

Chamber calls for plan for whole Peninsula

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has announced a campaign to secure a consistent and integrated approach to planning the future of the Peninsula.

Chamber spokesman Mr Don Wilson said that to date Gosford Council had undertaken works on the Peninsula in an ad hoc, piecemeal fashion with little regard for the effects on the Peninsula as a whole.

The original council proposals to replace the Rawson Rd level crossing we're a good example of this, he said.

"Lack of proper infrastructure planning is resulting in a loss of general amenity in the area.

"It is also frustrating efforts to address major issues facing the Peninsula, both now and in the near future," Mr Wilson said.

The Chamber wanted a concept plan to be created, which would be used as a reference point for all future development and activity on the Peninsula.

It had asked for independent consultants to be appointed to help draft a plan, which would cover the social and economic development of the community as well as its physical development.

Mr Wilson said the Chamber was calling for changes to the Council's corporate plan to reflect community aspirations for the lifestyle of the Peninsula.

The use of the Peninsula as a "dormitory" for Sydney, the resultant high reliance on commuting and the lack of local employment ran counter to the wishes of most residents.

Council strategies needed to be reframed at a Peninsula "local area" level to reflect each element

of a new "holistic" "Plan.

This would require a coordinated effort from the various council departments responsible for measures such as planning controls, traffic management, drainage schemes and other council activities, Mr Wilson said.

The Chamber's campaign will also include an assessment of the policies of candidates for the September council elections.

To date, the council had treated each town on the Peninsula separately, without regard to the others.

"It is time a strategic approach is taken, with each town on the Peninsula having its own special role," said Mr Wilson.

"We believe the community would be better served if an integrated approach is taken and the Peninsula is regarded as one."

Cr Steve Row has asked Gosford Council to look at the possibility of disseminating council information through community noticeboards.

"Increasingly the community is demanding better communication from Council," he said.

"Noticeboards are used in areas in the greater metropolitan Sydney and the time is right for the same to be done in our local government area." Council's director of corporate and community services Mr Chris Gallagher said no funds were allocated this financial year.

"The costs and benefits need to be considered as well as other strategies that council uses, such

as distribution of papers, media and the Internet," he said.

Mr Gallagher said the type of information and who is responsible for the upkeep of the boards would still need to be determined.

Cr Tony Sansom said the community noticeboard idea was good but a holistic approach needed to be determined.

Mayor Cr Chris Holstein said some areas, such as the Peninsula, were already well covered while others needed more communication with council.

He said the matter should be referred to a communications committee.

Carl Spears, July 2

Remove politics, says mayor

Gosford Mayor Cr Chris Holstein says that he finds the Peninsula one of the most difficult areas in the shire with which to work.

Often political factions from all sides would not agree on proposed improvements for political reasons rather than for reasons relating to the matter under consideration, he said.

"Even on relatively minor issues such as whether a space on the main street of Umina Beach should be a bus stop or a parking space, one side of the political spectrum will choose one way and the other side will take the opposite view for political reasons with the outcome that very little gets done.

"This type of activity is common in other spheres of government, but it should not happen on local

government matters, he said.

"Local government should be beyond politics, and decisions should be based purely on the benefits or otherwise of the proposal in hand, and the sooner that this can happen on the Peninsula, the more work will be done by council in the area, Mayor Holstein said.

Cec Bucello, July 16

Business warned of Olympic impact

Members of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce were told the Peninsula is likely to be greatly affected by the Olympics.

Ian Unsworth, from the State Chamber of Commerce explained that on a nonna l day, the Sydney games will see up to half a million people will travel to the Homebush Olympic venues while another 100,000 people will travel to Darling Harbour.

The same number again will be travelling to other Olympic venues in the city while that many again will be in Sydney but not going to an Olympic event on that day.

This influx will not only affect transport but will create such a high demand on other facilities that Peninsula residents and businesses are likely to find shortages in staple products such as toilet paper, said Mr Unsworth.

The entire mushroom crop produced in the country has already been promised to SOCOG for the period and restaurants will need to change their menus accordingly, he said.

Deliveries will also be a problem with all large trucks only being allowed to operate between midnight and 6 am.

Many large businesses are setting up extra warehouses to

store goods.

Staffing also has to be considered as many staff members will want to be at the games while others will be needed around the clock.

The state Chamber of Commerce has established a government funded Olympic Commerce Centre to look at these problems and to advise businesses accordingly.

They are currently holding "Business as usual" seminars and any interested in ensuring their preparedness should look at attending some of these seminars. Ph : 9233 3600.

Cec Bucello, July 22



Whale sightings increase

Whale (Megaptera noveangliae) has created a whale-sized response from Central Coast residents and visitors this year.

These giants of the sea are travelling from their summer Antarctic feeding grounds to their warm winter birthing and breeding grounds in our tropical northern seas.

They are seen off the Central Coast from late May to early August.

Sightings from local headlands have been regularly reported throughout the season this year, and free talks given at several look-outs across the Central Coast were well attended.

Humpback populations are slowly recovering from the devastating effects of the whaling industry earlier this century that saw species numbers decline dramatically.

The Humpback Whale has been protected in Australian waters since 1964 which probably saved the species from extinction.

Outside this zone, however, whaling still goes on under the guise of 'scientific research', much of the end product of which has been proven by DNA testing to end up in restaurants in Asia where it is considered a delicacy.

As well as the Humpback Whales, a rare Southern Right Whale and calf has recently been sighted to our south and a very uncommon sighting of a pod of 40 orcas (or Killer Whales) occurred to our north.

Pods of dolphins have been reported at Umina Beach, Terrigal Haven and The Entrance.

The Humpbacks will pass our coast again on their return journey in October/November but are often further out to sea to avoid the northerly flowing current of our coastal waters.

As part of the Coastcare Project Aware initiative, there will be a variety of marine environment workshops offered during the summer months at our local beaches.

Jeannie Lawson

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Reader discounts

The Peninsula News community discount card is a free discount card for Peninsula News readers, entitling them to discounts from all participating retailers and service businesses.

Discounts can change each month and are only valid for one month, in line with the publication of each edition of Peninsula News.

Participating businesses have the option of being involved whenever they want to, one month at a time.

Each outlet can choose the size of their advertisement and the discount they wish to offer.

Cards are available from the Peninsula News office, from participating businesses' outlets and from Peninsula News distribution points.

All that readers have to do is pick up a card and show it when making a purchase from a participating business to claim the advertised discount.

Those businesses will also have cards to give out.

Cec Bucello July 1

Peninsula News

Welcome to edition Five of Peninsula News, the monthly newspaper for the Peninsula community.

This edition is sponsored by a record number of Peninsula based businesses and their support is greatly appreciated.

Without them there would be no newspaper.

It is also indicative of the high standing of the Peninsula News in the community that such a large percentage of local businesses are prepared to invest their hard earned money on the paper after only four editions have been published.

We would like to publicly thank these businesses and the thousands of readers in the community for their faith in our product.

In this edition we have introduced the Peninsula News Community Discount Card.

This card will help readers by making products available at lower costs, it will help our advertisers by rewarding them for their loyalty to us by gaining more business from the community and it will help the community by keeping Peninsula spending on the Peninsula.

Look for the PND logo on advertisements and the current discount offer.

According to statistics quoted at a recent public meeting, money available for lifestyle expenditure in the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas is \$128m and more of this huge amount needs to be spent in the area.

Thanks to the increased local support and in keeping with our self imposed rule of having only 25% advertising on average, this edition is 25% larger than the previous two editions.

This really means that, compared to other newspapers that carry 75% advertising, this edition is now the equivalent of a 60 page version of those other newspapers in terms of news content.

We hope that you enjoy reading it, that you support our advertisers/sponsors and that you continue giving us feedback as well as information on goings on in the region.

We are also printing more copies of this edition than ever before so that we can reach more Peninsula residents and businesses as well as influential organisations outside the area.

Our next edition will take us into the Peninsula catchment areas as well, with a further 10% increase in the numbers printed planned so that we can also distribute in Empire Bay, Bensville, Daleys Point, Hardy's Bay and SI Hubert's Island.

As a community publication, the Peninsula News continues to rely on a degree of voluntary assistance.

The assistance of these volunteers, in particular Geoff and Leonie Barnes, Kerrie Friend, Karen Booth and Joan Fenton is greatly appreciated.

We have recently been joined by Steven McNamara who has provided his computer expertise to solve some of our technical problems.

We are still keen to hear from anyone else that would like to be involved in the areas of writing, typing, information follow-up, graphic design and layout, editing, distribution, photography, web site updating, sponsorship/advertising revenue raising, skills exchange or clerical support.

Finally, if you are concerned about missing out on an edition of Peninsula News, copies will be posted to you on publication day for the handling cost of \$18 for twelve editions.

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Not part of the Club?

The Ettalong War Memorial Club is soon to be replaced by new premises costing \$35 million.

Financing is to be by way of sale to and lease back from an investment syndicate who are promised a return of 12 per cent over seven years.

On these figures, it would seem that the club will pay out approximately \$5 million a year and not own the premises.

It will then have to borrow a large amount to - buy back the building.

It has been indicated that the new club will be half the size of the existing one.

What facilities will not then be available? To all appearances, the club will be overwhelmed by and absorbed into the hotel complex, which will be run by the French company Grand Mercure.

It is hard to see all this will be for the benefit of the members.

W.R Maynard Woy Woy

Ratepayer gets behind Mayor's 'tough stance' on vandals

How much more can we tolerate?

As a ratepayer I am sick and tired of driving throughout the Central Coast and seeing building after building vandalised by sick individuals with spray cans.

If private property isn't bad enough, now even new council supplied facilities are being targeted We as ratepayers should get right behind the Mayor's tough stance on these criminals.

Local residents should "dob in a dope" not just for the reward, but simply to keep what is rightfully ours in good community acceptable condition.

Perhaps the Mayor might consider commissioning some of the frustrated artists into doing some appropriate murals on facilities that can use a facelift.

The misfits though should get a meaningful penalty as suggested and make them clean, and clean, and clean, and clean, and clean.

C.Doyle Narara

Australia's long history

The history of Australia's human habitation is a long one and a study of white settlement is but a small part of this past.

Gone are the days when History in the school curriculum really only meant recent events.

Many schools, including Umina High School, now teach Aboriginal Studies.

The Peninsula has a long history of Aboriginal habitation.

The study of Aboriginal culture allows students to understand another culture and often lets them reflect on their own belief systems, teaching them more about themselves in the process.

There is much evidence of local Aboriginal culture, including rock carvings and drawings off Woy Woy Rd at the Bulgandry Aboriginal engraving site, near Staples Lookout.

Umina Public School has some lovely Aboriginal style murals on some of its buildings and Umina High has a large mural that was done by a local Aboriginal woman with help from some of the students.

These murals beautify the schools as well as show a link and respect for Australia's past.

Jessica van Beusekom, July 12

Genetically modified foods coming to a supermarket near you

Peninsula supermarkets have different policies regarding labelling of genetically modified food (GM) ingredients in their products.

Coles has decided to side with consumer groups by advocating the clear labelling of GM.

Currently, there are no rules regulating GM labelling but Coles thinks customers should be informed.

A Coles spokesperson said it made its views clear about the need for clear labelling to the food industry lobby group, the Australian Food and Grocery Council and to State and Federal governments.

Cotes' views mean that common modified ingredients in processed foods such as soy bean or cotton seed oil, would be labelled GM even if the majority of ingredients were not.

Some consumers, who wish to avoid GM, say they have concerns about safety, the environment and ethical issues.

They demand the right to know how their food is produced.

Australian labelling laws on GM are still at the draft stage.

Apart from Colas, most Australian supermarkets seem unwilling to volunteer GM information.

Hence, consumer groups such as the Australian Consumers Association are asking for a regulatory environment to ensure consumers can make an informed choice.

GM foods are a reality in Australia with foods like Monsanto's Roundup Ready soybeans being imported since 1996.

The problem for food retailers is many GM ingredients from the United States, where GM is not an issue, are combined with conventionally grown foods, making identification of GM near impossible.

According to a recent Australian Consumers Association survey published in their Autumn edition of Consuming Interest, the following companies were unable to identify which of their products may contain GM: Cerebos, Goodman Fielder, Heinz Wattie's, Kellogg, Nestle, Sanatorium, Sara Lee and Unilever.

Amott's and George Weston Foods were definite their products contained no GM.

Consuming Interest said Coles supermarkets said they did not know which of their lines contained GM, but they "supported the labelling of GM foods containing modified protein or DNA, but not derivatives of GM plants, such as oils, sugars or starches".

Ultimately, Coles said they support reflecting consumer demands including the possibility of labelling all GM foods and derivatives.

Jewels were reported as "considering using a GM-free label where possible".

