

## Creek concerns cause a rethink

**Gosford councillors have decided against spraying herbicides as part of a maintenance program for the Kahibah Creek System, which runs through southern Umina.**

The maintenance is needed to remove weeds and sediment from the creek to allow efficient flood flows.

Councillors decided to take the more labour intensive and expensive option of "cut and paint" rather than the cheaper and possibly environmentally destructive, spraying option.

The cost, according to council officer estimates, is approximately 10 times as much with the cut and paint method at about \$5 per square metre.

The cut and paint method involves cutting of individual reeds and then painting the stump with a herbicide.

Other parts of the creek will be cleared by excavation.

Local environmentalist, Mr Bryan Ellis, said the last excavation had turtles dragged out of the creek.

He said he was concerned about any spraying method because of its possible environmental impact.

"The herbicide council was going to use has only ever been tested on the tadpoles of the North American leopard frog, not on any other wildlife.

"There is anecdotal evidence that the last local spraying killed eels." Mr Ellis said spraying was indiscriminate and killed native vegetation that posed no potential flooding problems.

He said spraying also kills the endemic species of Phragmites reeds, which are thin stemmed and sparse and therefore flatten in any flood flow.

Cr Lynne Bockholt said the last excavation was a disaster with excavated material left on the sides of the creek and that she wants to see any excavated material removed this time.

"If we excavate a path, the stuff must be removed." Cr Bockholt said the creeks' maintenance had been sorely missing.

"There has been a severe lack of maintenance and we have never got to the stage of a management plan," she said.

"The creek system was destroyed by development in the late and mid-80s, which has resulted in flooding of the area.

"One of the main reasons I ran for council in 1991 was because of this and still not much has been done." In reply to the extra cost of a cut and paint method, Cr Bockholt said: "Not a penny has been spent on those creeks in years.

"The creeks need to be cleared quickly, with no spraying and regular maintenance." Council's director of development and the environment, Mr John Murray, said the work should be carried out before the historically wet period early next year.

"The concern is that should rainfall return to the earlier pattern, flooding could become a serious problem and council could be considered negligent and may be liable for resulting damages," he said.

Cr Bockholt was in favour of quick action.

"I have had so many complaints recently about the neglect and lack of maintenance in the creek system and I am delighted that council has agreed that work to clean out the creeks get under way immediately," she said.

Council officers had favoured the spraying approach, which would be in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency guidelines, but community groups disagreed.

The Kahibah Landcare group and the Umina Progress Association agreed to excavation but were concerned about council's desire to spray certain upstream sections.

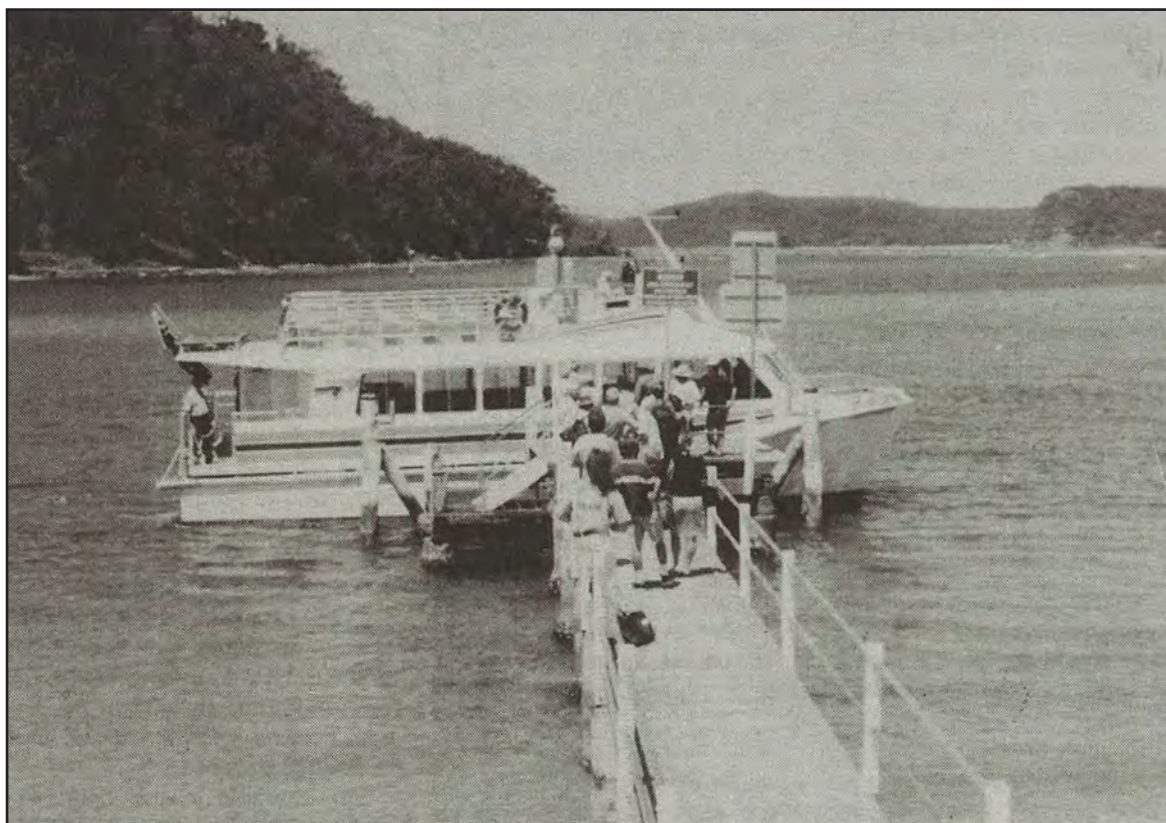
Cr Bockholt said she was happy with the councillors decision not to spray.

"I am very pleased that council agreed that no sprays would be used because as well as destroying all the vegetation it touches, it also kills frogs, tadpoles, toads and other important fauna which inhabit the creek system.

"The creek system has suffered over the years through urban expansion and council neglect.

"There must be no more excuses for council officers to do nothing in regards to maintenance while blaming community groups for the lack of progress," she said.

Carl Spears, November 24



Locals take the opportunity to enjoy the Ettalong to Palm Beach ferry on its first day of operation

## Ettalong to Palm Beach ferry starts

**A new ferry service for Peninsula residents and commuters travelling from Ettalong Beach to Palm Beach is up and running.**

The owners, who have operated t/1e Palm Beach Ferry Service between Patonga and Palm Beach since 1982, will run the new service seven days a week.

The owners bought an 80-seat aluminium catamaran, Spirit, for the Ettalong Beach run.

The catamaran, built in 1981, has been operating at Forster for 18 years and has a maximum speed of 15 knots. The owners say the trip to Palm Beach should take about 40 minutes of which 10 minutes will be setting down and picking up passengers.

Managing director Peter Verrills said the decision to run the new service was prompted by public demand and if all goes well another catamaran will be ordered to increase runs.

A one-way ticket will cost \$6 for adults and \$3 for children and Ferry-10 passes entitling passengers 10 trips whenever they want to take them cost \$50.

The ferry will leave Ettalong every 80 minutes from 6am to 12.40pm, 4.10pm and 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, and less frequently on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.

For more information, phone 99182747.

Carl Spears, November 22

## Safety House scheme seeks more volunteer help to escape closure

**The Peninsula Safety House Scheme is calling for volunteers to help it avoid closure.**

The Safety House program is a joint community and police initiative that aims to provide a network of safe places within the community.

