

## German tourists sold on Peninsula

**The Peninsula is being sold to the German tourist market.**

Vientours Germany have just released in Europe their tour brochure in which the Peninsula features dominantly as their main base.

Vientours have booked East's Ocean Beach Holiday Park for next year's Olympic Games.

The company has also booked all 18 rooms of the new Watersedge Woy Woy for the Games, a booking worth \$70,000.

Vientours general manager Mr Wolfgang Vieten said that he expected to bring between 1500 and 2000 German visitors to the Games, of which about 1200 would be accommodated on the Central Coast.

"East's Ocean Beach Holiday Park is the best park I have seen in the world and we are absolutely sure that our guests will enjoy their stay here," he said.

"It will actually be our head office outside Sydney during the games, as we have most of our customers staying here in Umina and in Woy Woy".

"The total visitor expenditure on

the Central Coast from this group is around the \$2.8 million mark, based on our experiences from six previous Olympic Tours," he added.

Vientours will be back in Australia in the first week of October with travel and sales agents and representatives from the German media to promote their Olympic program and show them first-hand the quality and the style of their tour content.

The Central Coast has been chosen to host this October event.

East's Ocean Beach Holiday Park has already produced brochures in the German language.

Watersedge manager Mr Peter Chippindale said: "This is a nice way to start a new business. It also gives us the confidence that our product is right, having been chosen by international tour operators who have very high standards."

"When Watersedge Woy Woy opened on June 11, Woy Woy made its mark on the tourism map," commented Mr Horst Endrulat of Central Coast Tourism, which has been actively promoting the Peninsula.



Ole!

## Umina CWA hosts a Spanish day

**The Umina branch of the Country Womens' Association (CWA) held a Spanish day for its members at their hall on Wednesday, June 16, with more than 60 members and guests and a number of school children present.**

As part of its activities, the CWA have a cultural officer that each year selects a country to be studied and featured throughout the movement.

This year Spain was the chosen country and the Umina Branch went all out to be part of the event.

The CWA hall was decorated with in a Spanish theme and a highly entertaining show, including

dancers and a bullfight was put on by the members.

A Spanish meal was served and classical guitarist, David Martucci, was invited as a special guest to add live music and personal anecdotes to the occasion.

Umina Public School participated by asking sixth grade students to undertake a project on Spain and selected the best 13 for display.

The winning projects were submitted by Corinne Hyde (1st prize), Yolanda Veltmeyer (2nd prize) and Billy Burgess (3rd prize).

Other finalists were Alex Tsambos, Alana Reeves, Reshae Smith, Alison Mair, Scott Meulman, Nicole Ely, Kate Kennedy, Mark Bednarezyk, Kimberley Pearson,

and Annette Hurst.

The Umina branch of the CWA has serviced the community for 48 years, according to president Beryl Finch.

It has more than 70 active members and raises funds for a large number of charities, as well as helping locals in need.

Members come from all walks of life and number 44,000 across Australia, of which 14,000 are in NSW.

"We have an enjoyable time meeting regularly and helping the community," said secretary Claire Wren.

With membership and other enquiries, call 4341 5626.

Cec Bucello, June 17

## Peninsula population expected to grow 42%

**A draft "sustainable planning strategy" for the Central Coast has predicted a 45 per cent increase in population for the Peninsula, regarding it as "largely unstoppable".**

It has also highlighted a lack of infrastructure to cope with the expected growth.

The study identified lack of local employment, and the consequent high level of commuting, as destructive of community well-being.

But it recommends upgrades to the F3 freeway and the rail line, as well as on job-generating industry.

The strategy is currently being considered by the State Planning

Minister Dr Andrew Refshauge.

According to Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Matthew Wales, the growth figure is nothing new.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics published a population figure for the Central Coast of 260 839 at the 1996 census.

The Central Coast Research Foundation, using these figures and more recent growth information, forecast the population figure for the Central Coast to be 318 000 by 2021, he said.

The growth on the Peninsula was not seen as a result of any special growth activity but merely as a result of natural growth under the existing planning ordinance.

According to Cr Lynne Bockholt, "the Peninsula already has a \$54 million backlog of drainage work to be completed and the projected growth will only exacerbate the matter unless something is done urgently."

Matthew Wales believes that the council has already taken these growth projections into account.

"Developers not only have to pay for road upgrading on areas affected by their work, they also have to pay hefty contributions to council to pay for infrastructure development.

"The infrastructure on the Peninsula is so poor that developers have to pay a contribution of about \$10,000 per

villa constructed compared with only \$1200 per villa constructed in Gosford.

"Woy Woy and Narara-Lisarow attract the highest contributions on the Central Coast, but eventually, it is the final purchaser of the property that pays when they buy the building.

"The contribution is meant to be used by council to pay for community facilities and open space embellishment and most developers are happy to pay it provided they see the results in the area.

"The development community has an obligation to pay an infrastructure development contribution if the need for it is

generated by their development, but the amount of the contribution must be fair," he said.

"Developers and the business community have questioned whether they are paying too much for development. Hopefully the draft planning strategy will review the amounts paid and does not have any surprises.

"Now that the Council and the Government have validated the forecast growth figures through this draft plan, a great opportunity exists for the council, on behalf of the Peninsula, to snare additional funds for infrastructure based on now accepted figures," he said.

Cec Bucello, June 20



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# Peninsula COMMUNITY ACCESS News

Welcome to the fourth issue of Peninsula News, the monthly newspaper for the Peninsula community.

This month's major sponsor is Ettalong Beach Club and the association is grateful for their ongoing support.

We have also been strongly supported this issue by retailers in Umina and Woy Woy, as well as by a number of local restaurants.

Our thanks also goes to them.

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- The paper is fiercely parochial, primarily interested in building the community of the Peninsula. There is enough happening on the Peninsula and involving the people of the Peninsula without us having to look outside its boundaries.
- Names and faces are important: We need as many as we can. We are talking about ourselves. All stories should be as detailed and specific as possible.

Your contribution may be edited to conform with these guidelines or to be consistent with the writing style of the paper. A "style sheet" is available on request.

**Deadline** for the next issue of Peninsula News is close of business **Wednesday, July 21.**

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## Planning document has no solutions

The "Sustainable Central Coast" document (prepared by the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning) pays lip service to the need for infrastructure but does not suggest any strategies for dealing with the problem.

I believe the document should contain benchmarks which state that unless the Central Coast receives the necessary infrastructure then development cannot continue.

The document lists all the problems but no solutions.

We are already living with clogged roads both locally and between the Coast and Sydney.

Brisbane Water Drive is now clogged and it takes 20 minutes longer to get to Gosford in peak hour than it used to.

## 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 pennews@openwindows.com or on disk save us having to retype them.

Woy Woy Rd is a disgrace and needs major funding.

Roads such as Mt Ettalong Rd, Springfield St, Barrenjoey Rd are seeing increasing amounts of traffic and need major upgrading work if they are to cope.

Brisbane Ave is now a major artery and in need of upgrading with kerb, guttering and footpaths, but until the drainage is in place this cannot happen.

I am advised it will cost several million dollars to drain South

Umina to a standard where kerb and guttering can occur.

The document also makes it clear that there needs to be a marked improvement in public transport across the Central Coast and that local residents realistically have no alternative to using the private car.

I remain of the opinion that we should not allow any more medium density until we have firm commitments from both levels of government on infrastructure.

**Cr Lynne Bockholt**

## Our biggest challenge - Jobs?

**One of the biggest challenges facing our area is the creation of more jobs on the Central Coast for local residents.**

We are all aware that thousands of people living in our region are forced to commute daily to their place of employment in either Sydney or Newcastle.

The construction of the Police Assistance Line Centre at Tuggerah will provide 120 jobs for Central Coast residents and the relocation of Workcover to Gosford will also provide additional jobs.

A number of the 850 Workcover employees already reside in this region.

Upon resumption of the NSW Parliament in May, the Premier Bob Carr introduced into the Legislative Assembly the Apprentices Concession and Rate Reduction Bill.

This bill is in keeping with a pre-election commitment by the NSW Government to provide a payroll

**By Marie Andrews,  
Member for Peats**

tax concession to employers of new and existing apprentices, not already covered by the exemption for apprentices on a group scheme.

Under the concession, employers would only include 25% of wages for first year apprentices, 50% of the wages for second year apprentices, 75% of the wages for third year apprentices and 100% of the wages for fourth year apprentices in the calculation of their total wages bill for payroll tax liability.

The proposed new scheme, estimated to cost \$4m per annum, would provide assistance to around 38,000 apprentices in NSW and 20,000 employers of apprentices.

This legislation is also aimed at creating more jobs for locals, particularly young people.

Premier's Awards This being

the United Nations International Year of Older Persons, it was most appropriate that a number of Woy Woy Peninsula residents were personally presented earlier in the year with Premier's Awards by the Premier.

These awards are not made lightly and are given in recognition of outstanding service to the community and to New South Wales.

This year's recipients were: Bon and Eileen Andersen, Patricia Casey, Eric Dewar, Alfred Gorick, Pauline Hall, Vincent and Jean Martin, Leo Oliver, Bill Raper, Noel (Bob) Pearse.

Congratulatory Messages Residents are advised that congratulatory messages for weddings, anniversaries and special birthdays can be arranged by contacting my office on 4342 4122.

## Moves to save coastal rock platforms

**Our coastline is an everchanging thing.**

The huge swells, pounding seas and extra high tides of recent weeks are a part of the ocean currents' winter cycle.

Beaches are eroded during winter, only to be rebuilt during the summer cycle.

Still, for the crabs, sea snails and other creatures living in these areas such conditions present a daily struggle for survival And as if these factors were not enough to contend with there is increasing pressure from humans, both directly and indirectly.

Of major concern to many is the collecting of organisms from the rock platforms, and although 'bag limits' have been established they are often ignored or not understood.

This situation is about to be addressed by Project Aware, a marine education and training program funded by CoastCare, working cooperatively with Gosford City Council.