Woolworths and Franklins were awaiting the outcome of proposed government regulations.

Carl Spears, July 1

Environment group worried about population projections

The Central Coast Branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) will hold a public meeting at Umina over concerns of Peninsula population projections.

"ACF is alarmed at recently reported population projections in a yet to be released report, Strategy for the Central Coast," said ACF branch president, Mr Geoff Preece.

"We a1m to question the State Government on this strategy that will see massive population increases in areas that are already

deficient in social and physical infrastructure.

"It may be that we should reduce population growth until the infrastructure that is needed to maintain or improve our quality of life catches up," he said.

Mr Preece said questions raised will include job availability, lack of public transport, overcrowded streets, the F3 and urban consolidation.

The meeting will be held on August 1 at Umina Progress Hall, Sydney Ave, at 2pm.

Carl Spears, July 20

Council has say on F3

After reading a police officer's safety concerns about the F3, Cr Lynne Bockholt asked if council had an official position regarding the F3 freeway.

Cr Bockholt said she was started to read the report saying the freeway was very dangerous.

Council's director of works, Mr Darryl Dutton, said council had a representative on the liaison body dealing with the F3 issue.

"Council will be putting forward submissions not only for the volume of traffic using the F3, but also the road conditions and so forth," he said.

Carl Spears, June 22

Thieves strike dumb luck

Thieves who stole a car full of tools unwittingly tried to pawn the tools to their owner.

Earlier this month, owner of the Woy Woy Trading Post, Tony Altavilla, left his car parked with a chainsaw and a number of other tools inside.

Thieves stole the vehicle and drove it until it ran out of fuel The thieves then carried the tools, presumably on foot, to Woy Woy to

tum them into cash.

Unfortunately for them, the pawn shop they chose was the one that belonged to the owner of the vehicle.

The goods were immediately identified and the offenders who were most indignant at the prospect, were bailed up for 15 minutes until the police arrived.

The car and its entire contents, except for the fuel, were recovered.

Cec Bucello July 15

Local election nominations close soon

The Local Government Elections for Gosford will be held on Saturday, September 11.

The electoral rolls will close on Tuesday, August 3, and nominations will close at 5pm on

Wednesday, August 11.

It is expected that there could be as many as 50 individuals standing for election this year.

For further information, call the returning officer on 4322 3689 and 4322 3675.

'Spike Milligan' Library set to go ahead

Gosford councillors have accepted a recommendation to rename the Woy Woy Library the Spike Milligan (Woy Woy) Library.

Council's director of corporate and community services, Mr Chris Gallagher, made the recommendation.

Mr Gallagher said: "Given the responses received and the potential excellent publicity, tourism appeal and possible increased patronage of the library, the proposal should be adopted.

Mr Gallagher's report in the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda said 16 public submissions on the

proposal were received of which nine were against and six were in favour.

One submission was noncommittal.

"The proposal has received media attention other than local, with one councillor being interviewed on 2BL and a mention being made in the Sydney Morning Herald," said Mr Gallagher.

Peninsula News is led to believe that the Sydney Morning Herald mention was in its Column Eight section.

Mr Desmond Milligan has agreed to represent his brother at any renaming ceremony that may

take place, said Mr Gallagher.

The opening of the new library and the renaming will "encourage wider interest in Woy Woy...

"The library services manager would like to create a creative writing collection at the library which specialises in humour," said Mr Gallagher.

Council has approached the Laycock Theatre in Gosford to investigate the possibility of an annual comedy writers workshop which may lead to an annual cultural festival based on humour, said Mr Gallagher.

Carl Spears, July 15

Rotary plans major firework display for Umina

A major fireworks display is being planned for Umina oval to herald the Year 2000.

The Rotary Club of Umina, together with the surf life saving clubs, are planning the event, through which well over \$10,000 is expected to be raised for Peninsula community groups.

Sponsorship from Easts Caravan Park will cover the cost of fireworks.

The Umina Bowling Club is also expected to support the event Organisers are intending to involve schools and community groups, who will be encouraged

to run activities and hold stalls on the evening However, in Gosford Council, Cr Tom Donald has raised concerns about safety at the New Year's Eve "party" on the Peninsula.

Usually there was only one major event at Terngal, but the event on the Peninsula would stretch the resources of police, the State Emergency Service, SI John Ambulance Brigade and other volunteers, he said.

"There will be 62 police at Terrigal, leaving no more available for other events.

"The State Emergency Service will have about 50 people available.

"St John Ambulance volunteers were abused at last year's event and this year they will have 50 per cent less staff.

"Council will need more than \$5000 funding to provide security," he said.

Mayor Cr Chris Holstein said volunteer resources would be diminished because volunteers would want the night off for the big 2000 celebrations.

Cr Holstein said a meeting between himself, Cr Donald and council's director of corporate and community services Mr Chris Gallagher, will be held soon to discuss the problem.

Everglades Club assessed ‘unsuitable for effluent re-use’

Gosford Council's director of works, Mr Darryl Dutton, has recommended council avoid using Everglades Country Golf Club as a site for effluent re-use.

Mr Dutton made the recommendation after receiving a consultant's report.

"Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) guidelines

recommend a minimum depth of about three metres to groundwater to maintain aerobic soil condition and to prevent surface water logging, which would be detrimental to plant growth," said Mr Dutton.

"The depth at all boreholes was less than three metres.

"The Everglades Club site is unsuitable for effluent re-use

and would pose a high risk of groundwater contamination." The consultants used EPA methodology for their analysis. said Mr Dutton.

In all, four reports have been received by council regarding the possible re-use of effluent in the City of Gosford.

The first report was delivered in April 1995.

Carl Spears, July 15.

Beach Club seeks lease option to fund new club

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Ettalong Beach Club board has decided to fund its new resort by selling the new club to investors and then leasing the club back.

The lease will yield investors 12 per cent a year and will last for at least seven years at which time the club will have a buy-back option.

The club will retain ownership of the land where the current club is situated.

The general manager of Ettalong Beach Club, Mr Peter Hale told members at an information evening last Wednesday that it was important for the club to take stock and look at where it was heading.

The meeting, attended by about

120 people, was an opportunity for the club to tell its members about the future direction of the club and its proposed new resort.

"We need to take stock and look at the reasons for what we are doing, to see if we are doing the right thing for the club, members and the community," said Mr Hale.

"Medium to small clubs are on the decline and we are, believe it or not, a medium size club.

"Privatisation of gaming will lead to billions of dollars of revenue to the private industry and both sides of politics are looking at the privatisation of gaming.

"I believe our club should be competing," he said.

The proposed resort is part of this competitive strategy.

The new club will be a new

separate building, Mr Hale said.

"The age of the current equipment means it's reaching the end of its life and an upgrade will cost about \$8 million "The new club will cost \$35 million," he said.

Mr Hale said the club's board wanted to avoid using the current inefficient and unproductive layout of the club.

He said an \$8 million upgrade would be a wasteful exercise.

"The current facility is inefficient and hasn't enough floorspace for the required income," he said.

Mr Hale said the club and independent consultants had done consumer surveys that showed potential customers wanted good dining facilities, a smoke free environment, outdoor views and a feeling of spaciousness.

The new Club will cater for these desires, said Mr Hale.

Mr Hale said available lifestyle expenditure for residents in the 2256 and 2257 postcode area was \$128 million of which the club captured six per cent.

Mr Hale said there was a polarisation of clubs beginning dividing the rich from the poor.

The overall growth in gaming is 12 per cent and the Ettalong Club's growth is about three per cent, said Mr Hale.

Mr Hale said the potential benefits was a \$30 - \$35 million income for the club with reduced overall operating costs less major overhead costs and an improved floor space productivity.

The new club will be single storey, he said.

Mr Hale said the community would benefit by 2005 through an increase in lifestyle standards and an injection of \$2 million into community benefit schemes.

CTM properties will release a prospectus for investors soon with club members having the first opportunity to invest.

Mr Hale said the funding strategy allows the community to gain from the forecast 12 per cent return.

"If the members and locals take up the investment offer, it also means that the district receives the benefit of the interest rates, rather than the central banks," he said.

The current club will remain open until the new resort is completed.

Cart Spears, July 15

Chamber News

A new Chamber year begins

Another Chamber year has begun with the Annual General Meeting of members held on July 19 at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

NEW CHAMBER COMMITTEE

It has been an eventful year and I must personally thank the outgoing Chamber Executive for their time and support during 1998/1999.

Special thanks must be given to four members of the Chamber who will not be re-standing and who have given many years of service to the Peninsula business community through the Chamber Executive.

These well known business people are Paul Tonkin, Rex Chapman, Dave Sloane and Sieve Uoyd.

Paul Tonkin of Tonkin Drysdale Solicitors is past President, Rex Chapman is the proprietor of Ettalong Pet & Garden Centre, Dave Sloane is the former owner of Ettalong Family Butchery and Sieve Lloyd operates All Point Security at WoyWoy.

The Chamber extends its thanks to each of these people for the invaluable input they have provided over the years.

Special thanks are also given to Phil Nossitor from CMS Insurance and Geoff Griffin from Dial-aHoliday, Woy Woy who through heavy work commitments during the year had to withdraw from the Executive.

However, the business community will be well served into the year 2000 with a number of new faces for the upcoming year.

The following were appointed unopposed to the new executive:

President Matthew Wales Wales & Associates (Urban Designers) Vice President: Peter Hale, General Manager - Ettalong Beach Club Secretary: Mark Snell, Open Windows Computer Consultancy Treasurer: Don Wilson, Wilson Graham & Associates (Accountants) Committee: Annette Kerz, Ettalong Beach Dry Cleaners; Paul Davis Pacific Hair Design Ettalong Beach; Tom Tregent, Raine & Home Real Estate Umina Beach; Greg Sandell, G & B Hardware Umina Beach; Peter Chippindale, Watersedge Accommodation Woy Woy; Carolanne Veacock, Jeans Warehouse Woy Woy; Madelaine Stephenson, Stephensons Real Estate Umina Beach; Michael Robinson, Vondot Computer Systems What is particularly pleasing is to see a number of additional women come on to the Executive Committee.

We have a strong female membership in our business community and the Chamber of Commerce has in recent years taken a pro-active roll in encouraging more women into senior positions within the organisation.

With a big year ahead, the following update is given on a number of important matters.

FAST FERRY UPDATE

The supplementary reports for the Ettalong Beach to Sydney Fast Ferry are now on public exhibition up until July 30.

Copies of the reports are available for viewing at the both the Woy Woy Library and Umina Beach Library.

The Chamber is well pleased with the reports which have set out to address the concerns of



both Gosford City Council and the local community through the Ettalong Beach Fast Ferry Sunset Committee.

The Sunset Committee was set up by Gosford City Council at the suggestion of the fast ferry proponent so as to ensure that all the issues in the local community were addressed in the supplementary reports.

11 is pleasing to note that the fast ferry company, Fast Ships Limited have paid careful attention to the sensitive issues of parking and ferry refueling.

Fast Ships Limited have acknowledged the communities concerns with regards to the fuel tanks in the public reserve at Ettalong Beach and advised Council that they will be seeking to refuel the vessel in Sydney Harbour.

11 is also noted that the company has agreed to lake into account the communities concerns regarding parking.

Although it favours the options laid out in the Environmental Impact Statement, the company is willing to abide by the communities restricted parking alternatives.

The Chamber fully backs the fast ferry project and all the benefits that the Peninsula community and the Central Coast will derive from it.

Jobs, investment, infrastructure, state-of-the-art transport links and economic growth are all good news for the local community.

WOY WOY TOWN CENTRE

Gosford City Council has indicated that the footpath upgrade works are due to start in the Woy Woy town centre next month as part of the Financial Strategy program.

The wait has been well worth it with the Woy Woy CBD Building Committee carefully mapping out the program for the ongoing works.

Coupled with the recent approval of the Woy Woy Village DCP (great work by the Woy Woy Village Renewal Committee), Woy Woy is set to start the new millennium in great shape.

ETTALONG BEACH UPGRADE

Works are continuing in Ellslong Beach with the upgrading of the footpaths and street entry adjacent to the Ettalong Beach Senior Citizens Centre in Broken Bay Road/Karingi Street.

This is one of the important gateways to the town which will be upgraded along with the other entry points in Picnic Parade and Memorial Avenue.

BUSINESS AWARDS

The business people of the Peninsula should be very proud of their special Business Awards night held on July 2.

The event was a huge success and it bodes well for the Peninsula community when we see the caliber of people who attended, were finalists and who won their categories.

As President, I was especially proud of the number of young business men and woman who participated in the event.

There was no doubt that every one was impressed with their enthusiasm and energy.

I look forward to watching them all as their businesses grow and flourish over the next few years.

