

## Shorter route criticised

**The State Government's railway track shortening proposal has been branded as ill-considered and environmentally destructive.**

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales queries the value of the \$790 million project.

"There must be better ways of spending almost a billion dollars," he said.

Mr Wales said it was a matter of urgency to improve the rail service but spending such a large amount of money to shorten rail trips by 15 minutes was a "gross waste of money".

Peninsula residents would save about 10 minutes in travel time between Woy Woy and Central.

Mr Wales said the government's proposal was a limited and short term view.

He said it would be better to follow the Very Fast Train (VFT) proposal if the government was serious about shortening travel time.

"The VFT proposal would cost \$4 to \$5 billion and would cut train travel time to about half an hour", said Mr Wales.

"The local station would be Gosford and possibly Kariong and would follow the freeway," he said.

"The train route would be down the middle of the expressway as it is in many European countries.

"Then we won't have to carve up the National Park which would be an environmental nightmare," he said.

The Government's proposal includes a new bridge at Wondabyne's Mullet Creek that allows the train to travel on the other side of the creek through the National Park.

Local environmentalist Mr Brian Ellis said he would wait to see an Environmental Impact Study before making a decision on the merits of cutting through the National Park. Mr Ellis said if the line was put through properly and items such as the impact on Aboriginal heritage sites were considered then he had no problem with the proposal.

"Something has to be done for the long suffering commuter," he said.

"The red-crowned toad let (one of the world's rarest frogs) may be a concern.

"Maybe a tunnel could be built under the park and the sandstone fill used for other construction.

"There should be a lot of unused tunnel machines after the Olympics".

The State Government said the new rail line would be built by 2007.

Mr Wales said the VFT would not be finished until 2015.

The Premier Mr Carr said the current nine trains an hour peak rate would increase to 12 with the new rail lines.

He said this translates to an extra 5000 seats between 7 am and 9 am each working weekday.

Currently, 30 percent of the Coast's population commute to Sydney.

Transport Minister Carl Scully said the State Government will also upgrade trains for the benefit of commuters.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews said this would mean a better train service to Sydney and should relieve a lot of congestion on the roads.

Commuters travelling to work by car now represent 62 per cent of commuters, a 10 percent increase since 1986.

## Rail garden impresses

**Woy Woy rail station's beautification with camellias may be duplicated around the Central Coast.**

**Cr Margaret McGowan was impressed enough to ask Council's director of works if the beautification would be repeated elsewhere.**

The camellias were "a welcome

splash of colour but also provide a prolific autumn source of nectar for native birds," she said.

"Can we hope to see this colourful and ecologically valuable initiative repeated throughout the City?" she asked.

Council's director of works said he would look into the possibility.

The camellias are in the roundabout opposite the station.

## Pollution booms for beaches

**A stormwater litter boom and two gross pollutant protectors will be installed on the Peninsula.**

The stormwater litter boom will be installed at Woy Woy, while the gross pollutant protectors are to be built at Umina and Ettalong beaches to stop large rubbish entering the ocean.

An officer's report to Gosford Council says the Berith Street outlet at Umina and the Beach Street outlet at Ettalong have litter problems.

The council received an Environmental Protection Authority grant to install the extra pollutant interceptors at Umina and Ettalong beaches.

These measures were taken as part of Council's \$1.4 million

Environmental Levy Project (ELP).

Council also received a \$70,000 grant from the State Government's Stormwater Trust Program.

Cr Bockholt was concerned about the overall plans for stormwater management.

She said it was, "not civilised now to have "stormwater running directly on to the beach at Ettalong and Umina.

"We should make an effort to get rid of the existing outlets," she said.

Council manager, Mr Alsop, said the Ettalong outlet would be extended under the resort works and further along the rock wall, towards the sea and away from the beach.

Cr Rowe said this was not a long term solution but only moved the symptoms further out.

Mr Alsop said Council did have long term plans including taking advantage of a \$150,000 sand filtration grant from the State Government and implementing a strategy for public education on stormwater.

Council will instigate a \$30,000 community education program to increase awareness of littering on the water environment.

Council officers say the quality and quantity of litter will be monitored to see if the community education is effective.

Other ELP plans include works to the Mt Ettalong floodplain.

Maintenance trials and council inspections were undertaken and officers recommended work be done regarding the Ettymalong Creek floodplain.



## Library may house RSL war collection

**Plans for the extension of Woy Woy library would include space for the RSL collection of war memorabilia currently housed in a shopfront at Ettalong, if the Woy Woy Village Renewal Committee has its way.**

**"At present, there is no permanent home for this collection, a situation the committee finds disgraceful," said Cr Lynne Bockholt.**

"We believe every effort should be made to incorporate the RSL items, remembering that 10 per cent of local men served in war and it is important given the increasing promotion of Anzac Day

that this collection be looked after."

She said the committee supported recommendations from the National Trust that Gosford Council obtain the services of a recognised conservation architect to compile a Conservation Management Plan for the site.

"It is imperative that the heritage values of the building be retained," she said.

The document would explain the significance of the heritage of the site and would propose policies to retain that significance.

The Trust has suggested that, with this as a guideline, an architectural firm with both heritage and contemporary design skills would be required to design

the extensions.

The Trust has advised it is willing to comment on any proposed plans and to assist in an advisory capacity.

Cr Bockholt said the committee wanted the Woy Woy Neighbourhood Centre retained within the Fire Station building adjacent to the library.

"The group does sterling work," she said.

It saw the library as being at the heart of a "Woy Woy Town Square" and any new design should take this into account.

She said the council's Oval Avenue offices, next to the library, could be moved to a shopfront to allow for library extensions.



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# Ratepayers would never have to pay

I write in relation to an article in your most recent publication headed "club pays for beach improvements" and would just like to correct the assertion it contained.

The ratepayers were never going to be in a position of having to pay any costs because of the club's development.

In order for a redevelopment of the deteriorating foreshore to be carried out, the club offered, voluntarily, a \$300,000 contribution to Council, if Council proceeded with the repair and restoration of the foreshore.

The club was also prepared, at Council's request, to donate sand from its excavations for the replenishment of the beach.

Peter Hale General Manager  
Ettalong Beach Club

## Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcomed and should be addressed to Peninsula News, PO Box 585, Woy Woy 2256. Contributions in Word format sent via e-mail to openwin@openwindows.com or on disk save us having to retype them.

# Youth are no different

Congratulations on the paper.

One small but I feel important point about the proposed youth club.

Youth are no different to adults when it comes to choosing recreation activities or places for activities.

The greater the choice the more

satisfying in meeting one's own personal needs.

What can be an exciting! exhilarating/pleasant/healthy experience for one person can be utterly boring/uninteresting/time wasting for another!

Just a thought.

Michael Minahan East Gosford

# Another youth centre would benefit

My opinion is that another youth centre would be of great benefit.

Due to the high rate of suicide we have, the more we can do to prevent this tragedy, the better.

Young people need to know what is available to them and where to go if they ever need help.

Frustration can play a part in resorting to abuse of alcohol, drugs and crime due to the lack of other

wholesome activities for our kids.

This is a sad resort.

Another youth centre could help by giving our kids a place to go and something to do.

The Peninsula does need more activities and entertainment for young ones.

Now that there is a cinema at Ettalong, this seems to be working out as an asset to the community.

There is something for youth to

do locally without having to worry so much about travel or costs.

Can more be organised?

How about a dance night for Peninsula youth, or getting together and painting a mural for our community?

Jessica van Beusekom Woy Woy

# Council rejects ferry consultancy idea

I am a member of the residents' committee formed to pursue the concerns and address the perceived lack of consultation prior to the granting of the "deferred commencement" for the fast ferry service.

The committee submitted to council by means of letters to each councillor a proposal to engage an independent consultancy group from Armidale NSW.

It may be of interest to the community that the Gosford Council in their wisdom have replied in the negative.

It appears that the council consider the proposal would be of no benefit to them.

This is a pity because the whole point of the proposal was to examine all aspects and issues in the public arena and ultimately the result would benefit the whole community.

It appears that the community

may have to commission an independent study now that their elected representatives have refused to do so.

I have also a copy of an article that has come to my attention that appears to indicate the Central Coast will have a second ferry service by the start of the Olympics.

Your paper may wish to investigate this article further, especially where they propose to berth their ship.

Phillip Halter Ettalong Beach

# Residents face trauma

I feel honoured to have been re-elected in the NSW Parliament representing the electorate of Peats.

Electors are thanked for the confidence they have shown in me and I give all residents my assurance that I will continue to represent them to the best of my ability.

The electorate is a very diverse one and covers rural as well as urban areas.

Mangrove Mountain, where local residents are currently faCing the trauma of the serious outbreak of the dreaded Newcastle disease, lies within the boundaries of Peats.

This is the worst known exotic disease outbreak in Australia which, I hasten to point out, does not affect humans but is highly contagious among poultry and birdlife.

Fortunately, tests have revealed

By Marie Andrews,  
Member for Peats

that the disease has not affected our beautiful and unique native birdlife.

Over 1000 staff have been involved in the concerted efforts to eradicate the disease - some of them come from far-flung areas of NSW, such as Bourke, Cobar and Moree, while others are from interstate.

I spoke to an Urgent Motion in Parliament last week on the Newcastle Disease outbreak on Mangrove Mountain which was raised by the Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Land and Water Conservation, Richard Amery.

The motion placed on the record the excellent work being carried out by NSW Agriculture and their agencies and volunteers.

It also called on the' Federal Government to clarify income assistance being offered to growers and urged the major banks to fol- low Westpac's lead in allowing poultry farmers to suspend mortgage arrangements until the emergency situation passed.

Also in Parliament I acknowledged the diligence and patience of Mangrove Mountain residents who throughout the whole operation have demonstrated their ability to rise above the crisis.

I also thanked Mr Amery for his prompt response to the outbreak and for accompanying me on a visit to the local Disease Control Centre at Kariong and to some of the affected farms.

Let us hope that upon completion of this massive, yet necessary, exercise, the local residents will soon be able to resume their normal lives.

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## 'Unknown soldier found another mystery to solve

In the May edition of Peninsula News, we published a picture of an "unknown soldier" that had been left with Bowen's Photographics at Deepwater Plaza for repair.

Luckily, many readers recognised the soldier and brought it to the man's attention.

Apparently, his grand-daughter

had taken the photograph for repair and then forgotten about it.

This month's mystery picture is of a bride and groom also left at Bowen's Photographics for repair and not collected.

It was left in the name of Robinson and could go back to the twenties.

If you know this couple, please let us or Bowen's know.

## Awning problem resolved

A long running dispute over the aesthetics of a Pearl Beach awning has been solved with a compromise.

The awning is to be erected over the public footpath adjacent to the general store.

