

Youth Cottage staves off closure

Woy Woy Youth Cottage management committee has agreed to restructure their operations in order to stave off closure.

The cottage has provided 24 hour emergency accommodation for homeless youth for 24 years and receives its funding from joint State and Federal Government funds administered by the Department of Community Services.

The cottage had sought increased funding in order to meet the increased demand on its services.

Cottage manager, Ms Anne Cichra-Harrison said: "The restructure has given us time to seek extra funding".

This extra funding is needed to ensure the continuation of a satisfactory level of service.

The restructure means staff have had to take on increased duties for less pay.

"Staff have agreed to an approximate pay cut of 20 per cent," said Ms Cichra-Harrison.

Ms Cichra-Harrison said services had also had to be reduced.

For example, the cottage could provide a youth worker to supervise adolescents while Ms Cichra-Harrison spent re-mediation time with the family, the cottage now only had one person working at a time, she said.

"This reduces the chance to address the youth's issues

adequately Ms Cichra-Harrison said the problem was a regional one.

"The central coast has a lot of social problems including suicide, family breakdown and drugs and alcohol problems."

She said the Department of Community Services has no growth fund for the area.

"The funding for these issues is one of the lowest in the state for similar services," she said.

State Member for Peats, Marie Andrews welcomed the restructure.

"Woy Woy Youth Cottage receives funding of \$235,000 per year under a series of five year agreements," she said.

"The current agreement expires on December 14.

"The restructure agreement was reached after a meeting between the cottage management, Australian Services Union and the Department of Community Services.

"This agreement ensures that the services - at the cottage will be maintained under an altered structure.

"Ms Cichra Harrison said the cottage was frugal with its spending.

"We have a budget of \$900 a year for youth recreation and we haven't increased spending on food for the last four years," she said.

Carl Spears, November 2



Testing the water- a search for the best place to put the poles for the Fast Ferry wharf

Final Ettalong Ferry reports submitted to governments

The final reports for Ettalong's Fast Ferry have been submitted to council and other relevant government bodies.

The reports contain details in answer to council's deferred commencement conditions and, if accepted, the ferry will go ahead.

The conditions included the need to submit a parking and local area traffic management plan, the preparation of a coastal engineering and environment study and a submission on refuelling facilities.

Cr Geoff Preece had suggested that because the project was so important to Peninsula residents that council should, among other things, consider organising a public meeting, involve relevant community groups, initiate a "statistically significant and meaningful survey of Peninsula residents" and have a "referendum style" advertised list of positives and negatives on the project.

Crs Malcolm Brooks and Robert Bell suggested a public meeting should only be held after council received all the final reports and if council deemed it necessary to have an open meeting with the public.

Cr Daniel Cook wanted more time to absorb and examine the reports before making any further decisions.

Cr Tony Sansom said there was probably no need for a public meeting if the reports answer all council concerns.

Cr Sansom said a "referendum" had already taken place with the council elections last month, when anti-ferry candidates did poorly at the polls.

He also said: "A public meeting held to protest about the ferry had people turn up to speak in favour of the project and they were not allowed to speak." This comment drew dissenting interjections from the public gallery.

Peninsula News reporter Kerrie Friend, who attended the public meeting, said one person in particular spoke for the ferry.

"Although the man was heckled and given a hard time, he was allowed to speak," she said.

Cr Lynne Bockholt said the antiferry vote at the council election proved people "were positive about the ferry".

"But they want to make sure it's done correctly."

Cr Debra Wales abstained from the debate after declaring a pecuniary interest in the project.

Fast Ship's chairman, Mr Peter Hale said council had now given the green light to the proposed traffic facilities for the Ettalong Beach to Sydney Fast Ferry.

"This was a crucial step towards the final issue of the development consent for the project," said Mr

Hale.

"Fast Ships Limited has gone to great lengths to address the concerns of the local community and the council in relation to the issue of car parking and the transport interchange for the fast ferry.

"It incorporates a number of elements aimed at reducing the impact of the development as much as possible.

"Most of the issues raised by the Ettalong Beach Fast Ferry Sunset committee have been incorporated in the traffic committee recommendations.

"The proposed works include time limited parking restrictions in side streets to ensure that ferry users do not park all day in residential streets.

"This is an important element as we were conscious of the local residents concerns and amenity.

"With regards to the foreshore area, the company will not be providing any additional parking on the reserve.

"Nor will the company be looking to provide parking within the Lemon Grove Netball courts.

"The adoption of the traffic committee recommendations by council is an important step and these conditions will now be attached to the final report to be submitted to council in early December".

Carl Spears, October 7

Council appoints a Safer Towns officer

Gosford City Council has now appointed a community safety officer for the Safer Towns and Cities Project.

Funds were successfully secured by the Peninsula Community Forum and Council from the State Government early this year for the preparation of the Crime Prevention Plan for the Peninsula as a "pilot" project.

A total of \$96,000.00 has been allocated over a two year period.

The program co-ordinator, Sally Anderson-Day will hold the first of a series of meetings with the Peninsula Community Forum.

The initial meeting will aim

to set up the sub-committee for the preparation of the Crime Prevention Plan (CPP) for the Peninsula.

The principal aim of the local crime prevention plan will be the development of a co-ordinated multi-agency strategy to prevent and reduce crimes of concern to the local community.

Forum spokesperson Debra Wales said: "The appointment of the program co-ordinator was vital to getting this project going.

"Wide community consultation will be encouraged to ensure that all views are taken into consideration."

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They say time flies when you're having fun.
This must be true as it is hard to believe that 1999 is already nearing an end and that in that year we have published hundreds of stories about the Peninsula.
Who would have believed that so much was going on in our community when it wasn't rating much of a mention elsewhere? In this our ninth edition we are back to our largest size paper yet published with a record size edition expected in December.
Because of our self imposed maximum of 25% advertising, our paper grows or shrinks according to the size of advertising support.
There is always plenty of interesting local news to report but the cost of reporting it has to be covered by the advertisers who are also therefore sponsors.
Many of them in fact see their advertisement as more support of what we are doing for the community rather than a need to advertise, and for this we should all be grateful as we believe that the Peninsula News has had a great beneficial impact on the community's self belief.

Change of address
From November 15, the new street address for the Peninsula News will be 21115 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy.
Staff and columnist changes
This month we farewell Geoff and Leonie Barnes who have given their time most generously over the past months.
They have had a calling to return to the United States of America and we wish them well.
John Oakley has agreed to attend every council meeting and select the most important Peninsula related item/s debated on the night as an issue to report on in an impartial manner in his Council Matters! report.
He will outline the arguments for and against and the outcome, including who voted for and against where a vote on the topic was taken.

The pen is mightier than the sword
A local resident recently took a dislike to the decision made by council to rename the Woy Woy Library after Spike Milligan and rather than letting it slide, she wrote letters and circulated petitions.
She made telephone calls, sent the petition to council and spoke at a council meeting with the result that this one person, even though she is 80 years old, managed to change council's mind.
Also using the Peninsula News' page 2 public forum, she managed to convince enough people to ensure that Woy Woy Library retain its name and the proposed Spike Milligan title be relegated to part of the library only.
It is people like this that get up and do something, even if you don't agree with them, that have to be admired for their efforts and we hope they are an inspiration for others to challenge the state of things.

Information is the key
If you belong to a community group and want to ensure that your activities are successful, one of the steps that you need to take is to let Peninsula News know about your activity.

Distribution and contributors
The demand for the Peninsula News is so great that we find very few left over at our many distribution points.
We are therefore increasing to 12500 copies this month and 13500 in December.
We believe that this will be helpful to our ever growing band of readers as well as our many sponsors.
If you would like to be part of the crew at Peninsula News, in any capacity, please call the office.
We have a pleasant and interesting working environment and you will be able to be part of something that is making a positive difference.

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Wales questions Oakley's comments

I refer Mr Oakley's letter (PenNews 12/10/99) regarding the Ettalong Beach face lift and his extraordinary comments in relation to the Ettalong Beach Clubs generosity.

One of the wonderful things about Ettalong Beach is the positive attitude of the business people, residents and the Ettalong Beach Club management and Directors.
It is the negative and belittling comments of the Mr Oakleys of our community that create apathy and the "tall poppy syndrome".
The truth is that the Ettalong Beach Club is an extremely generous benefactor and that the sand it donated for the beach renourishment could have been sold elsewhere with very little difficulty.

Community Forum

Letters to the editor are welcomed and should be addressed to Peninsula News, PO Box 532, Woy Woy 2256. Contributions in word format sent via e-mail to pennews@openwindows.com or on disk save us having to retype them.

' The fact is, not only did the Club donate the sand, it also paid for the transport onto the beach.
It also saved Gosford City Council and the ratepayers over \$200,000 in costs to have sand pumped onto the beach from the Wagstaffe Shoal as was originally intended.
Mr Oakley has spent some considerable time calculating the cost of the sand on the open market and assessing the impact on the CIUb.
Like so many other critics in the

community, instead of recognising and supporting positive projects, considerable effort by Mr Oakley has gone into belittling what is a major improvement to our beautiful Ettalong Beach foreshore.
I'm proud of Ettalong Beach and the wonderful people who have worked hard to make the town such a terrific community.
I'm sure we won't all lose too much sleep over Mr Oakleys comments over how much a cubic metre of sand costs.
Councillor Debra Wales

More on Ettalong Beach Sand Costs

Petition for Ettalong ferry

Re: Mr John Oakley's letter re Ettalong Beach Facelift, 12 October 1999 The negativity that exists in the community has always amazed me and to find that someone has spent so much time and effort to try and belittle yet another positive happening in the community is so disappointing.
Firstly the Club never approached the Woy Woy Tip unless it was to check disposal rates from contractors , particularly

because over 8000 cubic metres of unsuitable sand was to be removed and dumped.
Secondly, the sand had been arranged for several sites on the Central Coast that would have taken the sand at a saving to the Club.
The Council would have had to pump sand from Killcare/Wagstaff at what cost, and to whom? The Club paid to have the sand placed on the beach, and as for tendering, the contractors were locals.
Peter J. Hale General Manager Ettalong Beach Memorial Club

Where are all the people who are for the Sydney to Ettalong ferry?
We hear plenty from the minority who scream the loudest against the ferry.
It's time for those who want the ferry to stand up and be counted.
Over the next week I will be putting petitions in many shops in Ettalong and Umina.
Please sign these petitions to show council how much this ferry is needed.
The Peninsula needs this ferry for prosperity and the jobs that it will eventually create.
June Webster, Ettalong

Pearl Beach craft exhibition huge success

On behalf of the Pearl Beach Craft Group I would like to express our thanks to you for advertising our 3rd biannual Craft Exhibition and Sale, over the October long weekend, in the "Calendar of Local Events" section of the Peninsula News.

Over the weekend we had hundreds of people view the exhibition and, through raffles and sales, a total of \$1 280 was donated to Careflight, \$640 went to Life Education Central Coast and \$600 was given to the Pearl Beach Progress Association.
The show was bigger and brighter than in previous years and the quality and variety of crafts displayed only goes to prove that there are a lot of clever people in our small community.
Thanks must also go to all those who supported the exhibition with their attendance.
Beverley Lapacek Spokes person - Pearl Beach Craft Group

Central Coast Olympic Forum

"The Central Coast will once again provide businesses with an update on the Olympics and Paralympics at the Central Coast Olympic Forum" said Chairman of the Olympic Business Taskforce, Mr Tony Sansom.
With less than one year to go this update will discuss pertinent issues for Peninsula businesses
Topics include: Olympic Transport Action Plan for Business, ensuring that your business is "Olympic Ready".

The Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, Five key lessons for Business.
Staffing and Movement of Casual Labour during games time - regional implications.
Games update from Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Organisation Committees.
The forum is scheduled for December 3 at 8.30 am, at the Central Coast Leagues Club.
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Public meetings to gauge feeling on Umina upgrade

Council recently held two public meetings to gauge the community's feelings regarding the proposed upgrade of that area behind the beach and surf club at Umina.

"Council wanted the community to have real input but did not want to form a committee which tends to get bogged down" said Cr Lynne Bockholt.

"The public meetings were well attended and people were able to put forward their ideas on what this area should look like" "After the second meeting Council put the proposed plan on public exhibition and currently any comments received are being looked at before

work gets underway." Below are listed the main items: extend the skateboard ramp; provide small area with hills etc for the use of bikes; formalise parking around the skatebaord ramp; provide better lighting on the internal road to the caravan park and near the children's playground; plant more mature trees and better landscaping; provide more BBQs + tables and chairs and benches; investigate demolition of the toilet block, which is constantly vandalised; remove the old cottage at the entrance and enhance the entrance to the park from the surf club car park.

"Council hopes to make the area more family friendly as it really is a wonderful area for children and

older people to enjoy a picnic or to relax after a swim.

"It's already very well used and the proposed improvements should make it even more popular with the local community," said Cr Bockholt "Once public comment has been assessed, I hope work will get underway very quickly.

I understand that funding has been allocated from Section 94 (development) contributions.

"I believe this area could become a wonderful community asset if designed properly.

I was very pleased to see so many people at the public meetings all interested in making our community a better place to live".

Lynne Bockholt



A section of the renourished Ettalong Beach - "a complete success"

Sandy success

Council's coastal planning committee said they have been informed that the Ettalong sand renourishment project has been completed and was a success.

The project was also successful in the transplantation of potentially

affected seagrass from the sand placement on the beach.

The committee were also informed by the Department of Water and Land Conservation that the coastal engineer engaged by the Fast Ferry proponents is very reliable.

Carl Spears, November 3

Minister denies Pearl Beach zoning proposal

A proposal accepted by council to rezone a Pearl Beach property to allow an extra dwelling has hit a snag after being denied by the Minister for Land and Water Conservation.

The owner of the Crystal Ave property had requested the rezoning from Conservation and Scenic Protection to enable them to build a two lot residential property.

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

The proposal was strongly supported by the station's owners, the University of Sydney.

The Pearl Beach Progress Association also supported the landowner.

However, as the land is crown

land held under a perpetual lease, the Minister had to sign the deed.

The Department of Land and Water Conservation said the proposal to include the Arboretum precinct had merit.

However, the Minister had no jurisdiction to sign the deed because the subdivision was not "one of agricultural enhancement or viability".

The Department of Land and Water Conservation suggested that either the landowners or council could apply to purchase the land off the crown at market prices to make the land freehold which would entitle the owners to subdivide the property.

The current occupants of the land said they were not in as financial position to purchase the land and council had no budget set aside to make a purchase.

Council decided to not pursue the matter any further.

Carl Spears, October 22

Committee concerned

Council's environmental heritage committee is concerned that it has not been involved in any consultations with conservation architects regarding the Woy Woy Library upgrade.

The National Trust recommended in a letter to council in March that council engage a conservation architect to prepare a conservation management plan (CMP) for the library.

The environmental heritage committee's Ms Morris said she understood that a CMP was started two weeks ago.

The committee has requested council , to arrange an urgent meeting between the committee and conservation architects.

The committee has also asked to be advised of any future landscaping plans that affect heritage items.

Carl Spears, November 3

Landfill sports ground due for rehabilitation

Council's director of works, Mr Darryl Dutton, has recommended council take out a \$650,000 internal loan to rehabilitate sports grounds that were former landfill sites.