1 am even more pleased that some of those fresh faces will be coming on to the new Chamber Executive.

A special thanks to Federal Member for Robertson, Jim Uoyd, Mayor Chris Holstein, Councillor Lynne Bockholt and Chairman of the Area Consultative Committee, Peter Hale for their attendance and support for the evening.

And most importantly, our special thanks to the sponsors of the event, the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, the Sun Weekly, Retravision Umina Beach, G&B Hardware, Tony Arico's Travel Land at Woy Woy, the Rotary Club of Umina Beach and Gosford City Council.

TOWARDSTHEYEAR2000

The Peninsula has some outstanding goals for the year 2000 and the Chamber of Commerce looks forward to working with the community in realising those important and sustainable objectives.

Matthew Wales, President

Business Awards Gala night was a spectacular success

The Gala Presentation Dinner Award night was a fantastic night with 310 people attending.

Congratulations to all the finalists and the winners on the night.

Congratulations to Bob & Jilt Gow of The Bedman Discount Bedding & Furniture of Umina Beach who won the The Business of the Year Award.

They take home a magnificent crystal bowl award with \$1 000 advertising sponsored by The Sun Weekly and a \$500 gift voucher sponsored by Retravision Umina.

The Ettalong Beach Memorial Club auditorium looked absolutely fabulous and the service was superb.

Every table was decorated with fresh flowers intertwined with fairylights from Seaside Flowers & Balloons of Ettalong Beach and the stage bordered with white Madonna Lillies.

This set the scene for a wonderful evening.

We were delighted to have local people such as Jenifer Green and Wayne Cornell who are international performers host the evening and performed a medley of numbers.

Irish comedian Sean Kramer was in great form when he singled out our Mayor Chris Holstein stating he wants to run as a 'stallion' in the next Local Government election...

but I won't repeat the rest.

Local businessman Tony Altavilla was not left unscathed when he was dubbed 'Mr Woy' and is working on the other 'Woy'.

Seriously though, it's been a hard year and I think we all needed a good laugh.

Many thanks to the sponsors.

If it were not for them, the Chamber of Commerce Awards night would not have happened.

Many thanks to Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, The Sun Newspaper, Retravision Umina, Mitre 10 Hardware Specialist, Gosford City Council, Tony Arico Traveland Deepwater Plaza and Rotary Club Umina.

Next year will be even bigger.

Congratulations to the Patonga Beach Village Planning Committee for the completion of the Development Control Plan which has now been forwarded to Gosford Council for their consideration and advertising.

This was a terrific community effort by the residents of Patonga and they should be congratulated

Peninsula Main Street Program

for putting in place planning guidelines for the future of their village.

Congratulations to the Patonga Beach Tennis Sports Social & Committee Club Inc. for its successful application under the Federal Governments Federation Funding Program.

This funding will enable the committee to upgrade an old toilet block adjacent to the reserve to a pavilion for the local community to enjoy.

11 is also my understanding that Work for the Dole will also be involved which will greatly assist the longterm unemployed.



New Businesses

Keeping Up Appearances Ladies Fashion Collections in the Rocks Arcade Ettalong Beach.

Christine Lowe has recently opened her lovely boutique which is well worth a visit.

Phone Christine on 43 443124 Best Wishes to Dave & Heather Holden who are retiring from the Ettalong Beach Newsagency and about to take off on an adventure of a lifetime.

They will be travelling through Europe on a motorbike & sidecar and returning to their property in Mudgee.

All our best wishes to you both. Georges Pizza in the Colonial Mews Woy Woy is under new

management.

1 hear on the grapevine that the owner of the complex is about to refurbish the courtyard.

Wouldn't that be wonderful...

eating pizza under the stars this Summer.

Peninsula Stationary Woy Woy 4341 0100 is under new owner/management with Pauline and John Connor.

Welcome ;:md best wishes for their new venture.

Lots about to happen with new businesses opening in Umina Beach and in the Woy Woy CBD very soon.

More next month.

GOSSIP BUSTERS...

NO, Elvis is not running for Gosford City Council and YES, there will be a lot of local people throwing their hat into the ring.

NO, Renee Rivkin is not buying the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

But YES, he has bought a unit and thinks the project is fabulous.

NO, the ferry reports are not proposing fuel tanks in the reserve.

YES, the fast ferry is looking to refuel in Sydney.

Residents request removal of clothing bins

Residents of Railway St, Woy Woy, have petitioned Gosford Council requesting the removal of nearby clothing bins.

The 13 residents said the rubbish dumped at the clothing bins near the front of their homes blows into their yards and is not collected when the bins are emptied.

People also sort through the rubbish creating more mess, they said.

Bus zone reinstated

Gosford Council has reinstated a bus zone in front of the newsagency in The Boulevard, Woy Woy.

Another bus zone between The Boulevard and Chambers Place will be removed and replaced with one-hour parking.

Kerb side remaining at the reinstated bus zone site will become to 15 minute parking.

The council made the change on the recommendation of its traffic Committee, which reported it would review the arrangements in a year's time. The traffic committee was told an independently commissioned traffic study showed 27 buses with a total of 59 passengers used the current bus

zone between 9am and 5pm.

Council followed with their own survey and concluded the bus zone could be removed and replaced by one-hour parking.

The proposed re-instated bus zone currently had 93 vehicles with 105 passengers using the one-hour parking facilities daily between 9am and 5pm, according to council traffic officers.

Re-instatement of the bus zone was originally requested by Member for Peels Ms Marie Andrews, who said it was a valued facility for older citizens.

A petition objecting to the change, signed by hundreds of people, was subsequently submitted to council.

Carl Spears, June 24

Councillor challenges Woy Woy tip report

Councillor Malcolm Brooks has challenged a report, which stated a quarrying proposal at Woy Woy tip was not viable.

A report from council's director of development and environment said the proposed quarry area was currently being used for waste disposal and that waste "will sterilise the rock resource (preventing quarrying access)".

Councillor Brooks said he wanted the director to continue to look for options.

"I'm personally disappointed that work done so far at the tip prevents us from quarrying further," he said.

"Quarrying would give us extra income and provide building materials.

"Then we wouldn't have to have a new landfill or have material driven a long way which would be expensive for rate payers." Councillor Brooks said outside advice on quarrying should be sought.

Councillor Lynne Bockholt said the situation at Woy Woy tip had been going on for too long.

"For the last 20 years muck and garbage like an oil geyser have been going into the surrounds," she said.

Councillor Bockholt said it was evident that the community was concerned because about 80 people turned up for a public meeting in September, the day before the league grand

final.

The Correa Bay Management group were making a sterling effort to monitor the bay's water quality, she said.

Councillor Steve Row said the history of environmental monitoring near the tip was "staggeringly poor".

He said when the question about how long monitoring had been practised at the site, middle ranking council staff told him only since September last year.

"I almost fell over," he said.

The council decided that the director of development and the environment should make a recommendation about looking further into the possibility of quarrying to make extra landfill space.

The possibility of the quarrying option for the alleviation of landfill space constrictions was originally raised in November, 1994.

The Woy Woy tip's total area was 53 hectares, with about 20 hectares being used as landfill.

The original proposed quarry area would cover a further nine hectares.

The director of development and environment envisaged the possibility of a quarry providing much needed extra landfill space and sandstone from the quarry providing an income source to council when sold to the private sector.

Another NEIS start

The two Peninsula law firms, Steele and Walker and Bingham Tumell Corah have amalgamated.

Both firms have been in Woy Woy for 20 years.

The new firm, Peninsula Law, will stay in the same location in Blackwall Rd and a new building will be built to incorporate the new firm under one roof.

Peninsula Law will cover all aspects of legal matters for their clients.

NEIS Program Manager, Vivienne Soo, said, "I have been managing NEIS programs for six years and in that time have been involved in the establishment of over 800 new businesses.

"In the past year, 84 businesses have started and these are expected to create an extra 50 new jobs and inject \$3 million dollars into the economy." The new business is Ocean Beach Outdoor Sports Hire, based at East's Ocean Beach Caravan Park.

Cec Bucello, July 17

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News

Young Australian Award nominations called for

Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, has urged the Peninsula community to consider nominating young people for the Young Australian of the Year award.

"These prestigious awards are one way in which we can bring out talented young people before the local community.

"I urge everyone to consider who in our community deserves to be acknowledged for their contributions and nominate them," she said.

Nominations are open to people aged between 14 and 27 in seven

categories covering areas such as career achievement, the arts, sport, science and technology, the environment and community services.

New South Wales category winners will be announced in November and continue to challenge for the National titles in 2000.

Nominations close on Tuesday August 31 and nomination forms are available from Commonwealth Bank branches.

For further information contact Marie Andrews on 4342 4122.

Carl Spears, July 15

Peninsula asked to lead the way to cleaner environment

The Peninsula could lead the way with cleaner waterways, creeks and streets, if some simple measures were taken, according to Cr Robert Bell.

This would attract more tourists to spend more money locally bringing more jobs to the area, he said.

Cr Bell has called for catchment signs to remind tourists they are entering the Peninsula.

"It is surrounded by water on three sides and so much of what is thrown down drains and into creeks ends up on our beaches like Ettalong and Umina or in our creeks like Kahibah and Mt Ettamalong," he said.

He said Gosford Council had agreed to place litter booms and

different types of litter traps to try and stop rubbish getting into the waterways.

"When people throw lawn clippings, branches and their garbage over the back fence into a creek or down a drain, they often think it is out of sight and therefore not a problem but all to often the so called rubbish reappears on our beaches or in our waterways and creeks," said Cr Bell.

"Litter can block drains causing flooding of streets, make the Peninsula area look untidy and kill our fishlife and birdlife.

"In 12 months time, the united campaign to improve the Peninsula waterways will be assessed to see what else needs doing," he said.

Cr Robert Bell, July 14

Cultural grants for local groups

The Peninsula Christian Life Centre will receive \$4000 from Gosford Council's Cultural Grants program for its Peninsula Carola.

Councils director of corporate and community services, Mr Chris Gallagher, said "the centre was a well organised group that actively seeks to involve the community".

"The event will encourage community spirit and identity," he said.

Woy Woy Creative Writers and the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre were unsuccessful in their requests for funding under the program.

Mr Gallagher said the writers had been successful for the past two years but this year there were so many applicants that they missed out.

The writers had requested \$3000.

He said he encouraged the writers to try again next year.

The craft centre application was unsuccessful because the centre had enough savings to fund its own request for funds to restore a kiln.

They had asked for \$4000.

Carl Spears, July 15

Councillor calls for halt to development

Fifteen per cent of Peninsula stow water drainage plans are completed according to Gosford Council's 1998 State of the Environment Report (SER).

The remaining 85 per cent of incomplete plans has led to er Lynne Bockholt suggesting a temporary halt to Peninsula development.

"The Peninsula already has a \$54 million backlog of drainage wcm to be completed and the projected growth will only exacerbate the matter unless something is done urgently," she said.

The backlog needs to be addressed before more people make the Peninsula their home, she said.

Council's SER says: "Urban flooding is an issue that has become particularly important over the past decade." Serious flooding was partly caused by inadequate capacity in the existing drainage system that were designed using early underestimated rainfall statistics.

The SER states various reasons for the increasing pressure on local drainage systems including: less natural permeable surfaces, increased development in catchment areas and a history of wetland area filling.

The SER said that these developments had Cud erosion of the bed and banks of the Wiliercourses and a Loss of riparian vegetation and its biological values.

Kerb am guttering, a part of most new developments, causes rainfall to enter the ocean through the stormwater system.

An alternative is to let the rainwater seep into the ground naturally to become part of the water table.

The SER says council had received a grant from the Environmental Protection Authority to study water quality and infiltration rates in the Woy Woy sandplain.

Councils response to Peninsula erosion problems, according to the SER, is to use rock protection techniques and vegetation replanting.

Sometimes development means there is insufficient areas to restore natural flood plains and thus creek banks must be steepened to accommodate the resultant increase in capacity.

An example on the Peninsula is Ettalong Creek.

Each development that is on a flood plain gets a 149 certifica1e.

Council currently has about 10,000 properties encoded with 149 certificates.

Carl Spears, July 20

Under new management

Two Woy Woy businesses have been taken over by new owners.

George's Woy Woy Gourmet Pizza and Peninsula Stationery both in Blackwall Rd have been taken over by experienced proprietors.

New Work for the Dole projects

Local young jobseekers will benefit from six new Work for the Dole projects, which were announced by Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd.

"The projects have been approved by the Government and will provide places for up to 158 participates between August 1999 and next year " Mr, Lloyd said.

"Cafe' Umina Beach and

Information Centre", sponsored by Employment Transactions Australia, has taken on 16 applicants and provide them with work experience.