The Peninsula scheme has been operating successfully for 16 years but without community support it cannot continue.

The program extends from Phegans Bay to Bensville and Pattonga.

Houses in the scheme have

gone through police checking and suitability interviews and are given a distinctive letterbox plaque to identify them.

Local children are taught through schools how to seek protection in a safety house should they feel threatened or lost.

Community members can volunteer to be part of the program in varying capacities from being a safety household to administrative duties as a committee member.

Committee member for the past six years, Dianne Gaston said: "We are only asking for two hours of volunteer's time every three months".

"We urge the community to help keep alive this worthy program.

"We all enjoy the lifestyle we lead here on the Peninsula and part of that can be attributed to the wonderful community spirit we share.

"I'm sure we all want our children, indeed all members of our community, to be part of a caring community and an active Safety House program helps to reinforce this objective." For further information, contact Dianne Gaston on 4344 2467 or Senior Sergeant Irene Juergens on 4323 5501.

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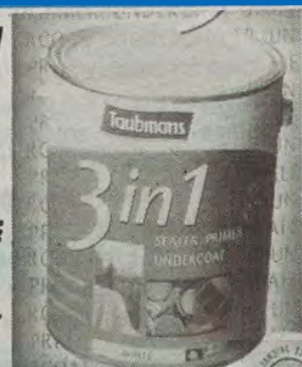
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**Festive season**

There are many major activities taking place on the Peninsula over the next few weeks.

It should be noted that all of the events are being done by the community for the community.

They are organised by volunteers and any proceeds go to charity.

Residents will see a major parade in Umina, Christmas Carols at Woy Woy, fireworks at Umina Beach and a combined churches nativity production at Woy Woy.

All are encouraged to go out and support these events as they are put on for your benefit.

**New staff and content**

Peninsula News is pleased to welcome aboard Tanya Gately who is helping us input much of the information that you will read each month and Therese Pientka, who has volunteered to help with graphic design and layout of sponsors' advertisements.

In our next edition we will also be introducing a "What's on in the Peninsula" column provided by information centre manager, Joan Chippindale.

If you would like your activity included, please let her know on 4341 2888, as she also receives countless inquiries from tourists every day.

**Christmas break**

The office of the Peninsula News will be closed from December 21 to January 3 inclusive, after which, assuming that the Y2K bug hasn't had devastating effects, or Armageddon arrived, as we tick over to 2000, we will be back for a bigger and better new year.

Therefore, our next edition is not due to be published until January 17.

In the meantime, keep those stories, advertising bookings, information items and letters coming so that we can go into full production on our return.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our readers and supporters a joyous and festive Christmas season and a prosperous new year and new century.

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Not so fast with the ferry

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.

I write in reference to your article, "Final Ettalong Ferry reports submitted to governments" (9 November p.1).

Your article quotes Cr Sansom: "A public meeting held to protest about the ferry had people tum up to speak in favour of the project and they were not allowed to speak." Apart from this statement proven false by your reporter who was actually at the meeting, it needed to be pointed out that this meeting was organised by the Fast Ferry Reaction committee to give further information about the damages to the fore shores the ferries cause and was in fact a "meeting held to protest about the ferry" and the organisers were not there to have the meeting time deliberately wasted by people speaking the Fast Ship line.

The local newspapers (Peninsula News included), radio and NBN TV are doing little other than mouthing the Fast Ship line with no real investigation of what is actually proposed.

For example in the document exhibited by Fast Ship recently, it is stated that because they will

have to refuel in Sydney, ticket prices will have to be increased by \$6.48 per trip, which will effectively double the current cost to train commuters.

So the only commuters that will be able to afford to use the service are on higher income and probably live in the Killcare, McMasters Beach, Terrigal strip.

Yet in Gosford Council's business paper of October 26 under the heading, "Terrigal Foreshore Boardwalk & Feasibility Study for Terrigal Haven Jetty", it is stated: "There is no need to clarify that the jetty is not designed for fast ferry use, to reassure residents who were opposed to an earlier proposal to service the Haven".

So for Gosford Council a few objectors at Terrigal outweigh the 248 objectors on the Peninsula.

Why aren't I surprised at that?

So the likely outcome of this is that we will have a fast ferry at Ettalong tMt only the rich at Terrigal can afford and in the open water port of Terrigal that is perfect for a Fast Ferry wharf and service we will have an ornamental wharf that is useless.

While the councillors who are convinced that a Fast Ferry is what the people of the Peninsula want are not even democratic enough to grant us a public "open meeting" unless the councillors "deemed it necessary".

We should be calling for a public meeting so that the councillors can explain this arrogance and scom that they have for residents of the Peninsula, it seems it knows no bounds.

**Bryan Ellis Umina Beach**

Woy Woy resident celebrates 100

I had the great honour of attending the one-hundredth birthday party of Mrs Olive Riley of Woy Woy.

Mrs Riley turned 100 on October 27 and a surprise party was held in her honour on October 18 at the Adult Day Care Centre at Woy Woy.

Mrs Riley has three children, a son and two daughters, nine grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

The sprightly centenarian was entertained by the young children attending the nearby community pre-school.

Each child received a warm hug from Mrs Riley in Appreciation.

Marie Andrews State Member for Peats

Girl Guides Former Ettalong Girl Guides and Brownies travelled long distances to be at the celebration held in the Girl Guides hall at Ettalong on November 28 to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Ettalong Girl Guides.

One lady I met had travelled all the way from Albury to be there.

It was great to see the person responsible for the group being formed in the first place in attendance and I refer to no other than Mrs Ruby Knight.

Ruby, a long time local resident, told me that she established the Ettalong Girl Guides in response to questions asked by girls back in the 1940s as to why the boys had their Boy Scouts clubs but the girls had nothing.

Well done, Ruby.

Congratulations to all those 'past and present associated with Ettalong Girl Guides for a remarkable record of service and commitment to the young people of our area.

Incidentally, the Girl Guides Club House was built in 1954 by the Woy Woy Rotary Club members of the club, who still assist in maintaining their building, were in attendance at the golden anniversary festivities.

Jet skis Jet skiers will be subject to tougher restrictions under new measures to reduce noise disturbances for shoreline residents and make NSW waters safer for swimmers and surfers.

Under the new regulations, jet skiers must observe an eight knot speed limit within 200 metres of the shoreline in the Sydney basin area between Port Hacking, Gosford and the Blue Mountains.

Previously, the speed limit was 10 knots within 30 metres of the shoreline.

The tide must turn

I write concerning the tidal swimming pool at Woy Woy.

I am delighted that Council is upgrading Pelican Park (in front of the Fisherman's Wharf) however, I recently made enquires .

about how the community can have the pool cleaned to allow local people to use it.

At present the pool is very dirty and I understand that seagrass is contributing to the ' problem.

Therefore, I am disappOinted to find that the Department of Fisheries will not allow seagrass to be re-located to another part of Brisbane Water.

I am keen on preserving the environment but believe the removal of seagrass at this small spot would not be detrimental to fish breeding etc.

Fisheries were able to accommodate the replenishment of sand on Ettalong Beach by re-locating seagrass to Correa Bay.

Why can't the same principie be applied? The pool is a great community asset used by generations of Peninsula youngsters to cool off in the summer.