One of the grounds due for rehabilitation is on the Peninsula.

The ground, Austin Butler Oval in Woy Woy has subsided due to "primitive compaction techniques" used in filling these areas.

Mr Dutton said the result was, "an uneven playing surface causing poor drainage and a risk of injury to players".

Funding for the Landfill

Rehabilitation Scheme (LRS) comes from a levy on domestic waste services which generates \$200,000 annually.

Other grounds on the Peninsula that are former landfill sites are James Browne Oval and Rogers Park in Woy Way.

James Browne number two field and Rogers Park number one field have already been rehabilitated at a cost of \$198,000.

Mr Dutton said levelling works were required every two years and a major rehabilitation every eight to 10 years.

The works are scheduled over the next two summer seasons.

Carl Spears, November 3

Councillors seek lower fees for non-swimmer Woy Woy pool patrons

Gosford councillors have suggested that an approach to the lessee of Woy Woy pool should be made to ask them to lower or remove admission fees for non-swimming adults.

Cr Craig Doyle said a new lease should provide for a reduced or no charge fee for non-swimmers.

The current lease is due to expire at the end of next year and until that time the council cannot enforce the lesser charge.

Non-swimming adults are currently charged the adult \$3 entry fee.

Cr Chris Holstein said council could ask the lessee to "give favourable consideration to a lower

or no charge" for non-swimmers for the duration of the current lease.

Cr Holstein said a reduced charge rather than no charge would also be fair because non-swimmers still used the other facilities at the pool.

Cr Lynne Bockholt said she was frustrated at the on-going dramas at the pool.

"People say the pool is dreadful and there's not a damn thing we can do about it.

She said plans for the proposed wet and dry complex at the Woy Woy pool site would be available by the middle of next year and suggested a new tender should be put out the year after that.

Carl Spears, October 18

Spike Library sticking point resolved

The long running community debate over the naming of Woy Woy Library has been finally resolved with councillors doing a partial backflip on their decision to rename the library after Spike Milligan.

Cr Lynne Bockholt requested a rescission motion and suggested that after the forthcoming renovations and extensions a "section or special room" be called after Spike Milligan.

Councillors, after debate agreed.

Cr Craig Doyle suggested in jest that perhaps there could be a Spike Milligan shelf.

Cr Bockholt said: " I think this is an excellent result as it keeps the heritage name whilst honouring a person who did a lot to put Woy Woy on the map." She said she was not at the meeting which made

the original decision for the naming due to illness, but that she "was always quite worried about it".

"Originally, I didn't see it as a huge issue until I letterbox dropped and doorknocked for the recent election," she said.

"I soon found the renaming of huge interest and people want to retain the name Woy Woy library." Cr Bockholt said the idea for the Spike Milligan name came from a council officer who had only just moved up to the local area and was unaware of the extent of Mr Milligan's local involvement.

Cr Bockholt also pointed out that more public submissions were against the proposal than for.

"The last time we went against public submissions was the closure of Nelson St in Umina and this still rankles with a large amount of people," she said.

Local resident, Audrey

Armstrong, spoke at the debate "as a concerned resident from the world's largest above ground cemetery (a reference to a Mr Milligan joke)".

Ms Armstrong pointed to the fact that Mr Milligan was born in India to parents of Irish descent and lived and was educated in England, as an argument against the full naming of the library after MrMilligan.

"He only made a few visits to his mum who happened to live in Woy Woy from the 1950s," said Ms Armstrong.

"Mr Milligan appears in the 1999International Who's Who but not the Australian edition.

"Mr Milligan has made some contribution to the local community but I think not enough for the naming of a major civic building."

Carl Spears, October 27

Chamber News

Peninsula experiences a building boom

The Chamber of Commerce has many and varied members from retailers to professionals including builders and trades people.

All have valuable rolls to play in the business community.

One of the biggest employers and economic drivers in our local community is the residential and commercial building profession.

The importance of the building industry on the Peninsula cannot be understated with thousands of families dependent on the industry for their livelihood.

• These people range from trades people and building suppliers to designers, solicitors and agents.

It is a thriving industry that has served our community well.

One matter of considerable concern to the

Chamber is the misinformation associated with development on the Peninsula.

The Peninsula has grown considerably over the last decade and has seen significant changes that have improved the quality of life to its residents.

Building Development - How Much is Enough?

We all wish to protect the local environment and the quality of life

that we share on the Peninsula.

After all, we live here and enjoy the area because of its unique environment.

Many in the community have raised concerns in recent years about 'overdevelopment' and the increase in population.

Discussion on these matters is always healthy so as to ensure that development principles are regularly reviewed.

The chamber actively supports this process.

The reality is that many of us came to this area because of the opportunity to establish our homes and businesses and raise our families.

Gosford City Council has therefore provided suitably zoned lands on the Peninsula for medium density development and commercial activities.

The villa and unit developments we see today are occurring on lands that have been zoned for this use for the last 20 years.

There have been no significant rezoning of residential lands in that time.

Much of that development has also occurred in accordance with Council's planning guidelines to provide accommodation for many of us who now enjoy the beauty of the area.

Development is now occurring



within the parameters of council's long term population and medium density projections.

The rate of increase is not new and has been steady for the last decade.

Are Planning Guidelines Tough Enough?

The fact is that Gosford City Council has some of the toughest planning regulations and guidelines in the State and this is reflected in the improved quality of development on the Peninsula in recent years.

Additional changes are being made to council's development guidelines which are currently before the Minister for approval.

These changes will further refine the planning mechanisms which ensure that the standard of

development improve and meet the growing needs of the community.

The council has also gone to great lengths to include the principles of environmentally sustainable development in its codes and practices.

All developers and building are obliged to ensure that new development takes into consideration best practices for sustainable development.

In addition, council has tough contribution plans that raise money from developers that contribute towards community facilities, roads, drainage, water and sewer.

These plans are protected by legislation which means that the money raised must be spent by council in the area to which it applies.

The myth that we never see the money paid by developers spent in

the area is simply not true.

By law, Peninsula contributions must be spent on the Peninsula.

These contributions can reach amounts up to \$10,000 per unit which are paid by the developer to council for the provision of community services.

Give Some Thought to Local Builders!

The building industry can be a very tough business with high risks and frustrating bureaucratic processes.

When economic times are tough, builders and developers do it tough.

When times are good, they share the rewards of hard work as we all do when the economy runs well.

The building industry provides jobs, investment and economic growth.

It provides the homes we live in and the retail centres we shop in.

We should all keep in mind just how valuable development and the building industry is in our vibrant community.

The Chamber supports the building industry and will continue to represent them in discussions with Gosford City Council and the State Government.

Matthew Wales President

Peninsula businesses asked to consider protecting their valuable staff and assets

Making your business secure and protecting your staff and assets is an ever present problem for business people.

Business Watch Program

At a recent Business Watch Seminar held at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, discussions were conducted with the assistance of Senior Sgt.

Irene Jeurgens (Police Community Safety Liaison Officer) in relation to armed holdups and what business operators and staff should do in those circumstances.

Over 40 people attended the

can make the job of the Police Service easier.

Most hold-ups take on average 40 seconds.

If at all possible, remember what the offender looks like and what he/she was wearing.

Immediately after the holdup, ring 000 and say you've just been held up.

By saying this, you will go straight to the top of the Police priority list and will be attended to first.

Do not compare notes with others.

Keep the events fresh in your mind and ask any witnesses to stay to give a statement to the police.

The most important thing to remember, do whatever the offender asks.

A few dollars is not worth the risk of injury to yourself or staff.

The next meeting is Monday December 6 at 6.30pm at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

With Christmas coming up, the next Police seminar will be based on 'Shoplifting.' Come along with your staff.

It is very important to know your rights and what to do in extreme circumstances.

Business Enterprise Workshops

The first of the three workshops have begun with 'How to Promote and Sell Your Products and



Peninsula Main Street Program

Services' facilitated by Christine Drakeford from the Business Enterprise Centre.

The next workshop will be 'Record Keeping ... the Easy Way' and 'How to Write a Business Plan'.

These workshops are sponsored by the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and for a very small cost provide a wealth of information and networking which we all need in a very competitive business world.

Contact the Mainstreet office to book or for more information on 43 427 510.

Ettalong Art & Craft Market Day

The Ettalong Beach Heritage Committee will be holding an Art & Craft Market Day on Saturday December 4 from 9am at the Ettalong Beach Post Office Square.

Anyone wishing to display or sell their art and craft are most

welcome.

To book or for more information contact the Mainstreet office

The Last Christmas Party of the Millennia ...

Hurry to book for the Peninsula

"The entertainment will be a fabulous eight piece orchestra."

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The entertainment will be a fabulous eight piece orchestra for dining and dancing.

Funnyman Dave Bourke will be appearing on the night and our wonderful hosts for the evening will be Jennifer Green and Wayne Cornell.

Tickets are priced at \$55 for champagne on arrival, a three course Christmas fare, bottle wine, tea/coffee.

And if that's not enough, the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club will have their new night club open for dancing the night away.

Book a table now for your staff and friends Mainstreet Office on 43 427 510 All Welcome.

Cheers for now... Debra Wales



Security - "is an ever present problem."

seminar which was a valuable and surprising meeting with the Police Service dispelling a few myths about armed holdups.

The fact is that in the majority of cases, where an adequate description is given of the offender, the offender is apprehended.

A few simple things to remember

Council releases management plan

Gosford Council has released its final version of its Report One of City Management Plan.

The report is part of its strategic plan for the next five years.

Local councils are required under State Government legislation to produce a strategic plan and while the strategic plan generally talks of the shire as a whole, there is a local area profile for the Peninsula.

The Peninsula profile is a summary of the strengths and weaknesses of; business activity, community life and spirit and the natural environment.

Business activity

The report says the Peninsula's strengths in business 'activity' include: Good local facilities, shopping centres and clean industries.

A high potential for tourism growth.

Increasing professional services.

The Chamber of Commerce and Mainstreet program.

Tourist potential of the Memorial Club.

Town upgrades.

Good tele-communications,

public utilities, road network and library.

Weaknesses include: Need for more variety in retail outlets.

Lack of convenient public transport.

Bank closures.

Traffic pressure on roads

Population pressure on services.

Kerbing, gutter and drainage.

Vacant shops and offices.

The council sees its role for business is to promote tourism development but resist over development, improve roads and drainage, get businesses to relocate here and promote links with the Chamber of Commerce.

Community life and spirit

The Peninsula's strength in community life and spirit were regular local events, active community groups, the Web and PCYC youth organisations and good local media services.

Other strengths included our sports facilities and golf course.

Identified weaknesses were insufficient employment opportunities for youth, library services, lack of police, lack of a civic centre, lack of community group coordination, insufficient private sector funding for community facilities and insufficient

open space and playgrounds.

Council views its role as improving public transport, assist planning in crime prevention and to provide a civic centre.

Natural environment

The strengths of the Peninsula's natural environment included its tourism potential and, safe boating and swimming areas.

Weaknesses were the pressure on the environment from tourists, expansion of the Woy Woy tip, management of foreshores, stormwater management and the walking trails at Blackwall Mountain.

Council says its role is to encourage appropriate tourism opportunities, improve bush fire services, implement management plans for foreshores and ensure a balance between environment and development.

Anyone interested in helping the council in its objective of "accessibility, flexibility and responsiveness to citizens" and its desire for "apparent and transparent processes" can view a copy of the Strategic Plan 1999 - 2004 at local libraries or pick up a copy from council chambers in Gosford.

Carl Spears, November 2



Member for Robertson, Jim Lloyd and Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews cut the ribbon to open Peninsula Village Day Care Centre

Day Care Centre opens to public

The Peninsula Village Community Day Care Cottage was Officially opened by Jim Lloyd, Federal Member for Robertson and Marie Andrews, State Member for Peats at a ceremony at the cottage on November 3.

The cottage has been established by Peninsula Village to meet the special needs of Dementia patients while retaining a home-like atmosphere.

The cottage was funded by Peninsula Village Limited, a community owned, not for profit organisation, and provides respite care to Peninsula elderly

citizens with dementia and related disorders who are being cared for at home.

In this way, carers will be able to take a break from their constant care demands leaving them better able to cope in the longer term.

The cottage consists of three bedrooms and is run by enrolled nurse, Elizabeth Payne.

Cec Bucello November 3

Council complements environmental report

Council's manager of development and the environment, Mr John Murray has reported on community questions regarding council's State of the Environment Report complementing issues that were not addressed at community workshops or in amendments to the report.

The issue of the report's introductory chapter needing to include information indicating the nature of societal pressures that impact on the environment had been extensively debated said Mr Murray.

"Various sections of council have debated whether it is appropriate to include an analysis

of social and economic issues," he said.

"At this stage it is considered inappropriate and premature to draw significant conclusions based on social and economic indicators within the context of the State of the Environment report." Concern about population growth and its impact on the natural and social environment with particular reference to medium density housing were also expressed.

"The NSW Government has included the shire in the Greater Sydney Metropolitan Area which will continue to grow," said Mr Murray.

"Our shire has been given a responsibility to contribute to the provision of housing to meet this growth and council has chosen

to supply this housing primarily as medium density development within its existing residential zones.

"It is generally agreed that medium density development, while not free from environmental impacts, is better than 'greenfield' urban expansion which has characterised the shire for the past 30 years." Mr Murray hopes to involve the community in future State of the Environment reports.

Also in regard to the report, Cr Mayor Chris Holstein said two council officers who made a presentation linking the descriptive State of the Environment report and the practical Management Plan have had their presentation adopted as the guideline for other councils.

Carl Spears, November 2

Works improve pedestrian safety

New work is being done for the improvement of pedestrians safety at Ettalong and Umina.

The Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, said the projects are part of \$75,000 worth of works

funded by the State Government.

"Another project will see the construction of raised or 'wombat' pedestrian crossings in Uligandi and Kaaringi Street adjacent to Ettalong Public School," said Ms Andrews.

These are not standard foot crossings.

"They will slow down traffic along these streets and provide a safer crossing particularly for children," she said.

Bernard Craft, November 6



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Do you recognise any of these people?

This photograph and two others were accidentally left in a book which was returned to the

Woy Woy Book Exchange at the Swancott Centre in Railway Street.

The photographs are of a family group at a university graduation and are probably important to their

owner.

The book was The Deep End by Joy Fielding and anyone able to help should contact the book exchange on 4344 6206.

Cec Bucello November 6

Council projects report released

Council's general manager, Mr Peter Wilson has released a report on the current status of financial strategy and special projects.

Peninsula projects at the concept planning, design or tender stage include: The Peninsula Youth and Recreation Centre with a budget of \$1.5 million.

There has been a review of the proposed site of the centre at Woy Woy pool with further assessment of outstanding needs and project option/designs to be undertaken.

Construction is due to start in April 2001 for completion in October 2001.

The Woy Woy Community Centre and Little Theatre with a budget of \$1.25 million.

The architect costing and a review of the project scope and funding has been completed.

Development of detailed designs and a submission of a development application still need to be addressed.

Projects approaching or reached construction stage include: The Umina Police and Community Youth Centre with a budget of \$500000.

Development application approval was expected within the month.