"The Central Coast is to be a major beneficiary of the Federal Government's increased focus on community-based Work for the Dole projects," said Mr Lloyd.

Carl Spears, July 15

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Business Awards



“The Peninsula business community has come of age at last” was the recurring observation made at the inaugural Peninsula Chamber of Commerce business awards held at the Ettalong Beach Club on July 2.

Hailed by the local business community as a huge success, the gala evening was attended by 310 guests who were treated to a night of dining and entertainment putter to the awards' presentation.

Peninsula businesses were nominated by customers and were subject to phantom shopping inquiries and visits.

Phantom shopping judges visited all nominees to complete the difficult task of selecting finalists and eventual winners 1n each category.

“It was like winning the Oscars.” said Ross Lyle of Top Nosh Eatery after winning his award.

Winners were seen to jump up with joy and hug the closest person when their business was called out as the winner.

President of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Matthew Wales. said: “The Chamber of Commerce is absolutely delighted with the huge response received from Peninsula businesses.

“The really encouraging aspect of the night was the large number of young business people who attended, many of whom won awards” Category finalists and winners were:

Excellence in Service Award

- Bay Collections Boutique Oval Avenue, Woy Woy
- Celestial Hair Body Beauty Studio, Oval Avenue, Woy Woy
- Dewar's Cabinets, Cnr Ocean beach Road and Rawson Road, Woy Woy
- Elders Real Estate, The Boulevard, Woy Woy
- Krystals Cards & Gifts, West Street, Umina Beach
- McDonalds Fresh meat and Poultry. Peninsula Plaza, Woy Woy
- **WON BY CELESTIAL HAIR BODY BEAUTY STUDIO**

Outstanding Promotion Award

- Pearls on the Beach, Pearl Beach
- Peninsula Car Repairs, Alma Avenue. Woy Woy
- Top Nosh Eatery, West Streel. Umina Beach
- **WON BY TOP NOSH EATERY**

Encouragement Award

- Pacific Hair Design, Pacific Avenue. Ettalong Beach
- Samantha's Beauty Therapy, The Rocks Arcade. Ettalong Beach
- Seaside Flowers & Balloons, Broken Bay Road, Ettalong Beach
- **WON BY PACIFIC HAIR DESIGN**

Business Awards Category A - 1 to 3 staff

- Earthly Goodness Health & Nutrition Centre, West Street, Umina Beach

- The Bedman Discount Bedding & Furniture, Cnr. West and Leslie Streets, Umina Beach
- The Ettalong Beach Post Office, Cnr. Memonal Avenue & Ocean View Road. Ettalong Beach
- **WON BY THE BEDMAN DISCOUNT BEDDING & FURNITURE**

Business Awards Category B - 4 to 9 staff

- McDonalds Fresh Meat & Poultry, Peninsula Plaza, Woy Woy
- McPhee's Pharmacy, Cnr. Picnic Parade and Ocean View Road, Ettalong Beach
- Peninsula Car Repairs, Alma Avenue, Woy Woy
- **WON BY MCD FRESH MEAT & POULTRY**

Business Awards Category C - 10 to 19 staff

- Brumbys, Peninsula Plaza, WoyWoy
- Clarkes Amcal ONALDS - Pharmacy, Peninsula Plaza, Woy Woy.
- Mediterranean Seafood, Ocean View Road, Ettalong Beach
- **WON BY BRUMBYS WOY WOY**

Business Awards Category 0 - 20 + staff

- G&B Hardware (Mitre 10). West Street, Umina Beach
- Ocean Beach Hotel, Cnr Trafalgar Avenue and West Street, Umina Beach
- Tonkin Drysdale Partners, Blackwall Road, Woy Woy
- **WON BY G&B HARDWARE**

Overall winners were Bob and Jill Gow, proprietors of The Bedman in Umina Beach, who took out the 1999 Peninsula Business of the Year Award.

The Chamber of Commerce also made a special Service to the Community Award to volunteer fireman, Vince Wiegold, Station Commander of the Ettalong Brigade for his outstanding contribution to the community.

All nomination forms were used as entries to draw a winner of the Tony Arico Traveland prize of a weekend package for two staying at the Nikko Hotel in Darling Harbour.

The winner was Helen Nicholls of Pearl Beach.

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The happy crew at Pacific Hair Design of Etta/ong Beach with their Encouragement Award winner's trophy



Linda Engelshus, Joan Gomm and Lynda Hainsworth of McPhee's in Ettalong with their finalist plaque in the Category B (4 to 9 staff) business awards



Les and Robyn Sullivan from Ettalong Beach Post Office who were surprise finalists in category D (1 to 3 staff) being a semi government body

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In the past six months, the litter traps have caught over 3 tonnes of litter, which would have reached our beaches and waterways. This litter has included plastic bottles, cigarette butts, food packets, aluminium cans, foam packaging, syringes and grass clippings. Other litter found included a medicine cabinet and an exercise bike.

In Sydney, a trial has been undertaken to determine the mobility of litter. Items were tagged and dropped through the stormwater system at selected drains in the Mosman catchment area. A litter tag item was found a week later on the beach at Port Stephens and other items were found as far south as Bateman's Bay.

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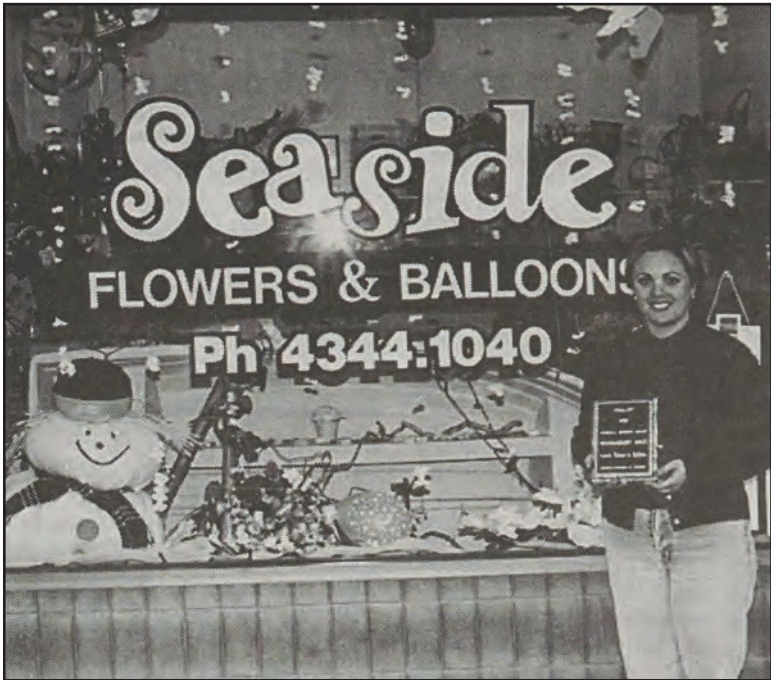
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- Pick up other people's litter in the park or on the street
- Put your cigarette butts in the bin
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- Rake up lawn clippings and leaves and mulch or compost
- Cover piles of sand, soil or mulch to stop them washing into drains
- Never put litter or clippings in a location that could be blown or washed into a drain or waterway

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Business Awards



Samantha Chapman and Trish Bailey with their finalist's plaque for the Encouragement Award outside their shop at Ettalong



Melanie Lown with her finalist plaque in the Encouragement Award category outside her shop at Ettalong



Nick Rongas, Neil Willis, Philip Kizalos and Michelle Walsh with their finalist plaque in the Business Award Category C (10 to 19 staff) at Ettalong Beach

Keynote speech at the Chamber Business Awards

Keynote speaker at the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Business Awards was Peter Hale, in his capacities as Chairman of Central Coast Tourism and Fast Ships Limited, CEO of the Ettalong Beach Club and Vice Chairman of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

Mr Hale said one reason for the lack of progress of the Central Coast 20 years ago was its parochial nature where north would never work with south and how even the then General Manager of Gosford Council saw the Peninsula as only suitable for cycling tracks.

Mr Hale then gave his thoughts on the Peninsula's present situation and how we can all do something to improve things.

Following is an edited text of Mr Hale's speech "Our problem, the Central Coasts' problem, is that there is practically no major industry.

"Our lifeblood, employment and social infrastructure depends on small business.

"As an average of 70% of small businesses fail, we depend on a very risky and costly base.

·we can only survive if small businesses unite to promote as one, to seek advice, to help each other - even if we are in competition with each other - we must do this to

succeed.

"Just as Westfield and other major shopping centres combine businesses to produce six figure marketing and entertainment budgets to promote themselves as a destination, we on the Peninsula a~ an area must do the same to seek to establish ourselves as a destination.

"This requires all businesses to pull together and not just those in retail.

"If retail business does not create wealth, does not improve, then the value of houses does not increase and lawyers, accountants and other professionals will not grow their practices, so all of these 'products' must combine.

"Small business has been and is being, continually loaded with many other responsibilities on behalf of governments at all levels.

"We need as a community to look within at our social problems and business challenges.

"We need to seek solutions

ourselves and not rely on governments to solve them.

"We need to take stock of our assets as a community and see how we can combine to make our area work and grow.

both in lifestyle and to succeed to ensure jobs and opportunities for our sons, daughters and grandchildren.

"We can only achieve this if we work together and become involved in such groups as the Peninsula Mainstreet initiative, the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and any other opportunities that arise for networking.

"Our real competitors are not businesses in Woy Woy, Umina, Ettalong, Gosford, Terrigal or The Entrance.

"In fact, we have to combine with Gosford, Terrigal and The Entrance because it is Sydney and Chatswood Chase and other major metropolitan shopping centres that are the real competitors to us all on the central coast.

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The nursery is the last one on the Peninsula and it and the coffee shop are open for business 7 days a week. Why not call in and say hello next time you're in the areaand while you're there, don't forget to try the Lemon Meringue Pie or Sticky Date Pudding?

The Ettalong Beach Gardeners Cottage Nursery and
Coffee Shop, 23 Broken Bay Road, Ettalong Beach

History and heritage

Our own bicentenary

When leaving the Woy Woy Peninsula via the Rip Bridge, a glance to the right will give a view of a tall sandstone monument (pictured).

This is the story of several memorials that were placed around Brisbane Water in 1988, as part of the Central Coast's own Bicentenary, and which include the monument at Booker Bay.

Arthur Phillip and the First Fleet landed in Sydney Cove on 26 January 1788.

Just five weeks later, during the first week of March, Governor Phillip took a party of men northward in two small boats - a long boat and a cutter.

Phillip was searching for the "broken land" that James Cook had mentioned passing in 1770.

The Governor spent nearly a week exploring.

This journey had seemed futile to some of his officers, at a time when so much was still to be done to make the tiny settlement secure on the inhospitable shores of Port Jackson.

However, farm land for grazing and cultivation of crops was not found at Sydney Cove, and the Phillip urgently needed to find suitable land to help make the settlement self-supporting.

The First Fleet only brought provisions for two years.

By Joan Fenton

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

On Sunday morning, 2 March 1788, the party set forward with provisions for seven days.

Phillip was accompanied by Lieutenant Bradley, master of the Sirius, together with crews manning the boats and marines.

The sailing was laborious to the south head of Broken Bay, as the tide was very strongly running southward.

That night they moored on the north-west side of an extended bay behind a bar off which "the surf broke violently".

This was probably Pearl Beach. Many Aborigines came to see them, appearing to be very friendly.

[At the mouth of a small creek at Pearl Beach, on a large piece of rock taken from the cliff above, two plaques were affixed engraved with extracts from the logs of Governor Phillip and Lieutenant Bradley.] At daylight on Monday, 3 March 1788, the party headed north.

They arrived at Half Tide Rocks,

where a shoal extends across the entrance from the west to Wagstaffe Point.

After crossing Half Tide Rocks, the party landed their vessels just within.

They again found that the Aborigines were numerous and friendly.

When the sailors continued and arrived at The Rip, they faced a problem with the tide.

They landed again in a cove adjacent to The Rip.

[On the hill next to Booker Bay, two plaques have been placed on a sandstone obelisk, bearing the appropriate journal extracts describing the strong tide and the area where they landed. Near the obelisk is an engraved map showing the routes taken by Phillip and his party.] The explorers set off again at about 11 am, in pouring rain, and this time they were able to cross The Rip.

As they explored, they found several small inlets between mangroves.

They stopped on one of the islands and pitched their tents.

[On a sandstone memorial placed on St Huberts Island, another two plaques have been fixed, bearing the appropriate journal extracts.] At daylight on the morning of 4 March 1788, they rowed into Cockle Creek, but the low tide forced them to retreat after a quick inspection.

Just over a year later, in June 1789, Phillip returned to Broken Bay and to the body of water which was later called 'Brisbane Water'.