It would be marvellous for families to be able to picnic along the waterfront, use the new play equipment and swim in the tidal pool.

Other local communities are begging Council to install safe swimming areas and Woy Woy has a beauty already installed and we can't use it! There are 35,000 people living on the Peninsula and we do not have a single safe sea pool where young famili~ s .and older people can enjoy a dip In safety.

I ask Fisheries to reconsider their decision and allow the seagrass to be removed so once again Way Woy tidal pool can be used by the community.

**Heather McKenzie South Woy Woy**

Corridors of power

The extraordinary decision by the Minister for Land and Water Conservation to refuse permission for the rezoning of the Pearl Beach property near the arboretum, rejects his own government's policy on conservation.

With all concerned in favour of the plan, which would have added a new wildlife corridor to the many developed by his own government, it is obvious he has not given the proposal adequate consideration.

Our Society will take the matter further with other avenues.

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# Patonga plans shelved

**The draft development control plan (OCP) for Patonga is in danger of not going ahead, according to a member of the committee that drew up the draft.**

This would leave Patonga without any cohesive development controls, according to Patonga village planning committee member, Mr Robert Osborne.

He said council has advised that it will not recommend the DCP be placed on public exhibit nor that they intend to take it further.

"This is due to the Progress Association's resolution to omit the section dealing with building materials and colours," he said in the publication Patonga Village Voice.

"It would seem absolutely pointless and indeed contrary to the wishes of the members to create a situation after three months of Progress meetings, where the

village is left with 90 per cent of nothing." Council said they support the concept of creating appropriate guidelines for Patonga but that guidelines on building materials and colours were important and needed to be addressed.

Mr Osborne said the omission of the section dealing with building materials and colours by the Progress Association, was contrary to the decision of the greater community in the village and left Patonga in a precarious position of having little or no development controls.

Mr Vic Jefferies, a long-time resident of Patonga disagreed.

"I'm not decrying what the planning committee had done.

They are to be complimented on their hard work, but not this plan," he said.

"A DCP is needed, but the draft plan is not right for the area.

"The intentions are the best but the results are not what the area

needs.

"A public meeting showed the community was overwhelmingly in agreement to reject the plan after it was considered at length." Mr Jefferies said the guidelines on building materials and colours were too intrusive.

"Every regulation imposed diminishes personal liberty," he said.

Mr Jefferies said the feeling in the community was that they needed a DCP but said the lack of one would not mean Patonga was in danger of rampant development.

"There are still guidelines that we must follow, like everyone else." Mr Jefferies, a committee member of the Patonga Progress Association, said he was not speaking in an official capacity.

"This is purely my personal opinion," he said.

**Carl Spears, November 25**

## Land and Environment Court 'needs a review' - Bockholt

**Councillor Lynne Bockholt has welcomed the decision by delegates at the Local Government Conference, held recently at Dubbo, to call for an independent review of the Land and Environment Court.**

Delegates supported motions including investigation into the adversarial and legalistic approach of the court, a perceived lack of expertise by Court assessors and the Court's decision-making processes.

Cr Bockholt said she felt the Court sometimes worked against the public interest.

"I am very pleased that delegates overwhelmingly called on the State Government to investigate the Land and Environment Court," she said.

"These moves echo those of



*Cr Lynne Bockholt*

Gosford Council which over the last few years has written several times to the State Government calling for changes in the way the Court operates.

"I hope that the State Government listens to local councils on this matter because it is vitally important to all local government areas.

"It's good to know that it's not only Gosford which is being asked

to approve developments which are not in the community interest, under threat of the matter being taken to the Land and Environment Court by developers.

"No councillor wants to see scarce ratepayer funds being spent on court costs but the alternative is to allow developments which are not in the community interest.

"At present decisions made at a local level by elected representatives can be overturned by a Court in which nobody has been elected and which many in the community believe has been set up as a developers' court." Cr Bockholt also pointed out that well-known Chief Justice James McLelland resigned from the court in the mid-1980s citing similar reasons.

nothing more," she said.

Ms Andrews also said that some war widows from World War I, now in their 90s, were also being denied.

Federal Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, agreed that he would prefer the law to be changed.

"The estimated cost of the change would be about \$65 million over four years," he said.

However, Mr Lloyd pointed out that it was the Keating Labor Government that made the changes denying remarried war widows the pension.

"Also, we must remember that many of these widows who remarried have had the opportunity to re-establish their lives financially.

"However, many of the women are getting older and some have become widows again.

"There are some cases of genuine hardship," he said.

**Carl Spears, November 25**



*Kahibah Creek looking towards East's Holiday Park*

## Clubs and pubs to provide warning signs for gamblers

**Peninsula gambling areas will have to provide warning signs about the risks associated with gambling from next year under a State Government harm minimisation program.**

The signs will warn gamblers of the real odds of winning top poker machine prizes at "one in 2.8 million", and that excessive gambling can make you lose your home and family.

Other features of the harm minimisation program include A TMs being removed from poker machine areas, limits on cashing

of cheques by licensed premises and the banning of "over the top" advertising.

Licensees stand to be fined more than \$5000 for single breaches of the new regulations and could lose their licence for flagrant breaches.

The number of poker machines in NSW has increased 51 per cent or 32,000 on figures four years ago.

Almost 10 per cent of poker machines in the world are in NSW and average losses for the problem gambler are more than \$50,000 before seeking help

## Andrews requests closing of pension loophole

**State Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, has asked the Federal Government to fix a loophole which denies some Peninsula war widows access to the War Widows Pension.**

Under Federal Government law war widows whose husbands died before 1984 and who remarried before then are not eligible for the War Widows Pension.

Ms Andrews said in State Parliament: "A very active War Widows Guild operates within the Woy Woy Peninsula and I have the greatest admiration for these ladies." "They do not ask for much but they have contributed and continue to contribute much to our society working within the community at large." There are currently 4000 widows Australia-wide ineligible for the pension under the scheme.



*Marie Andrews*

"This has left many struggling to meet vital medical expenses as they enter their 60s and 70s.

"The loophole means that the Federal Government has also cut them off from the Veterans' Affairs gold card, thus denying them the medical treatment that they now desperately need and to extend the pension to all war widows would cost a measly \$18 million.

"This is a heartless and pennypinching exercise and

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## Chamber News

# Woy Woy town upgrade deferred for Christmas



Upgraded work in the Umina Beach town centre. All Peninsula town centres received upgrades

Many will have noticed that Pelican Park is nearing completion and hopefully will be ready for the holiday period.

The upgrade of the park forms part of the Woy Woy town centre improvements under Gosford City Council's Financial Strategy.

The street upgrading plans have been finalised including improvements to the forecourt area of the Woy Woy Library.

The Chamber has been advised that work will not commence on the street upgrading works until after the Christmas period so as not to

disrupt peak holiday trading.

### Umina Beach

As has been previously reported, efforts are still being made by the Chamber of Commerce to have the street upgrading plan reviewed.

The Council formed Umina Beach CBO Building Committee is split on the issue of the plan with the Chamber calling for an independent planning consultant to be engaged to review the future upgrading of the town centre.

The Chamber believes that the town centre can ill afford a further

five raised pedestrian crossings and kerb blisters in West Street and side streets with traffic congestion already at an unbearable point.

It is the Chamber's opinion that the latest plan will be a traffic nightmare with roads being narrowed, vehicle access being restricted and pedestrian movements being chaotic.