An outstanding issue was for the NSW Fire Brigade to identify a suitable site for the relocation of the nearby existing fire station.

The Woy Woy CBO with a budget of \$1 .5 million.

Construction plans have been prepared and the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce have been advised of possible dates for construction.

Council is still to grant a funding application for the Mangrove boardwalk.

The Umina CBO with a budget of \$1.5 million.

Council was still preparing a report concerning proposed cleaning services.

The Ettalong CBO with a budget of \$1 million.

Paving of Ocean View Rd was completed during the last quarter.

Completion of the project is due in May next year.

Carl Spears, October 22

Council: Leave trees over three metres

Gosford City Council Tree Preservation Order is in place to help protect the environment.

There are people, however, who

contravene the order and destroy significant trees without Council approval.

Council is seeking any information to help find culprits and is prepared to take legal action.

Anyone found guilty of an offence will be prosecuted under the Council's Tree Preservation Order.

The order relates to trees higher than three meters.

Gosford City Council is asking people to assist in the matter and advise of any information which may lead to prosecution.

Council has recently taken action in the Land and Environment Court for similar occurrences.

Bernard Craft, November 6

Island residents give further submissions after plan adoption

Council has received a further seven submissions from St Huberts Island residents after adopting traffic committee recommendations on local traffic management.

The traffic committee said they sought community input via letter box drops seeking local concerns and a draft management plan was placed on public exhibition calling for further comment from residents.

The committee said the letter box drop revealed two major concerns: Concern about the incomplete roundabout at the Helmsman Boulevard and Empire Bay Dr intersection.

Work is due to be completed on the roundabout by early next year.

Concern about the speed of Helmsmen Boulevard traffic for vehicles entering from side streets.

The draft management plan recommended roundabouts at the Mainsail Ave and Marina View Pde intersections of Helmsmen Boulevard and a "grade threshold treatment" at the bottom of the bridge to reduce speeding.

The seven submissions since the adoption of the above plan by Gosford Council include five from residents near the Mainsail intersection objecting to the roundabout, one from the St Huberts Residents Association backing the Mainsail Ave residents and recommending a 50 kmh speed limit.

The association also said the slowing of bridge traffic was desirable and that local busses also appeared to exceed the speed limit.

The other submission was in favour of the traffic committee's adopted recommendations.

The traffic committee said while the concerns raised in the submissions were taken into consideration, for safety reasons the original proposed roundabouts would go ahead at a cost of about \$90000.

However, Council's strategy and policy forum has asked to put the roundabouts on hold following a resolution passing a 50 kmh speed limit for the island.

Carl Spears, October 25

Council summary of petitions received

Council's director of corporate and community services, Mr Chris Gallagher, has released a summary of action taken by council from past received petitions.

Petitioners had requested that council lop jacaranda and gum trees at a Winifred Ave, Umina address at the owner's expense because of alleged damage to neighbouring property occasioned from the trees.

Mr Gallagher said the council was unable to request the neighbour to undertake the work.

An objection to a proposed bus shelter in Elanora Rd, Umina has been rejected.

Council's traffic engineer said while acknowledging the petitioners' concerns, the proposal is warranted.

The engineer said sight lines and pedestrian access will be unaffected and the design is compatible with surrounding

proper-ties.

The petitioners also were concerned about the amount of beer bottles and loitering at the bus shelter.

The engineer said the shelter had a 'see through' nature due to the materials used in its construction, which would deter loitering.

Petitioners against the Ettalong Fast Ferry service were told that council would consider their concerns when determining the appliGosford City Council Tree cation Brick Wharf Rd petitioners who complained that new lights installed on the reserve opposite their properties were directed at their houses and not towards the foreshore as previously indicated were told that there had been a wrong interpretation of the design plans.

The lights are now switched off until Energy Australia assesses the viability of re-positioning the lights.

Carl Spears, November 1

Discontinued committees

Gosford City councillors have said the following Peninsula related committees are no longer needed .

Sydney-Ettalong Fast Ferry Sunset Committee.

Woy Woy Village Renewal Committee.

Umina Creeks and Reserves Committee.

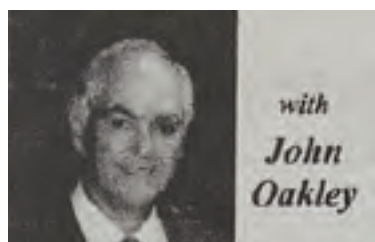
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Carl Spears, October 22

Council Matters !



with
**John
Oakley**

Two items of particular interest to the Peninsula community have been discussed at Council over the past few weeks.

Major issues discussed at the Council Meeting of 26 October:

- Proposed Ettalong Beach to Sydney Fast Ferry - Parking Council's Traffic Committee comprising, at its meeting to discuss this issue, the Mayor, an officer of Council, and representatives of the Police Traffic Branch, the R.T.A. and a representative for Marie Andrews, recommended to Council that:

Main features

4 hour parking restrictions (7 a. m. - 1 p.m. Monday to Friday) to apply on one side of sections of The Esplanade, Broken Bay Road, Lagoon Street, Palm Street, Bangalow Street and Beach Street and in the waterfront car park in the Esplanade.

With the exception of The Esplanade, the other sides of these streets are to have unrestricted parking.

Bus and taxi zones.

Additional roadworks, kerb and guttering, sign posting.

Work to be at Fast Ships' expense.

Details of these and other requirements are available in the documentation provided to Council.

In all, ferry passengers will have access to some 225 unrestricted on-street car parking spaces within a 6 minute walk from the ferry terminal with an additional 43 unrestricted on-street spaces outside the 6 minute walk zone.

Argument against:

An affected resident argued that the proposed traffic plan would result in the depreciation of the value of his property and requested that an alleged earlier commitment by Fast Ships to purchase properties so affected, be honoured.

Councillor Bockholt stated that the Traffic Committee recommendations were not consistent with the recommendations of the Sunset Committee on which the community was represented, and that almost every Sunset Committee recommendation had been ignored.

The Vote:

Councillor Wales declared an interest and took no part in the debate and did not vote.

For: Councillors Brooks, Doyle, Holstein, Penton, Sansom.

Against: Councillors Bell, Bockholt, Cook, Preece.

Additional comment by the Mayor The Mayor has indicated

that there was, perhaps, inadequate clarification of the Fast Ferry Parking issues prior to the vote being taken by Council.

It was important that Council pass certain requirements re the conditions on traffic management.

Had those requirements not been passed, and if the Fast Ferry proposal went ahead without measures to control onstreet parking in the vicinity of the ferry terminal, it would be to the detriment of the community.

The conditions agreed to by Council ensure that parking concerns and management of parking are adequately addressed.

Proposal to rescind the decision to rename the Woy Woy Library after Spike Milligan (moved Councillor Bockholt)

Arguments for:

A member of the public argued that the renaming of the Woy Woy Library as The Spike Milligan Woy Woy Library was inappropriate as Spike Milligan had never lived in Woy Woy and only visited after his mother came to live here.

Clr Bockholt described the widespread adverse public reaction to changing the name from Woy Woy Library to The Spike Milligan Woy Woy Library.

The Vote:

Council unanimously agreed to retain the name, Woy Woy Library, and to name only a section or an area within the library after Spike Milligan.

Y2K warnings for Peninsula business

The Central Coast IT & T Taskforce and the Economic Development Board are particularly worried about the effect of the year 2000 computer bug will have on many Peninsula businesses.

Investigations into the readiness of regional companies gives us significant cause for concern said regional IT Strategy Manager, David Abrahams.

"Many people seem to think that they can simply turn off their computers on the evening of December 31 and that all will be all right," he said.

"What about your suppliers? What about your wages system? What about your customers records?"

These are just a few potential conflicts." Roy Hill, IT Faculty Director of the Hunter Institute of Technology, said: "It is a business problem, and in a lot of cases, it may be your business's survival problem".

"Not too many small businesses can survive for a month without raw materials to produce items for sale.

"There is a very real possibility that their suppliers may not be able to deliver because of their own supply lines problems.

"I urge all small businesses to seek assurance from their suppliers that they are Year 2000 compliant and I also urge them to produce a contingency plan for their business based on a worst case scenario."

The Economic Development Board's IT&T Centre and the Department of State and Regional Development have excellent planning materials available for businesses wishing to get their house in order.

Copies can be obtained by phoning 4324 2300 or alternatively emailing: david.abrahams@business.nsw.gov.au.

The year 2000 problem comes from computer systems using software that tracks dates with only the last two numbers of the year, such as 97 instead of 1997.

When 00 comes up for the year 2000, any computers will view it as 1900 instead, potentially leading to failures in business, transportation, utilities and other services.

Veterans pension entitlements not at risk - Lloyd

Member for Robertson, Jim Lloyd, has moved to reassure central coast veterans that their pension entitlements are not at risk.

"Some media reports have incorrectly predicted that proposed changes to Veterans' Affairs legislation relating to Invalidity Service Pensions could result

in the loss of benefits to many veterans," Mr Lloyd said.

"This is simply not correct.

"The Government is moving to clarify the requirements for those veterans seeking and Invalidity Service Pension.

"Presently the requirements are not clear and the changes will bring them into line with the requirements of other veteran

pensions.

"As a result of this vagueness, it is anticipated that a small number of recent recipients may not be properly entitled.

"Only a very small number of the 13,500 veterans who currently receive the Invalidity Service Pension are likely to be reviewed.

"Importantly, veterans who meet the following criteria will not be reviewed: Over 57 years of age on January 1, 2000 Are receiving disability pension based on at least 40 impairment points and records held by the Dept.

of Veterans' Affairs indicating inability to work Or are manifestly disable and unable to work" "It is estimated that only about 815 .

Australian veterans nationwide are likely to undergo a review."

Jim Lloyd, November 7

Woy Woy St Johns offices let

The first of five fully refurbished offices has been occupied on St.

Johns corner (corner of Blackwall and Victoria Roads) Woy Woy.

Proprietors Alex and Ian Hay already have outlets in Toukley and East Gosford and now add the southern end of the coast to their area.

Known as A-Call, they will offer parts for and repair of washing machines, fridges and dryers.

They also sell reconditioned washing machines and are also involved in custom-built kitchens, according to manager, John Sansom.

Peninsula News will also occupy the St John's Comer site from November 12.

Cec Bucello November 5

Woy Woy Day Care urgently seeks more volunteer drivers

Trish Semmens, manager of the Adult.

Day Care Program for Central Coast Health has put out an urgent request for volunteer drivers.

Drivers need a class 1 B license to assist with the transport of clients to Adult Day Care Centres on the Central Coast, including Woy Woy Day Care centre.

Woy Woy Day Care Centre provides an opportunity for clients

to enjoy a social day of activities at the Day Care Centre and for their carers to have some needed time for themselves.

If you are caring and personable, have a good driving record and can give up a little time each week, then this very rewarding volunteer job might be just right for you.

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Bernard Craft, November 7

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Traffic plans are endorsed

Council's traffic committee has recommended various changes after reviewing the Woy Woy CBD Traffic Study undertaken between 1995 and 1998.

The recommendations include:

Woy Woy

The installation of a pedestrian fence from the Blackwall and Railway St traffic lights along the median strip to a proposed pedestrian refuge.

The refuge will be constructed on the south western end of the interchange.

Also recommended for the interchange area is an alteration to the kerb to make a wheelchair ramp and the erection of signs to help pedestrians access safe crossing areas.

The building of a single lane roundabout at the intersection of Victoria Rd and Charlton St.

The Roads and Traffic Association investigate the possibility of traffic signals at the intersection of Brisbane Water Dr and The Boulevarde.

The signals should be designed to allow conversion to a two lane roundabout if necessary.

A single lane roundabout at the intersection of Railway St and Ocean Beach Rd that can be upgraded to two lanes at a later - date.

The installation of speed humps at the exit ramps from Deepwater Plaza car park and the commuter car park.

Develop a roundabout incorporating a pedestrian crossing to increase pedestrian safety and traffic flow at The Boulevarde and Chambers Pl.

The above recommendations have been deferred until a meeting between Member for Peats, Marie Andrews, Busways, the Woy Woy CBD building committee and Gosford Council traffic officers.

In other traffic matters, the committee has recommended that they should not provide parking restrictions near the Peninsula Child Care Centre in Mascot St, Woy Woy.

The committee is considering the need to slow traffic on North Burge Rd, Woy Woy before it enters Park Rd.

The consideration comes after a local resident had a vehicle crash through his side fence and damaged the rear of his house.

Traffic officers said damage to the kerb at the site of the incident indicated this type of accident had occurred several times before.

A speed survey carried out showed many vehicles up around the 60kmh mark in the 50kmh zone.

The committee recommended the drawing of a plan and cost estimate for a two lane slow pOint 30 metres before the accident site.

Umina

However, the review committee of council has suggested no standing signs should be erected.

The committee also recommended that 90 degree angle parking should be allowed in Bullion St, Umina.

The intersection of Neera and Cowper Rds, Umina should have a stop sign in Neera Rd and vegetation on the southern side of Neera Rd should be cleared to enhance visibility said the committee.

The review committee of council has recommended that as a matter of urgency, a plan and estimate of costs for the upgrading of the intersection of Mt Ettalong and Cowper Rds be devised.

Ettalong

The Peninsula Main Street Coordinator has requested a three hour restriction on parking in the Memorial Ave car park in Ettalong to prohibit all day parking.

This follows several complaints from local businesses in relation to the newly constructed car park resulting from the removal of the previous car park due to the Ettalong Beach Club's current renovations.

The traffic committee recommended the imposition of three hour parking.

Empire Bay

In Empire Bay, residents have asked for No Standing signs on Rickard Rd near Merritts Wharf.

'Residents complained that since the upgrade of the Merritts Wharf facility, cars are often parked in the turning area at the end of Rickard Rd obstructing access to private properties.

The committee recommended the No Standing signs should be provided.

Carl Spears, October 25



Crowd of people witness the annual Blessing of the Fleet before enjoying the oysters, beer and rides.

Fishing fleet blessing well attended

At a well attended ceremony on December 6, the local fishing fleet was blessed by four ministers.

As part of the Oyster's Birthday celebrations, Father Colin Munday representing the Catholic Church, Mrs Theresa Lequete from the Uniting Church, retired Bishop Sheumack from the Anglican

Church and Reverend Gary Mason representing the Baptist Church, each gave their special blessing and prayers for the safety of the fleet and all who sail with it.

The ministers sprinkled with Holy water and children scattered flowers on each of the boats.

The remainder of the day saw on going entertainment and food

sampling as many people dropped in on the way to or from their voting in the referendum to enjoy local oysters, other seafood and delicacies as well as sampling some special wines.

Stalls with locally made crafts did a brisk trade and the kids enjoyed a variety of rides.

Cec Bucello November 6

Correa committee seeks donations

The Correa Bay study committee is seeking donations to publish their report on the Bay's water quality in colour.

The study was set up by Gosford City Council in response to public demands for council to investigate the chemical pollution and the sedimentation within Correa Bay at South Woy Woy, and subsequently their impact on Brisbane Water.

A committee comprising five local residents and two Council officers was established to organise and supervise the study.

The study is now complete and the report is being compiled.