The first time the awning proposal went to Council was in early July 1998, but Council decided to defer an approval until the site could be inspected.

The applicant then withdrew the building application and entered discussion with local residents who were against the original proposal.

The applicant was unwilling to accept the residents' proposal.

The applicant then produced a compromise design consisting of a cantilevered structure, removing posts that were to be embedded in the footpath and replacing the majority of clear sheet cladding with sail cloth.

The Pearl Beach Progress Association then submitted proposals for further changes.

However, Council has said that the Association has had enough time to consider the compromise proposal and has approved that proposal.

## Help sought with toilet mosaic

Community input is being sought for a mosaic to decorate the toilet block in Pelican Park, Woy Woy.

The Woy Woy CBD Building Committee is looking for designs as well as participants who wish to contribute to the community art project.

It is hoped the art work will transform the "ugly red brick toilet

block" in the park near Fishermans Wharf into an attractive feature of the park.

"The design would ideally reflect the fishing village atmosphere and the natural beauty that it is nestled in," said committee member Christine Burge.

For further information about creating the mosaic or contributing to the design, call Christine in the evenings on 4341 3019.

## Don't wait to be asked

There is so much going on in the Peninsula community that we need your help to cover it all.

Peninsula News is a non-profit venture for the Peninsula's citizens and therefore your paper.

Your contributions are welcomed but don't wait for us to approach you.

We may simply not know your organisation or activity exists.

Please feel free to point out something, write something, help in production or just say hello.

We want to hear about individual and community successes, failures, hopes and needs.

A sense of community ensures we live in a rich and supportive environment.

Contributors to Peninsula News' first three issues have been ordinary citizens, just like you.

See page 2 for details.

## Club donates defibrillator to St John

Ettalong Beach Club has donated \$3400 to the Peninsula Division of St John Ambulance for a defibrillator.

A defibrillator is used to give an electric shock to the heart to restore its normal rhythm.

It is commonly used after a heart attack.

Officer in Command of the Peninsula Division, Mr Colin Henson, said: "Members of the division were very grateful to the club for purchasing this vital and important piece of equipment.

"It will be particularly useful at events where a large number of people, especially elderly people, are gathered.

"The Anzac Day dawn service comes immediately to mind," he

said.

Mr Henson said that defibrillation was necessary when the electrical impulses of the heart become chaotic.

"Ventricular fibrillation is then said to be present and may cause a heart attack." Early use of a defibrillator can increase the rate of heart attack survival from eight per cent to 40 percent.

It is most effective when carried out within three minutes of a heart attack.

"This means we have to have a unit on hand at the scene," he said.

"While the NSW Ambulance Service is the best ambulance service in the world, they still cannot get to most heart attack victims within three minutes." Mr Henson said that while

resuscitation techniques could lengthen the effective time, it was "still vital to get a defibrillator as soon as possible to a casualty who is not breathing and has no pulse".

He said that if a decision is made to deliver a shock, bystanders are asked to turn off any mobile phones and to stand clear and the "shock button" is pressed.

"It is important that bystanders keep well clear as high electrical current is used.

"Mobile phones can cause the defibrillator to discharge prematurely," he said.

The Peninsula Division meets at 7pm every Wednesday at its Melbourne Avenue base in Umina.

For further information, call 43420444.

## Chamber music at Pearl Beach

The 1999 Pearl Beach Festival of Chamber Music will take place on June 12, 13 and 14.

To be held at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, the Festival features The Lydian Players, The Ensemble 24 Quartet, The Song Company and The Sydney Brass Quintet, each performing in their own concert.

For tickets or more details, please telephone 4341 5053

## Spike draws comment

Gosford Council has received "four or five" submissions on the proposed naming of the new Woy Woy Library after Spike Milligan.

Library services manager Mr Alan Flores said last week the submissions were about 60 per cent against and 40 per cent for.

"There were no strong statements either for or against and none of the submissions offered alternatives," he said.

Mr Flores said Mr Milligan was quite a literary figure.

"Most people only know his comedy works, but he was quite a prolific writer," he said.

"He wrote about 20 books, many screenplays, books of

poems and about six plays: Mr Flores said many of his works were not comedy but serious works.

"Mr Milligan also discovered Henry Kendall Cottage while on a walk and has raised the profile of Woy Woy all around the world," he said.

"Not only did he discover the cottage, but he also researched who owned it and lived there.

"We will invite Mr Milligan to some sort of official naming ceremony and hope that he can make it, but he is a very old man now." Mr Flores said the new library would house a full collection of Mr Milligan's work.

Council will decide on a name this month.

## Bush workers concerned for lyrebird

Blackwall Mountain Reserve is a rare and endangered place.

Set amid the surrounding urban sprawl of Woy Woy and Ettalong, it is one of the last remaining remnants of Peninsula bushland vegetation and an isolated haven for the native flora and fauna of the area.

Along with the echidna, the Superb Lyrebird is one such resident and it has now been placed on the "locally threatened" list by the reserve's trained and qualified bush care workers.

Since the Management Plan for the reserve was drafted by Gosford City Council in 1996, there has been a 200% increase in exotic weed invasion, despite vigilant efforts by the volunteer community group.

Co-ordinator Mr Tony Whitehead says that the group is disheartened by Council's lack of response to requests for proper monitoring of the area and lack of support by way of equipment such as gloves for bush regeneration projects.

"Gosford City Council has excellent internal policies such as the 'Precautionary Principle' of not delaying environmental concerns and the protection of biodiversity but they are not doing enough to implement them," said Mr Whitehead.

"Here we have the last three remaining members of this lyre bird group and while we allow their habitat to be further degraded



## The Environment with Jeannie Lawson

we are ensuring their demise.

"We have passed on expert opinions from both our own qualified members and the Australian Museum voicing their concerns and suggestions but the Council is just not responding." A recent grant application for erosion control, track work and education programmes has also been delayed, putting in jeopardy future grant applications and further works projects.

Bushcare Officer for Gosford City Council, Ms Amelia Jones, says that the grant had been a joint project with the Brisbane Water and Gosford Lagoon Catchment Management Committee, Gosford City Council and the Blackwall

Mountain Group.

The original grant application was being re-evaluated to clarify details of the grant due to the nature of the proposed work.

"There are always legal considerations to be taken into account with such works, with insurance for volunteer workers and Occupational Health & Safety issues needing to be addressed, as well as having suitably qualified people to undertake the work," said Ms Jones.

"The re-evaluation of the grant is being negotiated between the Council and the Bushcare group.

The Blackwall Mountain Bush Care Group meets on the first Sunday of each month and volunteers are most welcome.

For further information, contact Tony Whitehead on 43427849.

# Chamber News

**As our community develops and our towns progress, there is the inevitable clash between those who remember the "good old days" and those who want the community to move forward.**

There are good and bad arguments for both.

The Chamber respects those in our community who moved to the area many years ago for a variety of reasons including the peaceful lifestyle and the "lack" of development and services.

## Change is here

However, there is now a young and enthusiastic generation out there who have young families with hopes and aspirations for the future.

Change is upon us which is evidenced older the last five to 10 years with the pace of development in our region.

There has been much editorial comment in recent months over development, progress and change with some sections of the community resisting the exciting projects that are pending.

Their fears should be respected and it is appropriate to ensure that new developments are assessed carefully and in an informed

manner. But let's not be afraid of change.

It brings enormous benefits. It should be remembered that change is inevitable in order to bring improved services to our business and residential communities.

Many will remember the uproar over the water and sewer reticulation in the 1970's.

What would we do without these services now?

Well-considered and environmentally-sustainable development can bring huge benefits to the community and the Chamber of Commerce will continue to work with Gosford City Council and the community to ensure that this occurs in a balanced way.

## F3 Freeway

The Chamber has backed the Federal Member for Robertson, Jim Lloyd's formation of a bipartisan F3 Freeway Working Group designed to help devise answers to the growing congestion of the road link to Sydney.

The working group is a vital part of the freeway issue and has been established initially through the Area Consultative Committee with Chamber representation.

Thousands of commuters leave the Peninsula every day and it is intended that the working group



will put forward ideas to solve the short and long term problems of the freeway.

Suggestions for short term improvements such as improved traffic management systems, car pooling (with interchange parking), truck restrictions during peak hours, increased bus links and camera monitoring will be put forward by the Chamber.

## Intersection

The Chamber was pleased to receive confirmation from the State Government through Marie Andrew's office last week that \$100,000 will be made available to Gosford City Council in July 1999 for the upgrading of the Maitland Bay Drive and Picnic Parade intersection.

It has also been confirmed by Jim Lloyd's office that the

Federal Government will also be contributing funds towards the works.

This should substantially alleviate Council's concerns as to how the works will be funded with \$300,000 being required for the construction work.

Council has responded to the Chamber's earlier inquiries and has advised that the construction will involve a "seagull" intersection rather than a roundabout although at the time of writing were unaware of any State Government commitment to funds.

## Upgrading

Gosford City Council is now well advanced with the street upgrading works in Ettalong Beach with the continuation of the revitalisation of the business centre.

The new car park behind the

Commonwealth Bank is now complete and will provide major relief to the parking problems in the town centre.

The footpath repaving works are continuing with the area adjacent to the Ettalong Hotel now finished.

Ferry update The Chamber is advised that the supplementary reports required by Council are due to be lodged within the next two weeks for Council's consideration.

It is also understood that.

Fast Ships Pty Limited, the ferry operator, has now selected the ship builder to construct the new Ettalong- Sydney fast ferry with a formal announcement due shortly.

The Chamber views this project as being vital in providing an alternative means of high speed transport between Sydney and the Central Coast.

The fast ferry is part of the infrastructure link that will be needed to reduce the pressure on both the rail and road systems as well as providing new employment opportunities for our youth and investment opportunities for the business community.

Managed change and sensible debate as to the future of our area is important to all of us.

Equally, ensuring that we have the right information on which to make decisions is paramount.

Congratulations to Peninsula Community Access News in providing that forum.

**Matthew Wales President**

## Nominations open for Peninsula business awards

**The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce 1999 Business Awards commence this week with nomination forms delivered to all businesses on the Peninsula, Council Libraries and Woy Woy Council offices.**

Customers are asked to nominate businesses who show outstanding courtesy, customer service, public image, marketing and/or store presentation.

Nominations will close 5pm June 18 for a judging panel to consider the finalists for each category.

All nomination forms will then go into a barrel for the major prize draw on the night of the Gala Award Presentation.

One lucky winner will win a weekend for two staying at the luxurious Nikko Hotel Darling Harbour.

Accommodation is twin share luxury with spectacular harbour views and breakfast.

Also included is a sightseeing tour.

Many thanks to Tony Arico's Traveland of Deepwater Plaza Woy Woy for sponsoring this major prize for the Business Awards.