"The community in general needs to understand the special nature of these areas in order to

**The Environment  
with Jeannie Lawson**

work together to properly protect them from over-exploitation," said project coordinator David Roberts.

"Organisms are taken from the rocks for a variety of reasons.

"Fisherman collect crabs and cunjevoi for bait.

"Many sea snails, urchins and octopus are collected by some people for food, and others take home 'souvenirs' of their holiday.

"All of these factors are depleting our rock platforms and limiting the bio-diversity of these fragile areas," he said.

Project Aware has been operating successfully in Sydney.

Gosford will be the first to offer the program outside the metropolitan area.

The program consists of a number of workshops and field excursions led by marine biologists from Sydney University.

Topics covered will include the ecology of the intertidal area, the role of NSW Fisheries Department, conservation and protection of

coastal marine habitat, multicultural issues, and learning about the marine organisms themselves.

Volunteers will be given 12 hours of free training in return for 20 hours of working within the community to raise awareness of the issues.

Workshops commence on July 8 and will be held over the next four weeks at Avoca Beach, Copacabana, Umina (Ocean Beach) and Wamberal.

Twenty-five trainees are required for the program.

If you would like to participate you may contact Gosford Council's environmental planner Brad Sneddon on 4325 8847.

Jeannie Lawson operates Uminabased eco-tourism business, Harmony Visions, which already conducts rock platform walks at local beaches.

Her business will help sponsor the project with on-going assistance after the workshops.

Several walks are planned for the coming weeks.

For more information, phone her on 43414291.

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# Fault disrupts judo and theatre plans

**A structural fault discovered in the upper floor of the Peninsula Community Centre has closed part of the centre.**

It has disrupted activities of the Woy Woy Judo Club and delayed the start to building the Woy Woy Little Theatre.

Gosford councillor Lynne Bockholt said both she and the mayor Chris Holstein were extremely concerned at the unfortunate turn of events.

The area currently used by the Woy Woy Judo Club has been closed resulting in the club having to either suspend its activities or relocate.

The club is hoping to host Japanese visitors in four weeks.

Final plans for the Little Theatre were withdrawn before approval so that repairs to the community centre could be made at the same time the theatre is built.

A saving to council of between 10 and 15 per cent is expected by combining the two projects.

The new plans will be put to the committee on the evening of June 21, as this paper goes to press.

If agreed to, they will move on to the next stage as soon as possible, with building expected to start by the end of the year, according to Cr Bockholt.

The renovated complex will also include additional space for The Web, the centre's popular teenage drop in centre.

Cr Bockholt said: "The delay to the theatre is unfortunate but the cost saving from doing the two together is significant.

"The improved community centre will be of benefit to a wide cross section of the community and the judo club are pleased with the proposed arrangements for them."

Cec Bucello, June20



## Performance prizes for Laura

**Thirteen year old Peninsula girl Laura Haddadi has won prizes in the 1999 McDonald's City of Sydney Performing Arts Challenge this month.**

She won second prize for Recital in Costume and third prize for Impromptu Speech.

The Challenge is the largest competitive festival of its kind in the world, with a broad range of events to encourage development of artistic, elocutionary and creative skills.

It offers a platform for the qualified assessment of ability and nurtures an interest in the arts.

First held in 1933 as the City

of Sydney Eisteddford, the name was changed in 1993 to keep pace with Australia's changing cultural environment.

The event draws entries from contestants throughout New South Wales and is highly competitive.

Laura is a member of the Peninsula Dance and Theatre School and is trained by Margaret Denman at the Peninsula Community Centre.

The school did extremely well overall and principal Angela Denman was extremely proud of the overall results achieved.

Cec Bucello, June 13

## Bad timing for judo at Woy Woy

**For Woy Woy Judo Club, the closure of its rooms could not have come at a worse time.**

Some 40 judo players from Japan are due to visit the club in five weeks time.

Club secretary Lindy Simmons said: "We are a community based organisation.

We receive no other funding and we cannot afford to go anywhere else." Woy Woy Judo Club has been operating from the Peninsula Community Centre since its opening in 1975.

It has more than 40 members with training three times a week.

In 1995, Council inspectors advised the club that the floor of the room was sagging.

The council provided timber and, after fundraising, the club purchased the remaining materials required and provided the labour to carry out repairs.

## Theatre supporters strive for optimism

**Supporters of the Woy Woy Little Theatre project are striving to maintain their optimism in the face of this latest delay for them.**

"We have been granted funding of \$700,000 and we have been given the site by Council," said theatre spokesperson Pat Gilroy.

She said promises had first been made 39 years ago.

"After 39 years, we are still waiting and we are becoming rather cynical." The Little Theatre group is hoping to build an intimate style theatre with seating capacity of around 120.

Theatre treasurer Barbara Hickey said: "There are differing opinions from our members on the style the theatre should take, but support seems to be for a facility similar to the Nimrod." The group is keen to keep construction as simple and cost effective as possible.

"Council has provided us with a perfect location, ideal for parking and advertising," said Ms Hickey.

"They have undertaken to provide us with a concept plan for our members to discuss yet the longer they take the more the project is going to cost.

"It is very frustrating"

The Little Theatre sees itself as encouraging and meeting a genuine need for artistically-oriented members of the Peninsula community, particularly young people.

The group believed continuing delays were working against this.

"We hoped the building would commence in March this year and by now have a possible completion date.

"Now we have no idea.

"Tenders will need to be filled, paperwork processed.

"I honestly can't see construction starting until next year."

Kerry Friend, June 16

## Good year for Rotary

**The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has had a good year, according to outgoing president Mr Charles Brock.**

The club raised \$47,619 for many worthwhile causes locally and to organisations providing special services to help this and neighboring areas.

Major recipients included Parkinson's NSW Inc (\$6200), Ocean Beach SLSC and Umina SLSC (\$5250 each).

Other groups to benefit included

CAPS and Woy Woy Community Aged Care (\$5250 each), Childflight (\$4740), Drug Arm Bus (\$3000) and The Staples Lookout Project (\$1700).

Many other causes also received donations from the club.

The club's world theme for the last 12 months was "Follow your Rotary Dream".

The local theme was "Let's make the Peninsula a better place to live in".

## Two new businesses start under NEIS

**Two new businesses have been started on the Peninsula under the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS).**

Fiona OToole of Woy Woy has started Fiona Rose Photography, specialising in pet portrait photography.

Ben Craft has established Cycle Gardens, a bush regeneration gardening service.

The NEIS program includes a six-week training course in small business management, preparation of a business plan, provision of a mentor and general advice and support for new companies over the first 12 months of operation.

Fiona said: "I wouldn't have hit lift-off without the NEIS Scheme.

"The six-week course is really intense.

It taught me fundamentals of business, pricing and research."

A prerequisite of NEIS was that businesses met a niche market "There wasn't a local pet photographer around," said Fiona.

"I thought: why not?" Ben said his gardening service removed weeds and restructured gardens so that native plants were not displaced.

Ben said: "The NEIS training has helped a lot, particularly in the administrative side of my business.

"I submit a statement to my business mentor every three months and can discuss any problems that may occur.

"The support is really valuable." The NEIS program is administered by Coastal Employment Services and funded by the Federal Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business.

Further information is available on 4322 0699.

## Umina High students are off to Uluru

**On Friday, June 25 students and parents from Umina High will undertake the school's third camping tour to central Australia.**

The trip will be for three weeks and will visit five states, including for the first time, several days in western Australia.

They will be visiting: tourist attractions including Uluru, Kakadu National Park, Alice Springs, Darwin, Stockman's Hall of fame and Katherine.

## New baby

**Crafts Cafe proprietor, Luke Bailey and wife Ann-Marie are delighted to announce the arrival of their third child late on June 11.**

The new arrival, Blake Jacob, is their third child but is their first boy.

## Call for alternative tips

**Cr Steve Row has asked that Gosford Council be advised of any forward plans about the provision of new landfill sites including Woytip.**

He has also suggested new sites have facilities such as crushing of bricks, disposal of green waste and recycling.

"I am currently advised (that) study results indicate a life expectancy of the Woy Woy tip site to the year 2008 but this figure may come down to 2007 or 2005 because of increased requirements in terms of clay covering of rubbish deposited at tips." Cr Row said he believed it would take five years to establish alternative tip sites.

"That being the case, it is essential that an area be identified soon," he said.

A possible location for a new site could be on the Somersby plateau.

Cr Row said that, if a new site at Somersby was approved, a transfer station at West Gosford

would be required.

Cr Lynne Bockholt said a meeting she attended late last year with citizens and council officers was not very helpful.

"I asked quite a few questions but got no answers," she said.

"There was absolute total distress at the meeting at Woy Woy.

Most people were unhappy about what's been happening at Woy Woy tip over the last 25 years.

"Things are getting slightly better, but it's slow." Cr Robert Bell suggested that the ongoing space problems with local landfill sites be a matter for urgent consideration.

Council's director of Development and Environment said the Central Coast Waste Planning and Management Board had engaged a company to undertake a study.

A detailed report is scheduled for submission in October this year, said the director



## Chamber News

# Local government elections are important

**There are interesting and important times ahead for the Peninsula and Gosford City as a whole.**

This September is the local government elections, which perhaps in many ways are more important to our community than either the State or Federal elections.

Decisions made at a local level have more impact on our lifestyle and quality of life than any other form of government and therefore deserve our close attention.

In recent years the Chamber of Commerce has been well pleased with the level of support from.

our local councillors.

The pro-active roll played by Council on the Peninsula has seen much progress made on important issues which directly affect our lives.

These issues include youth facilities (such as The Web and the PCYC), road works (such as the Woy Woy Rail/Bus Interchange), drainage and most importantly for the Chamber, the town centre upgrades.

The Chamber will continue to take an active roll in the evolution of the Peninsula community by advocating carefully planned and sustainable development of our business and residential areas.

The Chamber especially welcomes the pro-active roll taken by our Mayor, Cr Chris Holstein, who has taken a particular interest in the Peninsula and the exciting activities that have been evolving in our community.

The Chamber looks forward to working with the Mayor in the future

and wishes him every success in the September elections.