This report is likely to be of great interest to residents of the Peninsula, not only because it identifies the sources of the pollution and sedimentation, but also because it also gives a detailed historical deSCription of changes in the environmental status of the Correa Bay Catchment from 1899 to 1999, thus serving to remind us of the impact that humans can have on their environment.

Throughout the report every effort has been made' to supplement the words with coloured photographs in an attempt to clarify and demonstrate in a visual way, the findings.

Many will find the historical, aerial, and other photographs fascinating and be amazed at the beauty of the streams within the Correa Bay catchment.

With respect to the report, two probet;lls remain - the printing

and the remedy to the problems identified by the study.

A committee spokesperson said: "Because coloured photographs play such a crucial role it is essential that the report be printed in colour.

"Unfortunately, the committee has no funds remaining after paying a scientist to carry out the scientific testing.

"Some funding from another source was made available to pay for the historical study.

"The remaining work was done on a voluntary basis by the committee members.

"Gosford City Council does not have the resources to print the report in colour so it lies with the committee to find funds to meet the printing costs.

"Because only a small number of copies of the report are required, the most economical way of printing would seem to be to use a colour laser printer.

"This report must make an appropriate impact if the politicians are to take notice and initiate ac- . tion to rehabilitate Correa Bay.

"To this end the committee is seeking public assistance in raising the funds needed to meet printing costs and invites local businesses and the community to make donations, no matter how small, to achieve this end.

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John Oakley, November 3

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Newsletter gives general information on the Ettalong to Sydney Fast ferry

In response to ongoing debate, interest and demand for more general information, the providers of the fast ferry service between Ettalong and Sydney, Fast Ships Ltd., have published a new newsletter, *The Water Line*, for general distribution.

The following information has been extracted from *The Water Line* for the benefit of Peninsula News readers.

In answer to the question regarding whether the recreational facilities of picnickers will be damaged by the fast ferry operation, the newsletter advised that, while the final requirements of council are still to be determined, almost the entire reserve area

along the Esplanade is to remain untouched.

The only likely change to the reserve is at the intersection of Bangalow Street and The Esplanade where Council have determined where the wharf is to be positioned.

Here, it is proposed that the old toilet block is removed and the existing car park is extended marginally to allow buses to pull in to pick up passengers.

Kiss'N Ride and restricted parking facilities have also been proposed.

This will keep traffic at a low level to ensure that the pleasant atmosphere of the area is preserved.

In response to questions on the actual ferry route, the following will

be of interest.

The vessel will turn around as it comes into Ettalong Channel and reverse to the wharf near the corner of Bangalow Street.

It will travel along an existing pool of approximately 7 to 8 metres in depth at a speed of 1 to 2 knots (or 3.5km per hour).

At this speed, it will take about 10 minutes to reach the wharf with no increase to the current risk of vessel collision in the channel.

After leaving the wharf, the vessel will again travel at a slow speed to the heads along the deep pool.

From here it will be a 35-minute journey to Circular Quay via the northern Sydney beaches.

Cec Bucello October 9

Ratepayers advised to keep annual report

Gosford City Council Mayor Cr Chris Holstein advised ratepayers to keep their 1998/1999 Annual Report to the Community that they receive recently.

"Most people are only interested in their rates bill and how much they have to pay", said Mr Holstein.

"But I'd like to suggest people take time out to look through the report as it contains important information regarding council services and facilities.

"The report includes information on services for young people, the

elderly.

community grants, health and waste services, road works and recreation improvement.

"The report also explains of development assessments and approvals introduced in July 1998 and it outlines council's five year Strategic Plan and Financial Strategy.

"It includes a handy list of contact telephone numbers as well," Ratepayers will also receive tickets for Gosford Council's Family Race Day at Gosford Racecourses on Sunday, December 12.

Cinema show goes on

In our last edition of Peninsula News, we reported that Gosford Council and the proprietors of Cinema Paradiso are going to court over the early opening and summary closure of the cinema early this year.

The article stated that the cinema was only open for a "few short weeks" before being closed down by council.

In view of questions having been asked as to how long the period was, the cinema opened on December 17, 1998 and closed on February 5, 1999, having been open for 7 weeks, operating from

9am till midnight, according to Cinema proprietor, Mr Altavilla.

The question that the court case will hopefully resolve according to Mr Altavilla, is why the cinema was allowed to open without final approvals and, if it was such a danger to cinema goers that it needed to be closed down, why it took so long for the closure to take place.

Peninsula News will follow the court proceedings with interest and keep readers informed of the outcome.

Cec Bucello 19 October 1999

Krystals becomes Curleys

Krystals Cards and Gifts has been taken over by local resident, Pam Curley, and renamed Curleys Designing Ideas.

This is a new venture for Pam Curley and came about as a need for change after many years of commuting to different parts of Sydney.

Setting up in a local business seemed to Pam to be a solution to the commuting problem

experienced by the majority of the workforce living on the Peninsula.

Pam proposes to change the layout of the store to give it a more open appearance and increase the range of cards available.

Pam plans to introduce the concept of personalised cards as well as card making workshops for those creative enough to make their own.

Cec Bucello October 1

Bingo!

The Lions Club of EttalongUmina holds a bingo session each week as a community service to raise money for local charities.

There are cash prizes, two jackpots and a raffle.

It is held on Mondays 10.30 to 12.30 at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

Carl Spears, November 7

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Dina Memic, Prime Minister Howard, Nicola Haswell (Kariong) and Jim Lloyd Photo: Auspic

Dina speaks with Federal Ministers

Dina Memic of Woy Woy recently attended the second round table discussion with Federal politicians in Canberra, as part of the National Youth Forum.

Dina was originally selected in a group of 51 out of more than 1000 applicants.

The first forum took place over three days and covered such topics as unemployment, education and training, the environment and lifestyle and health.

Dina originally came from Bosnia just over three years ago.

She found the English language difficult to learn but now speaks fluently.

She had done a stint with Personnel Attention and Associates as a part of the Work for the Dole Scheme because of long term unemployment.

However, between the first and second round tables she has found full time employment as a court clerk and her superiors have generously given her time off to attend the second round table talks.

Ministers met while down in Canberra included John Howard, Peter Reith and a representative from Dr Kemp's office.

Dina said Government representatives made no solid commitment to the round table

discussions but hopefully they would be an on-going process between youth, the government and community leaders.

"Hopefully (from the discussions), there will be more jobs, more funding for employment agencies and education," she said.

"Projects, such as the Work for the Dole, could be made more interesting for those looking for a job and TAFE, for example, is cutting back it's hours for migrant students to learn English because there is no funding.

"If the government wants people to find a job, then good communication skills are essential."

Carl Spears, October, 1

Woy Woy Road speeders targeted

Speeding drivers on Woy Woy Road will be the target of a new State Government supported road safety campaign to be launched in November.

Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, said the State Government will contribute \$5000 to the Our Road, Our Responsibility campaign developed by Gosford council's road safety officer.

"The problem of speeding drivers on Woy Woy Road has become a matter of concern to the council and the local community," Ms Andrews said.

"In the five years to December

1998, there were 200 crashes on the road, resulting in three deaths and 120 injuries.

"A large number of crashes occur on the two kilometer section between the Scout Camp and Staples Lookout, with many motorists failing to drive to the conditions or observe the speed limit.

"Our Road, Our Responsibility, will target all drivers using Woy Woy Road in an effort to encourage them to change.

these habits.

"The campaign will involve special warning signs at strategic locations along Woy Woy Road to

advise of the area's accident history and to encourage drivers to slow down.

"Combined with enhanced police enforcement, local advertising and Blackspot funded road improvements, the campaign will complement the government's wider road safety messages and lower the accident risk on this important road.

"Our Road, Our Responsibility is another example of how the State Government and local councils are working together to make our roads safer for all of us," Ms Andrews said.

Cec Bucello, October 8

Council recommends Umina child care centre expansion

Council's director of corporate and community services, Mr Chris Gallagher, has recommended council grant approval for the lodgement of a development application seeking extensions to Umina's Child Care Centre.

The extensions are required to expand the number of baby places.

The need for extensions was first identified in November 1995 and funded by the Department of Community Services.

However, the withdrawing of an Operational Subsidy from the Federal Government meant council had to investigate the

viability of the extension.

Mr Gallagher recommended council waive any fees or charges arising from the development application.

Similarly, the Patonga Village Planning Committee has sought to lodge a development application for refurbishments and improvements to the amenities block at the Eve Williams Memorial Oval.

The request was made after the planning committee received a grant from the Federal Government.

Mr Gallagher recommended council approve the lodgement of a development application.

Carl Spears, October 22

Bockholt wants Patonga plans to be put on public display

Cr lynne Bockholt wants the development application plans for the improvements to Patonga's amenities block at the Eve Williams Memorial Oval to be put on public display.

She also requested the matter be then brought back to council for determination.

"Nobody objects to the refurbishment but the Patonga public would like to see the new design," she said.

Carl Spears, October 27

Council review committee overturns recommendation on Umina business rezoning

The review committee of Gosford Council has unanimously agreed to recommend that Mitre 10 in Umina be granted its wish to have nearby land rezoned from residential to business general.

This previous recommendation as reported in the last edition of Peninsula News, from council's director of development and the environment, Mr John Murray, was to deny the rezoning.

However, after a site inspection by councillors and council officers, Crs Wales and Brooks moved that the new recommendation to allow the rezoning be adopted.

Crs Wales and Brooks motion said: "Council believes the loss

of a potential medium density dwelling is not significant given the large areas surrounding that are zoned for this purpose.

Mitre 10 wanted the rezoning to allow future business expansion and car parking facilities at their Umina store.

David Kettle consulting Services, acting on behalf of the owners of Mitre 10, said in their original submission that the rezoning was needed for the store to remain competitive with other Peninsula hardware outlets.

The consultants also said the development would improve Umina's traffic flows and contribute to the overall economic viability of Umina.

Carl Spears, October 22

Bensville property owners request more fire protection

The owners of a large Bensville property have requested council to alter the terms of a positive covenant allowing them to have a fire protection zone declared.

The property's covenant is currently a fire radiation zone.

The property borders a residential subdivision.

The director of corporate and community services, Mr Chris Gallagher said the new terms

would allow land to be cleared of scrub.

The change of terms would allow the owners to carry out works to reduce the spread of fire through that zone, meaning better protection for nearby areas.

Cr Robert Bell agreed to the director's recommendation to change the zoning but wanted council's tree preservation officer and bushfire officers to agree to it first.

Carl Spears, October 7

Dementia

The Dementia Care Team from Central Coast Health will be conducting a forum for carers of sufferers of dementia and anyone else who may be interested in learning about dementia.

The forum will be held at the Woy Woy Health Centre on Ocean Beach Road, Woy Woy on November 17 from 9 AM - 1 PM.

For further information and bookings, phone 4320 3622

Slender You

"Slender You" comes to the Peninsula From November 15, Umina Beach will be able to add to its vast array of retailers a Slender You salon.

Clients will be able to spend two hours per week on motorised tables in order to lose weight and strengthen their bodies.

Cec Bucello November 5

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Waste management needs a rethinking

There are three ways to help conserve the environment that all Peninsula residents can undertake and as recent events at Woy Woy tip show, there is a need to think about the quality and quantity of waste we produce.

The 'three Rs', reduce, reuse and recycle are all equally important components to a healthier environment in a predominantly consumer society.

Australian society as a whole is starting to realise that our ultimate survival depends on an increase in conservation principles.

Lop-sided

However, a lopsided emphasis on the third R, recycle, is threatening to undermine any gains.

The self congratulations, much of it justified, on our recycling abilities is obscuring the reality of how much we consume.

In the last 50 years, consumption has shown exponential growth and an acceptability of planned obsolescence has exacerbated the growth.

Planned obsolescence is the marketing ploy to make products either appear unfashionable or design them to be used only once or twice before being discarded.

Obviously, this is good for business because it creates higher turnover and thus profits.

This desire to maximise profits results in an increase in energy and waste output as well as an increase in materials.

The western world consumes 80 per cent of the world's resources yet only makes up 20 per cent of the population.

Woy Woy Tip

As the recent allegations of the dumping of toxic waste at Woy Woy tip suggest, it is not just a matter of quantity but the quality of the waste that we produce these days.

Once again as the problems at Woy Woy tip show, space for

landfill is running out.

The space problem has paved the way for the emphasis on recycling of materials such as paper, metal, glass and plastic and recycling has become popular with governments and the community.

According to Australian Bureau of Statistics figures only 10 per cent of New South Wales households fail to participate in any form of recycling and almost 80 per cent recycle at least their paper and glass waste.

While recycling is practical way of managing solid waste it does not address our 'throwaway' attitude.

In all countries in the western world, new waste produced outstrips recycling.

Reducing the amount we produce is an environmental necessity and reuse is also important.

For example, recycling uses 25 per cent less energy than making a new bottle, but reusing an existing bottle rather than grinding, remelting and re-manufacturing an old bottle saves even more energy and reduces waste further.

Gosford Council has an internal agenda to reduce the amount of paper they use but within the general community reducing and recycling are not high priorities.

Waste Board

The State Government's Waste Minimisation Act 1995 led to various bodies being set up of which one is the Central Coast Waste Board.

The board's community liaison officer, Ms Trudi Baxter, said the board views recycling as the last step in the minimisation of waste.

"We're trying to push the avoidance of waste and its reuse," she said.

"At the moment we are working with the building industry to help them avoid waste products and we also deal with the community, schools and so forth.

Ms Baxter said there will always be a place for recycling, but it really is the last option after reducing and reusing options are exhausted.

Cart Spears, October 21

Movie review: General's Daughter intrigue keeps you guessing to end

General's Daughter (MA)
Stars: John Travolta, Madeleine Stowe, James Cromwell, Timothy Hutton, James Woods and Sidney Poitier - **Director:** Simon West.

Showing at Cinema Paradiso.

This movie is much more than just a compelling "who done it".

With a strong intricate plot that keeps you guessing until the end and a strong cast of powerful and colourful characters, the General's Daughter is sure to please.