The category for Excellence in Service is judged by several 'phantom shoppers' who will be visiting businesses on the Peninsula over the next four weeks.

Businesses will be judged on courtesy, attitude, grooming, product knowledge and overall service.

Six finalists will be chosen to receive finalist plaques and the winner will be announced at the Gala Award Presentation.

In the Outstanding Business Promotion Award, judges will be looking for businesses who have shown innovation or initiative to promote their business over the past 12 months and not necessarily the biggest or best campaign.

The Encouragement Award winner will be chosen in recognition



of their efforts to improve their business and to encourage them further.

Business of the Year comes in four categories based on the number of employees.

Three finalists will be chosen for each category.

The winner of the Business of the Year will be selected from the winners of the four categories.

The Business of the Year will win \$1000 worth of advertising from the The Weekly Sun Newspaper and a \$500 gift voucher from Retravision Umina.

The Chamber of Commerce Business Award Gala Presentation night will be held on Friday July 2 at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

The night promises to be a spectacular event with champagne cocktails on arrival and a three course dinner under a maze of fairy lights.

Jenifer Green and Wayne Cornell from G'Day Hollywood will be hosting the evening and will also be performing.

The 'All Star' Orchestra will be on stage along with comedian

Sean Kramer.

Tickets for this spectacular event are just \$45 per head and early bookings are essential as seats are limited.

Bookings can be made through the Peninsula Mainstreet office on 43427510.

The Chamber of Commerce Business Awards is a great way to lift the profile of businesses on the Peninsula, improve our business image and promote business development.

It is an excellent opportunity to showcase our businesses on the Peninsula and to the Central Coast in general.

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank the sponsors who proudly support Peninsula businesses: The Sun Weekly, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, Retravision Umina, Mitre 10 Hardware Umina, Tony Arico's Traveland Deepwater Plaza Woy Woy, Rotary Club of Umina and Gosford City Council.

## Railway St pedestrians concern traffic committee

**Gosford Council's Traffic Committee is concerned about the large number of pedestrians crossing Railway Street when leaving Woy Woy railway station.**

The Committee recommended a pedestrian fence be installed to extend a sufficient length south on the median strip to discourage pedestrians from crossing.

It also recommended that The Boulevard bus zone should return to being a one hour parking area and the bus zone between The Boulevard and Blackwall Road should also be re-instated as parking.

Council officers told Council that shop owners hired a consultant to compare 'needs' between the re-instatement of the Blackwall bus

zone or kerbside parking.

The committee recommended that Council should carry out their own survey to validate the consultant's findings.

The recommended changes were deferred to be considered as part of the larger Draft Woy Woy Traffic Management Study.

Other Peninsula traffic matters were considered by the committee

including a pedestrian survey to ascertain an appropriate location for a crossing at Woy Woy South Public School and traffic calming devices near the proposed Police Citizens Youth Centre (PCYC) in Osborne Avenue, Umina.

The committee decided to defer PCYC traffic calming devices until more information is available but requested Energy Australia to

provide more street lighting at the PCYC.

In Ettalong, Council refused a request from the resort's developer to temporarily close Memorial Ave.

Council asked the developer to use construction site traffic signals or manual traffic control instead.

Clean sand from the Ettalong Beach Resort construction site will be used to re-nourish the beach.

# 'Breakthrough' on freeway upgrade

**Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd has described the allocation of \$500,000 to upgrade the F3 freeway as "a major breakthrough".**

He told the inaugural meeting of the F3 Working Group that six years of pressuring Federal Governments of both persuasions had paid off.

Of the money, \$200,000 would be spent this financial year and \$300,000 would be spent next year on planning, design and costing of a freeway upgrade.

"This is a major breakthrough in our efforts to have the road widened and it is appropriate that this initial funding should come on the eve of the fifth anniversary of the re-opening of the Old Pacific Highway in June 1994.

"Obviously this is only the first step in what will be a major long term project, but it is official recognition

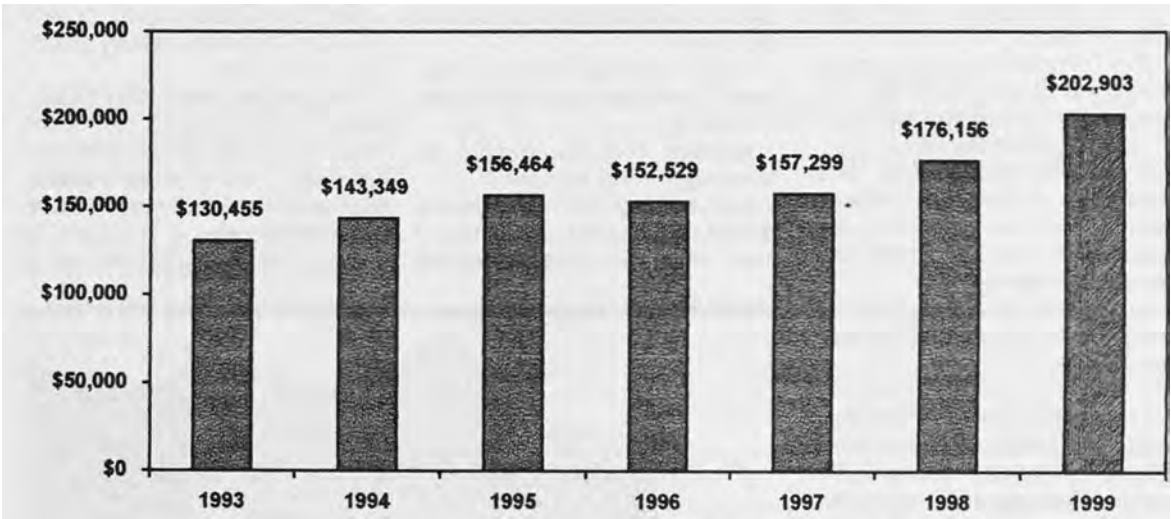
that the F3 needs to be widened to cope with the ever-increasing volume of traffic." He said that significant progress had also been made on the incident management plan with allocation of \$1 million for safety improvements, emergency crossings and exits and replacement of median box gutters.

"The RTA has also recently introduced 24 hour mobile patrols on the F3 to provide earlier responses to traffic incidents," he said.

"Work on the \$10 million electronic driver information system is progressing.

"Stage one installation commenced in March and the closed circuit TV monitoring at Berowra, Mooney Mooney and Mt White has now been installed, with the first of the variable message boards to be installed by July at Wahroonga and Kariong."

Average sale prices - East Umina/Ettalong



## House prices rise \$20,000 a year

**Over the past two years, the average sale price of houses in the East Umina/Ettalong area have risen by more than \$20,000 each year, according to statistics collection firm, RP Data.**

Collected from information made available by the Land Titles Office and circulated to Real Estate Agents, the details provided

by RP Data show that the overall increase since 1993 was a rise of \$72,000.

This was from an average sale price of \$130,455 to \$202,903 this year.

A graph showing the average sale price for each of the six years was on display outside the Century 21 Real Estate Agency at Ettalong.

Asked what he attributed this meteoric rise to, Manager Frank

Serra said: "Houses in this area are selling very quickly at present.

Keeping up the supply has been difficult.

"The main reason for the high demand appears to be speculation over the Ettalong Beach Resort development and the fast ferry service.

## Web's future looks assured

**The Web Youth Centre's future looks assured after a State Government Grant of just under \$40,000.**

Dion Richardson, adolescent support worker at the Web, is grateful for the Peninsula community's help over the years.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you," said Mr Richardson.

"It's been a battle to keep the Web going, but it's been worth it.

"When I took on this job four years ago, I wanted to see and make changes in accordance with the youth needs that were presented to me.

"Youth needed a place to come and hang out and to receive assistance and information on youth topics." Mr Richardson said it was imperative for youth to socialise and gather in safety.

Youth are a high-risk victim group.

"I have a service when youth need it the most, that being Friday and Saturday nights: he said.

"The overwhelming number of youth that attend are very good but a handful are challenging." Although the State Government grant provides a secure future, Mr

Richardson says his dream is not yet complete.

"The funding means we should be able to stay open on the weekends for forever," he said.

"The weekday funding is continuing from the Department of Community Services and the Community Centre (where the Web is situated) will receive money from Gosford Council's rate increase funds.

"This means extra space for the Web which I want to fill with things like pool tables, new pinball machines, air hockey, indoor sports and so forth.

Mr Richardson believes that the new look Web will persuade youth who would otherwise spend the weekends drunk or stoned on marijuana, to spend time at the Web.

"Any youth that turn up drunk or stoned are turned away," he said.

"But our role is to support youth at risk of being homeless, so turning them away is unfortunate.

"We will provide a drug and alcohol counsellor to assist these young people.

Mr Richardson says there was great support when the Web was in danger of closure due to lack of

funding.

"The Ettalong Memorial Club and the Peninsula Community Forum negotiated with Gosford Council and donated funds to keep the Web open and Woy Woy Leagues Club has donated \$13,000 to provide equipment and staff during the week," he said.

"I would also like to thank people like Arthur Asiack from Civic Video, the Nichols family who own Woy Woy abattoirs, Woy Woy and Umina high school principals and the local Lions Clubs.

"Also, a special thanks to Russ Maynard and his wife Barbara, local member Marie Andrews, Debra and Matthew Wales, Cr Lynne Bockholt, Ma~orie Child, Ocean Beach Surf Club, Area Health Service, Sexual Health, Gosford Drug and Alcohol Referral Centre and the many people who have volunteered their time.

"Thank you all." A Web Explosions Dance Party is held every third Friday of the month at Woy Woy High School starting at 7pm and costs \$6.

An open day for parents and other interested people is also planned.



## John and Jan tie the knot

Photographed at Pearl Beach are John Sheehan and Jan Crossley of Point Clare after their wedding at Woy Woy. The gown was made by Annette Fallon of Woy Way.

## Survey finds high computer ownership

**A survey at Ettalong Public School has found that 60 per cent of families had a computer at home and 37 per cent had internet access. Of the 186 respondents to the survey, 59 per cent said they would like help and guidance in computing and the internet, with 62 per cent looking to the school for help.**

Other results were: Access to a computer at another place, eg work, 54 per cent.

Use of internet, 34 per cent.

The uses were e-mail 76 per cent, surfing 62, research 60, study 50, general 50, bank 15, shop 9, e-commerce 4.

Knowledge of computing: none 17 per cent, beginner 35, medium 20, good 12, advanced 7 and expert 3.

Cost of computers prohibitive? Yes 37 per cent, No 18, Fair 35,

blank 8.

Internet telephone bill costs a problem?

Yes 24 per cent, No 29, Fair 25, blank 20.

Where would you like to gain help and guidance? School 62 per cent, family 30 per cent, college 20, company 17, TAFE 16, multimedia 14, video 10 and phone 3.