The upcoming local government elections are important for us all to ensure that our community is fully and fairly represented.

The Chamber will look on with interest over the coming months.

Renewal area DCP Gosford City Council has now adopted the draft Development Control Plan for the Woy Woy Renewal Area of the Woy Woy town centre.

This plan has undergone an extensive and exhaustive public consultation process and has been supported by the Chamber.

Congratulations to the Woy Woy Village Renewal Committee which instigated the process.

Now that its work is done, the members should be well pleased with a Development Control Plan that will enable the town centre to develop and progress into the next century with guidelines that will encourage innovative redevelopment initiatives.

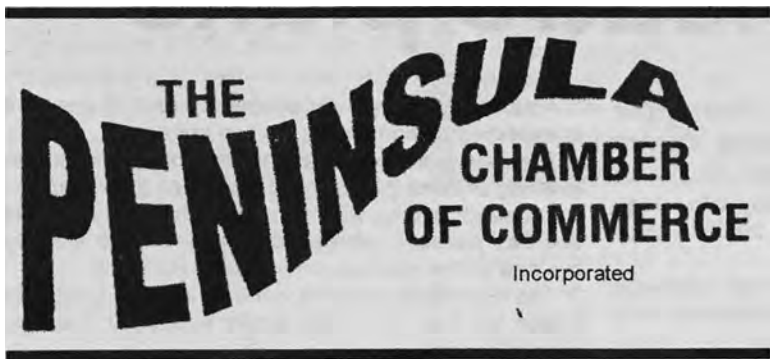
### Building surge

It is exciting to see a resurgence in the building industry on the Peninsula.

This is especially so on The Esplanade where there are over 30 IUXury units being constructed between Kourung Street to the north and Augusta Street to the south.

The new unit developments are largely replacing old and dilapidated dwellings that have stood for many years waiting for the market to catch up.

The Esplanade activity bodes



well for the local industry and our members in the building trades.

The building surge is also having an effect on local land prices with real estate agents reporting substantial price increases and a decided shortage of available unit sites.

### Fast ferry update

The supplementary reports for the Ettalong Beach to Sydney Fast Ferry have now been lodged with Gosford City Council for assessment.

It is understood that the reports will soon be placed on public exhibition for a period of 21 days during which time submissions will be received by Council.

It is important that the community and businesses put their support behind the project.

The ferry service is tantalisingly close and will have profound long term benefits for the Peninsula.

While the development has "deferred development consent", the supplementary reports provide additional information on issues such as parking, coastal engineering and refuelling.

### Town upgrade

Works are progressing in Ettalong Beach with the upgrading under Council's Financial Strategy funding.

The traffic calming works adjacent to the Ettalong Beach Senior Citizens Centre in Broken Bay Rd-Karingi St are due to start this month and will include stencilled road paving, footpath repaving and new landscaping to highlight Karingi Street as one of the main entry points to Ettalong Beach.

Ettalong Beach town centre has certainly improved in a substantial way from five years ago.

The dedicated work by the Ettalong Beach Heritage Committee should be acknowledged for these successes and the Chamber will continue to support the upgrading through its representatives on the Ettalong Beach CBD Building Committee.

### Parking restored

After long negotiations, the Chamber and the Main Street Program have finally succeeded in convincing Council to restore the

kerb side parking in West Street between J&B Meats and Deep Water Surf.

The reconstruction works involved the restoration of kerb side parking on weekdays and Saturday mornings with removable bollards that can be moved out to the road shoulder to allow outdoor eating on Saturday afternoons and Sundays.

This has proved to be a welcome compromise following the controversial works completed several years ago which severely restricted parking in this area.

### Umina upgrade

There are continuing concerns by the Chamber with the further upgrade works in the Umina Beach town centre.

Council plans to push ahead with a further five raised pedestrian crossings in West Street and side streets including Oscar Street and Bullion Street.

The Chamber opposes the raised crossings following the ongoing traffic problems associated with the current raised crossing.

The pedestrian crossings should be "paved" at grade instead.

The Chamber will continue to advocate for the appointment of an independent planning consultant to review the Umina Beach town centre plan so as to ensure that an integrated approach is taken to the planning of the town centre.

**Matthew Wales, President**

# Spectacular planned for business award presentations

**The Business Awards Gala Presentation night will be held on Friday, July 2, at 7pm at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.**

The evening is planned to be a spectacular night of dining, entertainment and dancing.

The evening is to be hosted by Jenifer Green and Wayne Cornell of G'Day Hollywood and knowing Jenifer and Wayne/there will be a little bit of 'Hollywood' on the night.

Also, Irish comedian, Sean Kramer and the 'All Star' Orchestra will be there on the night.

The winners of the categories in the Business Awards will be announced with the Business of Year being presented with a \$1000 worth of advertising from the Sun Weekly and \$500 gift voucher from Retravisin Umina.

The winner of the Business Award raffle will be drawn on the night of the presentation and the winner will receive a \$500 gift voucher from Mitre 10 Umina.

The winner of the nomination form draw will win a weekend package in Sydney staying at the Nikko Hotel Darling Harbour thanks to Tony Arico Travel Deepwater Plaza Woy Woy.

The Business Awards is sponsored by Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, The Sun Newspaper, Mitre 10 Hardware

Specialists, Retravisin Umina, Gosford City Council and Rotary Club Umina.

Many thanks to all who participated in the Business Awards and best wishes to the finalists on the night.

### New businesses

Waters edge Woy Woy Motel in the Bayside Centre, The Boulevard, has been fully renovated to a 17 high quality motel-style rooms.

The Motel completes a complex of businesses, the Watersedge Gift & Tourist Information Centre, the Bait & Tackle and Cjays Restaurant.

Congratulations to Tony Altavilla and his partners for completing a lovely renovation.

Contact Peter Chippindale for more information on 4341 2888.

Lotza Sweetz 'N Treatz opened recently in Oceanview Road, Ettalong Beach.

Lachlan and Rana have a full array of nuts and lollies as well as gifts for all ages.

But be warned, once you enter, you won't be able to resist buying some yummy nibbles!! Open 7 days.

Ph: 4344 1411 Kirby's Discount Variety Store on Ocean View Rd, Ettalong Beach, supplies just about everythng from shoes to



doorknockers at discount prices.

Doug and Colleen open their store Monday to Saturday.

For more infQrmation, phone 43429933.

The Rocks Gourmet Sandwich Shop can be found by following the beautiful aroma of homemade soups and gourmet sandwiches.

Located in the Rocks Arcade at Ettalong Beach, Del can make you just about anything from the ~,umble cheese and tomato sandwich to the exotic filled foccacia.

Pacific Hair Design in Pacific Avenue, Ettalong Beach, has a new owner in Paul O'Sullivan.

He has made numerous improvements to the business and has employed four new staff members.

Paul is open six days a week and you can phone 43 41 2580 or email pacifichair@bigpond.com for more information.

Ettalong Family Butchery in Pacific Avenue, Ettalong Beach, sees Dave Sloane retire after many years in the business.

Dave and Wendy had a send off drink with the Ettalong Beach retailers a few weeks back and tells us he will travel to his hometown in New Zealand for a few months.

The business has been taken over by Dave's colleague, Colin Schofield.

Best Wishes Colin on your new venture.

Cupids World of Beauty have a new selection of businesses within a business.

New nail artist Vivienne's Nails comes with 15 years experience and Tracie's Body Care offering facials, massage and waxing.

But, have you seen the new selection of fancy dress upstairs? There are lots of fun outfits to choose from for that mad party coming up.

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**GOSSIP BUSTERS ...**

Kerry Packer is not building a casino at Ettalong Beach nor are Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman buying a penthouse at the Ettalong Resort.

Yes, the jet Bell helicopter that landed the other week at Ettalong Beach was Rene Rivkin's and No, the new Rolls Royce in the main street was not his.

Would the real owner please contact this office and dispel the rumours.

No, the Ettalong Fast Ferry is not as big as the Exxon Valdez and Yes, it will allow room for other vessels in the channel.

No, Coles are not buying up all the land behind G&B Hardware at Umina Beach! Yes, Council has approved five more raised pedestrian crossings in the town centre.

*Cheers for now...  
Debra Wales*



## Celeste is commended

**Local hairdresser Celeste Carlson won a highly commended award at the recent L'Oreal Australia Colour Trophy award.**

Celeste, 23, the owner of Celestial Hair, Body and Beauty salon, in Woy Woy won the commendation in her third year of trying.

The commendation placed her entry in the top 10 in the state, she said.

"The competition was very strong, there were thousands of entries and some of the competitors

have international reputations."

The competition judges relied on a photographic series sent in by the competitors showing each stage of the design.

Competitors had to design a hairstyle for a woman between the age of 18 and their late 20s and the photographic standard had to be good enough to appear on fashion magazines such as Marie Claire, said Celeste.

"It was a team effort from all my staff at the salon, from the apprentices to my senior staff and we were thrilled to have won the award," she said.



## Rivkin buys into Ettalong resort

**High profile stockbroker Rene Rivkin has bought into the Ettalong Beach Club Resort.**

Mr Rivkin said that, while his main investment focus was the stock market, there was always room for some property investment in a balanced portfolio.

"Investing in Ettalong offers triple benefit - regular return on investment, a chance for real capital gain over time and a place to holiday every year.

"For my part, it's money well invested," Mr Rivkin said.

So far, 90 of the 228 strata title hotel apartments at resort have been sold, with a further 12 under contract.

Sales and marketing director Mr. Ric King said off-the-plan sales totalled over \$19 million.

"A mixture of local and Sydney based investors have bought at the resort, with about a third being from the Central Coast while the remaining two thirds are white collar professionals from Sydney.

"We are extremely happy with the response to date that the resort has received from investors."

Mr King said the Ettalong Beach Club Resort offered investors a forecasted minimum seven per cent return on investment over the first four years by way of a \$3 million rent guarantee."

The resort had the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club as its foundation, he said.

The club had 17,000 members, an annual turnover of \$18 million, a 20 per cent profit per annum and outside membership visitors of 140,000 yearly.