This time, they visited the South Arm of the Bay, which Phillip named "Pitt Water".

They virtually retraced their journey of the year before, only this time, managed to find the head of the waterway, "which divided into two large bays" (either side of Point Frederick).

A map was drawn of the course of the two journeys, which was published in London in 1792.

This shows the site where they landed on 9 June 1789, and which can be identified as being on the bottom end of Orana Street, Green Point.

[Five plaques have been erected on the memorial obelisk



The Booker Bay monument, just after being unveiled by Tony Doyle, Member for Peats. (Photo: J. Fenton)

at Green Point.] Governor Phillip's task was to make a settlement in a wilderness, with few and imperfect tools.

His two trips to Brisbane Water were made because of his efforts to find farming land to help support the new colony.

His days spent in pouring rain exploring our district resulted in illness, the effects of which he endured until the end of his life.

Plaques The sandstone memorials at Booker Bay, St Huberts Island and Green Point were constructed over many months during late 1987 and early 1988.

They were transported to the various sites and unveiled at four separate ceremonies: PEARL BEACH.

Unveiled on Wednesday, 2 March 1988 by Mrs Thelma Harris, a resident of Pearl Beach for 60 years.

BOOKER BAY.

Unveiled on Thursday, 3 March 1988 by Mr Tony Doyle, Member for Peats, a resident of Booker Bay.

ST HUBERTS ISLAND.

Unveiled on Thursday, 3 March 1988 by Alderman Tony Sansom, Chairman of the Gosford City Bicentennial Community Committee.

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The sandstone memorials were made from local sandstone quarried by Central Coast Sawn-Stone Quarries of Somersby.

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The Pearl Beach memorial. (Photo: J. Fenton)

Grant for pavilion

The Patonga Beach Tennis, Sports, Social and Community Club will receive a \$20,000 Federal Community Grant to assist the recreation of a Heritage Amenities Pavilion.

Local community groups competed for the \$200,000 allocated to the Robertson electorate and approved by Minister for Arts and Centenary of Federation, Mr Peter McGauran.

The tennis club should be starting the project in early August.

It will consist of the refurbishment and conversion of the existing amenities block that fronts the Eve Williams Memorial Oval.

The current building is

unsuitably designed with limited functional use and is in a state of disrepair.

The proposed changes are designed to recreate a Heritage Pavilion historically situated at the pier near the existing site.

The new pavilion will mark Patonga 's recognition of the Centenary of Federation.

it will contain an amenities area and provide needed shelter for visitors, ferry commuters, sporting clubs and social gatherings.

The total cost of the project will be \$40,000.

Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, received 33 applications for Heritage Grants with seven being successful.

Resident works to restore rock pool

Umina Beach resident Robyn Keys-Smith has spent 12 frustrating months and some of her own money in a personal effort to motivate Umina residents and council to rebuild the Umina Beach Rock Pool to modem day safety standards.

Ms Keys-Smith said she was originally told that she would receive dollar for dollar support by council if she was able to raise \$25,000.

To raise these funds, Ms Keys-Smith organised a fortnightly market at the Umina Public School

and was able to find a number of volunteers to help her on a regular basis.

Ms Keys-Smith has petitions in strategic places in Ettalong and Umina and is keen to see some support from local residents for the project.

She said anyone interested should contact their local councillor, the mayor and/or write a letter to the editor of Peninsula News.

The remains of the original pool are still in place and it seems that it could quite easily be turned into a natural asset if the public will was behind it, said Ms Keys-Smith.

Cec Bucello July 16



Fast Ferry countdown - only one year to go

Four years ago it just seemed like a dream.

Ettalong to Sydney in 45 minutes on board one of the most technologically advanced high speed ferries in the world. Now that dream is getting closer and closer by the day with everything on track for the Ettalong Fast Ferry to start operating in just 12 months time.

Since being unanimously granted deferred commencement consent by Gosford Council in February of this year, Fast Ships has undertaken a considerable amount of work to address concerns of Ettalong residents.

At Fast Ships' suggestion, a committee of residents and council officers was formed to enable the fast ferry operators to better understand local needs.

The result of that program was the preparation of three expert environmental and engineering consultancy reports that have just been presented to Council.

These cover traffic and parking issues, protection measures for the foreshore and the environment adjacent to the proposed Bangalow Street wharf and proposed methods for refuelling the vessel.

These reports are available

for public review until July 30 at Gosford Council offices in Gosford.

"We believe local residents will be very encouraged by the consultancy reports" said Mr Peter - Hale, Chairman of Fast Ships.

"We have listened to local concerns and are happy to concede to all the preferred options of residents as presented to Council." Of key importance to many local residents is the issue of parking and traffic management in the local area.

While Fast Ships was prepared to undertake costly roadworks to minimise additional traffic, local residents preferred the option of imposing restricted parking regulations in nearby streets.

"We will be encouraging the use of public transport in the wharf area," said Mr Hale.

"Bus lay-bys, a taxi rank and 'Kiss and Ride' facilities will be provided for passengers to minimise parking in the adjoining streets." While the environmental experts reported that refuelling the ferry locally was a very safe option, local residents have continuously preferred the option of refuelling in Sydney.

"We believe the local refuelling

option is the safest and most economical option but we appreciate the concerns of local residents," said Mr Hale.

"If Gosford Council prefers a Sydney refuelling option, we will be happy to seek appropriate facilities." Importantly, the consultancy studies have concluded that public concerns over the impact of the fast ferry on the local environment are unwarranted.

No dredging will be required for the ferry's passage, local marine life will not be impacted and the slow speed of the vessel to the wharf will result in negligible impact on the foreshore and adjoining sandbanks, he said.

The three consultancy reports are the last submissions required by Fast Ships before final commencement approval can be granted by Gosford Council.

"A Memorandum of Understanding has just been signed with a major shipyard to build the Fast Ferry," said Mr Hale.

"Once we have the contract finalised, construction of the vessel will commence more or less immediately."

Barbara Ketley

State Budget acknowledges Woy Woy Peninsula

The State Budget handed down by the NSW Treasurer, the Hon Michael Egan, has acknowledged the local community's needs for better road links and transport facilities.

Budget highlights for the Woy Woy Peninsula area include : \$250,000 for a new roundabout at Ocean Beach Road and Rawson Road, Woy Woy.

\$369,000 for a new road pavement on Brisbane Water Drive at Koolewong.

\$100,000 to provide a seagull intersection at Maitland Bay Drive and Picnic Parade, Ettalong.

In addition \$500,000 has been allocated for a feasibility study into the next generation of high speed intercity carriages for the Sydney • Central Coast - Newcastle route.

This will complement major track improvements announced last year by the Government, which will slash travel times for daily commuters to Sydney.

NSW Education and Training Minister, John Aquilina has advised me that planning can now begin for the construction of improved toilet facilities at Woy Woy High School.

All state schools within the Peninsula will benefit from a record \$6,929.9 million provided in the 1999/2000 State Budget for education and training for: improving literacy and numeracy through new teaching programs,

state-wide testing and intensive remedial programs (\$87.3 million) improving the condition of schools by providing an extra \$15 million for maintenance programs (total of \$128 million) providing 115,000 new and replacement computers, cabling and additional Internet connections to schools (\$392.1 million over the next four years), and expanding the TILT (Technology in Learning and Teaching) Program to train more teachers in using computers in the classroom (\$16.6 million over four years).

The reduction of payroll tax from 6.75 per cent to six per cent will encourage local businesses to employ more staff.

Major reform of the Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance will result in savings of more than \$100 off the cost of greenslips for many drivers.

The changes to greenslips will come into force on October 1.

Abolition of the \$43 motor vehicle registration fee will mean further savings in the annual cost of running the family car.

Constituent Interviews are held on Monday mornings in the Electorate Office at Woy Woy.

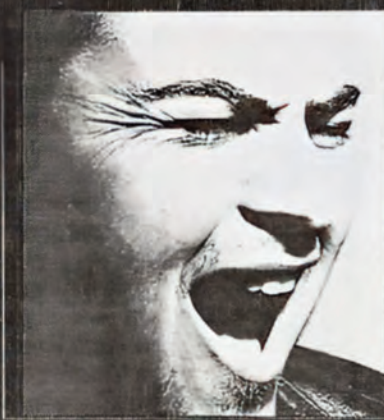
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History and heritage

Peninsula doctor and theatre nurse help PNG neighbours see clearly



Eye surgeon Dr Michael Scobie and nurse Ian James in Papua New Guinea

Peninsula eye surgeon Or Michael Scobie and local operating theatre nurse Ian James recently returned from Papua New Guinea where they performed 70 sight restoring cataract operations over a two week period.

It is hard to believe that a country so rich in minerals, mined by multimillion dollar companies, is so poor in medical supplies.

Even though Papua New Guinea is only 160km above northern Australia, a vast majority of people still live in a traditional, non-monetary barter economy.

For this reason, conventional means of advertising Dr Scobie's visit are limited.

Toksavi, the passing of messages by word of mouth, is relied upon.

These messages travel from person to person into isolated provinces and islands.

The blind hear of the foreign eye doctor's impending arrival and make their way many kilometres on foot, canoe and in the back of trucks to have their sight restored.

So many people respond to Toksavi that a clinic has

been created, run by trained local health care workers, who screen patients before Or Scobie's team arrives.

The need for cataract surgery is so great that a waiting list is necessary.

Patients with cataracts in both eyes have one eye operated on by Dr Scobie's team and are then placed on a waiting list to have their second eye treated at a later date.

This allows for scarce resources to be spread more widely.

Cataracts occur when the lens of the eye clouds over causing blurred and dim vision.

This is caused by injuries to the eye, diabetes, inherited factors and mostly as part of the ageing process. With the use of a microscope donated by a South Australian Medical company, the old eye lens is removed by Dr Scobie with delicate instruments in a sterile technique.

A new lens, made by the Fred Hollows Foundation in Eritrea, Ethiopia, is inserted.

Each lens cost 10 dollars.

The hospital buildings in Wewak were donated by the Japanese

government in 1992 as a gesture for their occupation during the second World war.

Dr Scobie takes equipment and supplies on all his visits, donated by Brisbane Waters Private Hospital, Amed Medical Supplies, some drug companies and individual donations.

Ozaid has assisted on some visits with contributions such as airfares.

Their accommodation and transport were supplied by the Christian Brothers Mission, who provide a service to the partially sighted and deaf.

Next year will be Dr Scobie's sixth visit to PNG.

In addition to his usual operating in Wewak, he is planning a visit to Ambuti, a region only accessible by the Sepuk River using canoes or by air.

All equipment, including a portable microscope, will be transported by the team.

Donations to this trip will be gladly accepted by Or Scobie's team and can be made at his Woy Woy consulting rooms at 4/11 Vidler Ave on Mondays and Wednesdays..

Karen Booth

Seminar for counselling skills in Christian forum

An "Abiding Life" seminar will be held at Peninsula Christian Life Centre on Friday, August 6, and Saturday, August 7.

It will be chaired by Ray Andrews, the Australian Director of Abiding Life Ministries international.

Ray speaks throughout Australia and internationally in the US, Ireland, Wales, England, Thailand, the Ukraine and New Zealand and has a powerful ministry in teaching and counselling.


The seminar aims to train participants to further their own

counselling skills in a Christian forum.


They will also be taught how to utilise these same skills in helping the community.

For details and course costs call Peninsula Christian Life Centre on 4344-2509.

Geoff Barnes, June 30



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Grant given to Christian Life Centre

The Peninsula Christian Life Centre and the Woy Woy Youth Cottage will receive funding from Gosford Council's Community Grant Program.

The Peninsula Christian Life Centre received \$2800 for its 'How to Drug Proof Your Kids' program.

Council had already made a donation of \$1000 in May.

The Peninsula Christian Life Centre requested \$6400, which is the total cost of the project.

Woy Woy Youth Cottage will receive \$1140 to help purchase materials and a video.

The Cottage had asked for \$2200.

The Peninsula Community Centre and Peninsula Community Centre Playgroup were unsuccessful in their requests.

Council's director of corporate and community services, Mr Chris Gallagher, said the unsuccessful applicants were low priority when grant criteria were applied.

Carl Spears, July 15

Residents' objections fail to move bus route

Gosford Council will allow Busways to continue to operate a service along Carpenter Rd, Umina, despite resident's objections, following a traffic committee recommendation.

The traffic committee's report said: "A number of letters have

been received objecting to the service via Carpenter St., Umina, and the letters particularly refer to safety at the intersection with Ryan's Rd.

"Most of the complaints from residents are in relation to inconvenience and noise created by the buses as opposed to safety

issues," continued the report.

The current bus route involved buses turning left into Veron Rd from Carpenter St.

The committee re-evaluated the service and decided that Veron Rd traffic was not heavy enough to necessitate a change in the route.