The Chamber however does support the other elements of the street upgrading including footpath repaving, entry treatments, landscaping, street furniture and improvements to the Bullion Street car park.

A compromise is encouraged to allow these works to proceed whilst the issue of the raised pedestrian thresholds and kerb blisters is reviewed.

### Ettalong Beach

The bulk of the Ettalong Beach upgrading work has been completed.

The new year will bring the landscaping of the Picnic Parade entry into Ettalong Beach with sign posting, flagging and medium strip landscaping.

Further funds are being allocated for works on The Esplanade between Picnic Parade and Memorial Avenue as part of the foreshore upgrade.

The Chamber acknowledges that street parking is at a premium at the moment whilst the Ettalong Beach Resort is under construction.

This unfortunately is the short term price we pay for long term capital investment in the business centre.

But the end result will be of great benefit to locals and tourists alike.

### Resort

Many will have watched with interest as the new Resort building rises from the giant excavation that was the old car park.

People will note that the basement level car park slab is now completed and the ground floor formwork is being put in place for the new Resort ground floor level.

It is reported that the building contractor Fletchers and the Plum Group are ahead of schedule.

### Fast Ferry

At the time of going to press, the Chamber has been advised that the final reports for the proposed fast ferry are to be brought before Gosford City Council tonight for the issue of the final consent document.

After many months of hard work and research by Fast Ships Limited, Gosford City Council, NSW Fisheries and the Department of Land & Water Conservation are now satisfied that the fast ferry proponent has met all the deferred commencement requirements set down by Council in February this year.

This process has taken many months.

However, it is important from the community's point of view that all the environmental and social issues are adequately addressed before an approval for the fast ferry service is granted by Council.

This is only fair and reasonable. The Chamber has always taken a supportive position on this project as it will result in a new high speed transport link to Sydney, new employment opportunities, increased capital investment into the community, new business opportunities and an exciting future for everyone.

### Town Centres

Over the coming months, the Chamber of Commerce will be holding meetings with property owners and business operators

in relation to the ongoing maintenance, cleaning and security in our town centres.

The aim will be to identify ways that the Chamber can encourage Gosford City Council to better utilise available funds that are allocated for the above tasks within the current Council budget.

This is an important issue as it is essential that effective use of resources is made especially following the upgrading process under the Financial Strategy.

Suggestions will be invited from all stakeholders which will form part of a submission to Gosford City Council.

It is felt that business operators and property owners should have more say and control over the expenditure of funds that directly affect their businesses.

Year 2000 From all of us at the Chamber of Commerce, we wish you all the best over the Christmas period.

### The year 2000

will usher in many exciting projects and herald many new opportunities.

If the Chamber can help you in your business, contact us on (02) 4343 1141 or (02) 4342 5333.

### Merry Christmas

The end of the year is in sight and the mad Christmas panic period has started.

Everyone in business is making hurried attempts to finish projects, stock up for Christmas, gear up for the holiday period and hopefully, look forward to some time off.

From the Chamber of Commerce, we wish all of you in business and the community a very merry Christmas and a busy New Year.

Matthew Wales

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## Old friends buy Ettalong business

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business being for sale on the Internet and then proceeded to do a great deal of research about the area before proceeding.

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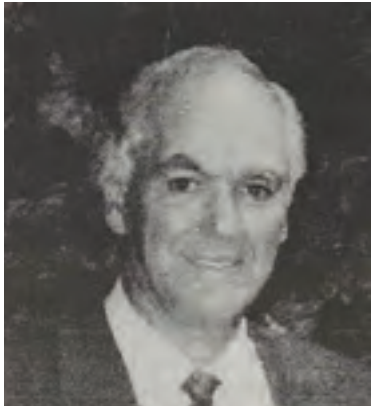
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# Video taping of council denied



**Council Matters!**

by  
**John  
Oakley**

Issues this month of direct interest to the residents of the Peninsula are widely varied in their nature.

**November 16: Request to video for historical purposes the debate on a development application for outdoor screening of movies at the Avoca Beach Theatre.**

**Moved:** Wales/Doyle that the Council abide by a previous Council Resolution ...

and not permit video recording in the Chamber.

**Arguments for:**

Once a video is taken Council has no control over the editing.

Videotape could be used by developers to their advantage in the Land and Environment Court.

**Arguments against:**

The videotape is for historical/heritage purposes.

The previous Resolution of Council can be overridden.

**The Vote:**

**On Leave:** Councillors Holstein, Penton, Sansom.

**For:** Councillors Bell, Bockholt, Doyle, Wales.

**Against:** Councillors Brooks, Cook, Preece.

It should be noted that in both the State and Commonwealth Parliaments every word that is spoken in debate is recorded in Hansard.

Council records only the motions put and the mover and seconder of each motion.

The vote is only recorded if there is a request by at least two Councillors for a 'division'.

Unless a councillor declares "an interest" (financial or otherwise), they must vote.

A failure to indicate a vote is taken as a No vote.

From time to time on sensitive issues, some councillors prefer to sit on the fence.

This they achieve by being absent or leaving the Chamber before the vote is taken.

**October 26: Maintenance - Kahibah Creek System (estimated cost \$150,000)**

Kahibah Creek runs approximately SE from Glenhaven Close, crosses Brisbane Ave, Calyptra Road and flows into the general area of Albany and Neera Roads and eventually into Ettalong Creek.

**Moved:** Preece/Bockholt that work proceed as recommended by council officers but "where spraying is recommended this be replaced by the cut and paint method" of eradication.

**Argument for:**

Councillor Bockholt stated that Council had neglected this creek



Local girls Rachel Oades and Raechele Cabban test the water at Woy Woy enclosed tidal pool

for years.

She spoke of the danger of flooding and was critical of council's failure to implement a rehabilitation and management plan first resolved in 1994.

Public opinion was that there should be controlled clearing but no spraying.

**On Leave:** Councillors Doyle, Holstein, Penton.

**The Vote:**

Council unanimously agreed to proceed with the suggested work and that a report be brought back to council by June next year.

**Important Note.**

Adoption of this method of rehabilitation 'marks a milestone in council's thinking on environmental controls.

To spray the vegetation would have resulted in the destruction of not only noxious plants, but also of desirable plants.

Of equal, if not greater importance, would have been the impact on the fauna such as frogs and insects.

## Sean wins bravery award

**Woy Woy Public School student Sean Frazer is to receive an award from the NSW Ambulance Service for Outstanding Bravery.**

The award is in recognition of Sean's actions on September 6 this year.

Sean's quick action almost certainly saved his friend Scott's life.

Scott was engulfed in flames and Seari turned on the hose, doused Scott in water, pushed his friend to the ground and

extinguished the remaining flames.

He then pushed Scott into a full bath and waited with his friend until the ambulance arrived.

Sean's actions showed little thought for his own safety and only concern about his friend's well being.

Sean's mother Sandra said she was "very proud of Sean and his quick thinking".

Sean was presented with the bravery award at a special ceremony last week at Woy Woy Public School.

Kerrie Friend, December 1

## Enlightened residents still waiting

**Brick Wharf Rd residents are annoyed that they are still waiting for incorrectly installed street lights near their properties to be reinstalled.**

The lights were originally intended to light up the public reserve near their street in Woy Woy but due to incorrect plans, Energy Australia installed the

lights directed at nearby properties. The petitioners requested that the "matter not be allowed to lapse into the limbo of time", in a letter to council's general manager, Mr Peter Wilson dated August 20.