Intend to purchase in next year: Yes 14 per cent, No 43, Maybe 28, blank 13.

How much? \$500 7 per cent, \$1000 6 per cent, \$1500 13 per cent, \$2000 24 per cent, \$2500 9 per cent.

In which community groups do you participate? Sport 45 per cent, hobby 17, church' 12, service 10, interest 6, other 17.

A parent information session will be held at the school this Wednesday, May 26, at 1.30pm, entitled "Technology and what we're doing in Ettalong Public School Community".

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# How Spion Kop got its name

On January 24 and 25, 1900, British troops under the command of General Sir Redvers Buller were attempting to relieve the town of Ladysmith, South Africa, when they were repulsed by a smaller Boer force.

Ladysmith had been under siege by the Boers for 118 days, and the town had become famous throughout the world.

Buller had planned to lift the siege of Ladysmith by outflanking the Boers on the Tugela River.

A column under General Sir Charles Warren crossed the river upstream and then moved down to attack the Boer position on Spion Kop, the centre of their right flank.

British troops made a surprise attack on the night of January 23-24 and captured the hilltop, but were unable to get artillery up to the top due to the steep incline of the hill.

The light of the morning revealed that the British position was very exposed to Boer fire, and Brigadier-General ERP Woodgate, who had commanded the attack, was mortally wounded.

Colonel Thorneycroft, who took over command, stubbornly defended the position for the rest of the day.

When night fell, he ordered a

By Joan Fenton

If you have a question about the history of Woy Woy, or of the Central Coast, or if you have a special request for the column, please drop me a note (PO Box 720, Woy Woy 2256).

withdrawal, as he considered the position could not be held any further.

At the same time, the Boers had decided that they were unlikely to drive the British off and were withdrawing their artillery from nearby positions.

They decided to send a body of some two or three thousand troops up the hill, in a final bid to capture the hill.

To their surprise, they found it unoccupied apart from about three hundred dead British soldiers.

In 1975, a 6000 hectare nature reserve - Spioenkop Reserve - was established on this famous battle site in Northern Natal, 35 km from Ladysmith and 14 km from Winterton.

But why do we have a hill at Woy Woy Bay called Spion Kop? A glance at a photograph of the battlefield in Natal might reveal an answer: Spion Kop in Natal is the

'middle hill' in this group of hills.

It is not hard to imagine someone who had served in the South African War, standing on the railway platform at Woy Woy, gazing at the view across Woy Woy Bay and comparing it in his mind to the Spion Kop battlefield.

The middle hill is the one still known as Spion Kop.

After the War, the names of 'Spion Kop' and 'Ladysmith' began to appear as place names and in other ways to commemorate the fallen.

The Manchester Regiment, which had been at the battle, renamed their barracks at Ashton as the 'Ladysmith Barracks'.

In the Manchester area, and other parts of north-west England, local soccer teams named the stands where the home side fans sat as their 'Spion KOP'. As to who actually named the feature at Woy Woy Bay, we may never know.

Sources for this article include: <http://students.su.umist.ac.uk/1gbh/article7.htm> <http://www.uq.net.au/~zzrwotto/battle.html> <http://www.battlefields2000.co.za/events/sawar.htm> <http://www.kwazulunataJ.co.za/Parks-Board/spioenkop/index.htm>

The following article is from a Sydney newspaper of the 1920s:

# ON WOY WOY OCEAN BEACH

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Many people of moderate means have realised the advantages to be gained by having their own holiday homes at the seaside.

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Seaside land is steadily increasing in value every year.

Surf bathing has been mainly responsible for the rapid rise of

many of the more popular' seaside resorts.

The Ocean Beach locality, three miles by road from the Woy Woy railway station, is a case in point.

A few years ago this fine surfing beach was practically unknown.

Today it is the most popular part of the Woy Woy district.

Many shops and hundreds of houses have been erected, and building activity is in evidence everywhere.

The Ocean Beach is served by several motor 'bus services, which carry passengers to and from the Woy Woy railway station at a shilling fare.

The Ocean Beach City Estate, which directly adjoins the Ocean Beach, is still in the developmental stage; but it is so situated, and possesses so many natural advantages, that it is bound to become the most popular part of



# Façade restored

The Façade, of the shop housing Simplicity Funerals and Broadwater Appliances has been restored along "heritage" lines.

Ms Naomi Wilkie who owns number 8 and Mr Allan Maidment, manager of Simplicity Funerals, which leases number 10 were behind the idea.

But they say, it has only been possible with the help of Ms Lyn Morris of the Gosford Council Heritage Committee, Cor1 and Teresa Maniakas who own number 10 and Claude Scarella, owner of Broadwater Appliances.

The property is one of the oldest commercial shops on the Peninsula, built by Thomas Noonan in 1914.

Noonan was born in Limerick, Ireland, in 1843.

He migrated to Australia and began working as a gardener for Catholic priests for a shilling a week.

A thrifty man, he saved his money and bought many properties.

He was 71 when he built this building.

In the early days, it was leased out as a bakery and a fruit shop.



# Behind place names on the Peninsula

**Ettalong This is an Aboriginal word meaning, "place for drinking water".**

The Surveyor General at the time, Sir Thomas Mitchell, ordered that names should reflect Aboriginal terms.

Ettalong's first written reference appeared in 1830 when Mitchell priced the land at 288 pounds for nearly 2000 acres.

Ettalong was also called Gittens Lagoon.

Gitten was an early resident's surname.

Pissing ship's crews filled their water casks at a hole sunk in the sand behind the beach while they waited for the tide to cover Half Tide Rocks.

Umina Means "place of sleep" and was originally known as Ettalong Beach.

In the early 1900's, subdivision began to take place.

The subdivisions were called various names.

Many sound remarkably similar to those used today.

Among them, "Ocean Beach City", "Golden Crown Estate" and "Ocean Wave." The first telephone installation was in 1921.

The name was unofficially changed from Umina to Umina Beach in 1952 and remains so to this day.

Peari Beach Pearl Beach is probably where Governor Phillip made his first stop after leaving

Sydney to examine the Broken Bay area in March 1788.

Phillip said in a letter to Lord Sydney, "...the natives, tho' friendly appeared to be numerous ...".

The first to use Pearl Beach was local shipbuilder Rock Davis (whom Davistown is named after).

The land was subdivided in 1928 and sold as "Pearl Beach Estate." Originally there was a road built at the base of the cliff between Ocean and Pearl Beach, but king tides washed it away.

In the 1930's, the current road over Mount Etymalong was built using Depression Unemployment Relief Schemes' money.

## Bay boundaries frozen

The Department of Land and Water Conservation (DLWC) has frozen up to a dozen Booker Bay boundary realignment applications threatening public access to beach areas.

The applications were made under an old law allowing changes in waterfront boundaries in accordance with naturally occurring changes in the environment.

For example, a build up of sand may change the shape of a beach and absolute waterfront property owners can make an application to change their boundaries in line

with this natural change.

DLWC froze the applications because of community concerns about possible loss of public access to the foreshore.

Sue Ford, a Booker Bay resident who is leading the community's campaign, said it was important that public access be maintained.

"People have been told to get off waterfront areas they assumed were public foreshore," she said.

"Something has to be done or we won't realise it's gone until it's too late." Gosford Council will enter a submission stating their concerns to DLWC about the issue.

**Freelance writer and retired Sydney journalist and public relations consultant Eric Shackle, of Ettalong, is the author of an article about computerised anagrams published in Canada's Toronto Globe and Mail.**

The paper sells more copies than the Sydney Morning Herald.

Mr Shackle tells his readers the 15 letters forming "The Globe and Mail" can be re-arranged as "Hot, blamed, genial." or else "Hot, malignant, able." or "I am a hell-bent god." or "Am a noble delight." Likewise, "President Boris

Yeltsin" enjoys "Endless insobriety trip," while "The end of the world is nigh" becomes a frantic "Down this hole - frightened!" And "Eleven plus two" amazingly uses the same letters as "Twelve plus one." These are just a few of the mind-boggling anagrams that Web browsers can find on the Internet.

The Peninsula's rapidly-growing band of Internet surfers can read the rest of the story by visiting this US website: <http://www.wordsmith.org/anagramtheglobeandmail.html>

The same site also supplies free anagrams of names or phrases

e-mailed to it, as does this English site: [http://www.](http://www.AnagramGenius.com/server.html)

Asked to suggest suitable anagrams for the words "Peninsula News", the Anagram Genius offered "New plans in use", "Plan -Win ensues" and "Use plan in news".

Tested for anagrams of "Peninsula Community Access News", it came back with "Now calm, sunny, sauciest specimen" or "Company's win."

Masculine cuteness." or even "Cuteness in company's new musical

## Why I chose the - Peninsula as my home

**My first visit to the "Peninsula" was such a contrast in its natural Simplicity to the stressful, faceless, concrete, overcrowded environment of the 'big smoke' that I found it absolutely delightful.**

Hills without houses covered with trees that chirped as they swayed gracefully in the wind.

People who smiled and actually exchanged deep and meaningful greetings like "Hello!" Beautiful blue water framed by golden sand, numerous species on both air and land, and I knew I was in paradise.

Minutes after arriving in Woy Woy, my sister and I were awaiting service at the local 'watering hole', as the temperatures had soared to

around 40 degrees.

Suddenly my attention was caught by someone to the left of me making enquiries as to my state of health.

"How's it gain' love? Hot enough for ya?"

Turning in the direction of this faceless voice, I was immediately struck by the friendly demeanour of the inquirer.

He was not bedecked in an impressive Gucci or Dior suit but simply clad in country apparel of shorts and T-shirt, the latter colourfully spotted with what appeared to be the remains of a hastily eaten lunch of something and tomato sauce.

But at that precise moment knew this place was to become my

**By Teresa C. Allison**

home.

The main street of Ettalong where I eventually settled consists of a post office and two banks.

There was a third but it along with a funeral parlour left town shortly after my arrival.

Also, there are a few small businesses, a general co-op store and a recently constructed memorial club of Goliath proportions by comparison to the much smaller buildings of a bygone era.

However, this anachronistic intruder, as some may see it, is a great attraction to the local

population and they arrive in droves to take advantage of the many and varied facilities contained within its walls.

It houses a gym, a theatre, a bistro and sports room, along with a children's game and party room, a nightclub and multiple poker machines, to name but a few.

Oh! And they also organise bush walks.

As a city dweller, walking was always an activity that I found quite boring.

However, in my special piece of paradise, this is nothing short of a spiritual experience, particularly in the mornings whilst strolling through the bush or on the beach observing the many varieties of

fauna that find sanctuary in this area.

As a point of interest, the Central Coast houses the biggest pelican breeding ground in the Southern Hemisphere as well as many other birds including lorikeets and cockatoos.