With the backing of the club, it was not expected that the \$3 million rent guarantee fund would need to be used, Mr King said.

He expected Ettalong Beach Club Resort would open in late 2000.

## Creative writing class held at Woy Woy

**A creative writing class will be held at the CWA Building in Woy Woy, opposite Fisherman's Wharf, every Thursday for eight weeks from July 29.**

In the writing group, they hear and comment constructively on each other's work.

Organised by Kincumber Adult and Community Education Centre, the aim is to get the writers published within the year.

New members are asked to

bring along something they have written, if possible.

There are no tests or examinations.

Members are serious in their pursuit of excellence, but enjoy plenty of fun in the process.

To join, please write to Kincumber Community Centre, PO Box 6300, Kincumber 2251, or ring 4369 1187, 4369 1888 or 4369 4276 during the enrolment period July 19-23, from 9.30a.m to 2.30pm.

**Hugh Roberts**

## Council papers to go on the web

**Cr Geoff Row has asked council officers to consider putting Council Business Papers on the Internet.**

More of the community now had access to the Internet and it seemed appropriate that council business papers should be electronically accessible, said council officers.

The officers said: "The general community is becoming more interested in local government matters and council has shown over the last couple of years a willingness to communicate better with the community that it serves."

Council manager, Mr Hart, said documents for publication on the Internet will need re-engineering to take account of the difference between Internet, and hard copy

reading.

Mr Hart said he expected a user friendly Internet version to be available in June next year.

The director said a Web Steering Committee has formed to manage the redevelopment of council's existing web site.

The director said council publications targeted for electronic dissemination include council's regular Agenda, the Annual Report to Ratepayers, Corporate Plan, State of the Environment Report, Plans of Management for Coastal Wetlands, Land Management Strategies and associated council policies.

All these reports were currently available from council for public perusal.

**Carl Spears**

## Drug-proofing program is planned

**A program on "Drug Proofing Your Kids" will be launched at the Woy Woy High School on July 22 at 7.30pm.**

The public meeting will be held by the Peninsula Christian Life Centre, in conjunction with the Peninsula Community Forum.

Pastor John McCaskie, who has been trained as a facilitator by "Focus on Family", will chair the meeting.

The program is already established in Victoria and Queensland.

It is designed to raise issues of drug awareness, symptoms and effects, the right choices to make, parenting skills and where to obtain help in relationship to drugs.

Guest speakers will be anti-drug campaigner entertainer, Normie Rowe, and Angela Wood.

There will be a question and answer forum available for parents

to seek more information about the program.

From the meeting, it is hoped to establish the first of four courses to be held around the coast in early August.

Pastor John McCaskie explained that from the four courses each year, the program will be able to reach 200 parents and give them assistance in identifying and helping them with their children's drug problems.

The first of the six week course will be held at the Umina Beach Tea Room Centre behind the library in West St.

The Peninsula Community Forum will sponsor the program through the Peninsula Community Forum Trust Fund.

The Trust Fund has previously funded other worthwhile community projects, such as The Web in conjunction with the Woy

Woy Leagues Club.

However, the Forum is seeking sponsorship from other organisations to be a part of this community program.

All sponsor logos will be clearly displayed on the evening and subsequent courses.


Forum spokesperson Debra Wales said: "This is an extremely worthwhile community project which focuses on assisting parents in being aware of how to deal with drug issues.

"Many programs focus on the youth with little assistance to parents who often struggle to come to grips with drug related problems."


Debra anticipates a big response to the program and expects that it will become a pilot for other communities in the Gosford city area.

**Debra Wales**


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## Mayor for a day: Justin's winning entry

Here is the text of the entry that Justin O'Donoghue wrote to win the opportunity to "Mayor for the Day":

### What I like about living on the Central Coast.

I have lived on the Central Coast nearly all my life.

I was born at Gosford District Hospital, and I have grown to love our beaches and recreation areas.

I think we have a good education system up here and great further tertiary educational facilities at Ourimbah University.

Our public transport system has been greatly improved and makes commuting quicker, easier and safer.

What I dislike about living on the Central Coast .

The main thing I dislike about living on the Central coast is the lack of facilities for the youth that wish to excel and make something of their lives.

We seem to be very focussed on the "under-achievers" and "drug addicts", who I do understand need support, but the everyday young person who wants to succeed finds it very difficult and has to struggle all the way.

If I were mayor for the day I would change ...

If I were mayor for the day, I would authorise immediately construction of multi-storey commuter car park facilities next to every main Central Coast railway station.

Gosford and Woy Woy would be my first priority as there is a great lack of commuter parking in these areas due to the increase in residents on the Peninsula.

What I think are the main issues affecting young people of the Central Coast I feel the main issues affecting the you are unemployment and youth suicide.

I believe the Central Coast needs to increase its industrial diversity to keep up with other smaller cities and its ever-growing population.

The answer is: the more businesses, the more jobs, the less unemployed, the lower the youth suicide.

By the Year 2005, young people on the Central Coast will ...

I am going to answer this question in a positive way and say that in the year 2005, young people will be able to actually choose a job they want rather than having to accept a job they may not be interested in.

After the Olympics in 2000, the Central Coast will receive the positive repercussions, like increased industry and tourism.

At last the youth of the Central Coast will be able to choose what field they would like to pursue and still stay on the Coast, rather than having to travel to Sydney or other industrial places.

## I was mayor for a day

Recently I entered a competition to be Mayor for a Day.

I was lucky enough to win the competition, and I was Mayor for the Day on Wednesday, April 28.

The day started at 7-45 am with the mayor Cr Chris Holstein picking me up and then we went to collect the Deputy Mayor for the Day, Chris O'Rourke from St. Edwards.

Our first stop was a "Youth Speak" at Niagara Park where the mayor said a few words.

We then drove to Wamberal for a photo shoot .

Avoca was next on our list, where we surveyed the flood damage from the high seas.

By Justin O'Donoghue

We then went to the Council Chambers where the mayor showed us around and we discussed various issues relating to the youth of the Central Coast .

The mayor then took us to lunch at a nice restaurant in Gosford, which we enjoyed.

As part of my role as Mayor for the Day, I was to chair the Mock Council Meeting that afternoon, so we concentrated on learning how this was done, so that when the meeting was held I was familiar with the procedure.

By that time it was 4pm and the

Council meeting was due to start.

This meeting went for two hours where we discussed every thing from entertainment to roads in the area.

I really enjoyed chairing this meeting and after seeing what goes on I am now looking at joining the Youth Council of Gosford.

I enjoyed being Mayor for the Day, and learnt a great deal about different aspects of the job, both the larks and perks, plus the difficulties that may arise within Council.

Mayor Chris Holstein was a good host and I feel that he is working very hard towards achieving more benefits for the youth on the Central Coast.

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## History and heritage

# Excellent weather for fun run

**Umina High School's cross country carnival and fun run was held in excellent weather on the morning of Thursday, May 20.**

A total of 503 competitors lined up at Ocean Beach SLSC to participate in the annual School Golden Circle sponsored carnival. The course was 4.4km return loop along the beach and Esplanade to Ettalong.

The SRC did a wonderful job of providing a barbecue for the participants, officials and volunteers.

All competitors also received a sample bag of Golden Circle products including juice and fruit packs.

All students participated in the spirit of the event and some excellent individual performances were recorded.

All runners who finished in the top eight for their age group were selected to participate in the school cross country team to compete at the Brisbane Water Zone Carnival on Monday, May 31.

Of the runners, 209 students were sponsored and, being so, having raised money for Camp Quality for children with cancer, Environmental Education and for the school to purchase new sporting equipment.

These students also have secured for themselves prizes depending on the amount of

money they raised.

Results: Overall Champions: Boys, Adam Love 16 min 37 sec; Girls, Katherine Peksis 19 min 24 sec Age Champions Boys: 12 years Simon Hoyland, 13 years Chris Paterson, 14 years Kristian Shepherd, 15 years Joseph Parmeter, 16 years Adam Love, 17+ years Grant Brisbin.

Age Champions Girls: 12 years Kiera Pride, 13 years Kristy Hewitt, 14 years Ashley Knott, 15 years Katherine Peksis, 16 years Leah Langford, 17+ years KirriAnne Robinson.

House Points Results: Crommelin 232 points, Webb 229, Davis 216, Booker 204.

Miss P Williams



## Focus on bullying and harassment

**Earlier this term, both Year 8 and Year 9 students from Woy Woy High were invited to attend a play "The Hurting Game" as part of their work focussing on bullying and harassment.**

"The Hurting Game" is about friendship, what we need from our friends and what happens when our friends don't behave in a friendly fashion.

It is about two friends and looks at when they get older and how outside influences and other kids can have an impact on friendship.

Through humorous and dramatic role plays it shows how to overcome the aggression and thoughtlessness, increase student's confidence and learn to listen and support one another.

"The Hurting Game" is a Brainstorm Production and they have won the NSW Performing Arts Frater Award in 1996, 1997, and 1998 for best feedback from

schools' category.

The Domestic Violence Unit from Central Coast Health sponsored the show to allow the students to see the performance.

For Year 8 students, this forms part of their welfare program for the year.

They saw this play, then attended a series of workshops over the term looking at various bullying and harassment issues.

This program culminates with another production "Sticks and Stones" at the end of this term.

Year 9 saw the play, following up on last year's "Sticks and Stones" performance, for no charge.

For further information contact Woy Woy High School.

These productions and workshops are of great benefit to students, form a vital part of their education and should not be missed.

## Variety night concerts

**Woy Woy High's annual Variety Night concerts were held on June 7 and 8, providing a showcase for the many talented students at our school.**

Highlights of the show included students who emulated John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John with a spirited performance of "Greased Lighting".

Shandara Hill gave a sweet and haunting rendition of "More Than Words".

Jacinta Pound and Charmaine Samsley performed in the Year 9 Drama class act.

The Robinson twins gave a multi-talented performance.

All the acts were well received by the capacity audience made up of parents, friends and other community members.