One of the petitioners, Mr Maurie Battye, said some of the lights had been turned off until they are redirected while others remain on.

Carl Spears, December 1

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News

Aged care project to start next year

An aged care project to accommodate 42 people with dementia at the former TAFE site at South Woy Woy will start next year.

State member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, said the facility will meet a very high demand for dementia care accommodation on the Peninsula.

"I'm aware that there are a number of local residents with dementia who have been moved out of the area because there were no suitable places locally," said Ms Andrews.

"This separation is very traumatic for the spouse still residing in the family home." Ms Andrews said often the spouse has to travel to Sydney on a frequent

basis to maintain contact with their life-long partner.

"The traveling alone is very draining and sadly, in some cases, the spouse living at home is not able to travel to Sydney for health reasons," she said.

The complex will be built for the Hammond Care Group, a nonprofit charitable organisation established in the early 1930s.



June Webster presents petition to Cr Debra Wales at Ettalong Arcade

Bushcare helpers needed

The Blackwall Mountain bush care group is seeking more volunteers to become involved in organised native bushland regeneration work within Blackwall Mountain Reserve on the Peninsula.

The group meets one Sunday a month from 9am until 12 noon.

The group works in a friendly bush atmosphere with all training supplied.

For more information, phone 43427849.

Cec Bucello October 6

Youth worker and Women's Centre to combine forces

The Peninsula Youth Support Worker and the Peninsula Women's Health Centre have joined forces to facilitate an 'expansion' scheme.

'Expansion' is a planning day for the organisation of a young women's g-oup to be held on the Peninsula.

A spokesperson for Expansion said: "If you are a young female between 12 and 17 years of age and live, go to school or work on the Peninsula you are invited to come along and join in the fun of . Expansion".

"A young women's group generally involves a number of workshops, surrounding various issues such as body image, women's health issues, relationships, skin care and so

forth.

"Expansion planning day will give young women interested in joining in the fun of a young women's group the opportunity to express ideas and join in workshops and activities.

"This is a great opportunity for young women on the Peninsula to come together in a safe, relaxing and comfortable environment, make new friends and have a whole lot of laughs," said the spokesperson.

It will be held on Wednesday January 12 from 10am to 2pm and lunch will be provided at the Peninsula Women's Health Centre on the corner of McMahsters Rd and Commonwealth Ave, Woy Woy To book your place or for further inquiries call Naomi on 4342 3885 or Helen on 4342 5905.

Petition shows ferry support

Over 2500 Signatures from Peninsula residents in favour of the Ettalong to Sydney fast ferry were collected over a period of three weeks by Ettalong Gifts' June Webster and given to Councillor Oebra Wales.

Cr Wales said the petition was a message that the majority of the community want the fast ferry to commence as soon as possible.

Cr Wales, was presenting the petition to council as this edition of Peninsula News was being distributed.

June believes that many more people are looking forward to the ferry's commencement but she

was only able to circulate blank petitions to Ettalong shops and some Umina shops.

Shopkeepers with petitions reported a great willingness by customers to sign the document and they encouraged others in their group to do likewise.

Apart from two back shops in the arcade, every shop in Ettalong is now leased in readiness for what is expected to be an influx of business when the ferry commences.

Already, some impact has been felt from the commencement on November 29 of the Palm Beach to Ettalong ferry service.

Cec Bucello, December 3

Centre gives information

The Umina Beach Information Centre is run entirely by volunteers on a shift basis seven days a week, within the tea rooms directly behind the Umina Library.

The Centre offers local information with maps and booklets, National Park brochures and crafts for sale.

There is also a large selection of pottery for sale.

Other information includes: Local accommodation, motels, hotels, bed and breakfasts, cabins in parks and caravan parks and

on surrounding areas such as Newcastle, the Hawkesbury, Sydney and so forth.

The centre also offers booking services, and the opportunity for local artists to exhibit their work, with art shows changing monthly.

The centre is self-funded and relies on visitors to remain financial.

The centre is open from 9.30am to 3pm on Monday to Thursday, 9am to 3pm on Fridays, 9am to 2pm on Saturday and 10am to 2pm Sundays.

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## Guides achieve

**Amanda Peat and Jessica Morrell from Ettalong Guides have both achieved.**

one of the highest awards for their movement.

The girls needed to challenge themselves and set goals to achieve the award, the Silver BP.

The 1 st Ettalong Girl Guides leader, Kathy-maree Bartle, said their group was a small one and they were very proud of what the girls had achieved.' Jessica and Amanda were presented their awards from the state guide commissioner at a ceremony in Glengarry.

Other girls in the group are currently working on various projects to achieve their goals.

For more information on the Ettalong Guides call Phyllis Tliomas on 4341 2264

Carl Spears, November 19

## Patients rate hospital highly

**Brisbane Waters Private Hospital has come second in NSW in an HCF patient satisfaction study.**

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital chief executive ' officer, Mr Graham McGuinness, said the study was a great result for the hospital.

"The summary accompanying the study concluded that this hospital continued to be one of the top rated private hospitals overall and across most attributes.

"This obviously speaks volumes for both the quality of our service and the friendly environment in which it is provided," he said.

## Island residents want a Gazebo

**The St Huberts Island Resident's Association has applied to council to build a gazebo in the reserve on the island.**

The Association received funding for the gazebo through the Commonwealth Government's Federation Fund and will build the gazebo with the help of a Work for the Dole group:

Carl Spears, November 19

## TOFFS meet

**The Over Fifty Friendly Singles (TOFFS) provides regular activities including dining out, barbecues, coffee and chat nights and other activities as requested.**

For more information, phone Beth on 4341 8814 or Les on 43653902.

Tanya Gately, December 5

# Bush fire plan drawn

**The Gosford City Bush Fire management committee is leading the way, by being one of the first areas to produce a, draft bush fire risk management plan.**

"The state's many Bush Fire Management Committees are required under legislation to produce a draft plan and place it on public exhibition so the community can comment on its content," said the fire control officer of the Gosford Rural Fire Service,

Superintendent, Mr Arthur Owens.

"We are very pleased that our city's draft plan is now on display, and we are inviting written submissions.

"Each year, the threat of bush fire looms over communities across Australia.

"While many resources are put into fighting fires, there is also a strong emphasis on implementing plans to help minimise bush fire risks.

"The draft plan aims to identify

the level of risk posed by bush fire to life, property- and other assets such as natural and cultural heritage in the Gosford local government area, and to establish strategies to protect against those risks.

"Strategies in the draft plan address the bush fire hazard level in particular areas, the safety of the community and fire fighters, the vulnerability of assets to fire, and the protection of the land and the environment.

"In putting the draft plan together we have considered factors such as vegetation types, slope, fire history and potential ignition sources.

"We have also analysed the major community assets including human settlements, tourism, transport and significant areas requiring special protection." The draft plan can be inspected until Friday December 10 at Umina and Woy Woy branch libraries during library hours.

Bernard Craft, December 5

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## News

# \$10 million scheme provides electronic F3 signs for drivers

Peninsula commuters to Sydney now have improved access to traffic information on the F3 with the switching on of the first of eight new electronic Variable Message Signs (VMS).

State member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, switched on the sign at Kariong last month and said the signs are part of a \$10 million Driver Aid Scheme between Wahroonga and Kariong.

