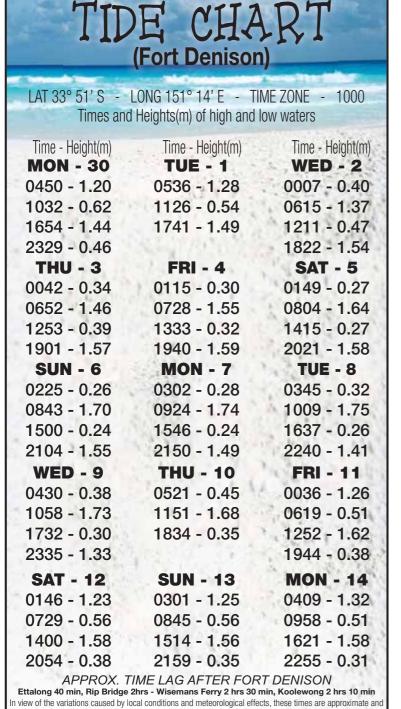
Equipment includes seven Kubota 4WDs, oxygen equipment valued at \$1600 each unit for each of the nine surf clubs and rescue boards for lifeguard operations.

Media release, 25 Sep 2013 Lawrie McKinna, Gosford Council



Max Sheldon, Terry Murphy, Brian Burrows, Dale Phillips, Rob Andersen and Lee Patterson

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Woy Woy bowls club remains active

Woy Woy Bowling Club will hold its Triples final on Saturday, October 5.

The first round of the Handicap Pairs starts the same weekend,

Nominations for the club's Pig and Duck Day to be held on December 7 are also currently being accepted.

Club publicity officer Mr John Hughes said that, despite threats of closure over the years, the bowling club had been around for more than 80 years and remained active.

"The men's bowling club, in spite of losing a few players to other clubs last year, still brought home the Grade Six pennant.

had great games and invitational

"The largest was 22 teams which had a great battle in our Sponsors Tournament with the winning Triple captioned by Dave Bevan taking home \$600 prize money.

"We have just completed our Minor Single championship with Grant Bovis coming out winner against David Higgins in a tough final.

"Green two is now out for major renovation and green one will be resurfaced in time for the next pennant season.'

> Email, 21 Sep 2013 John Hughes, Woy **Woy Bowling Club**



Rugby union grand final played at Woy Woy

Der Veen and helpers for their **Brisbane Water Bridge Club** contribution to the club. successfully raised \$980 The club also held its Novice at its annual Jean Pelham

September 9, at the Peninsula Leisure Centre. Winners of the event were Shirley and Noel Crockett, with Hope Tomlinson and Barry Foster in second place and Felicity Fane

and Heather Brown in third. Thanks were given to Heather Munday, Bobbie Lyons, Lucy Van

Charity Day held on Monday,

Pairs Championship the following day and the winners were Ann and John Wilson with Theo Chadwick and Fay Cole in second and Alma Van Der Walt and Draudi Odewahn in third.

> Media release, 17 Sep 2013 Jenny Buckley, Brisbane Water Bridge Club **Photo: Barry Foster**

The first grade grand final of the Central Coast Rugby Union competition held at Woy Woy Oval on Saturday, September 14,

and saw Avoca Beach defeat Terrigal by 22 points to 10.

In a match played before a

record crowd, the winner was only decided late in the game.

"Both teams had lengthy periods of attack but it was the defence of both teams that was the feature of the opening stanza," said Central Coast Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson.

"Whenever one of the teams

went on the attack it was the great defence of the other, especially from their respective backlines, that nullified any of these attacking

> Media release, 15 Sep 2013 Larry Thomson, Central **Coast Rugby Union Photo: Ian Cameron**

Waterview Carnival at Woy Woy

Money raised at

charity day

The 2013 Annual Waterview Carnival was held at Wov Woy Women's Bowling Club on September 11 and 12.

A tombola run was held with a variety of gifts donated by Woy Woy members including a money tree from Mary Henderson.

The matches resulted in four top winners, fourth place went to Everglades, third to Terrigal, second to Umina and the winners were from Everglades.

The winning Everglades team was Bev Bartle, second Kay O'Sullivan, third Carol Price and skip Margaret Smith.

> Media release, 16 Sep 2013 Miriam Cotton, Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club

The Umina Beach Men's **Bowling Club Minor Singles** Championship was played on Thursday, September 12, with Bob Penson named the winner over George Boni.

"This year's Minor Singles Championship saw a number of new faces taking up the challenge and provided some interesting and close encounters," said club publicity officer Mr Ian Jarratt.

George Boni, Tom Bergmann, Bob Milligan and Robert Penson emerged at the top, he said..

"The semi-finals, played in

Umina minor singles championship very warm conditions were won by George Boni 31-7 over Tom

Bergmann while Robert Penson had a tougher assignment beating Bob Milligan 29-22 after Bob Milligan had to unfortunately retire due to heat exhaustion.

"The final proved to be a classic battle with Bob Penson jumping out of the boxes to lead 11-4 after

"Not to be outdone, George fought back to hit the front 12-11

"Bob then put his head done and got to lead again 18-12 and after 23 ends 19-15, it was still anybody's game, however, Bob hit his straps to win five of the last seven ends to emerge the winner

> Media release, 23 Sep 2013 Ian Jarratt, Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club

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Sport



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Rhett Websdale, Peter Doherty, John Barker, Phil Allotta, Terry Fisher and Neil Packer will form the six-person side.

The exchange is the first of its kind between Australia and

Cambodia and is being held in conjunction with the Cambodian Tennis Federation.