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# Club and council join forces for foreshore facelift

**Gosford City Council and the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club have joined forces to ensure that the Ettalong Beach foreshore gets the facelift it deserves to compliment the impending development of the Ettalong Beach Resort complex.**

In an agreement between the Memorial Club and the Council, monies will be made available for the proposed upgrading works between Picnic Parade and Beach Street.

The works will include the widening of the pedestrian promenade, construction of viewing platforms within the dune area, refencing of the dune frontage, relocation of the Picnic Parade toilet block, new seating and shelters and possible one-way traffic restrictions between Picnic Parade and Memorial Avenue.

Council has also approved the sand renourishment of the beach area with some of the required sand being reclaimed from the proposed Ettalong Beach Resort site as part of an agreement with the Memorial Club.

The sand, valued at over \$400,000 will be donated by the Memorial Club at no cost to

Council.

Geotechnical testing of the underlying sand material on the resort site has shown it to be compatible with the beach material and will be transported to the beach front under tight Council guidance and monitoring.

A Foreshore Masterplan is to be developed over the next three months which will detail the works proposed.

The Masterplan will be placed on exhibition for community comment before being adopted by Gosford City Council.

"This is an exciting project which will restore the beach front and return the area back to greater public use", said Mr Matthew Wales, President of the Chamber of Commerce.

"For years the area has degraded and become unsafe for families to use. This project will ensure that the beach is restored so that it can be used in much the same way as many of us remember it back in the 1960's and 1970's.

"Council's CLP Committee should be congratulated for the speedy assessment of the Broken Bay Study which led to the decisions on the beach upgrade. The community will be big winners in the beach redevelopment".



## Agents briefed on developments

**At a meeting held at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club on 12 May, a large number of Peninsula Real Estate Agents were brought up to date on the latest information on key Ettalong Beach developments.**

The meeting was told that both the resort development and the fast ferry service had been approved by Council.

The Fast Ferry service had "deferred commencement" approval which is subject to agreement being reached on matters being examined by the Sunset Committee.

These will not affect the overall project's future but look at environmental issues raised and how these can be best resolved.

Council has received 248 objections to the ferry service at Ettalong and well over 1000 letters in support of the project, the

meeting was told.

The resort development also had "deferred commencement" approval and construction would commence shortly, once building consent from Council was received and the target unit sales figure was reached.

So far, 84 units have had contracts exchanged with 10 more about to be completed, of the total of 228 units.

Those sold include the two penthouse units at \$1 million each.

Club general manager Mr Peter Hale said: "These exciting developments about to commence in Ettalong will create an estimated 4000 jobs in the area.

"There will also be in Ettalong large numbers of tourists from all parts of Australia as well as overseas, with large amounts of money, looking for ways to spend it.

"This will create the largest financial boom ever experienced

by the Peninsula."

Work is also about to start on foreshore improvements from the Picnic Parade to Bangalow Streets, jointly funded by Gosford Council and the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

A "Centre Study" looking at the Ettalong Town Centre had also commenced with a draft report due to Council in June.

The study will look at the floor space ratio allowed for Ettalong retail development, with a view to proposing an increase as a leverage to improve the overall appearance of some of the buildings as part of an overall upgrade to the town centre.

Council had spent \$1 million on main street improvements and it was hoped that this would be followed by property owners improving the appearance of their buildings to match a set Ettalong Beach Federation Heritage style.

## Federal money pays for roundabouts

**Following the Federal Budget, Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd has announced that \$650,000 will be spent on the improvement of three Peninsula intersections.**

The funding will pay for a roundabout at the corner of Barrenjoey and Bourke Roads, Ettalong, at a cost of \$200,000.

An amount of \$100,000 will go towards a "raised seagull crossing with acceleration lane" at the

intersection of Maitland Bay Drive and Picnic Parade, Ettalong.

The roundabout at the intersection of Ocean Beach and Rawson Roads, Woy Woy, will be redesigned at a cost of \$250,000.

Mr Lloyd said: "The funding is designed to upgrade some of our worst local road crash sites and priority is given to locations with a history of serious road crashes."

## Consulting firm sets its limits

**The consulting firm proposed by opponents of the Ettalong fast ferry service, Resource Systems Management Consulting, has made it clear it is "not a substitute for a technical legal response toward the Environmental Impact Statement".**

The Armidale consultants describe themselves as "process consultants who aim to provide a service to facilitate a strategic and unified community response to complex and contested issues".

"We aim to facilitate ratepayers' response to this controversial development," they say in their proposal to the committee.

"However, the report from the proposed community facilitation exercise can be used to support the community's representation in the Land and Environment Court should that become necessary."

The consultants say they would aim to develop "a community consensus position to effectively represent the community's claims regarding the integrated implications of the proposed development".

This would be achieved by holding "a facilitated workshop, with diverse community representation", then preparing and presenting a written report at a cost of \$6600.

## Foreshore fuel tanks rejected

**The Fast Ferry Sunset Committee has rejected options which would see refuelling take place on the water at Ettalong or 55,000 litre fuel tanks placed under the Ettalong foreshore.**

It unanimously endorsed refuelling in Sydney "on environmental grounds and because the facilities are already established there to service Sydney ferries and other watercraft".

The possibility of locating fuel tanks within the Ettalong club grounds was given a luke-warm response.

Any such option "would have

to include the storage tanks to be underground in the car park areas of the club and the proposal would have to include a stage two vapour recovery system installed as mandatory," the committee decided.

The two Peninsula councillors present at the meeting, Cr Lynne Bockholt and Cr Judith Penton, are believed to have strongly supported the resolutions.

The sunset committee is made up of local residents, representatives of the Ettalong Ratepayers and Citizens Association and Gosford Councillors.

Cr Bockholt, who chairs the committee, said: "The committee

has met on a number of occasions and has now completed the initial stage of the public consultation process.

"The next stage is for the applicant to present to Council and the committee information and reports covering matters such as traffic management, parking, environmental concerns, visual amenity and refuelling.

"This will then be placed on public exhibition to allow the wider community to make comment before the matter goes to Council officers for thorough investigation before going to Council for resolution," she said.

## Traffic management suggestions made

**Resident representatives at the Fast Ferry Sunset Committee have raised concerns about the traffic management plan presented to them in March.**

The residents wanted 12 car parking spaces eliminated from the existing car park with the three bus bays and 'kiss and ride' remaining

indented into the reserve between the toilet block and Bangalow Street.

The residents also requested the side streets in the area be four hour limited parking with no parking on the waterfront except for 16 spaces already in the existing car park.

Other requests included

residents be exempt from any parking restrictions, restrictions to be applied within 500 metres of the ferry, the Esplanade to remain two-way and the introduction of traffic calming devices such as speed bumps.

The residents also wanted a possible relocation of the bus terminal to Beach Street.



## Residents find alternatives to commuting

**The Peninsula residents are increasingly using technology to avoid the need to commute.**

The grind of the daily freeway trip or the pre-dawn train journey is being replaced with use of information technology.

Facilities such as faxes, the internet and e-mail provide instant communication worldwide and have allowed growing numbers of Peninsula residents to become commuters of a different kind - tele-commuters.

Local businessman Stephen Cummings is a typical example.

Stephen's work encompasses promotion of an educative network in conjunction with the NSW Department of Education and Training, yet his office is Peninsula based.

The primary benefit he cites of the telecommuting role is time saving.

"You don't have to spend three hours driving, and that time saved allows you to put in longer, more productive working hours." Stephen also sees that the growth of IT has ensured companies are providing quicker and more efficient service and response to clients in outlying areas such as the Central Coast.

"The growing use of IT allows major companies to easily establish a regional presence, and so benefits both employer and employee," states fellow telecommuter Nick Friend.

Reduction of travel time is also a benefit for quality of life.

The stress of the F3 or 'packed' commuter trains are replaced with an increase in personal time available and subsequent benefit to family life.

Children of previous Sydney commuters actually get to see their parents in daylight hours during the week! The advancement of IT has positive flow on effect for the local economy.

One such example is Uminabased company Milestone Marketing.

Through the Internet, Milestone competes with companies worldwide.

Their on-going success is due to their ability to provide more reasonable prices for local printing and design than their international rivals.

According to managing director Barbara Ketley, the use of the world wide web in local business is a rapidly expanding phenomenon.

"A year ago no-one dreamed of asking for your e-mail address, now people ask all the time.

"In the last 6-12 months, the local use of the internet has really taken off.

"We do work for companies in Yamba and Bathurst and they can access it on screen immediately." An ex-train commuter herself, Barbara shares the view that the IT revolution can only be a positive one for the Peninsula workforce.

"For three years, I commuted to Sydney, leaving at 4.30 am and returning at 8pm.

Now I actually enjoy coming to work".

## Mayor backs IT for Peninsula

**Mayor Chris Holstein is excited about the potential benefits offered by information technology for places such as the Peninsula.**

"The potential opened up by information technology (IT) is unlimited and it is a good, clean industry," he said.

"Companies like TIBCO have led the way." TIBCO is a worldwide company with offices in Washington, Paris, London and now Woy Woy after their recent location here.

Mayor Holstein can see a twoway benefit for the Peninsula and for the companies that may set up here.

"IT companies can set up their operations within the commercial precinct and the industry will not degrade the area because it can fit in with what is already here," he said.

"Companies want to relocate here because of the area's natural beauty and lifestyle it offers.

"The industry will also offer employment opportunities in the IT area and there will be no environmental impact." Mayor

Holstein said he supported IT development in the area 'wholeheartedly'.

"Council is supporting the marketing of the area financially through the Central Coast Economic Development Board," he said.

"State and Regional Development are also supporting our aims." Mayor Holstein said the streetscaping of the Umina, Ettalong and Woy Woy CBDs as well as the introduction of the Fast Ferry would complement introducing IT to the Peninsula.

"The ferry will allow companies to bring their prospective customers on a memorable trip in speed and comfort," he said.

"The upgrading of the three CBDs improves the image of the area and will persuade people such as tele-commuters that the area is a great place to live." Tele-commuters are people who do the main bulk of their work on a computer at, or near home, and then transmit their work back to head offices electronically.

"And how many public servants travel to Sydney everyday to stare at a computer screen when

they can do that from home," said Mayor Holstein.

A couple of call centres and the Government's Workcover offices are already located in central coast areas.

At call centres, telephonists sell and handle customer inquiries and complaints for companies.

The call centre can cater for many different companies.

For example, when you make a 1800 call to an insurance, bank or telecommunications company, very often your call is taken by one of these call centres somewhere in Australia on behalf of the company you are ringing.

Complaints have started to emerge from unions and call centre staff that the work is often monotonous and done under high pressure conditions.