Not only does it delve inside the world of the army and the "military way", but it will also shock the

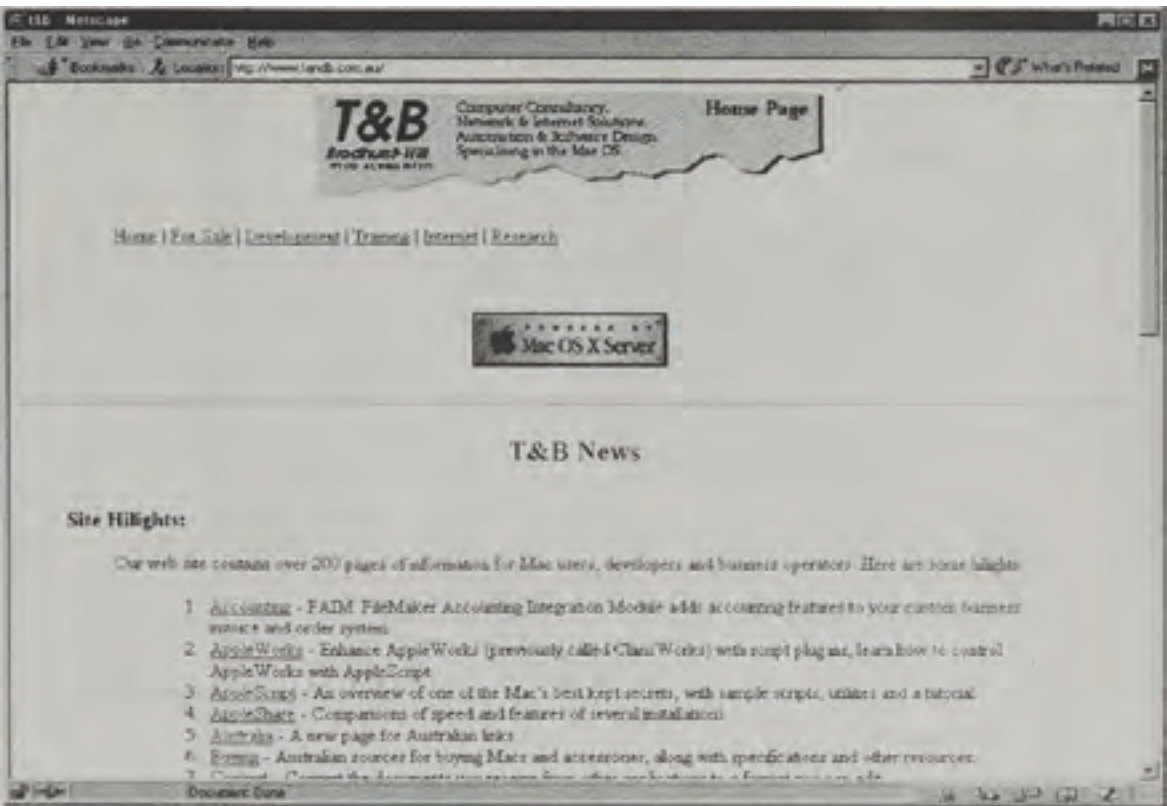
public through its disturbingly real portrait of how women are treated in the army.

A powerful theme throughout is the desire to hold a political agenda above everything else and to use all means to protect reputation and integrity.

A web of lies, deceit and betrayal peppered with subtle sarcastic humour 'Travolta style' makes this movie highly recommended viewing.

4 1/2 out of 5 stars.

Scott Cooper and Carly Whitelaw November 6



The T & B Brodhurst-Hill site - providing for Peninsula Internet surfers

Local Apple internet site for Peninsula Web surfers

The T & B Brodhurst-Hill web site provides Peninsula residents with a local based Apple Mac computer Internet site.

Internal links in the site present a wide range of pages ranging from tips and techniques for Mac owners through to a for sale section mainly devoted to selling Apple Mac equipment.

T&B also states that a file conversion facility is offered.

Users who have a Mac format file may be able to have it converted to another usable format for their PC if the file is important.

Other internal links that provide general information include such topics as setting up an Internet presence or a review on some Internet Service Providers (ISP).

Unfortunately the review of ISP's page was not reviewing some of the local providers and missed some of the national providers that have a local dial in access point when the page was visited. • External links are provided to a host of other Mac site within Australia enabling users to obtain a second Internet opinion if a diagnosis is required.

The site is worth a visit if you

have some spare surfing time and can be accessed at <http://www.tandb.com.au/>

Council libraries at Woy Woy and Umina can provide low cost access to Internet for those without a computer in the home.

If your community organisation is on the Internet and would like your site reviewed, send the information including contact details to stephenmcnamara@start.com.au or mail to PO BOX 532 WOY WOY 2256 or fax 43422071

Stephen McNamara November 4

WIRES doing a great job

October saw the Central Coast branch of the Wildlife Information & Rescue Service (WIRES) take their 50,000th call.

A magnificent effort for a handful of volunteers dedicated to assisting our precious native animals.

Formed in 1991 with just four members, WIRES on the Central Coast still has one of the smallest member bases of the state-wide network, and yet is the busiest branch in the state.

"We are a registered charity and all our work is done by unpaid volunteers," said Pat Griffiths, representative for WIRES on the Peninsula.

"Our area covers the region from the Hawkesbury Bridge to just below Newcastle." The Peninsula area accounts for fifteen per cent of the total rescues on the central coast and many of these are uncommon, rare and endangered species.

The red-crowned toad let, the broad-headed snake and the pink-tongued skink are rare herpetologic animals found around Umina.

Koalas and several species of possum, gliders and other small marsupials are also represented on the rescue lists.

This year has seen an increase in echidna sightings and rescues.

Because they hide their babies in nests it is important that they be released near to where they were found.

There is also the need for us to be more tolerant of seasonal events in nature that may, at times, be a nuisance for a short period.

Magpies and plovers are very territorial during spring and early summer and the constant wail of the koels can be a monotonous sound, but these cycles have been repeated every year for thousands of years.

Humans are the newcomers on the scene and the behaviour of these birds is purely to protect their babies - just as we do.

"The majority of the animals we receive come from well-settled urban areas," said Ms Griffiths.

"It is amazing how so many native animals still 'hang in there' and live close by people.

"We would like to thank all those Peninsula residents who have rallied.

to help our native wildlife by giving us a call.

"Such assistance is vital to maintaining our high release rate.

"It is particularly appreciated when the animal can be delivered to a vet or carer as this takes some of the pressure off our volunteers." If you find an injured mammal, bird or reptile please put it in a clean box in a dark, quiet place and call WIRES on 4323 2326.

*WIRES is in need of volunteers for the telephone roster, fund-raising and as carers.

If you have some time and would like to assist our native wildlife in a very significant way, please call the WIRES number.

*Watch out for activities during COASTCARE WEEK - the first week in December.

** Material for articles is always welcome for this column.

Please contact the Peninsula News on 43422070.

Jeannie Lawson, November 3

News



Pelican Park playground is ready for children to play on.

Pelican Park playground completed

The new Pelican Park playground featured in the September edition of Peninsula News, was completed just in time for the Oyster's Birthday celebrations.

The playground looks to have

been worth the wait with many brightly coloured, nautically themed childrens' rides constructed on thick safety rubberised matting. Thanks to members of the Woy Woy CBD Building Committee, including local artist Christine Burge, children will be able to enjoy the latest playground equipment

with safety. Funded by Gosford Council as part of the financial strategy plan, the opening will be a relief to nearby shopkeepers who have noticed a marked drop in trade during the park's lengthy closure.

Cec Bucello November 6

Need to look at retirement village options

The Peninsula is often known for its population of older persons and in this, the year of the older person, it is perhaps appropriate to look at the needs of clients and potential problems with relocating to a retirement village. While many people chose to live their penultimate years at the

family home, for some this is not possible or desired. Many who chose to live in retirement villages do so for various reasons. For example, they may have difficulty in maintaining their property, be concerned about safety or prefer the companionship of people of similar age and taste. However, increased sense of community and security can also

mean a loss of privacy with other residents and village staff. Another thing to keep in mind is that there may be limitations to who can visit and when. Often this is in the interest of other residents and village timetables, but it can affect those that are used to an independent life.

It is extremely wise to prepare yourself for all financial and legal as well as the social aspects of a move to a retirement village. There are different types of retirement village accommodation ranging from full independent units (much like a hotel) to nursing homes that provide total care and are usually funded by the Federal Government.

Other accommodation types include serviced apartments where meals, cleaning, laundry and so forth are done by staff. Once you have narrowed down the potential retirement villages to move into, other considerations need to be made and it is often is a good idea to ask existing residents if they are satisfied.

Does the village have recreational facilities that you want such as a swimming pool, bowling green, pool table and so forth, or a restaurant and hairdresser and Is the village near transport? F or more advice call the Village Residents' Association on 9524 8862.

Carl Spears, November

Fire station wins

At the recent New South Fire Brigades Central Coast Ball, Ettalong Fire Station was presented the prestigious "Station of the Year Award". Zone Commander Keith King said that Ettalong is one of the leading stations in fire awareness, educational and public relations in the state, and has raised the profile of the NSW Fire Brigades in their community. The annual award's criteria is based on stations administration,

aspects of firefighting, fire awareness programs and public relations. Ettalong Station commander Vince Wiegold in accepting the award on behalf of the station, said it was a team effort, and that the firefighters had worked hard and are delighted with the results. The award now hangs proudly at the station for all visitors to see. The Ettalong firefighters now intend to fight fiercely to retain the award next year.

New youth worker

Naomi the Peninsula Youth Support Worker with Regional Youth Support Services Inc. is now based at the Police and Community Youth Club at Osborne Avenue, Umina. Naomi says she provides practical support for young people aged between 12 and 18 years of age and services she provides include: Information relevant to youth, advocacy, support, referrals to other agencies, Outreach support and workshops activities

on developmental or specific interests. Naomi is available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 5pm. Naomi can be contacted on 4342 3885 PCYC Office, 4322 2374, RYSS Office. "All young people are welcome to drop in and say Hi," said Naomi. Naomi welcomes community interests and participation of Peninsula facilities and projects.

Line up for Christmas

The festive season makes an early appearance this year for local line dancers. The Peninsula Bootscooters will be holding their Christmas Party at the Peninsula Community Centre on Saturday November 13 commencing at 1 pm. Monday Line Dancing instructor Denise sees the event as being "a great fun filled afternoon of non-stop dancing." The Party is not only for experienced line dancers, but beginners and the curious are also welcome. Entry is \$5 for dancers or \$2

for spectators which includes a delicious afternoon tea, all that needs to be brought is a fold up chair and your dancing shoes. According to Denise, the party could be a great way to start the new millenium. "If you have ever wondered what line dancing is all about come along and see for yourself. "With next year just around the corner, learning line dancing may just be one of your New Years resolutions. "For further information call Denise on 43416181 .

Kerrie Friend, November 3

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School News

NSW Rural Fire Service gives timely reminder

With summer approaching it is timely to remember that there is only one number to call for emergencies says Assistant Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service, Mr Ross Smith.

"And that number is 000." The 000 number is still misunderstood by many sections of the community. "There is an element of confusion among those who see programs like Emergency 911 or are from European background where they are used to dialling 112," said Mr Smith.

"Across Australia, in any genuine emergency, people should dial 000."

People should also be comfortable with what happens

when they place an emergency call.

"Callers are connected first to Telstra operators and are then asked which service they should be connected to - Police, Fire or Ambulance.

"The caller should select the most appropriate service based on the situation - if there is fire involved, then the call should be placed to Fire, if people are injured, then the call should be placed to Ambulance.

"The Service will notify the other services if, for instance, both Ambulance and Fire are required at any accident, so the caller should not be concerned.

"Let common-sense apply." "It is then important to describe the nature of the emergency and its

location.

"A caller should always check the street name, if possible a nearest cross street or significant landmark to assist in getting emergency crews to the scene as quickly as possible.

"Explaining the emergency also helps ensure that the appropriate resources are sent to assist with the emergency, so a concise but thorough description of what is involved at the emergency is always helpful.

"Calling 000 quickly can save lives.

"It is a simple but effective way to assist in an emergency - in fact, it is the single most important thing that a member of the public can do to help us" says Smith.

Patient service expanded

The State Government's Patient Access Service has been expanded to include Peninsula residents.

For the cost of a local phone call residents of the Central Coast wanting elective surgery can seek advice on options available to

them.

"This readily available consumer service allows people to know their alternatives and work with their GP to obtain options which may reduce waiting time for their surgery", said State Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews.

The State Government appointed a Patient Access Coordinator in 1995 as part of its waiting list reduction program.

Ms Andrews said: "Over the last four years this service has dealt with approximately 5000 cases with more than ninety per

Patisserie plans street party to celebrate tenth birthday

It's their 10th birthday and you're all invited.

Bremen Patisserie of West Street, Umina will hold their tenth birthday celebration on November 27 and are planning a street party for all to enjoy.

As a thank you to the community that has made them so successful and helped them to win so many awards, Bremen Patisserie will have free samples of their famous meat pies and sausage rolls, a giant birthday cake, balloons, roving musicians and clowns from early in the morning.

Bremen proprietor and master baker, Ron Bruns, has been baking his now famous pies at Umina for ten years and believes that he has

finally found the magic formula as proven by his best meat pie in New South Wales award won in 1997.

This pie was judged by a panel of experts as the second best pie in Australia at the National Meat Pie Competition held in Brisbane.

The award was even more remarkable when considering that it was won in the most competitive category.

"I have been trying to create something special that everyone will enjoy and come back time and time again for more", said Ron Bruns.

"I now believe that I have achieved this and not only the awards, but my sales have increased tremendously as proof

Tuesday night entertaining

Council meetings, for all their import, do have moments of light relief.

For example, Cr Lynne Bockholt asked why the Peninsula still had ugly public cement tables and chairs along its waterfront.

Cr Chris Holstein replied in jest that it was to stop them being pinched.

Cr Bockholt then showed concern about the public seating on the corner of Brisbane Water Dr and The Boulevard in Woy Woy because the seats were constantly occupied by drunks.

"Is the seating on the footpath? - I thought they were there as traffic calming devices, " said Cr Holstein.

When Cr Geoff Preece asked

for the procedure to follow to have a 'duck crossing' sign erected at Tascott, council's director of works, Darryl Dutton said they had to find someone to design a sign approximately six inches high so the ducks could read them, presumably so they would know where to cross.

These along with the occasional snide remarks, disruptions to procedure and long running 'inside' jokes make for an interesting night.

For those interested in hearing the important and frivolous of local matters, public council meetings are generally held from 6pm on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Carl Spears, October 27



Umina Rotary President Tom Tregent presents a Pride of Workmanship Award to David Cornelius of Empire Bay Post Office

Rotary awards given out

At a recent function attended by over 90 people the Rotary Club of Umina presented Pride of Workmanship Awards to eight worthy recipients.

The recipients were: David Cornelius, Postal Licensee and Mail Contractor at Empire Bay; Kathleen Hunter, Owner/Manager of Hats Off Hairdressing, Umina; Peter East, Park Manager at

East Holiday Park, Umina; Ingrid Farell, Manager Health and Safety, Peninsula Village, Umina; Lisa Franklin, Manager, 304 on West; Elisa Simpson, Customer Relations Supervisor, Century 21 Realty, Umina; Timothy Tierney, Library Assistant, Umina Council Library; Megan Styman, Veterinary Nurse at the Leslie Street Veterinary Clinic.

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There are many history guides

The growing interest in local history, as we" as the local history components in the school syllabus, has led to many people searching for published books that will help them 'find out more'.

The following are just a few of the many publications available, either to purchase at local museums and societies, or which may be borrowed from any branch of Gosford City Library:

The books on this list should be available at the shop attached to the Brisbane Water Historical

By Joan Fenton

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

Society's museum at West Gosford (Henry Kendall Street), or they may be available from the libraries:

The Shipbuilders of Brisbane Water NSW by Gwen Dundon
Place Names of the Greater Hawkesbury Region by L. Banks & J. Powell

Story of the Aboriginal People of Brisbane Water by F. C. Bennett.

History of Gosford by F. C. Bennett.

Place Names of the Central Coast by Eileen Pratt

Women of the Central Coast, Parts 1 and 2 (various authors)

Gosford/Wyong History and Heritage by Beryl Strom

Agnes Fagan's Diary 1885 (ed. Joan Fenton)

The Fagans, the Cottage, and Kendall by Joan Fenton

Copacabana - A History 1896-1996 by Lorraine Grunseit

The Entrance Long Ago by A.