Carl Spears, July 8

Floodlights for Woy Woy

Council's director of works, Mr Daryl Dutton, has recommended five new floodlights be installed in Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy, to illuminate the Brick Wharf Road Waterfront Reserve.

Mr Dutton said 71 surveys were sent to nearby residents of which 54 were returned.

"The return of 76 per cent of surveys sent is a very good response and could be considered representative of the majority," he said.

"Sixty eight per cent of the returned surveys favoured the lighting proposal."

If installed, the lights will cost just under \$1500 per year.

Carl Spears, July 15

Business wants bus stand relocated

Central Coast Autobarn owner, Mr Neil Crocker, has requested a bus stand in front of his business in Charlton St, Woy Woy, be relocated.

Mr Crocker said the stand has for the last year made in difficult for staff and customers to enter and leave his premises safely.

"The bus stand is right across one of my driveways and customers can not see oncoming traffic when they are leaving," he said.

"The buses can be there for an hour or two and it's like having a big curtain over my display.

"Something like 20 per cent of our customers are drawn in when they happen to see us as they drive past," he said.

Mr Crocker stressed it was "no a

desperate situation", but would like it resolved as soon as possible.

Council traffic officers are to meet Busways representatives to investigate an alternative site in Victoria Rd.

In other traffic matters: The traffic committee recommended Woy Woy council carpark remain 2-hour parking after a request from Gnostic Forest Spiritual Shop to change it to all day parking.

Gnostic Forest owners wanted all day parking availability for local business owners and their employees.

The traffic committee wants to retain 2-hour parking to prevent commuters monopolising the existing facility.

The Peninsula Christian Life Centre requested a temporary closure of Oval Ave, Woy Woy for

December 18 between 6.30 and 10.30 pm for their Peninsula Carols 1999 event at Woy Woy Oval.

The Life Centre also asked for a full closure of Chambers Pl and a partial closure of Blackwall Rd and Railway St.

The traffic committee recommended the 'Closures be granted.

The traffic committee has asked council to look at the possibility of widening, and kerbing and guttering the intersection of Pratley St and Walford Rd, Woy Woy.

The traffic committee said edge and centreline markings should be provided on Woy Woy Rd near Bulls Hill.

Local resident, Mr F Coleman, requested a 10 kmh speed limit for all local un-named laneways.

The traffic committee said because these laneways are public roads a 10 kmh speed limit cannot be imposed.

However, council does have the jurisdiction to limit the speed limit down from 60 kmh to 50 kmh, the committee said.

The traffic committee recommended council consider the possibility of a pedestrian or pelican crossing at the southern end of the Woy Woy Bus/Rail interchange.

Carl Spears, June 24

Heavy vehicle traffic causes resident concern

A petition from 45 Woy Woy residents has expressed concerns that vibrations from buses and other heavy vehicles travelling along Brick Wharf road may be causing damage to nearby homes.

The residents said the vibrations have caused pictures to move on

walls, crockery and glass cabinets to shake and general shock to dwellings.


They have asked Gosford Council to investigate and take whatever means are necessary to alleviate this problem, such as imposing load and speed limits.

Geoff Barnes, July 9


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School News

Sleeping out for the homeless

Being cold for fun for one night can be fun, but being cold every night is positively dangerous. Each year, there are a growing number of young people between 15 and 25 who have nowhere safe and secure to live. They are cold lonely, sick and afraid. No one chooses this way of life, it comes through family and relationship background, unemployment, illness and bad

luck. Some people are homeless just for a few weeks, while others are homeless for months at a time. Young Peninsula residents can help homeless people by joining in Mission Australia's annual winter sleepout and chilling out for just one night: Saturday, August 7. Contact the winter sleepout hotline on 9219 2040 for information on the big sleepout at the Sydney Opera House or for any Peninsula group sleepout activities. Cec Bucello July 17

High schools' restructure

The issue of restructuring secondary education so that only two age groups are based at each high school, is still under consideration. Central Coast High School principals have had two meetings on it one was to see some relevant data relating to Central Coast High Schools, and the other to establish a position on the issue. The school's position was

presented to parents before the end of term two and extensive consultation will take place during the first part of term three. The school has urged all parents to be involved with these negotiations, to keep an open mind until the relevant information has been seen and to make sure that the school receives parents' considered point of view. Cec Bucello, June 28

Olympic volunteers

The 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games will need approximately 50,000 volunteers to operate efficiently and there are still many different positions available. Some of the benefits of volunteering include sharing the spirit of the games, an alternative to purchasing tickets, being part of history and learning new skills or sharing existing skills with others. Volunteer 2000 information booklets for Peninsula residents are available from the Peninsula News office. These booklets are the official source of information about volunteering for the games and are freely available. If you think that you may have the time and want to be directly involved in the biggest sporting events in the world in the year 2000 then these booklets will be of great interest to you. Cec Bucello July 17

Student exchange with Canberra

Forty five year 6 students from Woy Woy Public School recently participated in a four day excursion to Canberra. The Woy Woy students stayed with students from Wanniasa Hills Primary School in an exchange program which has been running for over 15 years between the schools. The students are matched according to interests and communicate with phone, mail and email before the excursion. While in Canberra, the students visit all the main attractions including Parliament House, The Australian Institute of Sport, The War Memorial, Telstra Tower, The High Court and Dinosaur Museum. They also participated in a disco hosted by their billets. All the students had a great time and are eagerly looking forward to hosting their new friends when Wanniasa visit the Central Coast in November. Term two has been busy for excursions and other activities at Woy Woy Primary School. Year 3 participated in an excursion to The Rocks as part of their unit of work on early European settlement. Year 5 visited Katandra Rainforest whilst they were undertaking a unit of work on rainforests. Years 5 and 6 attended Umina High School's performance of Oliver at the Ettalong Beach Club's Entertainment Centre while Year 4 attended a matinee performance at Woy Woy High's variety night. All classes from Kindergarten to Year 6 visited the Life Education van during its six day visit to our school. PUBLIC SPEAKING Four students, Rochelle Dewar, Ashleigh Graham (Year 6) and Carleigh Dunn and Natalie Hart (Year 4) were selected to represent the school in the Central Coast

finals of the multicultural public speaking competition. The finals were held at Gosford Public School on the June 28. All the girls spoke well and received excellent reviews from adjudicators. Carleigh Dunn finished second in the junior section, receiving the highly commended certificate. CENTRAL COAST DANCE FESTIVAL Both of our dance groups have been selected to participate in the Central Coast Dance Festival being held at the Laycock Theatre from Wednesday, August 4, to Friday, August 6. Over 40 students from year 3 to year 6 are involved in the dance groups and have been practising before school and at lunchtimes preparing for their performances. LIFE EDUCATION The students at Woy Woy Public School held two discos to raise money to give to Life Education to assist the replacement of two vans recently destroyed by fire. Three hundred dollars was raised and presented to Roxanne Davies from Life Education. NAIDOCWEEK On Thursday, July 1, Woy Woy Public School students participated in NAIDOC celebrations. These celebrations included a flag raising ceremony, a talk to assembly by Chris Hughes, Woy Woy Public School's Aboriginal Education Resource teacher on the meaning of NAIDOC and a traditional story from the central coast area about the first meeting of the Darkinjung Tribe and Governor Phillip's soldiers. Woy Woy Public School's girls' singing group performed a song in the traditional Torres Strait Islander language accompanied with clap sticks. An Aboriginal art award presentation was held and the outstanding works being were framed for the front school foyer.

Community involvement

A public meeting will be held at Umina High School on August 4, commencing at 7.30pm to explain the operation of the proposed schoolwatch security scheme. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

School performs in Sydney

A number of Umina Public School students recently performed at the Sydney North Dance Festival. The school dance group under the leadership of Miss Gibbs, performed an item of the highest quality, said Principal Mr Bob Bourke. "A contingent of our students participate in Umina High School's production of Oliver with all reports suggesting a creditable performance," he said. The principal and staff at Umina High School forwarded a letter to Umina Public School stating, "the contribution made by Umina. Primary School students was of a very high standard and certainly played a significant part in the success of this production". Mr Bourke said he congratulated the students involved and Miss Gibb and Mrs Clarke from the staff who made the experience possible.

sponsors." School Security Umina Public School's principal, Mr Bob Bourke, voiced concerns about the school's security. "In the first two weeks of June, there have been a number of break-ins with r televisions and video equipment stolen," he said. "For a considerable amount of time, security has not been a major issue for the school, but staff have had safety concerns in regard to recent incidents that have involved un-authorised people making use of school grounds during and after school hours." Mr Bourke said the incidents have been of a harassing and threatening nature. To avoid similar incidents, the school grounds will be off limits at all hours to any un-authorised persons, said Mr Bourke "School security and police have been advised to apprehend and charge these people with trespassing and legal action. can result in significant fines under the Enclosed Lands Act. "We are also trying to rejuvenate the federation of Parents and Citizens School Watch Program where members are encouraged to regularly patrol school grounds after hours and report any suspicious activity to the Department of Education's Security base station or to the Police." Information can be obtained by calling Mrs Anne Austin at the school on 4341 1630.

Trivia Night. A successful trivia night was held last month at Umina Public School. "A terrific night was held by the highly intelligent, sometimes vocal crowd that attended the school's trivia night on Saturday June 19," principal Mr Bob Bourke said. "The questions were mentally challenging, although sometimes non-sensical. "A large array of prizes were on offer and the success of the night can be attributed to the hard work of the organisers, adjudicators and

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School News

Ettalong Public School term report

Ettalong Public School is now accepting enrolment for next year.

Children who turn five before July 31, 2000, are eligible for enrolment in kindergarten classes starting at the beginning of the new year.

Application forms can be obtained at anytime from the school at Karingi Street, Ettalong.

Parents are encouraged to visit the school and be shown around to see the many resources available in Ettalong Public School's pleasant environment.

From Wednesday September 1, 1999, Ettalong School will again be running its successful Head Start Program.

It is the program's seventh year.

Parents' comments from previous years have included "The program helps children mix and let them know what school will be like", "It made Kindergarten easier, my daughter was prepared and eager, it was all enjoyment", and, "It made the first day of school so easy".

Head Start classes help new school children to become familiar with the school, the teachers and their new friends before the school term begins.

These classes will be for children starting Kindergarten in 2000.

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

Ettalong Public School's

recent disco was a great success and everyone seemed to enjoy it enormously " said principle Mr Bruce Donaldson.

"Big Chief Peter" and his two funny clowns from Sounds Under provided the music and some entertainment with the help of "Men In Black".

"The P & C raised \$1050 at the same time for the computer room," he said.

Ettalong Public School sent a \$500 cheque to the appeal for the replacement of the Life Education vans.

This included all the money contributed from the disco and \$50 from the marble competition.

The school has asked Life Education to proceed with their visit this term despite the loss of their van.

A temporary classroom has been organised for the program so the Life Education teacher can continue presenting lessons.

The program will begin at the school on Wednesday, July 21 and the book material will cost \$4 per child.

Ettalong Public School's Parents and Citizens Association have some great plans for term three culminating in the School Fete to be held on September 11.

Parents are asked to start sorting through old toys and books.

A special stall will focus on preloved children's toys and books and parents are asked to send them to either the office or gold classroom.

Ettalong Public School's Parents and Citizens Association

(P & C) held their June meeting in the newly established computer room.

The school's computer coordinator, Mr Nash, said the computer centre will be up and running in term three in order to give Year 6 children some hands on experience before transferring to High School.

The school intends to provide parents with basic computer skills as a gesture of thanks to the many who helped in getting the project running.

The P & C would like to thank the dedicated group of volunteer parents and helpers who have run the computer cabling underground to each block and placed extra cable under tiles and inside walls to link up every classroom The Ettalong Memorial Club is also supporting this project.

Ettalong Public School principal, Mr Bruce Donaldson, said that he would like to thank all the students who brought in labels from Pal dog food.