Mayor Holstein said there are both good and bad aspects to IT.

"We don't want to become Silicon Valley," he said, "but what we want is industry that complements what we already have and to create jobs that didn't exist before." "No current jobs will be lost to the new industry," he said.

## Economic Development Board launches IT&T campaign

**The Central Coast Economic Development Board wants to make the Central Coast the information technology and telecommunications (IT&T) hub for regional NSW and a "Centre of Excellence" for information technology, according to its chairman Cr Tony Sansom.**

"We have established a centre in February 1999 to provide information, networking and relocation advice and to actively encourage IT&T industries to relocate to the region he said.

The Central Coast IT&T Centre will be investigating specific opportunities such as telecommuting, call centre attraction and IT cluster development.

The Central Coast Economic Development Board is also targeting State and Federal Government sectors and

Authorities.

It had successfully encouraged the proposed relocation of WorkCover and the establishment of the Police Assistance Line at Tuggerah Business Park, said Cr Sansom.

"The Tuggerah Business Park has been specifically cabled for Information Technology and the Festival Development Corporation site at Kariong is adjacent to the fibre optic cable route, so an opportunity exists to establish a technology park there.

"This is just what we need to provide jobs here on the Central Coast for all those IT personnel who commute to Sydney said Cr Sansom.

The Central Coast Economic Development Board recently appointed Mrs David Abrahams as manager of the project.

"My brief is to develop and implement the Central Coast Economic Development Board's IT&T Strategy for the Central

Coast" he said.

"My last major role was with the Norwegian Computer Society, planning and implementing a regional business development model.

"I have also run my own consulting business, specialising in database to Internet and digital mapping techniques.

"I'm presently researching the Coast's information technology and telecommunications status and want to hear from anyone who has information they believe I need to know.

"I can be found at The Central Coast Information Technology & Telecommunications Centre, Level 3, 131 Donnison Street, Gosford, at David.abrahams@business.nsw.gov.au or on 4324 2300.

"I need your input to enable me to develop a meaningful strategy that can be implemented, not left on a shelf, he said.

## Tibco joins IT cluster

**TIBCO, who established their Global Support and Education Centre at Woy woy last year, is one of the latest of a small cluster of information technology companies establishing on the Peninsula.**

"The Peninsula has the advantage of being just what Information Technology personnel are looking for," said the Central Coast Economic Development Board's Mr David Abrahams.

It had an enviable relaxed lifestyle, which could be compared with other high-tech towns around the world.

"The Peninsula offers the same advantages, which TIBCO were quick to recognise," he said.

PC software developer Open Windows Computer Consultancy of Woy Woy is perhaps one of the longest established IT businesses on the Peninsula, now in its 10th year of operation.

It is Open Windows which provides the IT services for the production of this newspaper.

Games software developer Asylum Productions was based on the Peninsula for a number of years, before recently moving to Gosford.

The developers of pager software for Telstra were also based at Woy Woy for many years.

T & B Brodhurst-Hill internet

consultancy is a more recently established Peninsula-based business.

Web developer Smile is another internet business with an office on the Peninsula.

It is understood that the Peninsula may soon have its own internet service provider, with a new business planning to start in Woy Woy in the near future.

International Logistic Systems is another major IT company looking to establish at Woy Woy.

## Taskforce meets

**The Central Coast Economic Development Board's Information Technology Taskforce (CCITT) was formed in 1998. It draws members from Local Government, business, health, tourism, education, research and economic development groups.**

The Taskforce has recently joined forces with the Australian Computer Society (ACS) to form Australia's first regional Chapter of the ACS.

Meetings are held at the Central Coast Information Technology & Telecommunications Centre on level 3, 131 Donnison Street, Gosford, on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm

# Choir rehearses for fifth concert

Rehearsals are well under way for the fifth annual concert of the Peninsula Choir and the Gosford City Band.

A program of light popular music, including music from the movie Titanic and The Phantom of the Opera will be included.

The choir, formerly known as the Combined Churches Choir, started in 1987 when the Anglican Parish Choir, the Uniting Church Choir of the Peninsula combine with the Seaside Choir of Terrigal to present Stainer's "Crucifixion".

When the Anglican and Uniting Churches combined on the Peninsula, it was known as the Peninsula Churches Choir.

The choir grew to include interested members of the community and has been known

for some years as the Peninsula Choir.

It included singers from the areas as far afield as Lake Munmorah, East Gosford, Pearl Beach and Point Clare.

The choir currently has 35 members.

As well as cantatas at Easter and Christmas in local churches, lighter programs are performed in nursing homes by invitation.

Any money raised from these concerts goes to charity.

Over the years, the choir has given donations to both the Patonga and Bays Bush Fire Brigades, the Caravan Ministry and the religious instruction teachers at Umina and Woy Woy High Schools.

With inquiries, call Cecily on 43423054.

# Classes for craft

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre is seeking enrolments in its classes.

"Currently, we have classes available in quilting/patchwork, pottery, folk art, silk painting, sculpture, picture framing, contemporary and traditional oil painting, drawing, pastel and watercolour," said Bev Clements.

"Children's art and craft and pottery classes are also available, with workshops in various crafts offered as opportunity arises.

Located at Kitchener Park at the corner of Picnic Parade and Maitland Bay Drive, the centre has been offering classes to Peninsula residents for almost 24 years.

"We still provide quality and interesting art and craft tuition," said Bev.

"Not only are you learning new skills and techniques but socially enjoying friendship with bright, cheerful, creative people."

All inquiries and bookings are taken by Penny on 4360 1673.

# Charity clothing bins under scrutiny

Several charity clothing bins on the Peninsula have had to be relocated after Gosford Council formulated policy on placement of the bins.

At Council's April meeting, Cr Bockholt asked council to further investigate the placement of current clothing bin placements outside the Ettalong Scout Hall and in the Sydney 2000 Park.

Cr Bockholt was also concerned

about the amount of boxes and rubbish surrounding the clothing bin at the bus stop in Hillview Street, Woy Woy.

The Director of Works said two bins belonging to the Smith Family on the recreation reserve at Ettalong near the Scout Hall should be relocated to join the two other bins currently near the roadside reserve at the Scout Hall.

The two bins on the road reserve are owned by the Vietnam

Veterans Association and Knights of the Central Coast.

The Director of Works said the Knights of the Central Coast bin at Sydney 2000 Park, Umina, was inappropriately placed and council has requested it to be removed.

The Director said the Hillview bin had no rubbish around it at the time of an inspection but council will continue to monitor the bin.

# Marching girls field three teams

The Peninsula Marching Association was established with a single team in 1986.

In the last three years, numbers have increased to three representative teams, al/ of whom enjoyed outstanding success at the recent National titles.

Held at Wollongong over the Easter weekend, the Peninsula fielded teams in three divisions - U/13, u/17 and Senior level.

The u/13's collected two bronze medals, the under-17's a silver and a bronze and the Sen-iors won

gold in the Exhibition March, Silver in Freestyle and were placed third overall in the championship.

A key to the groups' success is diligent training.

With competitive marching rapidly evolving, the regimented drills are being replaced with more dance-like routines in the freestyle sections, drawing from influences such as the highly popular Irish dancing.

The Peninsula girls can be seen every week at Woy Woy High School perfecting their techniques

for the competitive season which runs from August to Easter.

Despite their success the Peninsula group are still in need of sponsorship for items such as tracksuits and hoping Peninsula businesses will lend their support.

They are also keen to hear from more junior marchers to boost their ranks and any local schools or groups seeking performers for fetes or outdoor events.

For any inquiries please contact Belinda on 4367 7213.

# Little Theatre stages new production

Woy Woy Little Theatre will be staging, in June and early July, Moss Hart's & George Kaufman's comedy, "You Can't Take it With You".

Directed by John Hickey, performances will take place at the Woy Woy Primary School Hall on Fridays at 8 pm on June 18, 25 and July 2, on Saturdays at 8 pm on June 19, 26 and July 3 and on Sundays at 2 pm on June 20 and 27.

Set in New York, the play features a number of eccentrics, the wrong side of the tracks and a Romeo and Juliet scenario combined to lay the foundations of a very funny set of circumstances.

For further information and bookings, telephone 4341 4067

# Nurses under wing

Eight registered nurses from Brisbane Waters Private Hospital attended a Clinical Mentor Program conducted at Gosford Hospital by the Faculty of Nursing, University of Newcastle, on May 14 and 15.

The nurses will be supporting nursing students from Newcastle University when they spend 14 weeks at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital gaining work experience.

The program enables a student, near to the completion of their training, to be taken under the wing of an experienced senior registered nurse.

The nurse will work with the student, attending normal daily duties and patient care, mentoring the student through all activities.

The aim of the program is to give experience in hospital settings, helping them make a smooth transition from university to the wards.

The education the registered nurses received in the Clinical Mentor Program will enable them to assess student performance in the clinical area and identify strategies to enhance the students' learning needs at that time.

Three students will spend 14 weeks at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital, gaining experience in the Medical, Surgical and Cardiac wards.

The hospital already provides work experience for students from the University of Technology, Sydney.

Karen Booth

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# Deb Ball success

The Ettalong-Umina Lions Club held its seventh successful debutante ball on April 16 with 19 debutantes being presented to district governor Mr George Kinealy.

"The proceeds will be going to our ambulance station and to other local charities," said secretary Mrs Iris Hogan.

"We would like to thank the many business people in Ettalong and Umina for their sponsorship as this is a great help in being able to donate to our charities where it is needed most."

# Water summary

The Correa Bay Water Quality Sub-Committee is concerned material from the Olympic site in Sydney may be reaching Woy Woy tip.

In a summary of findings handed to Council, the committee said they believe the Bay's marine life and seagrass has declined over the past two decades and that sediment reaching the bay has most likely come from quarries in the area.

The water quality committee was set up after the recent issue of tip leachate entering Correa Bay.

The committee will table a full report to Council in July.

# Cash Housie

Cash housie is held every Saturday night at St Mary's hall, comer Booker Bay and Murray Roads, Ettalong.

The games run from 7.30 to 10.10pm.

All proceeds go to the Woy Woy Parish Community Fund.

Prizes are \$3900 each session, subject to ticket sales.

Free tea and coffee are provided.

A bus is now provided at the end of the session, going to Woy Woy station via Ettalong and Umina.

Promoter Mr Robert Graham said: "We recently increased our prize money and to maintain this we have been seeking help from the community to promote the session, as it is a fund-raiser, run by volunteers."

# More for maintenance

Gosford Council has decided to increase its building maintenance program, which includes eight Peninsula buildings, by \$70,000 per year.

The eight buildings include Ettalong's Senior Citizens Centre, Progress Hall and Woy Woy's Women's Health Centre.