"The \$1.14 million VMS system has been designed to provide motorists with up to date road information and will be linked to the Road and Traffic Authority's new Transport Management Centre," Ms Andrews said.

"This will allow the Transport Management Centre to provide clear, concise and up to date advice to motorists about travel conditions, accidents, expected delays and information on special events.

"Both in Australia and overseas, driver aid schemes have proven extremely effective in reducing the number and severity of accidents, and associated congestion.

"A radio and newspaper

***'The system has been designed to provide motorists with up to date road information.'***

community education campaign will advise motorists on how the signs work and how they have been designed to keep drivers informed on freeway conditions.

"The campaign will also introduce motorists to the RTA's highly visible traffic patrol vans which already patrol the freeway 24 hours a day.

"Their job is to respond quickly to breakdowns and accidents, help road users when needed and ensure the potential for delay is minimised for everyone.

"This overall package is an important part of the State Government's plan to deliver real safety and traffic flow benefits to motorists on the F3, particularly during peak commuter and holiday periods," she said.



A picture of a closed Pelican Park, which is now complete and open - we think!

## We were fooled - Pelican Park is NOW open

In the last edition of Peninsula News, we published a photograph of the new playground at Pelican Park announcing that it was finally open after a lengthy construction period.

Unfortunately for us and park users, this was not correct, as the

park was opened for the Oyster's birthday celebration when we took our photograph and closed again at the end of the day for completion.

The park remained closed for another month and is finally due to open, according to council construction workers, on Saturday December 4, three days ahead of

the contracted completion date.

While the length of time taken to complete the park is a sore point at present for local businesses and residents, it will soon be forgotten as the finished product is of the highest quality and will be a great benefit to users.

Cec Bucello December 3

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## Club gives

**Christmas generosity has come early from the Everglades Country Club.**

As part of its operations, the club has announced a host of donations to assist local groups through its Community Development and Support Expenditure Program.

Two of the recipients are Peninsula and District Before and After School Care Centre who received \$1000 for the muchneeded purchase of children's play equipment and a further \$410 to Complete Care aged care service for the purchase of a facsimile machine.

Kerrie Friend, December 1

## Gym theft

**The Kindy Kids Childcare Centre at Woy Woy has had \$1200 of gym equipment stolen.**

Staff and children at the centre are annoyed by the theft after lots of hard work selling chocolates to raise money for the equipment.

'The centre had only bought the equipment a month ago.

The centre would like to have the equipment returned so if someone out there knows anything, please contact the police or return it.

## Why bless the fleet?

**Many people have asked about the reason for including the blessing of the fleet at the recent Oyster's Birthday celebration in a safe haven such as Woy Woy and how big the fishing fleet on the Peninsula is.**

According to the Fisheries department and local historians, commercial fishing has been a part of our community for more than 100 years.

During this time , many changes have occurred including area closures, restricted licences and a reduced number of professional fishermen.

There are currently 22 professional fishing vessels operating from the Peninsula bringing in \$750,000 worth of fish annually which adds \$3 million to our region and employs 32 people directly and 110 indirectly.

The blessing of the fishing fleet is a ceremony in which our ancestors have participated in other lands since the 12th century.

The first fishing fleet blessing in Australia took place in Fremantle in WA in 1950.

The ceremony in Woy Woy adds to the Oysters Birthday celebration.

Local major sponsors were the Woy Woy Fisherman's Wharf, the Bay View Hotel, Brisbane Water Oyster Farmers.

They had support from Gosford City Council, Tonkin Drysdale Partners, TIBCO and the Super Shuttle ferry group.

Cec Bucello December 4

# Safer Towns meetings start

**Gosford Council's newly appointed community safety officer for the Safer Towns and Cities Project, Sally Anderson - Day, has conducted her first meeting with the Peninsula Community Forum in preparation for the launch of the Peninsula Pilot Program.**

The meeting established the guidelines under which the program will operate both on the Peninsula and city-wide.

"Council has advised that two committees will be established ," said Councillor Debra Wales.

"The Peninsula Community Safety 'Committee will be established to oversee the Peninsula Pilot Program and will consist primarily of Forum representatives and other peninsula interest groups.

"The progress of the Peninsula committee will be reported to the Gosford community safety committee which will be established to look at ways of implementing the results of the pilot program on a

city wide basis.

"The aim is to establish a Crime Prevention Plan for the Peninsula within the first 12 months of the program and investigate avenues for further' ongoing funding to implement the recommendations." Cr Wales said that it was important that the wider community participate in the pilot program by putting forward their concerns in relation to crime and safety problems.

She said the program coordinator, Sally Anderson-Day, comes with a wealth of experience and her job is to liaise with all sections of the community so as to fully document the community's concerns.

The program is funded through state confiscation of the proceeds of crime.

I State Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, said: "This program is about achieving justice for the whole community.

"The program turns the proceeds of confiscated criminal activity into positive plans for the community," she said.

For inquiries, phone 4343 1141 .

## Government encourages older Australians to keep on working

**The Commonwealth Government through Centrelink is offering the Pension Bonus scheme as an incentive for older Australians to stay in the workforce.**

Under the scheme, people of Age Pension age who defer claiming the Age or Service pension and continue working may be able to obtain a tax-free lump sum bonus of up to \$22,393 for a single person and \$37,380 for a couple.

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Pension is eventually claimed.

People who wish to participate in the scheme must register with Centrelink.

The amount of the' bonus depends on how long the person has been a member of the scheme, up to a maximum of five years, their rate of Age Pension when claimed and their marital status.

You must be registered with the scheme for at least 12 months to be eligible.

For further information contact Centrelink on 13 2300 or visit Centrelink's home page at www. centrelink.gov.au.



The Salvation Army Christmas tree at Earthly Goodness, Umina

## Business donates shopfront for Salvo's Christmas charity

**Management and staff of the Earthly Goodness health food store in West Street, Umina, have decided to give up their front window for Christmas.**

Rather than use the window for heavy promotion of their own products for the Christmas period, they have given the window to the Salvation Army for their Christmas

Hamper Appeal.

Peninsula residents are encouraged to drop off Christmas hamper items under the Christmas tree in the front window for collection by the Salvation Army and distribution to the more needy in the area.

Items may be left right up to December 24.

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## News

# Sights and Sounds of Christmas returns

**Christmas is a busy time and the Anglican Parish of Woy Woy, St Luke's is flat out.**

This year is the third Sights and Sounds of Christmas performance at the parish.

Last year 1400 children and many adults visited St Luke's in Blackwall Rd for the story of the birth of Jesus.

Children have the opportunity to follow a star leading them through a media maze to a puppet theatre and on to other lands and to many different sights.

Preparations are well under way for this popular performance.

Churches on the Peninsula

have come together for the performance with different strains of Christianity including Anglican, Catholic, Uniting, the Salvation Army, Baptist, Presbyterian and the Christian Life Centre being involved.

Children from Gosford Christian School, St John the Baptist, Ettalong Public School and Woy Woy Public Preschool are among those who have already booked in to follow the star at St Luke's.

The public are invited to follow the star at the public sessions on December 8 and 9 at 6.30pm, 7pm and 7.30pm.

The cost is a gold coin donation and the show lasts one hour.



Location, location, location - This cubby house can go anywhere!