M. McClure

A History of Wyong Shire 1947-1997 by Kathryn Pry and Joan Fenton

The Timber Industry on the Central Coast by Darrell G. Fisher

Central Coast Environment and People by Darrell G. Fisher

Growing Up on the Hawkesbury by John Holland

When the Ferries Got Away by Bill Bottomley

The Mosquito Fleet - Hawkesbury River Trade and Traders 1794-1994 by Jean Purtell

By Force of Maul & Wedge - Talking about the Great North Road by Bill Bottomley

To Be The Foundation - the Story of Gosford High School by Pamela Williams and John Lewis

McMasters Beach by Beryl Strom

The prices for the above books vary from about \$2 (Story of the Aboriginal People of Brisbane Water) to about \$35 (Shipbuilders of Brisbane Water).

Some of Charles Swancott's books, prepared in the 1950s and 1960s, are still available from Brisbane Water Historical Society, but others are out of print and only available through the libraries.

Brisbane Water Historical Society's bookshop is open on Wednesday and Saturday (every day during school holidays).

Phone 4325 2270 for more details.

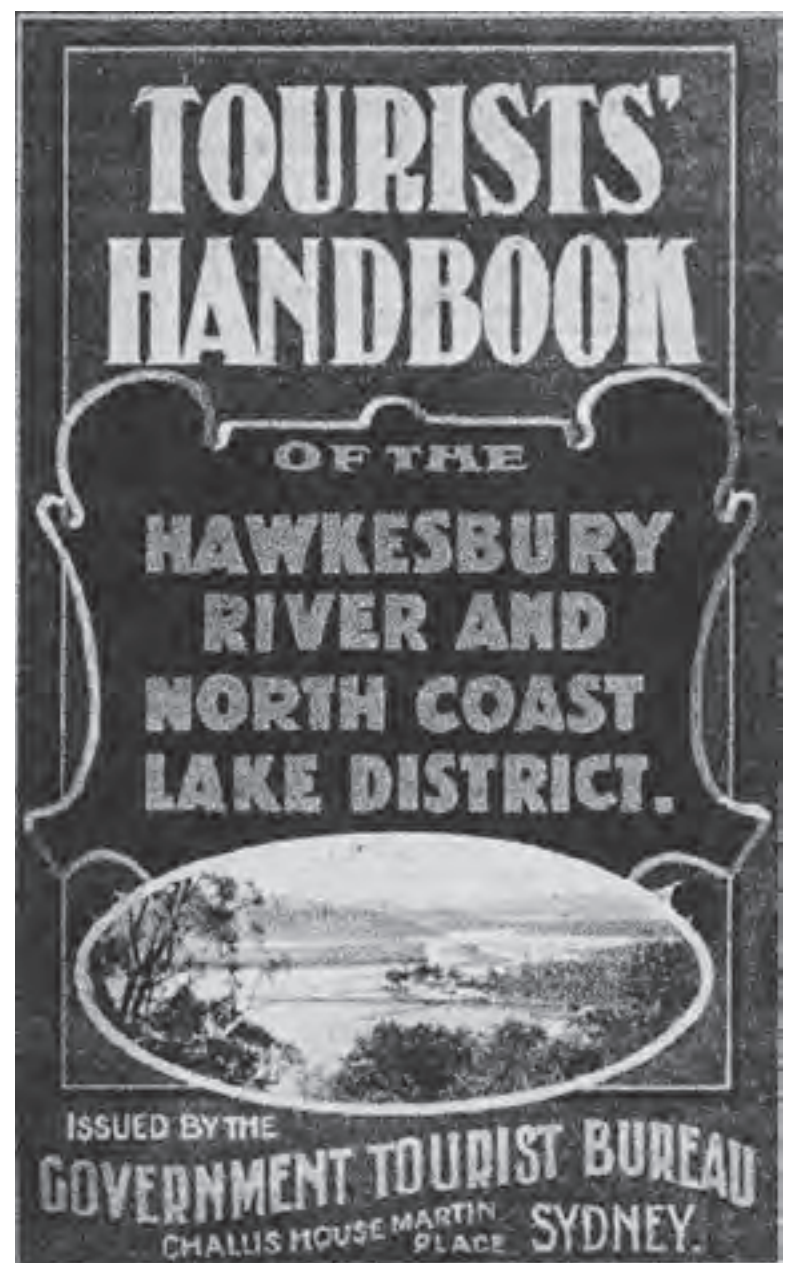
For rare books and other items (including photographs) about our local history, the best place to start is the Local Studies section (upstairs) at Gosford City Library.

There you will find microfilmed copies of local newspapers from late last century and much fascinating information on the shelves and in files.

If you would like to look at an old newspaper, phone Gosford Library and book a microfilm reader (4324 6711 - maximum one hour).

An example of some of the rare items to be found in the Local Studies Section is a tourists' guide to the district, published very early this century.

The guide (shown below) provides a fascinating description of our district, before even holiday makers began to build cottages here.



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Health and welfare

Meals on Wheels driven by large volunteer effort

Ninety volunteers and 45 cars is what it takes to deliver 1400 to 1700 meals per week to residents in the Peninsula and surrounding areas by Meals on Wheels.

With those figures, it is little wonder that this community based service organisation is always short of volunteers.

According to Mrs Andrea Cook, Woy Woy Meals on Wheels

coordinator, 33 vacancies exist at present for volunteers to deliver meals to the frail, aged, the disabled people and their carers.

These people find it difficult to prepare meals due to age, infirmity or medical conditions.

Meals on wheels began on the Peninsula in a small modestly equipped kitchen in Umina in 1963 used by the Salvation Army where meals could be purchased for two

shillings.

By 1972, the need for this service had grown beyond what the Salvation Army could provide and rather than let the service lapse, a public meeting was called at Umina Country Womens Association where the future of Meals on Wheels was organised.

The late Jack and Ailsa Aldous (BEM) were conscripted as the foundation secretary and treasurer of the new group, the Woy Woy and District Meals on Wheels Service.

The funds raised by the group

were matched dollar for dollar by the State Government's Regional Employment Development scheme.

In 1975, a building containing a large kitchen and dining room, a community hall and a large office housing the Regional Health Services was erected at a cost of \$450,000.

By the mid seventies a professional staff of three, supervised the preparation of some 300 three course meals a day and over 300 rostered - volunteers delivering those meals

into the community.

In 1978, a full time cook was appointed followed by a full time co-ordinator in 1980.

Even though the service is now staffed by 3 full time and three part time staff, the centre still relies heavily on volunteers in the kitchen as well as on the road.

Clients can be referred to Meals on Wheels by doctors, nurses, families, neighbours and other health workers.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer call the coordinator, Andrea Cook on 43416699.

Karen Booth, November 6

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Club help raise money for hospital beds



Funds for five beds such as the one above were raised by Umina Bowling Club and the Hospital Auxiliary

Ladies from the Umina Bowling Club raised \$5,000, which combined with the efforts of the Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary raised \$22,000 to purchase five special hydraulic lift beds for the Woy Woy Rehabilitation centre.

These special beds can be lowered to the floor to prevent disorientated patients from falling and raised to a workable height for

health care workers.

Woy Woy Hospital is the first hospital in the area health service to have these beds.

The money was raised through street stalls, raffles and other fund raising activities.

Other Hospital auxiliary projects include raising funds to renovate patient bathrooms and their next purchase will be a shower bath that can also be raised and lowered hydraulically.

Karen Booth, November 7

Advertorial
According to a leading research group, most Australians are unaware that around three-quarters of their daily diet should be made up of wholegrain foods.
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Christmas holiday dates announced

The Attorney General and Minister for Industrial Relation, Jeff Shaw, has announced that NSW will have two additional public holidays over the Christmas and New Year period in accordance with past practice.

Mr Shaw said that the NSW Government will declare Tuesday, December 28 as a public holiday and Monday, January 3, as a public holiday in addition to the holiday of Saturday, December 25, (Christmas Day); Monday, December 27, (substitute Boxing Day); and Saturday, January 1, (New Year's day).

"The decision is in line with precedence in NSW over the past 50 years when public holidays fell on the weekend," said Mr Shaw.

"In effect, it means that the Christmas period will have a four days extended weekend, and the New Year period will have a three day weekend.

"A further reason for public holiday on Monday January 3 is that it is in accordance with the request of the chairman of the council of financial regulators, Mr Ian Macfarlane, so that financial institutions and industry groups have an extra non-business day to deal with any problems that might arise from Y2K computer issues.

"The Carr Government is seriously considering granting a half day holiday on December 31 in recognition of the special occasion which occurs once every 1000 years, and to ease anticipated New Year's Eve transport pressures and further assist in planning for Y2K contingencies



Deborah Martens and Adrian Loder celebrate their marriage with the bridal party at Woy Woy waterfront

Folk Club meets on Peninsula

The Troubadour Folk Club continues to entertain people from all over the Central Coast but particularly from the Peninsula as both its monthly events are held on the Peninsula.

On the second Tuesday of each month, the Central Coast Bush Dance & Music Association's folk club, known as the Troubadour, meets at the Masonic Hall in Woy Woy from 7.30pm.

Here, all are invited in a session style gathering for singers and musicians to join in as a group or individually to perform in a loose

friendly atmosphere.

A \$5 cover charge for the evening includes supper.

On the third Tuesday of each month, the group meets again at cafe restaurant, 304 on West in Umina from 7.30pm, where the individual artist or groups perform in turn in a mini stage environment for the fun and experience of this type of performance.

Entry is free and the venue has a wide range of food and drink to help make the perfect evening.

Inquiries 4341 4060

Cec Bucello November 7

Local Government website a hit

Gosford City Council website proved a big hit during the recent Local Government Elections as results were updated hourly over the election weekend.

According to Mayor of Gosford City, Chris Holstein, Gosford was one of the first councils to publish up to date elections results on the Internet.

"The election site had more than 10 000 hits over a matter of

days which is just amazing", says Mr Holstein.

"It proves the site was in important avenue for disseminating information about the election.

"Council provided a virtual tally room at the website allowing instant access to results as they were posted.

"The website also included information regarding polling places, nominations, groups, postal and pre-poll voting.

"Council is aware a growing

number of people is using the Internet as their main source of information and we wanted to make election information as accessible as possible.

"And although it was a first for Council, the fact the site had no problems over the weekend is a reflection of the professionalism of Gosford Council in supporting new age technology." Gosford City Council's website is at www.gosford.nsw.gov.au

Peninsula News joins local barter system

The Peninsula News has just joined LETS COAST and both organisations will share new office space.

LETS systems offers members the opportunity to trade skills, services, and goods without the use of cash.

LETS is like a giant community notice board which lists the local offers and requests and records any goods and services transactions.

Now members can advertise in Peninsula News and only pay half in dollars and trade half in goods

and services.

The newspaper also seeks LETS members, who will be paid in coasters, for typing and other office work.

This is a great opportunity to participate in the creation of a newspaper and gain experience and skills.

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skills and accumulated knowledge while getting paid for it.

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The new look uniform modelled Gosford City Council lifeguards at Umina Beach

Local lifeguards sport new look

Gosford City lifeguards have changed from their familiar red and white uniform to a navy blue and white uniform.

The new look uniforms are more in keeping with the well known colours of Sydney's northern beaches and Queensland's Gold Coast.

Beach superintendent, Craig Healy said the decision was based

at least partly on the findings of a multi agency task force set up by the State Government.

The task force was set up to curb the alarming numbers of drownings on NSW beaches over the past couple of years, he said.

"Places like Manly and the Gold Coast have high numbers of tourist visitors.

"They can identify better with

those lifeguards' uniforms," he said.

Another facet of water safety looked into by the task force, was a more uniform and inclusive system of sign warnings near waterways.

Superintendent Healy said Peninsula Beaches had not yet received the new look danger signs but should receive them soon.

Carl Spears, November 8

Umina hosts budgie show

A Budgerigar Society of NSW Young Birds Show was held recently at Umina High School.

396 birds were entered in three status sections.

The Society's main objectives

are to encourage, promote and protect the breeding and exhibition of budgerigars.

"Responsible, caring ownership, whether exhibition or as a hobby brings a great deal of pleasure," said a spokesperson.

For information 4341 2708.

School News

Empire Bay keeps busy with two major projects

Empire Bay Public School will be very busy with school improvements with two major projects planned.

One is to improve the surface of the school oval and hopefully maintain the quality of the grass cover.

Empire Bay Principal Gordon Fraser said: "I have accepted a quote from the Department of Land and Water Conservation Soil Services to rip the oval, supply top soil and lay and fertilise 1500sq. metres of Kikuyu turf".

"This work was scheduled to start on October 25 and from this date the oval will be out of action for the rest of the year.

"As you may have noticed, I have already have the area(where so many students managed to come to grief during the winter wet)

drained and turfed in preparation for the main oval work.

"This was done during the holidays and I would like to thank Mr Peter Miles who provided excellent technical advice to me and ensured that drainage was absolutely right." Mr Fraser said the school P & C had also provided funds for the supply of installation of a fully automated watering system valued at \$7000.

"I am told by the experts that this will make the difference between the oval surviving or recurring to its current state," he said.

"This is a major commitment of P & C funds and one that I know will benefit every student in the school.

"Without the support of the P & C and the ready support of our parents this project would not have been possible.

"By next year, I am very hopeful that we will have a top facility for students." , In another major project, Mr Fraser was confident that the school's network cabling contract would be let within the next few weeks and the work completed by the end of the year, thus providing every class with Internet access.

"The school is committing a substantial part of its reserves for this project but this is vital if students are to keep abreast with current changes in the world of technology." Mr Fraser also sent congratulation to his school's debating team of Amy McCann, Alan Kong, Philipa McGinley and team adviser.

The team was up against the Woy Woy team and they successfully argued: "Experiments on Animals should be banned."



Dance and Theatre School students return from Queensland

Gold Coast impressed with our dance school

Students from the Peninsula Dance and Theatre School have a reason to be excited about the new millennium.

After a very successful tour to Queensland dancing at all the major theme parks, management was so impressed by the professionalism of the group that they have been invited back to perform at Wet'N'Wild's New Year's Eve Party.

Last year, approximately 20,000 people attended the laser and light celebrations show and they are expecting an even bigger crowd this year to celebrate the 'dawning of the year 2000.

Principle of the school, Angela Denman, said "to be asked back

and on such a historical occasion, it's no wonder that we are all jumping with excitement.

"This will be an experience that the girls will never forget.

"Not only will they be dancing into the year 2000, but they will also be representing the Central Coast." The trip is however self funded and because of the short notice, the school is in desperate need of funds to make the trip possible.

The school is calling for interest from anyone that is prepared to help by sponsoring the occasion so that the dream performance can become a reality.

Inquiries 4343 1382

Margaret Denman November 3



School opens computer room

Ettalong Public School officially opened its computer room last month as its final stage in the development of computer facilities throughout the school.

The facilities became available as a result of a combined effort between school staff, the P & C and the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

The project was coordinated by specialist teacher, Tim Nash with the strong support of school principal, Bruce Donaldson.