The other buildings are Umina's Child Care Centre in Australia Avenue, Child Abuse Prevention

Centre, Public Hall and the Bullion Street Amenities Block as well as the Woy Woy Neighbourhood Centre.

The \$70,000 budget includes a \$12,000 allocation to upgrade disabled and safety standards.

Council is also looking at ways for the respective committees of the organisations that use the buildings to contribute financially.

# Advice for Borneo veterans

The Brisbane Waters National Borneo Association sub-branch can help veterans with advice on army pensions and other problems.

The branch meets on the first Saturday of the month at Ettalong Beach Club at 2.30pm.

"Our president is the senior pensions officer of the Ettalong .

RSL," said publicity officer Mr George Hogan.

"We also endeavour to help out with community affairs." All veterans who were in the Malaya-Bomeo area are welcome.

## Bockholt calls for higher tip fees

**Cr Lynne Bockholt thinks a new \$58 per tonne fee for disposal of rubbish at Woy Woy tip is too low and should be higher in line with other councils.**

Crs Bockholt and Rowe were disappointed with the report suggesting the \$58 fee, because the report had checked the fees at only three other tips.

Cr Rowe said the half page report by Council officers was not enough and that the officers had not shown initiative by doing more than the minimum.

Mayor Chris Holstein said that the officers could not be blamed for doing exactly what was asked of them by Council.

Council's review committee suggested the \$58 fee be introduced for 1999 with a review in .

November 1999 regarding a differential pricing policy for different types of waste to possibly be introduced in February 2000.

Eight dollars of the \$58 charge is a State Government levy.

A levy of \$17 should be charged for ex-Sydney waste making ex-

Sydney waste charges \$67 per tonne.

This higher rate is charged to discourage waste from other areas being dumped at Woy Woy.

Council wants any waste from outside areas to be stopped by Waste Services staff.

In the meantime, the committee recommended that recycling at existing venues is to be encouraged and the Central Coast Waste Planning and Management Board compile a list of places available for disposal of recyclable material.

Council will continue to investigate the prospects of differential pricing and drop-off centre facilities for garden and wood waste.

Council manager Mr Wilson envisaged this investigation should be finished by the end of July.

A \$24,000 Landfill Capacity Study to identify storage possibilities for garden waste, concrete and ceramics will be undertaken.

The Council is also considering banning all green waste to Woy Woy tip.

## East's Park takes tourist award

**For a remarkable fifth consecutive year, East's Ocean Beach Caravan Park at Umina has taken out the Central Coast Tourism Award for Excellence in the caravan/camping category.**

The award is a reflection of the Park's high standard of customer service and commitment to innovation.

The award caps off a highly successful 12 months for the resort, who were also 1998 winners of the prestigious NSW Tourism Award for excellence and the Camping and Caravan Industry Award.

Since their purchase in 1982, East's have transformed the park from a traditional venue to a "state-of-the-art" tourist park.

Their philosophy of on-going development has seen the introduction of cabins, five-star villas, loft apartments and a half million dollar swimming pool

facility.

It has also gained East's the reputation within the industry as leaders in their field.

Combined with this development, East's still caters for the more basic tent and caravan market and sees itself as a venue with something to offer for tourists on all levels.

This is reinforced by the Park's high retention rate of clients and enormous level of repeat business.

Despite its success, many Peninsula residents are yet to take advantage of East's facilities.

Park spokesperson Barbara Ketley claims "the locals know less about this park than the tourists." East's are striving to reverse this trend.

Continuing plaudits from the tourism industry and intensive local promotion are seen as the catalyst for luring greater numbers of Peninsula residents to include this local asset in their holiday plans.

## Newly weds

Pictured are Jim and Belinda Jonovski of Booker Bay Road, Booker Bay and their wedding party taken at Somersby Falls. The picture was taken by Bowen's Photographics



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## Working for widows and sole parents

**The Woy Woy branch of the Civilian Widows' Association meets at 1 pm on the last Friday of the month at the Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre.**

Their main aim is to better the conditions of civilian widows and sole parents and their children.

They meet in "friendship and service", always ready to help each other and enjoy times of companionship, outings and holidays, said publicity officer Mrs Gladys Murray.

"New members are always most welcome and if you would care to sit in at a meeting and decide if you would like to join with us, feel free to do so.

"To all widows of all ages and sole parents in the area, we send an open invitation and hope to meet you." The Association of

Civilian Widows was formed 40 years ago by widows, with the support of Apexians, and is now a registered charity.

Through fund-raising efforts, the association purchased its headquarters building, which also provide hostel accommodation for members.

The building was paid for within a few years and the association now remains debt-free without any government support.

Money is now invested in a scholarship fund to assist children through secondary school and on to tertiary education.

The association also assists members in distress, particularly after damage caused by natural disasters.

"We are not a begging membership but very independent," said Mrs Murray.

## Lower speeds

**Gosford Council is likely to implement the 50km/h speed limit on all residential roads, except main thoroughfares.**

Information suggesting the benefits of the lower speed limit have been given to all councillors.

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# School News

**Umina Public School are proud to announce a new service "The Information Access Program" to our families.**

The Information Access Program involves the school library being open to our families after school from 3 to 5pm Monday to Thursday.

Our students and their parents will be able to access all the resources of the library including the Internet.

We hope this will help our students locate information they need for homework and projects.

Over the next couple of weeks the P&C and parents of Umina Public School will be assisting the Rotary Club of NSW with the selling of tickets in their Community Chest Raffle.

This is a great cause with fabulous prizes to be won.

**Umina Public School P&C will be running their annual Trivia night on Saturday, June 19, with a 7 - 7:30pm**

**start.**

Tickets are \$5 per head or \$40 per table of eight.

A fun night is guaranteed for all with total prize pool to the value of \$5000.

If you are a business and wish to donate a prize or wish to book a table or tickets please phone Anne Austin, Community Liaison Officer of Umina Public School on 43428268.

**Woy Woy High School welcomed our new Leading Teacher, Mrs Pam McAlister, at the beginning of Term 2.**

Mrs McAlister was previously the Head Teacher Social Science at Kincumber High School.

She will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of Board of Studies guidelines and requirements for the School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate and for promoting learning in the school.

**Mrs Helen Anderson, of Woy Woy High's Home Economics**

**staff, will be retiring on Monday, May 24.**

Mrs Anderson has been a loyal supporter of Woy Woy High School for many years She has been the Year 12 Student Adviser on at least two occasions; organised our entries in the Lions Youth of the Year competition; led our staff in the fund raising for the new school hall; and, organised school publicity for a number of years We wish her well in her retirement.

**Woy Woy High School's inaugural Year 6 Open Night was a great success.**

Parents and Year 6 students were able to spend a few hours looking at our resources and seeing many active displays of students and teachers working.

This evening will be followed up by a series of activities involving us working with our feeder Primary Schools.

The first activity will be the Maths Challenge Day which will be held at Woy Woy High School on Friday, May 28.

## Dancers go on four-day camp

**Six Umina High students recently took part in the four-day Sydney North talented dance camp.**

Kristie Smee, Meagan Guest, Alicia Zygalski, Christine Jarvas, Brooke Starkyand Kristy Stephen received instruction

from professional dance teachers and members of the prestigious Sydney Dance Company.

A variety of dance forms were involved, including afro-jazz, ballet, contemporary jazz and choreographic techniques.

## Institute coach addresses talented school athletes

**NSW Institute of Sport pole vault coach Peter Parczyk recently addressed Umina High School athletes who are part of the school's "gifted and talented program".**

Peter's coaching is usually aimed at athletes preparing to participate at an international level.

The school athletes he addressed on this occasion compete mostly at regional and state level in sports as diverse as baseball, soccer, surf life saving, athletics, squash and swimming.

Peter was able to give students advice on setting realistic goals, how to analyse their failures in a positive way, where to go for help and how to get the best from their

skills training.

He also inspired his select audience with the retelling of a conversation with runner Carl Lewis who confided that he was "awkward" and not very talented when he was young.

"There were a lot of people out there who had more talent - I just trained harder." At the NSW Institute of Sport, they appear to have a similar philosophy as they train six days a week an~ have only three weeks holiday a year.

"You need that drive from within," said Peter.

Apparently though, athletes still find time to study and socialise.

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# Irish play rugby at Woy Woy

**One of only four matches in the Ireland Rugby Union tour of Australia will be played at Woy Woy next Monday, May 31.**

The team will play the NSW Country representative side, the Country Cockatoos, this week before going on to play the State side, the Warratahs, next week at the Sydney Football Stadium.

Ireland will play Australia at Ballymore, Brisbane, on June 12 and at Subiaco, Perth, on June 19.

The Cockatoos team includes players from the Central Coast as well as players from as far afield as Moree, Albury, Dubbo, Cooma and Ballina.

"This is an exciting season for NSW Country Rugby," said NSW Country Rugby Union president Mr Laurie Maher.

"Already this season the Cockatoos have played the Queensland Reds (a full strength Super 12 team) and contested the final of the Country Cup.

"In August, the Cockatoos will tour Canada on a five-match tour to assist Rugby Canada prepare for their World Cup campaign.

"The opportunity to play an international against one of the Home Unions will be the highlight of the year for the players," he said.

The Irish team will arrive this Wednesday and train on the Central Coast in preparation for the tour.

Tickets for the Woy Woy match are on sale now through Ticketek.

## Woy Woy Bowling Club was runner-up

**Woy Woy Bowling Club was runner-up in the Club of the Year award for community service.**

"Not bad for a small club with a big heart," says publicity officer Mr Felix Seady.

"Clubs in general do a tremendous amount of community service and are rarely credited for it." The annual bowls match of the "Kneelers" (Catholics) versus the "Grippers" (Masons) was held on Sunday, May 2.

The money raised was shared between St Judes Hostel for destitute men and the Masonic

Homes.

On the third Sunday of the month, the Nightingales have a fund-raiser bowls morning for the Woy Woy Nursing Home.- The Major Singles is the premier competition in a bowling club.

The final at Woy Woy was played last week between Graham Kenney and Lionel Ackling.

Graham defeated Lionel 31-22 in a very good game.

New member day will be held on Sunday, June 13, with a 10am start for new members and a 2pm start for experienced bowlers.

The following arrangements will apply: Food: John Gardiner,

purchasing steak, sausages, onions, bread.

Preparation: Saturday, 10am, peel onions: J. Gardiner, S. Manuel, P. Harkins.

Bread: Sunday am: I.Manuel, J. Gardiner, D. Folley.

Cooks: G. Smith, J. Gardiner.

Drinks: Tickets, beer, wine, soft drinks.

Greens: one full green, No.1 if needed.

Coaching: G. Armstrong, J. Parkinson, B. Champion.

Advertising: Local newspapers, Felix Seady.

Weather: If wet, transfer to June 20.