## Century 21 auctions cubby house

**This year's Annual Santa Parade through the streets of Umina will have an added beneficiary.**

Umina's Century 21 Real Estate has seen the day as a chance to generate some festive good will and much needed funding for a locally based good cause.

Century 21 has purchased a cubby house and will auctioning it at the parade's conclusion.

All funds raised will be donated to the Peninsula youth service, The Web.

Larry Nelson from Century 21 said: "Dion Richardson, the Web youth coordinator, does a great job for youth in the area and we want to encourage that even more." Busy preparing for the end of year dance party on December 17, Mr Richardson was thrilled at the news and has applauded Century 21 for their generosity.

All bids will be accepted and no reserve price has been set for the cubby house.

The auction is scheduled to commenced around noon.

## Ladies bowls future assured

Since it's inception in 1959, Ettalong Beach Ladies Bowls has been a sub-club within Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club Ltd.

Members have' enjoyed successful and enthusiastic bowling in District and Inter-club competition.

While falling membership may now have reduced the depth of competition within its ranks, the enthusiasm of members to enjoy the camaraderie with fellow bowlers has not waned.

Ettalong Beach Club executives have given an assurance that Ladies Indoor Bowls will continue as a sub-club within the new concept, nursing continuance of a very enjoyable sport.

**Dorothy Chamberlain**  
Honorary Secretary

## Santa visits

**Mr S. Claus, or Santa, as he prefers to be known, will be making a special trip to Ettalong during the week leading up to Christmas day despite his hectic worldwide schedule.**

Between the hours of 1 pm and 3pm from December 20 to December 24, Santa will be found in the Rocks Arcade at Ettalong Beach.

Free photo opportunities for families will be available.

Just remember to bring your own camera.

**Carl Spears, November 24**

## '26ers' Club

**The Gosford City Australia Day committee is looking for people born on January 26, Australia Day, to register with the- '26ers Club'.**

Peninsula residents born on this day can then be officially recognised at the shire's Australia Day celebrations.

Each year, the "26ers" are presented with a gift and share the birthday cake at Gosford waterfront as part of the day's celebrations.

To register your birthday with the committee, contact Kathy Robinson on 4325 8332.

**Vicki Brown, Gosford Council, November 25**



Clowns, balloons, buskers - it must be a birthday party!

## Shoppers enjoy party at .Umina

**Bremen Patisserie's tenth birthday party last month was enjoyed by many.**

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Leap for joy! - Glenworth Valley returns

**Music festival Glenworth Valley 99 will be held on December 27 and 28.**

Highlighting major acts such as You Am I, Regurgitator, The Tea Party, The Porkers, Preshrunk, The Testeagles, Trapezoid, Resin Dogs and Speed Demons, the festival also includes a number of other areas on the property to cater for a wide variety of other interests.

From midnight onwards each night, the non stop acts on the big stage will end and the area will become an outdoor movie theatre screening an ongoing fare of

movies for the night owls.

Elsewhere during the day, on the forest stage, world music, experimental rock acts and special soloists will perform.

Meanwhile, at the cafe stage, acoustic acts, blues, folk and other genres will be seen.

The techno heads and dance music fans will also get their money's worth at the pavilion where each night there will be plenty of electronic music and techno from live bands including The Bird, Pan, Opsimath, Ping and On with DJs in between.

During the day, the pavilion will be used for workshops on African drumming, blues harp and DIY electronics.

On the red cordial stage, weird, funny, eccentric, un classifiable, unforgettable entertainment will take place while the electro tipi zone will provide a wild party atmosphere with non stop doof sounds, trance and hard techno accompanied by mind boggling visuals.

In all, hundreds of performers will be out to do their very best to entertain the thousands of people expected to be there.

The festival site is part of a 2500 acre property at Glenworth Valley which is off the Peats Ridge Road.

Gates open at 10am on December 27 and camping is encouraged with over 200 acres of riverside camping sites to choose from.

Entertainment commences at 3pm but there will be plenty to do before then including going for a swim or just exploring the venue.

Shuttle buses will ferry people to and from Gosford station from 1 Dam on December 27 until 12 noon on December 29.

More information can be obtained from [www.glenworth.net.au](http://www.glenworth.net.au) or from 1902220055.

If you would like to try to win one of the four double passes to Glenworth Valley 99 on offer, all you have to do is count how many times we use the words "Glenworth Valley" in this article and send your total with the Volkswagen camper logo on the front cover as well as your address and telephone number to: Peninsula News, PO Box 532 Woy Woy 2256, or drop your entry off to our office at 4/115 Blackwall Road (Corner Victoria Road), Woy Woy, to arrive by December 17.

Only one entry per person please.

**Cec Bucello, December 4**

## CoastCare Week begins

**This week marks CoastCare Week and several activities will be held all over the Central Coast during this time.**

CoastCare will be promoting the care of our fragile coastal environment during the summer holiday season, and are urging people to "have a Coastcare holiday" this year.

Ask any visitor to the Central Coast why they like coming here and the answer will invariably include praise for our beautiful waterways.

On the Peninsula alone, there are so many different bodies of water, ranging from the waterfalls of Pearl Beach and the quiet bays of Woy Woy, to the great beaches of Umina and Ocean Beach.

Activities on the water are just as varied, with fishing, boating, water skiing and surfing high on the agenda for many tourists.

During summer, the Peninsula population swells enormously and many activities will have an impact

on the local environment.

If we all take a little bit of care, we can really make a difference as to how much damage will be done.

Some NSW CoastCare facts: A two-hour ride on a jet ski can spill enough petrol and oil to cover an eight acre pond NSW boat users drop an average of half a kilogram of rubbish into the water on every trip The biggest problems caused by tourists on the coast are beach and dune erosion, loss of habitat, destruction of wildlife and fisheries and reduced water quality.

Suggestions of how we can help include: Choose travel toiletries like sunscreen and shampoo that

are environmentally friendly and minimise their use near waterways.

Always use walkways and walking trails provided.

Know local regulations for catching and collecting fish, abalone, crayfish, pippies and shellfish and restrictions on undersized fish and bag limits for shellfish.

Put overturned rocks back as the animals and plants will die if exposed to the sun.

Always take your rubbish home with you.

The Project Aware on the Rocks group will be holding displays at Central Coast shopping centres throughout January, as well as educational projects on local rock platforms.

If you would like to become involved, phone 4341 4291 .

Put a little thought into whatever you do and wherever you go this summer.

You can make a difference in the protection of our environment.

**Jeannie Lawson, December**

### The Environment with Jeannie Lawson



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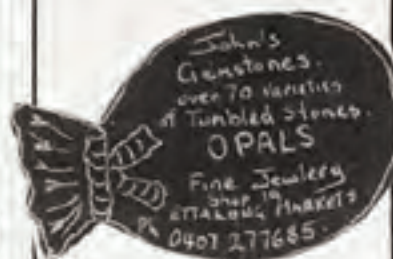
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- Double Jeopardy (M)
- The Blair Witch Project (M)
- Fight Club (R) with Brad Pitt
- Drop Dead Gorgeous (M)
- with Kirsty Alley

Call 4342 4666 for screening times.  
Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Eve



School News



Jennifer Lahz shortly after receiving her Yellow Cord

Jennifer gains the highest cubscout award possible

Umina cubscout, Jennifer Lahz, has achieved one of the highest awards possible in the cubscout movement and the highest award in her age group.