Staff members who gave up free time after school and on weekends included Mr Murray and Mrs Herdman, Mr Frost and Mrs Baker.

## Another top fund-raising run

**Woy Woy South Public School has raised \$16,351 from a fun run program held early in Term 2.**

Money received through the sponsorship of the children is distributed to Camp Quality and the Environment Education Association.

In 1998, the school was recognised as the top fundraising primary school in New South Wales.

This year's Golden Circle School Fun Run came after an amount of pre-event fitness training across all years in the school.

Another charity supported by the school is the Red Cross.

An emergency appeal went out for the newly-arrived refugees from the war-torn province of Kosovo.

The school community responded with the donation of basic toiletry and laundry items to make the refugees' stay in Australia more comfortable.

## Celebration

A Winter Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 27, at the Gnostic Forest spiritual shop at Woy Woy.

Attending will be Central Coast author Ezio De Angelis.

and sign his new book, Rainbows In The Dark



## Ferry cruise

**The Australian Ferry Society will be operating a three hour cruise on Brisbane water on July 10, retaking many of the former ferry routes in the area.**

The Society was formed in 1993 and since then has operated many successful tours.

This will be the society's first visit to the Brisbane Water.

The cruise will visit Gosford Hardy's Bay, Ettalong, Saratoga: Woy Woy, Empire Bay and many other locations.

Inquiries 9758 2248

## Work placements

**A number of Year 11 Woy Woy High School students went on hospitality industry work placement programmes with local businesses during May to see if they were suited for selected hospitality careers.**

• Amara Roberts (pictured right) spent her 40 hours studying hospitality at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital in Woy Woy.

Amara enjoyed her time at the hospital and undertook a variety

of duties including cutting vegetables, serving tea and coffee and taking the meal trolley around to patients.

Amy Lee (left) spent her time in the .hospitality area of the Woy Woy Community Aged Care Facility where she learnt to make large amounts of tea and coffee, make desserts, cut and prepare vegetables, and serve breakfast and ' morning and afternoon teas.

## Another steer donated to Umina High

**After winning ribboris for the Grand Champion Steer at this year's Royal Easter Show, Umina High is set to start again.**

Umina High's prize steer Spencer won the highest Royal Easter Show prize for a steer.

The Rotary Club of Umina gave

Spencer to the Umina High School Agricultural Department and has made another donation this year.

Rotary has given Umina High the new steer as part of its Focus on Youth program.

Past president of the Rotary Club of Umina, Mr Geoff Melville said many of the students involved

in the project worked hard.

"Many students belonging to Umina High's Cattle Club spend many hours outside of school time in caring for cattle by feeding them, grooming them and cleaning out their pens," he said.

The new steer is named Titan and is a limousin-Angus cross.

## Ettalong School news

**Morning tea Australia's Biggest Morning Tea raised \$163 at the Ettalong Public School Library on Wednesday, May 26.**

The donation has been sent to the Cancer Council.

Many parents, staff and students supported this event.

Life van appeal Ettalong Public School has joined the appeal to replace the Life Education van which was destroyed by fire recently.

An appeal has been set up to help raise the \$100,000 needed to replace the van.

Ettalong school is using its end of term Disco Dance Day to raise money for the appeal.

It will be called a \$2 & \$1 Disco Day.

Enrolments Ettalong Public School is now accepting enrolments for the year 2000.

Application forms can be

obtained from the school, in Karingi Street, or will be posted out.

Phone 4341 3655 for details.

Parents have been invited to visit the school and be shown around to see the many resources available at the school.

On Wednesday, September 1, Ettalong School will again be running its "Head Start" program.

Head Start classes are for children who will start Kindergarten in 2000.

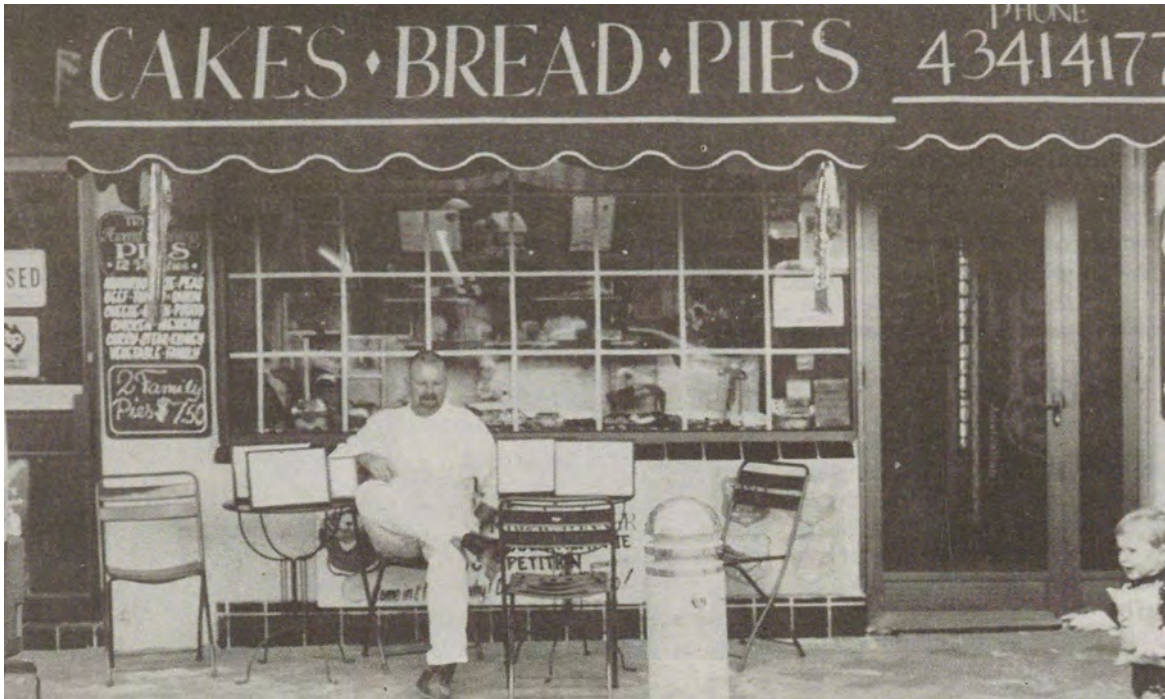
The classes help new children become familiar with the school, the teachers and their new friends, making that first day at "Big School" so much easier.

A meeting for parents to inform everyone about Head Start will be held on Tuesday, August 3, with tea and coffee at 7pm in the School Library.

Head start has run for six years at the school and has drawn favourable comments from parents.



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The competitions are in their 10th year and were held in conjunction with the Melbourne Food Service Exhibition at the Exhibition Centre.

They are regarded as the most prestigious pie competitions in Australia and over 1000 entries were received from around Australia.

The medals won by Bremen Patisserie were a silver in the Chicken Gourmet category and a bronze for their lamb and curry gourmet pie.

This follows their four bronze medals in 1998 and their silver in the most competitive plain pie category in 1997.

Bremen also won a first prize at the Sydney Royal Easter Show this year for their baking.

Proud proprietor Ron Bruns said: "I learned my craft from a master craftsman in Bremen, Germany.

and combined this with what has been learned in Australia to produce my famous pies.

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Cec Bucello, May 26

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# Choir plans concert

**The Peninsula Choir will hold its 1999 concert at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club auditorium on Sunday, August 8, at 2.30pm.**

Along with the talents of the Peninsula choir, this year, the concert will feature entertainer, Jenifer Green singing a number of well known gospel songs.

The Peninsula School of Dance will also feature in some of the

performances.

Tickets can be purchased from the Ettalong Beach Club at \$12 for adults, \$8 for concession and children under 12 are free.

The concert is to raise money for the Ministers' Fraternal to support the appointment of scripture teachers at the Peninsula High Schools.

Debra Wales, spokesperson for the Peninsula Community Forum, said: "It is a pleasure to be able to

help the Peninsula Choir organise their concert.

"They raise money for this worthwhile project year after year. With the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club's support, they are able to raise extra funds this year."

Any inquiries regarding the concert can be made to Debra at the Peninsula Main Street Program office on 4342 7510.

## Club forms flexible training partnership

**The Ettalong Beach Club has formed a partnership with Ourimbah College of TAFE and will offer Level 3 traineeships and Level 4 Certificate courses in Hospitality from July.**

Initially 15 existing staff members will undertake the Level 4 Certificate course, while 10 staff members will commence traineeships.

The club has also taken this opportunity to employ five people from the community as trainees, assisting these people in starting a career in Hospitality.

The courses have been developed with the assistance of

Helen Ward, the head teacher of the Food & Beverage Division of Ourimbah TAFE.

A feature of both courses is that they allow flexibility for each student to fit the course around their work commitments.

The club had found that long hours and shift work had precluded many staff from undertaking tertiary education.

The courses will be conducted over 12 months, requiring the participants to undertake training on the TAFE campus as well as on site at the club.

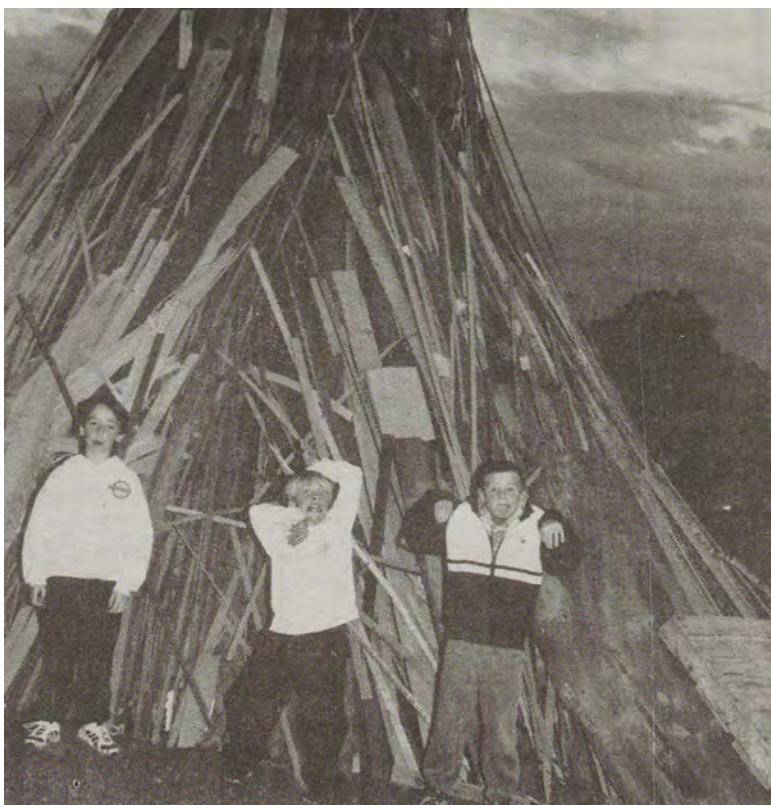
The partnership developed by the club and the Food & Beverage Division of Ourimbah TAFE will enable students to complete

their training within 12 months in modern, state-of-the-art facilities, as well as working in one of the most advanced clubs in NSW.