## Peninsula clash brings the crowds

**The much-awaited clash of Peninsula teams Woy Woy and Umina brought a large crowd to Woy Woy oval, friends and neighbours became the best of enemies for the afternoon.**

First grade: The first half saw a hesitant Roosters team outplayed by a more enthusiastic Bunnies side.

Roger Best and Duncan Smith maintained their solid form to hold the Roosters together.

The first half was also marred by the serious knee injury to centre Dave Piggins.

Piggins had earlier laid on a Hayden Berry try with sheer class.

The second half saw a rejuvenated "J&B Meats" Roosters attack the tiring Umina side.

The turning point being when five eighth Nathan Johnson slipped a pass to Danny Sommerville from a seemingly impossible position to score under the posts.

From then on with more possession and go forward, Woy Woy got their act together and in the end won convincingly 40-16.

Umina, however, if they can field their best, will be a thorn in the side of all teams they meet.

Second grade: An all-round

team performance blitzed the Bunnies 72-0.

After 10 minutes of play the game was scoreless before the Roosters laid on an avalanche of tries.

Brad Matthews, Shane Ward and captain Justin Louis orchestrated the attack with precision plays to score from almost any position on the field.

Viliame Vakhotia, Mitch Berry and Scott Aitchison finished off what the play makers started.

Bruce Carr provided great variation around the rucks against the well beaten Bunnies.

Third grade: A sluggish start gave coach Steve Waugh many anxious moments against a very Willing Umina team.

Joe Lynch and Layne Martin provided great go forward for the Roosters before a "five star" finishing effort by Stu "Frenchie" Farrant out wide gave the Roosters a vital two points.

Kym Budd and Luke Marshall with Ben Starkey leading the way provided the crowd with heart stopping charges into the opposition as both sides fought hard to dominate over the rivals, Woy Woy being victorious 22 to 8.

Under-18: The predicted "game of the day" proved to be just that

for the Video Ezy under-18s Woy Woy side.

Against the much-vaunted Umina team, Woy Woy started unusually fast and aggressively going to a 10-0 lead mid-way through the first half.

In a fast-moving entertaining game, both teams traded blows in more ways than one in a tense first half.

The second half saw a spirited fight-back from Umina to lead 12- 10 before the young Roosters regained momentum to record a thrilling 20-12 victory with an outstanding team effort from all players.

Troy McLellan and Nathan Parrin continued their fine form and Scott Wilesmith and Jason Stuart were welcomed back to the Woy Woy colours.

The first time in red and white saw Brad McLean and Aaron Mercer produce some extremely exciting play for coach Neil Pollard who has done well with these young men who some thought would not be competitive this year.

Congratulations to Jason Carpenter of Woy Woy and under-18 Michael Maryska of Umina for their inclusion in the Country sides to tour New Zealand.

## Presentation day for junior cricket

**Umina Junior Cricket Club celebrated the end of another strong season at their presentation day on May 2.**

The club saw two of its teams, U12'S & U15'S, make it through to district finals, whilst the U16's reached the semis.

All other age groups enjoyed consistent performances throughout the summer.

The Club was also prominent in the Gosford District Six -A -Side Competition.

The Senior Umina side reached the semi final level, whilst the Junior's defeated Woy Woy in a tense final to take out the Junior Trophy.

This victory set a precedent for the Junior competition.

Previously Kincumber had been the only Club to win this event.

Outstanding individual efforts were highlighted through the Club's performance awards.

The Senior Division (U/14's

- U16's) being won by Nicholas BorrowJones, Most promising Junior (U13's - U12's) going to Ross Watson, and the John Tumell Encouragement Award to Ryan Clement.

The season also saw four nominations to the 'Mingara Sportsperson of the Month Award', with U/16 B bowler John Payne being awarded this prestigious title.

John was confirmed as the 'January Sportsperson of the Month' for his remarkable bowling figures against The Entrance in Round 7.

John completed the match with figures of 9/25 in 16 overs with 5 maidens.

Junior Club President Alex Hurl feels these achievements stand the club in good stead for the future.

"Although Umina is not a large club, there is certainly a lot of talent through all the age groups."

## Fishing News

**Winter is here and "inside" anglers seem to be doing it reasonably tough this month, with Whiting and Bream dropping right off and Flathead not showing themselves a great deal either.**

The best suggestion for inside angling is to fish in shallow water as the water temperature there is a little warmer and tends to bring in the bait fish which are followed by larger predators.

A few Black Fish were reported at the Rip Bridge, with Ken Andrews weighing in 15 nice Black Fish around the 500g mark.

There are also still large quantities of Leather Jackets being reported there as well.

These will be around throughout June, with larger females coming in the next month or so.

Best tides are the first three hours of the run out tide, chopping up weed mixed with sand and burlying heavily.

Ideally, tides should be 1.1 to 1.3 metres which fish very well with little run in the water.

Outside Report Large numbers of Salsom are being reported off Killcare, Putty Beach, Umina Beach and Pearl Beach.

Best times are, early in the morning or late in the afternoon.

Tides don't seem to matter as long as you're there early or late.

Best bait is a full Pilchard on a set of 5/0 gang hooks, No.



3 ball sinker cast and retrieved slowly.

Some good catches of Schnapper are being reported in close off McMasters Beach, Copacabana and Avoca.

After a big sea, the Schnapper move in close and feed off Crustaceans that have been broken off by the rough seas.

Best times are early in the morning during the first two hours of the run up tide.

There are also still good reports of Rock Blackfish being taken off Norah Head, Copacabana and Little Beach.

However, be careful fishing the rock ledges for this species as our lives are worth more than a fish.

Good fishing.

**Ken Bartley & Jamie Pocock Woy Woy**

## Boot-scooting- is 'exercise and fun'

**This is the third year for Peninsula-based line dancing group The Bayside Strutters.**

Founder and head teacher Dianne Joseph sees line-dancing as "a way to exercise while having fun.

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Dianne was the first teacher! choreographer from the Central

Coast to be inducted into the International Bootscooters Hall of Fame at the 1998 Tamworth Country Music Festival, and her dances can be found on a variety of Bootscootin' Web sites.

The group can be found on Monday morning and Saturday afternoons at the Peninsula Community Centre, with favourite old dances being included in all classes.

Another class was started at

Empire Bay in February and they can be found strutting to country music every Wednesday night.

New dancers are always welcome.

Birthday celebrations will culminate in a social night at Gosford RSL on Friday, June 4, and dress will most definitely be country.

For further information on the Strutters, call Dianne on 4328 3747.

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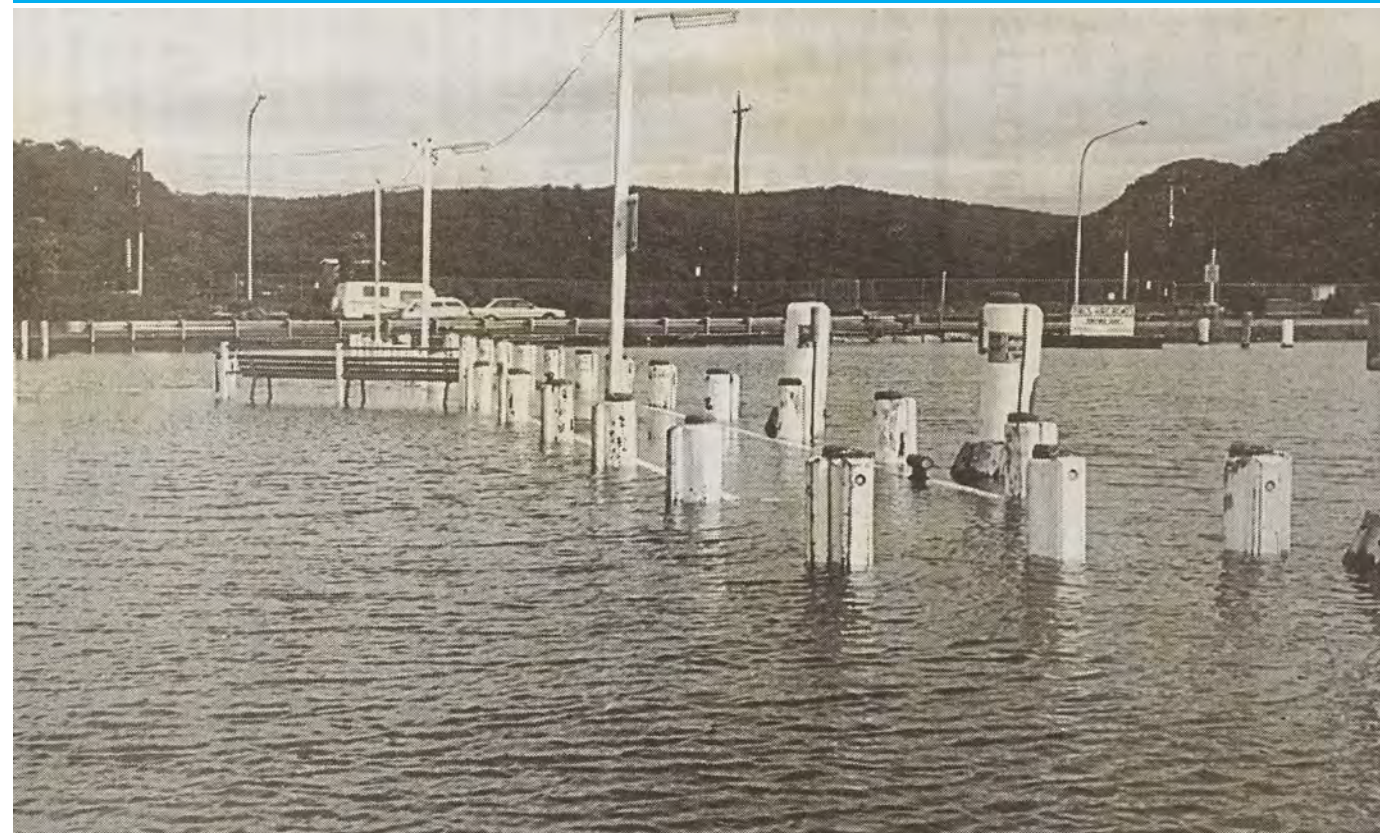
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## Bonfire night is on again

On what may be the last official Queen's Birthday long weekend, the Peninsula will again be celebrating with its annual bonfire and fireworks spectacular.

Sunday June 13 will see the festivities begin at noon in Rogers Park.

The day will feature local entertainers, rides and amusements, art, craft and various food stalls.

At sunset, the huge bonfire will be lit and followed by one of the largest fireworks displays ever held on the Central Coast.

Replacing the traditional Cracker Night, the event is a highlight on the community events calendar and always attracts large crowds.

Organisers are hoping this year will be no exception and the evening will go off with a bang.

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