Ettalong Public School is now one of the first primary schools to have its own computer room consisting of a large number of networked computers and monitors linked to a large screen television monitor and printer.

This enables one teacher to look after a class where each student

will have their own computer to work on.

The computer room is also being made available to the community after normal school hours so that families who do not have access to a computer at home will be able to use this equipment to complete their tasks.

All class rooms are linked via fibre optic cable supplied by BICC Brand-Rex and teachers can now communicate with each other and with administrative areas of the school without having to waste time walking from one part of the school to another.

Internet facilities have also been established and its use is being closely monitored.

New South Wales and Federal Government Departments are closely monitoring the progress of the project and its success within

the school and in the broader community may see it duplicated elsewhere throughout Australia.

Through the strong driving force of the school's P & C, many parents donated many hours refurbishing rooms, cabling the entire school and fundraising for many months to raise the funds.

The Ettalong Beach Memorial Club immediately recognised the value of the project and offered to match dollar for dollar any funds raised by the community.

Woy Woy Rotary has also seen the value of the project and is providing strong support for it.

As a result of this community funded project, Ettalong Public School now has the technological foundations that will allow it to better prepare its students for their future.

Cec Bucello November 5

Fantastic turnout for Explosions dance party

"A fantastic turnout" was how local Youth Worker Mr Dion Richardson described the attendance at last month's Explosions Dance Party.

Held on the same night as the ever popular Blue Light Disco in Gosford, Mr Richardson estimates at least 300 youth attended the local event.

"It is great to see young people on the Peninsula supporting the dance parties in their own area.

"We had great competition last time, but our attendance figures show we must be doing something right" Mr Richardson hopes the numbers will be even greater at this

month's dance party scheduled for Friday, November 19.

Held at Woy Woy High School hall, the music runs from 7pm to 10pm.

Entry fee is \$6 and the nights are fully supervised by volunteers and local police.

Explosions Dance Parties have a policy of no passouts, no alcohol and no smoking but feature plenty of prizes on offer and non stop music requests.

As claimed by Richardson, "At Explosions Dance Parties we play the music Peninsula kids want to dance to."

Kerrie Friend, November 3

Empire Bay Public School elects new Parents and Citizens board

At its Annual General Meeting in November, the Empire Bay P & C saw Mrs Cheryl Dew elected as President while Mrs Meg Pendrick and Mrs Lauren Shaw were elected Vice Presidents.

Cassandra Black continued in her position as Secretary and Mrs Leanne Foubister continued as Treasurer.

School Principal, Gordon Fraser, said "I cannot tell you how much effort and commitment the past P & C executive have given to the school and the impact it has had on the school's ability

to provide the best educational environment for our students.

"I would also like to commend to you the work of the P & C as a group as there are many who assist regularly without being recognised.

"The way that this school is able to work with its parents through the P & C is a great example of a positive partnership and ensures that the parents have a strong voice.

"I warmly welcome the new executive and look forward to working with them in the same very open and co-operative fashion" he concluded.

Cec Bucello November 7

Students will benefit from funding says Andrews

The State Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, announced students in her electorate would benefit from the Carr Government's \$3 million Joint Funding Program.

Ms Andrews said she had been advised by Education and Training Minister, Mr John Aquillina, that almost \$35 000 will be allocated to local schools to assist with constructing covered outdoor learning areas.

The Peninsula schools involved

in the funding are: Umina High School, \$5,250 Woy Woy Public School, \$3,750 "The Joint Funding Program is a unique partnership between the Government, schools and local communities," Ms Andrews said.

"Under the program, schools receive assistance to construct new facilities and improve existing buildings.

"This allows capital works projects to be fast tracked and gives the community an opportunity to participate in ventures which

enhance their local school.

"A large proportion of this year's funding will be used to construct covered outdoor learning areas and shade shelters.

"These facilities enable teachers to conduct school lessons and activities while ensuring the children remain protected from the weather and the harsh effect of the sun.

"This funding comes on top of the additional \$1 million the Government allocated to schools in June."



Robert Barwick, Captain of the Mt Penang Rural Fire Brigade supervising children in the use of fire equipment at Empire Bay Primary



Everyone lines up to climb the Gosford City Rural Fire Service truck

New christian school will hold information evening

An information evening will be held for the new Christian School at Bensville due to open in January next year, will be held at the school on December 2 commencing at 7.30pm.

The Coast Community Church, (formerly known as "Hardy's Bay Community Church"), is developing the interdenominational christian school..

The school will cater for students from Kindergarten to Year 6 and will provide children with an excellent education which will nurture and teach them spiritually, academically, socially and physically.

The church anticipates having one or more multi-level classes.

They hopefully to move to a full class in each grade as the school grows.

"A small school gives the opportunity for the students and families to know each other well and to work together in a cooperative way in the education of the children," said a church spokesperson.

The property at Bensville is developed for a school and will be established and upgraded over the next few months prior to the start of the new school year.

The beautiful bush surroundings will give children a healthy and natural environment and a quiet, pleasant place in which to learn.

The school is already set up with 4 classrooms and an office parking area, amenities block: bus bay: and playground.

Named "The Coast Christian School", this educational facility is being established with support from nearby Green Point Christian

College.

The new school's board has appointed Mr Alan Reynolds as their first Head Teacher.

Mr Reynolds comes from Berowra Christian Community School where he has been a head teacher for the last 10 years.

The Coast Community Church is developing this school because of their firm belief that children should be given the opportunity to learn the same moral, ethical and spiritual lessons at school as they do at home.

"In this way the school becomes an extension of the home" said the spokesperson.

'For Enrolment enquiries, please phone Pastor Andrew Ranucci after hours on 4368 3500.

Rural Fire visits blazing success

Sixteen schools were visited by New South Wales Rural Fire Service firefighters during the two weeks leading up to Fire Awareness Week.

The aim was to utilise the ability of children to raise community awareness about safe living in bush environments to survive bushfires.

The visits included a talk on fire safety as well as a chance for the children to join in on some fun activities.

Children particularly enjoyed climbing over fire engines and practical demonstrations including the use of hoses and fire extinguishers.

Cec Bucello November 7

Ettalong Public School to teach student skills to prevent child abuse

This term, Ettalong Public School, in their personal development lessons will be implementing the NSW Department of Education's curriculum materials on Child Protection, focusing on preventing child abuse.

The lessons focus on developing protective skills and establishing and maintaining positive relationships.

School principal, Mr Bruce Donaldson said: "The curriculum materials are very positive emphasising skills such as assertiveness, communication, identifying threatening and dangerous situations, recognising feelings, decision making, respect of others, responsibility and self esteem."

Umina to hold a bush dance and reverse Christmas tree

Umina Public School is holding a bush dance on December 9 commencing at 5.30pm.

In conjunction with the dance the school will be running a reverse Christmas tree.

This is where a present is purchased for a selected age- and gender and left at the tree for Santa to collect on the evening and then distribute to needy children in the community.

Bush Dance tickets were distributed with the November 9 Newsletter.

Ticket prices are \$20 per family of 2 adults and up to 4 children.

Single tickets are \$5 each. Each ticket will include the provision of a sausage sandwich and a drink.

Music will be provided by "Strine".

Good fun should be had by all at this worthwhile cause.

Cec Bucello November 7

Empire Bay canteen commended

The Empire Bay Public School canteen was awarded a commended level of accreditation for 1999.

The NSW School Canteen Association congratulated the school on achieving this level of recognition and for the vital role played by the canteen within the

school community.

The school was presented with its award at the NSW School Canteen Association Annual Conference at the Sydney Showground and Exhibition Complex on October 29.

Cec Bucello November 7

School needs old computers

Umina Public School need computers.

School Principal, Mr Bourke said: "With the recent upgrade of the school's OASIS system a number of our older 286 machines will no longer work.

"We would like to replace these, if possible through donation of older types of PCs, either 386 or 486 models".

If you can help, contact the school's office.

Swimsafe

The NSW Department of Sport and Recreation is offering Swimsafe swimming lessons at Woy Woy pool for preschool and school age children.

The lessons will run from November 1999 to March 2000 and anyone interested should call 43623184.

Cec Bucello November 7

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Business Directory

Timor troop support group -seeking help

The Support Group of Families with Service Personnel in Timor is seeking assistance from the Peninsula community to put together care parcels for Australian troops serving in East Timor.

The infrastructure destruction in East Timor is so great that the basic necessities such as clean water, fresh food and electricity are non existent.

Australian service personnel

are therefore having to exist for long periods on basic rations in extreme heat with very little relief.

They will not be with their families for Christmas and the Support Group are putting together the care parcels to show that we care and that our thoughts are with them during such a difficult period.

The parcels will be put together on November 24 in order to be able to arrive in Timor in time.

If you would like to help, please make available any non perishable

goods that you can spare so that the troops can have a little bit of home with them while serving in a foreign country.

Goods may be dropped off at the Peninsula News office at 11/36 Railway Street, Woy Woy if before November 12 and at 4/115 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy from November 12.

For further information or if you wish to assist in any other way phone 4341 8171

Cec Bucello November

Safety House group aims to provide shelter from danger

Safety House is a community based organisation aimed at providing a number of "Safety Houses" for the use of children should they feel in danger.

The program works by identifying suitable householders through police checking and suitability interviews.

Once approved, signage is put on the front of the house, children are informed of the location and taught how to seek protection.

This program has operated on the Peninsula for many years but is currently in danger of being discontinued through" a shortage of volunteers.

Community members are encouraged to volunteer to be part of the program, either as a safety household (or shop), as a monitor or as a committee member.

Interested parties should contact Dianne Gaston on 4344 2467

Bob Bourke October 26

Liberals reunion

A Liberal Party reunion will be held in March next year, to celebrate over 50 years of branch participation in Robertson.

Any history and any other memorabilia of the Robertson branches would also be most welcome.

Inquiries - Joy 4367 6357

Church invites carers to tea

St John the Baptist invites grandparent carers to morning tea.

This is an opportunity for grandparents caring for children to socialise and give support The meeting will take place on November 26 from 10am at the Church on the corner of Blackwall and Victoria Roads, Woy Woy.

For more information 4341 0584

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Arts and Crafts

Fun and market days at Ettalong

During November, the Ettalong Arcade will see two special days held for residents and tourists. On November 17, from 10 am until 2 pm, the popular Craft Market Day will again take place. There were twenty stalls at the last event and more are expected at this one as the Christmas spending period approaches. On November 27, the Arcade will see a Fun Day take place from

12 noon until 4 pm. There will be Hawaiian fancy , dress, a colouring competition, face painting, Hooker Bear, stalls, sample bags, lucky dips and fun. For further information on either event phone June Webster on 4344 7907, Meanwhile, every Saturday and Sunday will see over forty stall holders display their wares at the Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort adjacent to Cinema Paradiso. Cec Bucello November 3



Watercolours - "a popular movement" in art circles - local artist Marijke Greenway's effort

Marijke dabbles in water

Marijke Greenway of Pearl Beach is passionate when it comes to watercolour and sees it as a popular movement. "The act of seeing the pigment explode in a puddle of water on your paper is so seductive, it has a will of its own, often the most beautiful passages are not the one you planned, but the one that were created by the water, a will of the wisp, a bit like the tide marks on the beach, each one is different," she said. "Whether you are a beginner Of

more experienced, the attraction and satisfaction remains the same," Marijke was born in Holland. When her parents decided to migrate it was a toss of the coin between South Africa and Australia, South Africa won the first time over, but because of the growth of violence, hatred and fear, Marijke and her husband finally emigrated to Australia in 1988. They ran a cake shop in Castle Hill, working long hours with little time for painting, but Marijke eventually joined the local art society and started teaching.

She became hooked on water-colour when she discovered a book by Charles Reid. "It was a revelation to me, so compelling, a bright mix of bits of colour that made up a floral and it looked like it could run out of the page if you tilted it." Later she was fortunate to receive personal tuition from the master himself. Marijke and her husband have now moved to Peart Beach where she runs classes from her studio with a breathtaking view, and the garage magically turns into a gallery on weekends. Bernard Craft, November 1



Mr.Jim Lloyd, Federal Member for Robertson, presents a "Peninsula Youth of the Year "Award to Elizabeth Borrow Jones

Liz rewarded for her hard earned talent

Winner of the Arts section of the Peninsula Youth of the Year awards, Ms Elizabeth Borrow-Jones, 17, plays three instruments fluently and has performed at the Sydney Opera House. Elizabeth, or Liz as she prefers to be known, lives at Umina and has already achieved in her field what many of us fail to achieve in a lifetime. Liz says her preferred instrument is the clarinet, which she has been playing for about eight years. Elizabeth is a member of the Central Coast Concert Band and Central Coast Symphony Orchestra playing the clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone and Piano. Last year, she was the Under 18 Band Association State Clarinet Champion, Hunter Region Under 19 Woodwind Champion and Central Coast Eisteddfod Open Clarinet Champion. Her performances have been captured for posterity when she played Bassoon with The Forrest High Wind Orchestra, recording a CD at ABC Studios. She is also a regular in the orchestra at the Laycock Street Theatre and played in their productions of Annie, La Cage

Aux Follies, Oh What a Lovely War Mate and The Sound of Music. Liz says she may have the opportunity of playing at the Sydney Olympics next year as part of the Australian marching band contingent. "I'd be really nervous in front of so many people," she said, Liz said she likes performing and there is something about music that resonates within her. In 1997, Elizabeth was a member of the Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble and performed at the Opera House, Town Hall, Eugene Goossens Hall and at the Hilton for the launch of the Young Australian of the Year. While having no plans to play at the great halls of Europe at this stage, Liz is focussing on her other career of choice, accountancy. "I'd like a job where I can continue to play for myself "I'd like to play clarinet as a career, but there is only so many jobs in orchestras," she said. Despite her record, Liz is very modest about her achievements at such a young age and continues to work hard towards her playing technique. "Sorry, but my music lesson is about to start, I have to go," said Liz, concluding the interview. Carl Spears, October 22

Final chance for writing class

Kincumber Adult and Community Education Centre will be holding the final creative writing class for the year at the WEA building in Woy Woy, opposite Fisherman's Wharf The class will run for the entire term from now until December 4, Members will be producing an anthology of prose and poetry and meet on Thursdays at noon. Members meet to help get

their works published, to give and receive friendly advice or just to enjoy themselves in literary company. Phone 4369 1187 for enrolment and other information. Cec Bucello October 8

Music hall fund raiser

A special presentation of "Old Time Music Hall" will be shown at the Woy Woy Primary School, Blackwall Rd, WoyWoy. The presentation will take place on November 26/27/28 and December 314 at 8 PM and on Sunday November 28 at 2 PM The purpose of the presentation is to help raise funds for Woy Woy Little Theatre's new theatre, The construction should start in April 2000 and be completed by October and will be a purpose built community theatre on the grounds of the Recreation Centre, McMasters Road Woy Woy. Bookings 4341 4067

Arts and crafts exhibition and sale

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts centre is holding its Christmas exhibition and sale in November. Entry is free and it will be held at the Senior Citizens Centre, 1 Broken Bay Road, Ettalong Beach

on the weekend of 27 and 28 November. The display will include locally made pottery, paintings, woodcraft, folk art, patchwork and quilting, papercraft and hand painted silk. Cec Bucello November 7



Water colour by Marijke

Watercolour classes At Pearl Beach With Marijke Greenway
Fridays - 9 30 - 1200
Beginners and advanced
\$15 per class attended
Personal gallery open on week ends
Lovely and loose watercolour

Sorts

Peninsula junior cricketers for Central Coast

Congratulations are on offer for several Junior Peninsula cricketers after selection by the Gosford and Wyong Junior Cricket Association to play in NSW District Cricket and Hunter Valley Competitions.