The team will play a series of four matches against competing teams and gain experience in Cambodian culture and sights.

In addition they will be taking tennis clothing and equipment donated by Tennis Australia to be used and distributed in Cambodian orphanages.

Team member Neil Packer said: "It is an exciting time for Central Coast tennis and both the Umina Tennis Club and the Cambodian Tennis Federation are hoping for this to become an annual event with Cambodian players also travelling to Australia."

Media release, 16 Sep 2013 Neil Packer, Umina Tennis Club

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Touch association will hold charity tournament

The Peninsula Touch Association will hold a Charity Touch Tournament on Sunday, November 17, at McEvoy Oval, Umina.

The tournament will support the Westmead Hospital's Back on Track program, which provides assistance to families and schools for students who are undergoing treatment and need assistance in their transition back to fulltime schooling.

Event coordinator Mr Bill McMahon said: "Peninsula Touch Association is a fantastic community organisation as evidenced by their support of the Bobbi Dillon Touch event held in 2010."

"With the inaugural Peninsula Touch Knockout this year, we have chosen to support the Children's Hospital at Westmead's Back on Track program which is a great initiative that supports sick kids and their families.

"Apart from raising money for a worthy cause, the tournament also provides a great chance for the people of the Peninsula to get outside, be active and enjoy a run around at the park with friends so we are encouraging as many people as possible to get involved.

"We are hoping the tournament will grow and become an annual event, supporting good causes and promoting the Peninsula as a great place to visit," said Mr McMahon.

The event will cater for social teams of all abilities as well as representative level teams from the Central Coast, Sydney and Newcastle.

Games will commence at 10am and conclude by 4pm and entry is \$300 per team.

There will be prize money for divisional winners, activities at the fields for the children as well as a raffle, a pass the ball competition and prize giveaways.

There will also be a social function on the Saturday night, November 16, at Ettalong Beach Club, where the knockout and regular summer competitions will be launched.

The Peninsula knockout website has more information on registrations, sponsorship packages and the event launch at www.peninsulatouchknockout.

Media release, 19 Sep 2013 Bill McMahon, Peninsula Touch

Open days at surf clubs

Three local surf lifesaving clubs opened their doors to the public on Sunday, September 29, to provide an insight on what being part of a surf club is all about.

Umina, Ocean Beach and Killcare Surf Life Saving Clubs, hosted a number of activities including lifesaving demonstrations, clubhouse tours, barbecues and displays.

Surf Life Saving NSW director

of member services Mr Glenn Langley said the Surf Club Open Day gave the public the opportunity to see the wide variety of activities they could get involved in at a surf club.

"With the lifesaving season just commencing for another year, now is a great time to think about joining a surf club and giving back to the community," said Mr Langley.

Media release, 25 Sep 2013 Matt Miller, Surf Life Saving NSW



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Three chosen for overseas futsal tour

Saved its best until last

Three young boys, who play for the Peninsula Strikers Futsal Club, have been selected in Australian Futsal Association representative teams.

Oliver Vanderslot and Ciaran Simmons were selected in the under-12 team to tour Malaysia and Sarawak in November and December while Matt Cahill was selected in the under-13 team to tour Spain.

The boys were selected after they represented the Central Coast at the Australian Futsal

Southern and Ettalong United

soccer team has saved its

best performance of the

season until its last match,

defeating The Entrance 3-0 in

the Division One grand final

at Pluim Park on Saturday,

with goals to Sean Draper (24th

minute) and Ben Crowson (37th)

with Adam Kelly sealing the win

midway through the second half.

The Lions led 2-0 at half-time

September 14.

Championships in Windsor and Penrith earlier this year where they competed against teams from all over Australia and New Zealand.

To help raise money for the three boys' travelling expenses, a Futsal Fun Gala Day will be held on Friday, October 4, from 10:30am to 4pm at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

The day will involve four hours of Futsal games, food, drinks, a barbecue lunch and a swim in the pool.

The day will cost \$50 per child. Email, 17 Sep 2013 Martin Vanderslot, Green Point



Tegan Spackman, Laura Washington, Michaela Hofer and Leah Fotofili

Women fill five of six positions on surf club executive

The win capped the season for Southern and Ettalong United coach Dale Eggleton who had been inducted into the Central Coast Football Hall of Fame in July.

Despite the result, The Entrance will join Ourimbah United in next season's Premier League competition having finished ahead of Southern at the end of the competition rounds.

Email, 16 Sep 2013 Alistair Kennedy, Central Coast Football Five of six executive positions were filled by women at Killcare Surf Club's annual meeting..

Those voted in at the meeting were president Ms Leah Fotofili, honorary secretary Ms Tegan Spackman, honorary treasurer Ms Michaela Hofer, chief instructor Ms Laura Washington and training officer Ms Jacqui Payne.

The women each joined the club

four years ago and the "fabulous five", as they have become known, have participated in regular patrols and beach events.

They have also competed at an elite level in the Masters category at various World, Australian, State and Branch levels since the 2009-10 season under the guidance of the club's beach events coach John Bourne who has been involved for 40 years.

They won gold at April's national

Surf Life Saving Australia event at North Kirra, Queensland, in the Australian Masters 140 years (combined ages) beach relay championship.

The sixth executive position at the club is presently filled by club captain, Mal Cooper, who has occupied the post for the past three years.

Media release, 21 Sep 2013 Allan Wilson, Killcare Surf Club

BOWLS PAST PRESIDENTS' ASSOC CENTRAL COAST and the NSW STATE BRANCHES will host the 21st NATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CARNIVAL

FROM 2ND to 8TH APRIL 2014

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