The development of this program has secured full time employment for 15 Central Coast residents.

Following the initial training course, it is envisaged a further 15 traineeships will be available in the new year, as well as additional educational opportunities for existing staff.

The initiative follows many months of investigation by the club of recognised training courses which allow existing staff to develop their careers.



## Bonfire was a success

**The fund-raising bonfire and fireworks display at Rogers Park held on the Queen's Birthday long weekend went extremely well, according to organiser Jenny Phillips from the Gosford and District Outside School Hours Care Organisation Presented by the Peninsula Community Centre, there were a large number of Peninsula residents enjoying the rides, food and entertainment**

before .

the fireworks and bonfire began. The outside hours school care service is used by an average of 100 children each day.

"Childcare assistance is available for families that use the centre and its ongoing service is important to help children whose parents or carers would otherwise have to leave children at home unattended while they are at work," Ms Phillips said.

Funds raised will pay for much needed equipment at the centre.  
**Cec Bucello, June 18**

## Gown made locally

Tricia Howell and Brandon Maxworthy were married recently at St.

Paul's Anglican Church at Kincumber.

The bride's gown was made by Annette Fallon of Woy Woy and the flowers are by Blackwall Rd.

Florists.

Their party are (from left): Joanne Manners, Nathan Harmen, Narelle McCarthy, Craig Flynn, Emma Welfare and Simon Chapman



## Rezoning sought to aid conservation

**Gosford Council is considering rezoning a Pearl Beach property to allow an extra dwelling, in the interests of conservation.**

The property is currently under a Conservation and Scenic Protection zoning.

The owner of the Crystal Avenue property has requested the re-zoning to enable him to build a two lot residential property.

The existing property would be divided into three lots with the third lot forming a wildlife corridor between the Crommelin Biological Research Station and the Arboretum and Brisbane Water National Park.

The proposal is strongly supported by the Station's owners, The University of Sydney.

Pearl Beach Progress Association supports the landowner, but voted unanimously that if the property is ever sold that Council should purchase it for future addition to the Arboretum.

Gosford Council says at current market rates of about \$800,000, the property would be too expensive for them to buy.

The ongoing management of the wildlife corridor would probably be undertaken by Sydney University.

**Carl Spears**

## Peninsula secures safer towns program

**The Peninsula will benefit from a two-year \$96,000 grant from the State Government under the Safer Towns and Cities Program.**

A pilot program will be set up on the Peninsula, to be used by Gosford Council to implement the program in the longer term across the city.

The project aims to develop a local.

crime prevention plan for endorsement by the Attorney General and implementation as a Safer Community Compact.

The principal aim of the local

crime prevention plan will be the development of a coordinated multi-agency strategy that engages all relevant local services to prevent and reduce crimes of concern to the local community.

The Peninsula Community Forum developed the application in conjunction with Gosford City Council in May 1998 with funding being allocated in March 1999.

Council will soon advertise for a project coordinator to oversee the project and form the Peninsula sub-committee for the Pilot Program.

The sub-committee will be based on the Community Forum task group that initiated the

application to the Attorney General.

Forum spokesperson Debra Wales said: "The application arose as a result of a safety audit conducted by the Community Forum in March 1998.

"When funds became available through the Attorney General's Department, we thought that this would be an ideal opportunity to prepare a local crime prevention program utilising the wide range of talents and resources available on the Peninsula.

"Gosford City Council assisted the Forum with the application and became the sponsor for the program."

## Public comments released

**Gosford Council's general manager has publicly released comments from the Umina Workshop of the Gosford City Management Plan (GCMP) 1999-2004.**

The GCMP includes the documents; the Draft Corporate Plan, interim Capital Works Program, Council's Recurrent and Operational Budget, State of the Environment Report and Revenue Policy.

The Umina Public Workshop members agreed that there was more need for evening and weekend workshops to cater for commuters who want involvement in the public workshop.

The workshop complimented Gosford Council on its good customer relations and they were happy with the continued use of live telephone operators as opposed to code operated electronic reception (entering numbers on the telephone keypad

to reach certain departments).

Also, members of the workshop showed concern that the public had a perception council made decisions without enough opportunity for the community to become involved.

Council's general manager said: "Confidential meetings are generally only held for issues that are commercial in-confidence.

"Community involvement is encouraged and the community is also encouraged to write to or contact council concerning issues they want investigated," he said.

Members of the workshop raised questions about the water quality of the Everglades lagoon and the reasons for its contamination.

The last exhibition period for the GCMP was between April 16 and May 14.

The documents were available from Council's public enquiry counter and Peninsula libraries.

The workshop meeting was at Umina in late April.

## Safety alarms donated

**Ettalong real estate agents Iffiands have purchased 40 personal security alarms for clients of local aged care service Complete Care.**

"Our organisation spends a substantial amount on advertising every year," said agency spokesperson Michelle Hart.

"We wanted to become more involved in the community, spending our money in a more

effective manner than just putting a sign up in someone's foyer." "We deal with a great number of older people in our business.

"They have very definite needs and this was our way of trying to assist them in a practical way," Ms. Hart stated.

The alarms were designed to be carried by individuals, were simple to operate and provided reassurance for individual safety





Pictured are Lesley Meyers and Keith Tovey of Umina who tied the knot on June 13 at the Japanese gardens at East Gosford.

Their reception was held at the Ocean Beach Waterfront Restaurant at Umina where this photograph was taken by Bowens Photographics of Woy Woy.

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While pretty ordinary culinary experiences may still exist in some registered clubs, many have realised that to succeed, a competitive edge is mandatory. Ettalong Beach Club recognised this fact a long time ago and has made it policy, to listen to its patrons and modify its catering facilities to satisfy changing customer needs.

One of the messages, which came through in customer surveys, was the need for a

more flexible and upmarket style of food and service - from this, the club's A la carte restaurant was born. Heading the restaurant's food preparation team, is Executive Chef, Arthur Hassett, whose credentials within the industry are outstanding. Arthur's many awards and medals of excellence endorse his commitment to the provision of fine food, creativity and distinctive presentation. His resume is a testimony to his accomplishments and experience.



Arthur's creativity peaks each Friday & Saturday night, when the restaurant presents its specialty nights. A range of entrees and main courses, encompassing the best from land and sea are on offer, while the dessert menu promises Nirvana for sweet-tooths.

A timely addition to the club's facilities is the café style lunch menu available Monday to Friday from 11.30am. The club saw the need to provide

healthy, delicious lunches for local business people, in the minimum of time. It now allows for a speedy fax or phone pre-ordering system, when time is of the essence.

Historically, Ettalong Beach Club has always been a market leader and a mainstay in the community. Its commitment to providing something a little different from, and a cut above its competitors, keeps it recognised in the industry, as one of the most innovative club's in New South Wales.

Perhaps that's why its new slogan "live a little", is so fitting.



Telephone 4341 1166



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Allison Thompson of Umina and Kim Kirby of Empire Bay take time out to paint plaster models at Ettalong Markets recently.

Library service widely available

Gosford City Council provides a free public library service to the residents of the city.

As part of this service they have a branch library at Woy Woy and Umina. Both are situated in the centre of the shopping centres and are open seven days a week. Hours are: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm except Wednesday when they are closed until 1 pm to allow for staff training and meetings; Saturday 9am to 4pm and Sundays 1 pm to 5pm. It costs nothing to join the library, but you must be 18 or over and you

must provide proof of address. Teenagers and children must have a responsible adult sign the membership card for them. Up to 10 items can be lent for three weeks. There are over 100,000 items in the collection. The central library is at Gosford which provides research facilities and local studies material as well as lending material. If you cannot come to the library because you are housebound please contact one of our branches on the following numbers and speak to the library staff to see if you are eligible for our housebound service. They can also supply information about Storytime, access to the Internet, photocopy facilities and much more. Call Woy Woy branch, in Blackwall Road, on 4341 3808, and Umina branch, in West St, on 4341 9899. Library Services Manager Mr Alan Flores said: "Overall loans for the whole library system have been static for the last two years at one million, though there is a slight upward trend for this year." Loans for the two branch libraries on the Peninsula had dropped in the last

eight months. Umina was down from a top of 20,316 in last July to 17,246 in February. Woy Woy had dropped from 14,406 to 12,920 for the same period. "The trend for both branch libraries is now rising," Mr Flores said. He said membership was about 40% of the population, with about 8000 people registering as new members each year across the city. Internet usage is heavy with computers being booked for the majority of time available. Storytime is well patronised. Up to 25 children and their parents attend each session. Gosford Council meeting business papers are available at each branch library before each meeting. Back copies are not kept at the branches but copies are kept at the central library. Material on display for comment is returned to the Council Chambers when the period of display is finished. The reason for this is limited space at the branches.

A link to cyberspace

Umina Library provides Peninsula residents and visitors with their own link to cyberspace. The Library provides a highly popular internet access service. Available during normal library hours, participants are able to surf the net at the rate of \$2.50 for half an hours usage and an additional

20c per page should if printing is required. Library staff advises the service is in constant demand and advance bookings are essential. Nor only is the net used for research, but it is highly popular with tourists to send and receive email from their holiday destination. All inquiries should be directed to the library on 4341 9899.