After participating in selection trials, four players were chosen from Umina District Junior Cricket Club and ten from Woy Woy Junior Cricket Club.

The participants from Umina are Nicholas Borrow-Jones (U/16's), Ross Watson (u/14's), Adam Kelly (U/13's) and Daniel Friend (U/10's), with four players being the

Club's most prolific representative selection.

Whilst the strength of the Woy Woy Juniors has been shown with the selection of three u/11's - Ricky Ellis, Ryan Sainty and Hayden Scott; two U/12's - Alex Brown and Daniel Smith as well as Kurt Smith (U/13's), Ben Smith and Noel Ellis (U/14's), David Cuddington (U/15's), and Leigh Taylor (U/16's).

The boys will represent the central coast against teams from as far afield as Sutherland and Penrith in the Districts Competition and Cessnock and Maitland in the Hunter.

Kerrie Friend



Lifesaving Education Officer, Bradley Gee, with the Surfunit

Surfun programs

Surfun programs are a unique practical and theoretical beach education program specifically designed for school children in the 8 to 15 year age group.

Held at Umina Beach and lasting for four hours, the program encompasses surf awareness, environment education, surf rescue and surf sports.

The program is conducted by

full time Lifesaving Education Officer, Bradley Gee, for Surf Life Saving Central Coast.

A number of Peninsula schools are taking advantage of the program in November and December and will see the benefits for themselves.

Enquiries about course participation should be directed to 4325 8577 Cec Bucello November 7

Three way tie in golf Pro-Am

The Everglades 1999 Golf Pro-Am resulted in a three way tie with the winners' purse being , shared between professionals Andre Stolz, George Seman and Peter Cliff.

The winners each played five under par rounds of 63 and a total of 19 professionals broke par with rounds of 67 or better.

The Amateur winners were: "A" Grade - A.

Cope of Morisset - 40 points; "B" Grade - Nathan Kreymborg - 37 points; "C" Grade - Gavin Rapmund - 35 points; Ladies - Joy Hall - 35 points.

In other competitions, Brian Simmons with a combined score of 174 won the Brisbane Waters Veterans Championships.

The 1999 Junior Champion is Luke Watson with a score of 166 for 36 holes.

Luke now qualifies for district and state championships.

The club's Senior Masters Pennant Squad members this year are: Tony Lamaro, Trevor Walker,

Brian Simmons, Don Hughes, John Culbert, John Bowron, Fred Watkins, Cliff Harris, Bemie Fitzsimmons and Neville Leal.

Ian Clilverd recorded the only hole in one in August.

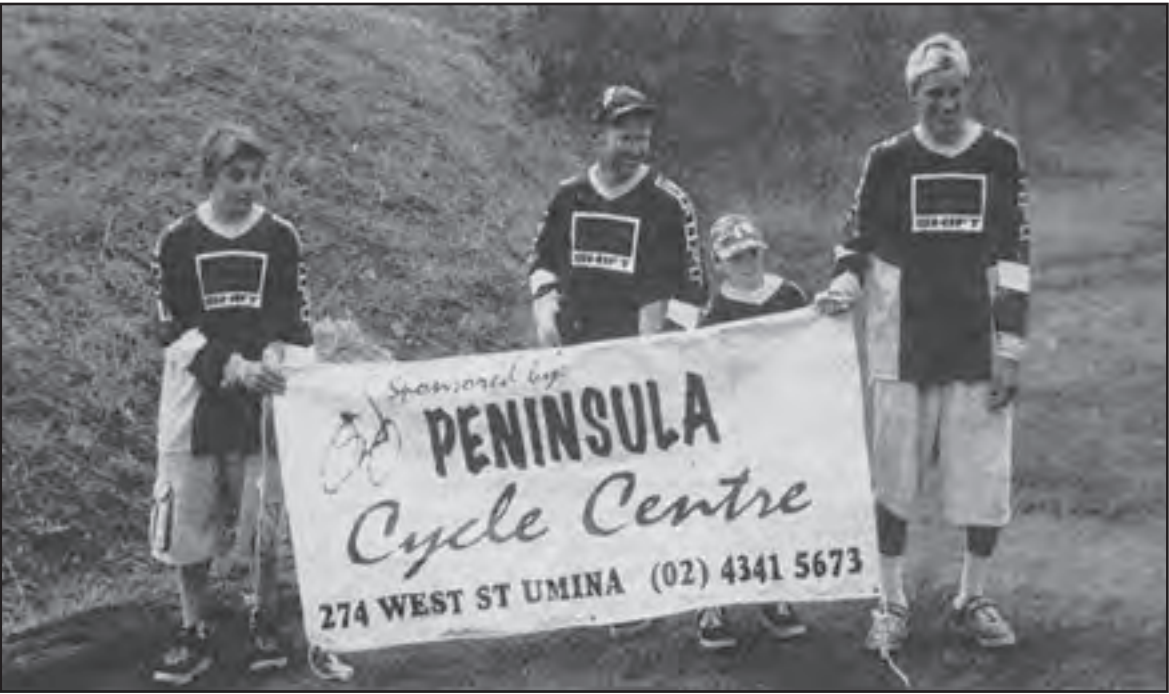
Lyn Kunze won the ladies Singles Knock-Out from Anne Woods.

Ladies Foursome results were: 1st Division - winners - Hien McManus and Bev Crowther - runners up - Jan Henry and Lyn Kunze; Nett - winners - Anne Kane and Denise Dickson - runners up - Gwen Gray and Judy Wheatcraft; 2nd Division - winners - Loma Mackay and Peg Hammond - runners up - Faye Stratton and Narelle Szelid; Nett - winners - Fran Melrose and Anne Smith - runners up - Jan Johnson and Pat Quinn.

The ladies charity day resulted in a cheque for \$2140 being presented to charity.

The Golf Club AGM will be held on October 24.

Fred Quintrell and Bev Crowther



The Peninsula Cycle Centre sponsored team at the BMX State Championships - L to R Daniel Johnston, Jeremy McNally, Daniel Walker and Adam Orrock

Peninsula does well at State BMX Championships

Peninsula riders Jeremy McNally of Woy Woy and Daniel Walker of Empire Bay were part of a 4-man team from the Central Coast in the State BMX championships which took place last month.

Mountain bike racing however did not take place as the last meet in October was called off ~ue to wet weather and poor track conditions.

The next event was held on November 7 with results unavailable at the time of going to press.

The event was an inter-clubs challenge with , clubs competing from many parts of New South Wales.

The Central Coast is represented by the Central Coast Mountain Bike Club which is part of the Central Coast Cycling Club.

The BMX races held in October were held in Wollongong, the races being State Championships where the Terrigal BMX Club represented the Central Coast.

All participants needed to have competed in zone events throughout the year with only those having gained sufficient points during the season being eligible for state finals contention.

At the state event, each competitor in each age group in both 20" and 24" classes needed to compete in 5 "mot os" with the top 16 aggregate point scorers

going on to semi finals.

The best, eight compete in the state finals in this arduous today competition.

Jeremy McNally competed in the thirty-year-old plus events in both classes and finished second in the State in the 20" event and fifth in the cruiser class.

Another Peninsula rider, Ron Johnson from Ettalong, won both these events.

Daniel walker competed in the ten-year age group and is now ranked eighth in the State in the 20" class and seventh in the 24" (cruiser) class in this highly competitive age group.

Cec Bucello November 3



Jordan Kokolis on pari of the Great Norih Walk at Moonee

Free bike tours for all

For the past six years, Jordan Kokolis from the Ettalong Bike shop ' has been providing free mountain bike rides from his shop to anyone interested in participating.

The rides take place every Saturday under all weather conditions and leave at 2 PM.

Riders need to come fully . equipped and to expect a hard

ride along the best tracks on the coast as far as the Ourimbah State Forest and Mooney Mooney.

Free advice and assistance is offered on the tour and anyone wishing to become involved but does not !lave all the gear can hire what they need from the shop.

- Jordan Kokolis is also providing three to four hour mountain bike tours seven days a week where

he will supply all the equipment necessary for \$75 per person.

Participants are driven to the commencement point and many different fitness levels are catered for.

Groups consist of a minimum of two people and a maximum of four people.

Cec Bucello November 5



Mr John Carroll of "Johnno's Edge" congratulates the King and Queen of bowls on the Central Coast, John Roberts and Bev Jessop

King and Queen of bowls on the Central Coast tournament

Large crowds were on hand at the Umina Beach Bowling Club over the four days of competition for the inaugural King and Queen of the Central Coast Carnival held during the last week of October.

Mixed teams from as far South as Ballarat in Victoria and Maitland in the North contested each day in perfect conditions.

A total field of 96 teams each played four games of 15 ends to produce the winners.

The result came down to a

choice between three local teams, two of which had returned cards with four wins each.

Organisers had to resort to shots for and against to decide on the winners of the crowns of King and Queen as well as the prize money of \$1500.

A further \$5500 was split between the remaining 23 contestants from the finals round.

The winning pair were Bev Jessop and John Roberts from the Ettalong Bowling Club with a final score of four wins +35 shots.

Runners up Gwen Hewson and Grahame Maier just missed out on

first prize and received \$1000 for their score of four wins +32 shots.

Third spot and \$750 was taken by Sandra Ferro and Miro Perovic with 3 wins +34 shots.

The tournament was sponsored by Johnno's Edge Pain Relief Spray and such was the success of the event that players have already put their name down for next year and the sponsorship has been renewed.

The tournament was the brain child of Umina Beach Bowling Club's hard working bowls coordinator, Charlie Robinson.

Cec Bucello November 7

Woy Woy judo club triumphant

Members of Woy' Woy Judo Club returned triumphant after their outstanding all round performance in a recent Invitation Only tournament at St. Mary's RSL Club.

Held on October 24, the event featured some 76 - 10 years and Peter Iolini - 14 year Novice.

1999 has been a difficult year for the Judo Club participants with the Woy Woy Club with Gosford Council closing their rooms and

having to continue training under difficult conditions in a converted squash court.

The Invitation Only tournament yielded an eight medal haul comprised of five silver and three golds.

The Gold medallists were Michael Ahearn - 9 years, Naomi Cole - 8 years, Samantha Travers - 12 years, whilst silver was awarded to Sean Cole - 14 years, Brendan Cole - 13 years, Daniel Simmons' - 14 years, Christy Travers.

The results from this tournament highlight the determination of Club members and are a special reward for the dedication of their coach Cathie Roach.

In a further highlight, Club Member Drew Evans, 17, has been invited to visit Japan in January 2000.

Drew will participate in a winter training camp and was selected when the Okayama Judo Club paid a Goodwill visit to the Peninsula earlier this year.

Kerrie Friend, November 3



Steve Watson with a 5kg Dusky Flathead caught in Paddy's Channel

Fishing news: Inside action only this month

Another month has passed with nice catches of whiting coming in, up to 800 grams prime location being the fish market (ha ha), Umina Beach, Ettalong, Paddy's Channel, and Woy Woy Channel.

There are good reports of blackfish and bream being taken from the pipes at Ettalong, some fish going over the kilogram mark.

Fishing over the last two hours of the run up tide is the most favourable time.

There are also good reports of

jewfish right through the Brisbane Water, from the Rip Bridge as far as MacDonald bridge at West Gosford.

Best bait are live poddy mullet, squid or tailor fillets.

Best tides being top or bottom, and best times, late at night till the early hours of the morning.

Outside report.

Due to the poor weather conditions no outside report is available.

Ken Bartley, Jamie's Bait & Tackle

Woy Woy cricket off to good start

Despite the recent inclement weather plaguing Central Coast cricketers over the past month, Woy Woy's junior cricketers have made a strong start to the season.

In what was described as an "outstanding performance" by coach Col Breese, Peter McCarthy of the U/16 A's hit 100 not out against the Kincumber Red side in Round 1 of the competition.

Peter's innings was integral to his team amassing a total of 278 runs for the loss of only six wickets, with Breese hailing the teams first innings as "as good as I've seen." In response the Kincumber side could only manage 154/7.

McCarthy added to his batting performance taking two catches with bowlers Rodney Mason (2/19), Nick Wilkinson (2/12), and Gareth Haines (1/15) all contributing to an emphatic first innings win.

Not to be outdone, the Woy Woy U/15B team had a decisive victory against Narrara in the same round.

The team compiled 270, highlighted by a dynamic 106 from Brad Smith and a remarkable all-round contribution by Shae Regan hitting 93 runs and returning bowling figures of 3/10.

The Woy Woy side dismissed Narrara for 86 to take the points.

Certainly, a tremendous start to the summer.

Kerrie Friend, November 3

Soccer players to join new Association Youth League

Peninsula based soccer players have been invited to play in a new youth league competition as a result of a growing rift between the New South Wales Amateur Soccer Federation (NSWASF) and the New South Wales Soccer Federation (NSWSF).

In an attempt to control all soccer in NSW, the NSWSF is taking over all youth league competitions because the better players gravitate to those competitions.

The NSWASF however has looked after these players successfully for many years and does not want to see its power base eroded.

The Central Coast Soccer Association in wanting to do the best for its players, has decided to join the new Sydney Amateur Youth League and will be fielding teams in all age groups in this competition which is due to commence in March 2000.

Trials are taking place in November

Cec Bucello November 7

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Santa to visit Umina



Santa hands out goodies to the big crowd at last year's Christmas parade

The annual Umina Beach Christmas Parade heralding the arrival of Santa at the Peninsula's busiest shopping area will take place again this year on December 12, and it will be bigger than ever say organisers.

This year's parade will be the sixth successive parade at Umina and organisers are doing their utmost to make it a successful event for all concerned.

Shopkeepers have been encouraged to decorate their shops for the day and to set up street stalls with specials for visitors.

Additional stall holders will take up spare places along the length of West Street and anyone wishing to set up their own stall should contact the organisers as soon as possible to reserve a space.

While stalls will operate from 9 am, the parade itself commences at 11.30 am.

Taking up the full length of West Street as it winds its way past thousands of

spectators, the parade will include local schools, marching bands, sporting groups, Peninsula businesses, Careflight, the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol, Rural Fire Service, service clubs, church groups, scouts, guides and many more community groups.

If your group would like some extra exposure, contact the organisers and ask them to include you in the programme.

Last year's parade saw 8000 spectators line the streets with plenty of cheering to create a festive atmosphere.

Buskers are also encouraged to join in and make some extra money while entertaining spectators and gaining valuable exposure and experience.

Live radio broadcasts as well as publicity in the community's own newspaper, the Peninsula News, will ensure that this year's event will be well attended.

Dance displays, vintage cars and a few surprise additions will make Santa and all his helpers on the day pleased that they

chose Umina as the place to be.
Enquiries 4341 7302.

Cec Bucello, October 25

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