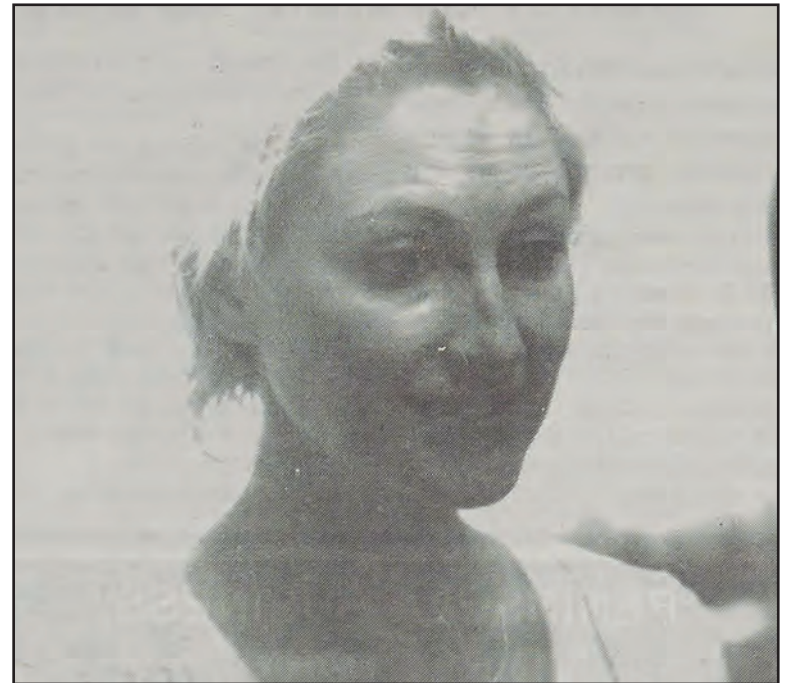
The school sent off 140 labels to Pedigree Pal which represents \$70 towards training a Guide Dog.

"Great effort," said Mr Donaldson.

Class 3S of Ettalong Public School would like some parent volunteers to help in the mornings with reading in Terms 3 and 4.

Those that can should send a note to the school with their child.

The school canteen urgently requires helpers on Mondays and anyone that can is requested to contact Cheryl at the canteen.



Actor Caz Tremayne talks to GAT students

Actor helps GAT students

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate, our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure." Actor Caroline Tremayne introduced these words from Nelson Mandela to the students of Umina High School's gifted and talented program.

She inspired them to believe in themselves and to have confidence in their innate abilities.

By relating to her own experiences, both successes and failures, Caroline took the students on a tour of what we adults sometimes cynically call "The Real World".

Caz, as she prefers the students to call her, urged them to acknowledge their talents and believe that they can reach their goals.

They should decide what they love to do, want to do, then do it as best they can, she said.

Her tales of the rich and famous included film star Jim Carey carrying a cheque made out to him for \$10 million to remind himself of his own worth and how life was going to be when his persistence had 110 knockbacks before a producer mortgaged his house to get him underway.

"Remember," Caz told the students, "that everyone you admire started like you.

At school!" "Networking," Caz said, "is now a very successful way

to find a job.

"Try to surround yourself with positive like-minded people and share your aspirations and dreams.

"This will help you find work or direction, as most jobs these days are filled before they can be advertised." Following her address Caz invited students to talk to her and ask questions.

She was a very popular guest and a great listener that took the time to discuss her ideas with each of many gifted and talented (GAT) students.

Umina High School's approach to education had led some time ago to the recognition of the needs of GAT students.

Students are selected, nominated or requested to partake in a program of experiences designed to promote their particular abilities within the school and in the wider community.

This is usually achieved by harnessing the students own drive and a system of mentoring, both inside and outside the school.

Carefully selected business, sporting and arts related identities help enrich the GAT students life and working experiences.

There are presently 44 students who completed their interviews and presentations and have accepted the challenge.

Parents and guardians are also asked to participate by attending an information night, offering encouragement and following the progress of the children.

Road safety at St John's

St. John the Baptist Catholic School believes that road safety is an important issue for its students and each year have conducted an intensive bicycle education program.

This term the children in Year Four participated in the program, learning basic road rules and the skills to enable them to become responsible road users.

Two of the school's teachers, Mr Vane-Tempest and Miss Perry, ran the program and compiled an exciting program combining classroom lessons with practical activities.

The children successfully gained skills in tight turns, slalom, slow cycling, braking and emergency braking, stopping, hand signals, scanning, cycling in a straight line, and conducting a

simple safety check of their bike.

The children also had the opportunity to ride a bike track that simulated the road system, incorporating all the road signs and rules.

The children had a wonderful time, feeling more confident about themselves and their role as a road user, the teachers said.

Years 5 and 6 will have their turn to complete their bicycle education program next term.

Also this term, the children and teachers have been busy with their Tuesday Activity Groups.

Mixed groups of Kinder to Year Six children are involved in lots of different art and craft activities.

Some spectacular screen printing, psychedelic tie dying, woodwork, dancing, ceramics, pottery cartoon drawing, puppets, soft toys, cooking, music and

drama, and basket weaving has been created.

The children love their activities and feel proud of their achievements.

Most people are probably aware that the Life Education van was vandalised in our school grounds.

This upset all of us at the school.

The children were devastated when they saw the grim sight of what was Healthy Harold's home.

The school community decided to have a Healthy Fun Day to raise money for a new Life Education van.

We spent the day wearing mufti and eating only healthy food.

We had a wonderful day, raising over a thousand dollars to help get Harold back on the road.

The children are eagerly awaiting Harold's return.

New Christian school for Peninsula area

The Coast Community Church, is developing an interdenominational Christian school in Bensville due to open in January, 2000.

The school will cater for students from kindergarten to year 6 and will provide children with an education which will incorporate spirituality.

There are likely to be multi level classes combining age groups

until sufficient children enrol to create full classes in each grade.

The property will be further established and upgraded prior to the start of the new school year.

The school already has four classrooms, an office, parking area, amenities block, bus bay and playground and is surrounded by bush which is expected to provide a healthy, natural environment

in which students can learn peacefully.

Pastor Andrew Ranucci said: "we are developing the school because children should have the opportunity to learn the same moral, ethical and spiritual lessons at school as they do at home so that school becomes an extension of the home."

Cec Bucello July 17

Kip McGrath

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LETS Coast Inc. is a non profit organisation and individuals only need to pay an annual fee of \$15 and complete a simple form outlining offers and needs.

Fer further information, call

4340 5330.or 4369 8335.or write to PO Bex 6280, Kincumber 2251 The aims of the Peninsula Community Access Newspaper include providing space fer a "skills exchange", as a community-building activity fer the Peninsula.

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Arts and Crafts

New volume of work from Woy Woy writers

The Woy Woy Creative Writers group launched its third volume of work on Sunday, July 4.

The venue was Woy Woy Primary School's auditorium and there was barely an empty seat left.

Age was no barrier with tiny children, elderly folk and all between, treated to fine food, drinks and warm weather.

Each of the authors had time to interact with the invitees who warmed to the occasion with a passion and great appreciation of the talent and hard work of the writers.

Little time passed before the mountain of books at the launch was reduced to what seemed to be a scattering of a few glossy covers.

Almost every person purchased a copy, and most were

autographed.

The Woy Woy Creative Writers created a comfortable atmosphere for all.

This book of fact and fiction boasts some unique talents and reflects the diverse talent the Peninsula community houses.

The writers gather in a small room at the corner of Blackwall and Victoria Rds, Woy Woy, every Tuesday morning.

Stan prytz



Folk club makes Woy Woy its home



Cec Bucello, Jenny Coker, Wilga, Lola and Frank Russell having a go on opening night

Having commenced on July 12 and continuing on the second Monday of every month, the Central Coast now has its own folk club based in Woy Woy.

Known as The Troubadour at Cjays, the folk club welcomes musicians, Singers and appreciative listeners at the newly opened Cjays cafe restaurant by the water near the wharf at 18 The

Boulevard Woy Woy.

New and experienced musicians are able to participate in sessions playing a wide variety of music, sharing knowledge and learning from each other.

On the opening night, rhythm, lead and bass guitarists were joined by a flute, fiddle, harmonica, recorder, piano accordion, percussionists and singers to create music for all to enjoy.

Some guests could not resist

the temptation to dance as well.

All are encouraged to bring their instruments (acoustic), their voices or just themselves to enjoy a night of self-made entertainment.

The next gathering will take place on August 9, from 7pm to 10.30pm, at Cjays Cafe Restaurant, 18 The Boulevard, Woy Woy.

A cover charge applies.

With inquiries, phone Frank on 43414060.

Endeavour View Club

The Endeavour View Club holds a luncheon meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at the Woy Woy Leagues Club.

The meetings are usually followed by an interesting speaker, entertainment or the occasional fashion show.

Various other functions are held by the club at different venues.

Though the club emphasises the entertainment of its members, it also raises funds for the Smith Family.

New members are welcome and information can be obtained by phoning 43431829.

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Council thanks artist for surf club mural

An artist has received a certificate from Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein after involving 20 young people in a mural painting project.

Artist Sasha Crichton was approached to paint a mural on the Umina Surf Club amenities building, in an attempt to combat the frequent vandalising of it with graffiti.

Sasha had painted murals at the Wyoming Youth Centre and at the Labyrinth Cafe where she also held an exhibition.

The Umina Surf Club building had been vandalised so frequently that the cleaning of the walls was

wearing away the bricks.

Sasha painted one mural on her own and completed it in just over four days.

Local youths showed so much interest that 20 of them became involved in a second mural which took two and a half days to complete.

Gosford Council provided funding for the project and have asked Sasha to undertake a similar project at Narara.

Sasha was presented with an award in the form of a certificate of appreciation by Cr Holstein at a presentation in his office on July 14.

Cec Bucello July 15



New term begins at craft centre

Term three of the Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre courses begin July 26.

The Centre offers a wide variety of different classes at a reasonable cost.

Many of the students that have completed courses created works with surprising results and had a lot of fun in doing so.

Classes such as silk painting produce vibrant colours and effects of fabric.

Picture framing teaches how to frame your photos and artwork in a professional manner to compliment your work.

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course covers all aspects of needlework including applique, ribbon embroidery, candle wicking, cross stitch and more.

Pottery and sculpture classes enable students to mould an item from raw materials with exciting results.

Painting, drawing and folk art classes show the many different aspects of these art forms that make them continuously popular.

Anybody can learn and men are definitely encouraged to join in these dynamic courses.

For enquiries and bookings, call Penny on 43601673.

Bev Clements, June 28



Sandra Taylor and Philip Mollard of Umina married in Tasmania recently. Sandra's gown was designed and made by Annette Fallon of Woy Woy

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Sport

Woy Woy Leagues Club posts a financial loss but future looks bright

Woy Woy Leagues club posted a \$50,000 loss for last year after refurbishment expenses were greater than first anticipated.

However, club president Mr Geoff McMahon was upbeat, saying: "There is no doubt the best result has been achieved, irrespective of the bottom line.

"We can look to the future and build on what we have achieved - a pleasant environment, modern premises and an excellent meeting place for our members and their guests." The club has also won sponsorship for the next five years from Coca-Cola.

Club treasurer Mr, Harry Overton

said it had been an exciting year because of the refurbishment of the club and upgrading of Woy Woy Oval.

The refurbishment had its cost however.

"Financially, the club took a battering with a dramatic downturn in trade throughout the refurbishment," said Mr Overton.

"The initial cost for the refurbishment was \$1.6 million." Mr Overton said unforeseen items for the new building meant the final cost of the refurbishment was closer to \$2 million.

Bar sales and poker machine turnover were down six per cent, Keno figures were down, but bistro figures were up.

Light poles

Everglades Country Club has requested Energy Australia relocate two light poles and a transformer to Rogers Park.

The two poles are currently on Everglades owned land.

The club made the request to improve traffic access to the club and to overcome delivery and rubbish removal problems.

Carl Spears, June 23

Rain plays havoc

The weather has again caused havoc for Peninsula junior sport fixtures.

Last weekend, all grounds were closed putting many competitions behind time at this late stage of the season.

Applications invited for sports funding

Applications have been invited from interested organisations for funding from the State Government's Regional Sports Facility Program, State Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, announced last week.

"This program provides funds for the development of regional sporting and recreational facilities throughout the State," Ms Andrews said.

"It is part of the Government's commitment to provide a network of sporting facilities which will meet the needs of talented and elite athletes as well as the general community.

"Funds are available for upgrading existing facilities as

well as for the construction of new ones," she stated.

Interested groups can obtain application forms from Marie Andrews' office in Woy Woy.

"Criteria for obtaining funding includes the ability to contribute a minimum of 50% of the total cost of the project with the maximum grant provided generally amounting to \$300,000.

"Completed applications need to be forwarded to the State Department of Sport and Recreation by September 28.

"I would urge any sporting group or local government body on the Peninsula to investigate the feasibility of submitting an application under this program and I would be happy to assist in this process," Marie Andrews said.

Bowling club runner up in community service award

Woy Woy Bowling Club was pleased to finish runner up in the community service category in the club of the year awards.

Additionally, the club made the final four of the 'financial achievement' category.

Both awards were in group 1 which was for clubs with less than

2500 members. The club also celebrated its annual President's day on June 19.

The day was fortunate to have fine weather and was rewarded by a full house, an excellent sit down lunch and hilarious bowls as those that were there will testify.

President Sel Manuel was pleased to be able to entertain several executive members of

the regions bowls association, including the President and Secretary and presented several awards to club members.