Request for levy relief

Cr Lynne Bockholt has requested council to waive kerb, gutter and footpath contributions for residents near the proposed Police Community Youth Club in Osborne Avenue, Umina. "At the two public meetings held to discuss the club, there were no loud objections to the project but there was concern over extra traffic, parking and so forth," she

said. "At both these meetings, residents requested a traffic management plan and kerb and guttering, never dreaming they would have to contribute financially. "There are exceptional circumstances here because the only reason for the kerb and guttering is to allow the youth centre to operate efficiently," she said.

How to build a frog pond in your garden

Having a frog pond full of frogs in your backyard is a joy few of us think of when planning our gardens. Having a frog pond is fun, allows you to do your bit for the conservation of wildlife and is a great conversation point when strolling around your garden with friends. Children can be fascinated for hours giving you a much-needed rest. Frogs can be easily attracted to your garden whether you live in the country or the city. You can design ponds for different types of frogs. There are two types of frogs, ground dwelling and tree frogs. A raised pond will only allow tree frogs in while a sunken pond will suit those frogs that like to keep their feet on the ground. A pond with a lot of vegetation such as reeds will attract swamploving frogs. Frogs will then naturally gravitate towards your pond. However, if there is a delay in colonisation, it may be due to the local population's severe depletion. If this is the case, you can introduce some locally caught tadpoles from the area. Only catch local tadpoles because the introduction of a new species to the area may have catastrophic effects on the existing populations. Most states have some protection on frogs and tadpoles, so please check with your local wildlife authorities because you may need a permit. When the tadpoles start to turn into frogs, keep the area around the pond well watered and damp. This will boost their survival chances. Frogs are nocturnal; therefore, they need some protection provided for them during the day.

You will need to add bali<, branches or rocks to the pond to allow the frogs protection when asleep. Frogs are easy to keep fed and it is a joy to see them leap at their prey. Small species of frogs can survive on fruit fly. The serious frogger can breed fruit fly for the purpose. For those of us who do not want to go to the trouble of breeding insects, frogs will eat mosquito larvae as they emerge into mosquitoes. Frogs will eat other insects such as spiders, moths, grasshoppers and so forth. However, most frogs will only eat live prey. Do not use insects sprayed with insecticide - it may be your pet frog's last meal. If your frogs are quite different in size, keep the small separated from the large. The larger frogs may eat the smaller. The actual pond building does not require a great deal of effort. You can find many books in your local library on how to build a fishpond. Make the frog pond the same way. However, it is not wise to mix fish and frogs together, as the fish will eat any frogs' eggs. Finally, frogs need to be able to get out of the pond from time to time. Therefore, make it possible for them to get out by having a stick or some such half in and half out of the water. Enjoy your frogs. They are fascinating creatures and an important part of the environment a""d best of all they will keep mosquito numbers down to let you get good nights sleep. Carl Spears

Looking for a warty fellow

Covered in warts, each capped in a tiny black spine and has a number of yellow spots, this fellow is not the sort of fellow you would want to meet in a dark alley. However, there is a group of people that would dearly love to see him, or at least hear him. The Frog and Tadpole Study Group are seeking help in finding the endangered Giant Burrowing Frog. Frogs have been around for at least 280 million years but many are now endangered. Frogs are sensitive indicators of pollution as they breathe through the skin and there has been a steady decline in frog species since the 1970s. Only the male of the Giant Burrowing Frog makes a sound. Listening for them is the best way to locate frogs. This frog makes the most noise in the breeding season on damp nights from now until March. The Giant Burrowing Frog is

most common on the Hawkesbury Sandstone such as is found in this area. He is large frog, up to 100mm in length and a dali< chocolate brown in colouring. They have a rounded head with a yellow ridge under the eye. They are rather large and watery and sometimes mistaken for a Cane Toad. However, Cane Toads do not travel this far down the coast. The Giant Burrowing Frog calls from sandy banks close to the water. His home is usually associated with crayfish burrows. They sound somewhat like owls with a "00-00-00" sound and can make their call while buried. The study group is trying to track the frog's whereabouts and is offering frog book prizes to some of our spotters. If you hear what you think may be a Giant Burrowing Frog or are interested in what the Frog and Tadpole Study Group do, please call 4341 5663 Carl Spears

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## A pain in the heart or chest area

**Angina is a pain originating from the heart or chest area.**

It may radiate to the left shoulder and down the inner side of the left arm.

The word "Angina" is derived from a Greek word meaning "strangling".

It is also known as cardiac pain of effort and emotion, meaning that it's bought on by exercise, emotion, and such things as exposure to cold.

The pain has been described as squeezing, burning, pressing, choking, aching or bursting.

Some people say it feels like "gas" or "heartburn" or "indigestion". The pain is never described as sharp or knifelike.

Angina attacks are usually of short duration, lasting less than three minutes.

However, attacks bought on by a heavy meal or extreme anger may last for 15-20 minutes.

Angina is a temporary condition where the muscle of the heart is not receiving enough oxygen.

The condition is similar to that

when the blood is squeezed from an extremity during sitting.

To relieve Angina attacks it is suggested that you stop all activity, and sit or lie down as soon as the attack begins.

If you have not consulted a doctor previously about this condition, it is suggested you do as soon as possible.

Medications are available that help to relieve Angina pain, such as Nitroglycerin tablets and spray.

If you suffer from Angina it is important to carry these medications with you at all times and relatives and friends should know where your supply is kept.

If after taking this medication you get a headache, feel dizzy or your skin flushes, don't be alarmed, as these are side effects and will lessen as your tolerance increases.

Repeat the dosage every five minutes until relief is obtained.

If the pain hasn't subsided it is suggested that you call your physician or an ambulance to take you to the nearest emergency

room.

On the Peninsula an additional service is provided by Brisbane Waters Private Hospital called the "Chest Pain Emergency Service", where an immediate assessment can be made of your condition by a 24-hour experienced resident medical officer and immediate admission into the cardiac unit if necessary.

To register for this service or obtain information ring 4343 0240.

Angina can be prevented by avoiding activities that cause stress, a regular gentle exercise program, quit smoking, eat a well-balanced high-fibre, low fat and salt diet, regulate alcohol intake and overweight people are urged to reduce.

Activities must be adjusted to a level below that which triggers angina attacks.

To obtain more information please contact your General Practitioner, the National Heart Foundation or the Chest Pain Emergency Co-ordinator at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital.

**Karen Booth**

## Counselling service for problem gamblers

The Central Coast Problem Gambling Service, set up last year at the Peninsula Community Centre, has reported that it is being contacted by those seeking help at an average rate of 15 a week.

Gambling counsellor, Gerri Koleman, provides free counselling for the service.

"The last five years has seen an enormous expansion of gambling opportunities for Australians," she said.

"You can gamble at your local pub, club, on-course, through a TAB outlet, by Internet and at your local newsagency.

"You can gamble on every sport across the world, 24 hours per day.

"I'm here to assist those who struggle with problem gambling and the families affected and to promote the help that is available."

Ms Koleman's service is funded by the Casino Community Benefit Fund, which Sydney's Star City funds with two percent of its gaming revenue (\$10 million).

The Registered Clubs of NSW also contributes \$8 million per year.

Ms Koleman said 88 percent of

her clients cited poker machines as their primary form of gambling.

She said those with gambling problems covered all socioeconomic classes with an equal number of female and male problem gamblers.

Almost half those using the service had lost more than \$50,000 she said.

"Up to 10 people could be affected for every one problem gambler: spouses, relatives, friends, employers and businesses and many problem gamblers have considered suicide" said Ms Koleman.

The Australian Council of Social Services believe about one in eight people are affected adversely by problem gambling.

There has been a steady increase in the ways a punter can lose their money.

Soccer pools were introduced in 1975, Lotto in 1979, Instant Lottery in 1982 and Keno in 1991.

Peninsula residents can receive free counselling.

Telephone 4341 9333 for an appointment.



Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews and school principal Mr Bruce Donaldson joined members of the Hamilton family, parents, staff and volunteers at the Araluen Cottage open morning.

## Open morning at Araluen Cottage

**The Ettalong Public School has held an open morning at "Araluen Cottage", a house relocated to the school grounds, to celebrate its relocation and establishment as the "Little School House".**

This facility provides child minding to volunteers working in various areas of the school, such as reading in classrooms, canteen, uniform shop, gardening, craft classes, library, P & C meetings and fundraising activities.

The Little School House is fully staffed by volunteers and financially supports itself through donations.

It also enables pre-schoolers to orientate themselves into a school environment.

The P&C Association uses Araluen for a variety of activities including meetings, craft classes and the preparation of fundraising events.

Araluen Cottage was Originally owned by Gus and Connie Hamilton.

The Hamilton family lived in the house for 35 years.

They called their home "Araluen" after the South Coast township where Gus was born and raised.

In 1960, the house was constructed in Piper Street, Woy Woy, to lock-up stage by local builders.

On Gus' retirement, the house was completed by Gus and his two eldest sons-in-law.

Gus passed away in 1974 and Connie continued to live in the house until her death in 1995.

The Piper Street site was being redeveloped, so Araluen was kindly donated by local builders, Craig and Bruce Hutchings.

The Ettalong P & C Association funded the removal of the house relocated to its present site in the school grounds at a cost of \$5000.

Araluen was then renovated and extended by 10 women who participated in the Gosford TAFE Outreach Building Maintenance Course.

Under the guidance of builder Leigh Greenwood, the group completed extensive renovations and additions including painting the cottage inside and out, repairing ceilings and cornices, building a verandah and shaded sandpit area as well as landscaping.

Unfortunately the funding for the TAFE Outreach course was cut, just four weeks before completion.

The remaining work was completed by builders, electricians and plumbers.

On this day parents, staff, volunteers, Member for Peats Marie Andrews and members of the Hamilton family, who first owned the house, joined together to celebrate the relocation of the house and the establishment of this facility at Ettalong School.

## Grant to honour student

**Gosford Council has awarded \$550 to an honours student for a geography thesis on Pearl Beach.**

The University of Newcastle student, Glynis McClymont, will record the recent history and development of the Pearl Beach community.

The director of council's corporate and community services, Mr Chris Gallagher, said the project had high investment value for both the Pearl Beach community and council.

"The project will complement earlier works on the area," he said.

"The thesis will become a very useful source on life in a

coastal community, demonstrating the environmental and social pressures affecting a small coastal community during a period of change." Ms McClymont had originally requested \$700.

**Carl Spears, June 18**

## Toastmasters At Ettalong

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More accommodation at Woy Woy

Woy Woy now has another 17 rooms to add to its range of accommodation available for visitors.

placed than any other coastal resort because of what it has to offer and its close proximity to Sydney.

The new Waters Edge Accommodation is located near the wharf above a new restaurant and close to transport.

"Already bookings are coming in from visitors that want to visit Sydney as well as the Central Coast but do not want to stay in the city and do not want to drive there," he said.

The complex has a mixture of family rooms and fully equipped self contained rooms and opened its doors on the June long weekend with a full house.

"With the station nearby, excellent views and the fast ferry in the future, nowhere else could beat this site." Owned by Peter and Michelle Chippindale, Watersedge is already also booked out for the 18 days of the Olympics.

"I am also hoping to accommodate players and supporters for North Sydney Bears' matches when they start playing at Graham Park.

Asked why he picked Woy Woy, Peter replied: "We were looking for a building facing the waterfront in a holiday location close to transport.

"There are local ferries, buses and trains from Woy Woy to Gosford that make this place ideal," he said.

"Woy Woy fitted the bill perfectly and is better Cec Bucello, June 13

Recording Council votes

Cr Steve Row has suggested that the vote of each councillor on issues should be recorded, in the interests of open government.

Currently, only successful motions and amendments are recorded, not who voted for or against them.

The Director of Corporate and Community Services said the recording of votes at council meetings was central to electoral responsibility and accountability.

"It would seem a fairly basic right of members of the public to know how their elected representatives vote on every matter that comes before council," he said.

"Previously, it has been suggested that the recording

of votes would be unduly time consuming but once the system is initiated it would be relatively easy to implement." Mayor Cr Chris Holstein said the recording of councillors' votes could draw meetings out.

He said also that the reasons behind a councillor's decision would not be recorded and thus recorded decisions could be taken out of context.

Crs Margaret McGowan and Lynne Bockholt said they supported the recording of votes in theory but in practicality it was not sustainable.

Cr Mick Whalan said there was already provision for individual councillors to have their name recorded if they want to.

Street lighting to be upgraded

Council's Director of Works has reported to council that additional and updated street lights will be installed for the first quarter of this year.

The Director has asked for extra lighting in Webb Rd, Booker

Bay, and for upgraded lighting in Dardanelles Ave and Neera Rd, Umina.

The director also reported that Energy Australia had submitted a design and costing for proposed floodlighting and street lighting for

a section of reserve off Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy.

Council has agreed to consult with residents near Brick Wharf Rd who have a view over the foreshore to gauge their reaction to the proposal.

Carl Spears, 26 May

Reward scheme counters vandals

Gosford Council has a reward system in place for people who report vandalism or malicious damage to them.

The reward incentive is there for information from a member of the public that leads to a conviction of the perpetrators.

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The Southern zone 13 year olds team

## Southern zone soccer team struggles

**The Central Coast Soccer Association (CCSA) held its Branch Championships over the June long weekend.**

Competition took place in six age groups, from 11 year olds to 16 year olds.

The Central Coast was divided into five zones and players were selected from clubs within those zones.

The Peninsula was represented by Southern Zone teams.

13 and 16 year old championship matches were played at Mangrove Mountain, with two matches played by each team on each of two days.

The 13 year age group was won by Eastern Zone who went through undefeated.

The team was mainly made up

from the two leading teams in the regular weekend competition and proved too strong for all comers.

Unfortunately, although Southern Zone battled valiantly all weekend in this age group and managed a draw against the team that eventually ended runner up, they finished last on the table, one point behind Northern Zone.

Southern Zone 13 year old players were: Scott Tyreman, Daniel Marsh, Ed Garret, Mitch Brown, James Arnold, Jay Willis, Jay Willmot, Matt Bishop, Luke Tosevic, Mitch Hind, Calyn Wilkinson, Andrew Channell, Mitchell Francis, Luke Daniels, Chris Harris, Nigel MacQuillan.

In the 16 year age group, Southern Zone again had a bad time of it finishing in the bottom

part of the table.

Central Zone were comfortable winners having gone through undefeated.

Southern Zone 16 year old players was made up of the Southern and Ettalong Club's team with two players from Umina.

They were: Trent McWaide, Ben Hutcheson, Ben Gibson, Sam Peterson, Tim Quinn, Luke Bundy, Luke Gray, Luke Cooke, Scott Farr, Dale Reeson, Matt Underwood, Glen Harwood, Dane Evans, Chris Gerasimou, Vince Staben, Chris Wall.

Results for the other age groups were sought from the CCSA on three separate occasions but were not provided.

Cec Bucello, June 20



## Teagan is top dog

**A four-year-old Shetland sheepdog from Umina called Cedine Diamond Dancer, or Teagan for short, has won five out of six obedience trials she has entered around the State recently.**

She came second in another.

She travelled to compete against dogs at Penrith, Port Stephens, Castle Hill, Hornsby and Wagga Wagga.

The competition involves heeling the dogs on and off the lead in a pattern set by the judge,

standing for examination, and obeying a "stand stay and recall".

A one-minute "sit stay" and a three-minute "down stay" complete each event.

Now having attained her Companion Dog title, Teagan is now training to compete in open for the Companion Dog Excellent title and is entered in the Brisbane Royal contest in August.

Teagan is trained by Sharon Taylor, the proprietor of Pretty Pooches Grooming Salon at Umina.

From Sharon Taylor

## Objections to shortcut

**Residents in Drew Street, Woy Woy, have given Gosford Council a petition regarding traffic using their street as a shortcut to James Browne Oval.**

The petitioners say drivers are using their cars and motor bikes to push or ram white fences that cut Drew Street off from the oval's carpark.

The petitioners want a stronger fence installed and perhaps some shrubs and trees in front of the fence to provide a deterrent.

Carl Spears, May 26.

## Surf team of the year

**Umina High School's Captain, Nathan Lakajev, and several of the school's old boys were recently declared NSW Surf Team Of The Year.**

Early in the season, they won the NSW Rescue and Resuscitation (R&R) title at North Narrabeen, then the National title held at Kurrawa in Queensland.

They had the unusual distinction of being undefeated during the entire season.

Nathan said that the team's success started back in 1996 when they were second at Maroubra in the under-16s State

Championships.

The following year, competing at the Mollymook State Championships, they became the State Champions in the under-16s R&R event, recording a loss of only one point, the lowest point score ever.

They then came second at the under-16 Nationals.

In 1997 at Soldiers Beach, they were the only team to ever win the under-16s, under-18s, the open and the six-person R&R titles in the same season.

For Nathan, this training was on top of the significant workload for Year 12 at Umina High.

## Skateboard area to expand

**Gosford Council is looking at the possibility of expanding the skateboard area at Umina.**

Mayor Cr Chris Holstein has promised to expand the skateboard facilities providing the area is used sensibly and remained undamaged.

Cr Bockholt said if the expansion

does take place, she hopes it is done quickly.

She was concerned that if council hired a consultant and formed a committee it would be an unnecessary waste of time and ratepayers' money.

Mayor Holstein said council had not planned a committee at this stage but he did want council and citizen groups to meet.

## Leagues club to develop oval

**Woy Woy Leagues Club wants to lease and develop Woy Woy's Number One Oval.**

The Director of Corporate and Community Services, Mr Gallagher, has recommended that council grant the lease and agree to a development application.

The council will consider a 21-year lease to the club at a cost of \$1000 a year.

Mr Gallagher reported that Woy Woy Leagues Club will also contribute just over \$50,000 a year through the Recreation Program.

A resident, Mr Hudson, addressed council regarding his concerns about general public access and use of the oval.

Under the oval's Public Recreation zoning, no single group could use the oval exclusively, he claimed.

Carl Spears, May 26

## Fishing News



**Another cold month for "inside" anglers, but the whiting have moved right in this month, with most anglers coming close to their bag limits.**

The prime spots have been Ettalong, Half Tide Rocks and Paddy's Channel.

Live bloodworms, live nippers and squirt worms have been the most effective baits for whiting, with the best time to fish being early morning or late afternoon, the first three hours of the tide running up.

Good reports of black fish are still coming in, with the hot spots

being The Bars at Woy Woy, Saratoga Flats and The Rip Bridge.

Fishing in the first and last two hours with the tide running up provides the best results.

A couple reports coming in on' bream, but anglers seem to be doing it tough as bream have become very scarce this month, with four to six hours sessions only bringing in one or two fish.

There is no outside report.

Due to the appalling conditions, accurate information is available.

Till next time, Good Fishing and take care.

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## Woy Woy Village Plan gets go-ahead

The "Woy Woy Village" development control plan has been adopted by Gosford Council.

The plan is designed to create an incentive for redevelopment of the area near the Wharf in Woy Woy into a "lifestyle-orientated" environment.

It does this by increasing floor space ratios and building heights and allowing occupancy mixtures, but imposing strict design constraints.

In a novel approach, the plan provides parking concessions for the next three years in an attempt to create an added

impetus for change.

The plan is the culmination of 18 months work by the Village Renewal Committee.

"The committee worked towards developing Woy Woy Village into a lively and vibrant destination for locals and tourists alike," said committee member Cr Lynne Bockholt.

Central Coast Economic Development Board chairman Cr Tony Sansom welcomed the plan: "This bold initiative will allow developers to confidently go ahead with their plans for the next three years."

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