One sad note on the day was the minute's silence and reflection on the passing away of club patron Bill Collins.

Club chairman John Gardiner gave a brief eulogy.

Cec Bucello July 16

Club re-evaluates community funding

Woy Woy Leagues Club has re-evaluated its allocation of community funding.

Club president Mr Geoff McMahon said the Community Benefits Levy introduced by the State Government has forced the club to channel funds elsewhere.

"Last year saw a departure from the usual support given to local schools.

"The Community Benefits Levy

introduced on poker machine revenue requires that 42.5 per cent of designated funds be allocated to nominated bodies, which exclude local schools.

However, the club is still keen to fund youth schemes.

"Last year, the club paid in excess of \$12,000 to the Peninsula Youth Web Centre, to comply with the club's obligations," said Mr McMahon.

Carl Spears, July 19.

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Local team win union championship

The Kuring-gai Central Coast Zone Team were undefeated in the recent Combined High Schools Rugby State Championships held at Woy Woy Oval on June 23-25.

They won their first round match against Sydney South West Area 19 - 5.

They then defeated the North Coast Area Team in the second round by an impressive 22 points to nil to win Pool A.

The final for the Stanley J Blackwood and Son Shield was played between the local team and the winner of Pool B, the Sydney West Area team.

The final on June 25 was won by the locals 20 - 0.

Narara Valley High School student Chris Marchant was named Player of the Carnival.

Other Central Coast students on the team were Mitchell Horten, Kristen Hopkins and Brett Clarke from Kincumber High School, Peter Friend from Erina High School and local Umina High student Davis Hendricks.

The other members of the team were made up of students of Galston, Chatswood and Cherrybrook High Schools.

Geoff Barnes, July 1

A black and white photograph showing a large group of people, mostly men in white shirts and dark trousers, standing on a bowling green. They are in various poses, some holding bowling balls, suggesting a busy day of bowling. The background shows a building and some trees.

A large crowd of bowlers in action at Umina

New bowls carnival a success

Umina Beach Bowling Club's new bowls co-ordinator, Mr Charlie Robinson, reports that a carnival day of bowls will become a permanent feature for the club.

Three games will be held on the first Monday of every month this year.

The day was designed and organised to allow bowlers on the Peninsula to Participate in a day of bowls with \$1000 prize money.

The first of these days was held July 5.

"It was an outstanding success," said Mr Robinson.

Other clubs were well represented, with bowlers coming from Ettalong, Gosford City, Woy Woy and Everglades Club.

Eventual winners were a composite side of Paul Erwin, Les Morrison and Bill Thompson.

The next of these carnival days will be held on August 2.

It is already full to capacity with 42 teams competing.

There is a fee of \$7 per person and prize money will be allocated to 25 players on the day.

For further information, call Mr Robinson on 4341 2618 or 4341 8862.

Judo visit

Japan's Okayama Judo Club will be arriving in Woy Woy on July 28 for a goodwill visit organised by their Peninsula counterparts.

Members of the Woy Woy Judo Club will host 31 children and 10 officials for six days.

During this time, they will be shown the local area on day tours and at night training in preparation for the Goodwill Games which are scheduled for August 1.

The games will be held in the main auditorium of the Peninsula Community Centre commencing at 9am.

Entry for spectators is by gold coin donation.

As the visit draws closer, club secretary Lindy Simmons is seeking the support of any local businesses to assist in both the day trips and during the tournament itself.

"At the moment, we are struggling without the use of our normal rooms due to Council closure.

We would greatly appreciate any help our sponsorship from local businesses to make this one off visit a memorable one."

Soccer grant

Umina's Kristian Shepherd played in the NSW under-14 soccer team at Glenwood last week.

The Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils (CCROC) helped out with a \$1250 grant to support the youngster.

CCROC is a collaboration of Gosford and Wyong councils to assist local residents in sporting and cultural events of a national, state and regional significance.

Carl Spears, July 20

Swans singing

The new look Peninsula Swans Australian Rules team is running strong in their campaign to win the Premiership Cup.

Under the guidance of new president Craig Rich, head coach Peter Tulk and reserves coach Brian Stokes, the club has had many new players signing, which gives the club a strong blend of good local talent and new recruits.

One of the club's former junior players, Raymond Hall, has come up through the ranks to be selected in the AFL draft by the Richmond Tigers.

Raymond had been playing for the RamsIACT after moving up from the Swans Juniors.

The Swans junior development is strong and the club is looking forward to juniors stepping up to the senior level in years to come.

The team has secured local community sponsors.

There is only one game left before the semi-finals to be held at the team's home ground at Rogers Park, Woy Woy on July 25.

For further information, call or fax the club's secretary on 4342-9407.

Peter Tulk, July 14



Only on the Peninsula!

Hot Summers caps off season

Umina junior cricketer Michael Summers has been honoured with the Mingara Sportsman of the Month Award for the month of April.

An all rounder in the then Under 15B side, the award was recognition of Michael's outstanding bowling performance in Round 8 of the District Competition.

Needing an outright win in the match to stay within reach of a grand final berth, Michael's first innings figures were a remarkable seven overs, two maidens, five wickets for seven runs.

An equally impressive spell in the second innings, taking four wickets for five runs in seven overs, gave Michael match figures of 9/12.

Presented on July 11, Michael's award consisted of a trophy, certificate and prize money to the value of fifty dollars." This is the second time the prestigious title has been awarded to a Umina Junior Cricket Club Member.

John Payne of the Under 16,8 side was named the January recipient after turning in match figures of 9/25 off 16 overs.

Both boys are now in the running for the title of Mingara Sports person of the Year, and their awards are of special significance as they are the first time any member of the Gosford Wyong District Junior Cricket Association has achieved success in the Mingara nominations.

Kerrie Friend

Cricket registration

Despite the colder weather, officials of the Umina Junior Cricket Club have issued a timely reminder to a" those considering playing for the Club in the 1999/2000 season.

Registration days for this year are fast approaching.

Umina will be holding its' registrations on three separate Saturdays - August 21, 28 and

September 4, between noon and 3pm.

The venue for registrations will be the Sports Council Building at Umina Oval.

All fees are the same as last year and any new players or those playing at competition level for the first time are reminded that a birth certificate is required for proof of age.

Kerrie Friend

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Registration Days 1999/2000

Friday August 13	3.30 -6pm	McEvoy Oval, Umina
Saturday August 28	9am-12pm	Ettalong Beach Club
Saturday, September 4	9am -12pm	Ettalong Beach Club
Friday, September 10	3.30-6pm	McEvoy Oval, Umina

Proof of age required Club competes on Friday evenings

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Artificial 'arm' helps handicapped bowlers

Woy Woy Bowling Club coaches have helped handicapped bowlers, getting them "back on the track".

Many old timers and younger players with physical handicaps had given the game away.

The coaches have taken great interest in these players and have been successful in getting six of them playing again with the use of an artificial 'arm' This arm is like a walking stick with appropriate grips that allows the player to pick up a bowl and deliver it without bending down.

The club's secretary manager, Mr Trevor Haynes, said handicapped bowlers could now play more easily.

"The 'arm' allows those with walking frames, walking sticks and wheelchairs to be able to enjoy the sport with relative ease," he said.

"The arm is authorised by the

Australian Bowling Council so the handicapped can join in all club games as well as State and Australian Championships.

"Even though Championship success is one of the aims of the coaches, their main aim is to get many older players and newcomers back on the green despite any disabilities.

" The club will be holding a Seminar of Coaching Handicapped people at their greens in Brickwharf Road at 1.30pm on July 21.

Attending will be Central Coast Bowls executive President Allan Johnson, Royal NSW Bowling State Councillor Alan Pollock and top coach Ken Scott.

Also attending will be representatives from the Central Coast Stroke Recovery Unit.

The services of the coaches are on offer to all bowling clubs and organisations on the Central Coast.

Geoff Barnes, July 14

Fishing news: Good things are happening

Good things are still happening for the "inside" anglers.

A few nice Jewfish catches have been reported between five and fifteen kilograms in weight.

The prime spot has been Narara Creek, by the Railway Bridge, or by the Henry Kendall Bridge near McDonald's at West Gosford: Best times have been as late as possible, with the tides running at 1.7 to 1.9 metres high.

Poddy mullet and big squid are the baits to use on no smaller than a 1010 hook behind a 50 pound(22.5 kg) breaking strain line.

Plenty of patience and coffee should be considered in waiting for one of these "bruisers" to hit.

Blackfish are still being reported at The Bars at Woy Woy, The Rip Bridge and at Ettalong.

Good reports of Whiting being caught off Ettalong, Woy Woy Bay, Pearl Beach and Narara Creek.

Preferred tide has been the first two hours of the run up, with

the best baits being Pink Nippers, Bloodworms, Squirt Worms and Pistol Prawns.

The "outside" anglers have had plenty of action also after last months weather conditions.

There are good reports of Flathead being caught off Box Head from water depths of 45 to 50 metres using Pilchard pieces or Mullet strips as bait.

Some nice Schnapper catches reported off Broken Bay from water depths of 70 to 80 metres with the use of 4/0 suicide hooks with a cube of Pilchard(preferably brined) as bait.


Good sized Leather Jackets are also showing up at East and West Reefs with the best bait being shelled prawns, salted down prior to use.

Well that's all for now fellow anglers.

Good luck, Good Fishing and please take care.

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Smith Family assisted by movie premiere

A premiere screening of *The Mummy* at Cinema Paradiso was used by the Smith Family as a fundraiser for their winter appeal.

The movie was screened at 6.30 and 9.30 pm on the same day to full houses.

Movie goers were treated

to food donated by Big Fresh and wine and champagne donated by a Umina liquor store as well as a premiere screening all for \$10, \$3 of which was donated to the Smith Family.

A similarly unusual activity for a cinema complex will take place at Cinema Paradiso on July 24 when a Shagadelic Night will be held.

Jewel in Peninsula crown

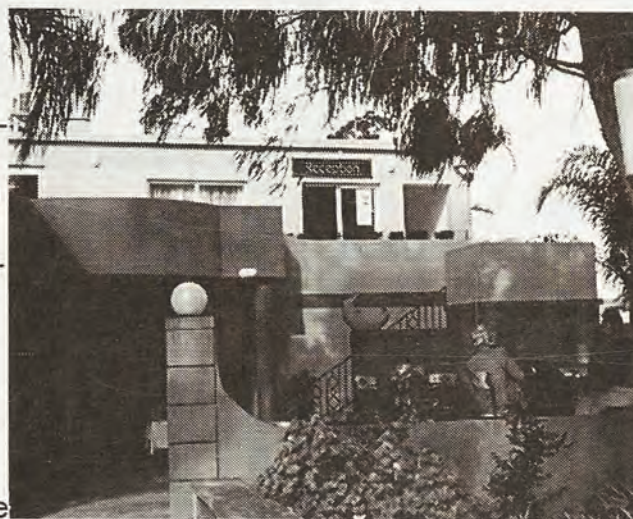
Watersedge Woy Woy is the latest jewel to be added to the wide range of tourist facilities in Woy Woy

Boasting 17 high quality rooms, most of which are fully self contained, an on-site licensed restaurant and the only official information centre on the Peninsula based in the gift and souvenir store downstairs, Watersedge is a stand

alone holiday site.

However, it is even more than that because it is opposite the waterfront, only 50 metres away from regular ferry services, close to the station and only a step away from hotels, clubs, restaurants, shopping centres, public transport and activities such as fishing, boating, cruising, bush walking, whale watching and much more.

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Vince wins community service award

Ettalong Fire Brigade station commander Vince Wiegold has been awarded a special "Service to the Community Award" from the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

Vince joined the NSW Fire Brigade in 1980.

Nine years later he became a Deputy Station Commander before becoming Station Commander at Ettalong in 1994.

During this five years, Vince was elected as councillor for the NSW Volunteer Fire Brigade Association.

The award he received was for outstanding contribution to the community in fire education.

Over the years, Vince has visit local play groups and pre-schools doing Fire Awareness talks and Santa Claus visits to impart his knowledge and experience.

The Santa Claus visits started with two a year, but have grown to about 40 a year including street parades and nursing home visits.

Vince has extended visits to the station to Girl Guides, Boys Brigade, play groups and more recently primary schools.

The knowledge gained by the primary schools from the 'Fire Fighter Mark' program has proven worthwhile and life saving on a number of occasions.



Pictured is Vince on his way to receive the award

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President of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Mr Matthew Wales, said, "Vince was an outstanding choice by the Chamber.

"It is widely acknowledged that Vince gives his time unselfishly and is a credit to the Peninsula community.

"It was a delight to see the expression on his face when he received his award when all along Vince thought he was there to give a fire lecture to the Chamber."

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