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★ Friday Nights ★

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★ MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ★

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Jennifer was presented with the Yellow Cord.

To achieve the Yellow Cord, Jennifer had to complete a series of rigorous steps, which demanded more tenacity and organisation than many adults possess.

There were seven tasks to complete including obtaining the Gold Boomerang (a series of at least seven tests such as first aid, bush safety, cooking and map reading), participating in district activity days, tie and knot knots, use spars and ropes, undergoing at least a two hour trek carrying a pack and undertaking an environmental activity project.

Jennifer also had to keep a log to verify the successful completion of all the tasks.

Many high ranking cubscout leaders and State Member for Peats, Marie Andrews were at the presentation.

Carl Spears, November 18

Councillor queries rate charges

Councillor Lynne Bockholt asked council why community centres have to pay rates.

She cited the South Woy Woy Association Progress Hall's annual bill of around \$1500.

"Why is the hall rated as business ordinary?" and "Why do community centres have to pay rates?", she asked.

"There is also a business sewer charge and business and development charge.

"This is a community facility which makes very little profit." Council's director of corporate and community services, Mr Chris Gallagher said he will investigate the issue.

In other questions from councillors to council officers, council's director of works, Mr

Multiple sclerosis coach tour fundraiser is ready to depart from Woy Woy

The Central Coast Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society has come up with an idea that they hope will ease several of their tasks at the one time.

A fund-raising coach tour departing from Woy Woy to see the Christmas lights of Sydney will take place on December 10.

The tour is designed to not only raise much-needed funds for the group but also provides a chance for some of the more housebound members of the Society to get out and have a bit of fun.

Spokesperson for the Central Coast MS Society, Mavis Symonds, said: "Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a disease which affects people in different ways at different times and many sufferers of the complaint feel very isolated: "This tour is a great opportunity for them to have a social outing and we felt that although the society often helps out with the physical needs of clients, we would also like to lift people's spirits at this time of year." Ms Symonds said the tour will assist the Society in many ways.

"The Central Coast branch of

Shop opens

Joanne Clayton, formerly of JJ's Bridal Salon in Gosford has relocated to Ettalong with a new look business.

The new shop in Ocean View Rd is called OJ's and contains exclusive items in beachwear, daywear and formal evening wear.

OJ's also hires mens formal wear.

Joanne says hers is a complete service and she has expertise in fitting and alterations.

Joanne is a proven performer having won awards such as businesswoman of the year in 1997 and a Yellow Pages award for her service.

Carl Spears, November 18

‘...reducing the strain on the hospital system.'

the Society has members from Woy Woy to Morisset and funds raised on the Central Coast by the MS Society go directly to Central Coast members for much needed items such as wheelchairs, walking sticks and modifications to kitchens/bathrooms," she said.

"There is also a high demand for air conditioning as the symptoms of MS are exacerbated by hot weather.

"It has been shown that by keeping clients cool in their own homes during summer, the need for hospitalisation can be dramatically decreased, thus saving dollars and reducing the strain on our hospital system." So, if you would like to have a great night out and a bit of fun while supporting a worthy cause, you can make a booking for the tour.

The tour departs Woy Woy at 3.30pm on Friday December 10.

Tickets are \$20 each and bookings can be made by phoning.

Jeannie on 4341 4291 after 6pm.

Jeannie Lawson, November 22

Umina's Gift

A new up-market gift shop, Capri Gifts, has been opened in Umina Beach by Teasdell Jewellers in response to public demand for a wider selection of gifts.

Teasdell Jewellers have been in business for over 25 years and in that time found that they could not carry high quality products that did not fit into the jewellery range but were being sought by shoppers.

The new shop carries imported Swiss cuckoo clocks, Royal Doulton, Armani figurines and Royal Albert fine china to name only a small part of the range.

As part of the opening activities, leaflets were distributed inviting residents to enter a competition to win \$500 worth of gifts of their choice.

Hundreds of entries were received and the winner was Mrs. R Hughes of Umina.

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# Health and welfare

## Giving Tree Tracey wins Fitness Club award

Kmart Deepwater Plaza is continuing its Christmas spirit from previous years with its 1999 Christmas Tree appeal.

Shoppers can buy and place gifts under the Kmart tree to be distributed by the Smith Family and Salvation Army to the needy.

Organisers are hoping to better last year's total of 1800 gifts.

The centre will also have its own tree where gift donations can be made.

Carl Spears, November 19

Tracey Burraston had been selected as the Ettalong Beach Club Fitness Centre 1999 Member of the Year.

Tracey was presented with her member of the year medal at the annual Christmas party of the Ettalong Beach Club Fitness Centre on November 20.

The presentation was made at the Seaview Room at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club in front of 82 fitness centre members and staff during a night of celebration.

Members at the centre were selected for Member of the Month awards.

These winners were then eligible for the Member of the Year award.

Tracey won the January 99 Member of the Month Award.

Other Members of the Month during the year were: February - Denis Ryan; March - Sue Briggs; April - Karina Dentice; May - Doreen Petrov; June - Stephen McPhee; July - Ken Sanchez; August - Jan Strang; September - Dennis Colon; October - Tim Pettit; November - Joanne Besley; and, December - Brian Stewart.

Members of the month are selected by the trainers at the centre for their commitment, consistency and dedication.

The Special Achievement award for the year was taken out by April Member of the Month



Special achievement award winner Karina Dentice and member of the year Tracey Burraston with medals

Karina Dentice.

The fitness centre prides itself on being a centre for members of all ages and abilities.

Fitness City proprietor John Moore often invites local health professionals such as physiotherapists and sports physicians to develop strategies for their patients, which means

Fitness City does more than just produce beefcake.

Most of Mr Moore's clientele are over 50 years of age and are part of the 'Active Over 50s' program which was jointly developed with the Central Coast Area Health Service.

Cec Bucello, December



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## Volunteer -Referral gets State funding

The Central Coast Volunteer Referral Agency has received a \$10,000 funding allocation.

This was part of the NSW Government's commitment to helping community-based volunteer organisations, according to the Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews.

"I am pleased the Carr Labour Government is supporting our local volunteer organisation," Ms Andrews said.

"It means the Central Coast VRA, which currently interviews 10 to 15 potential volunteers a week, can expand its services.

"The extra funding will help the Agency conduct about 20 to 25 interviews a week.

"More outreach interviews in centres such as Woy Woy, Green Point, Niagara Park, Wyong, Toukley and San Remo can be conducted.

"About 180 community based organisations rely on the Central Coast VRA for volunteers at the moment.

"As a result of this funding, the VRA will be able to expand its network to service about 250 community organisations.

"Central Coast volunteers work in a variety of areas including home care, child care, youth organisations, disability services, neighbourhood centres, the RSPCA and WIRES," Ms Andrews said.

## Complementary Therapies opens

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Debra Franklin of Umina married Ben Starkey of Kariong on November 13 at the Japanese Gardens Photo courtesy Bowen Photographic\$



Married at Kincumba Mountain on November 6 were Frank Russell and Marilyn Stephenson both of Umina. Photo Elizabeth Tansley

## Ettalong Seniors

Ettalong Senior Citizens' centre is now taking new and renewing gold memberships for next year.

The centre is available to all citizens over 50 years of age and offer a range of activities including fitness classes, dancing, card games, bowls, craft and painting.

As well as being social centres, they provide educational, physical' and cultural opportunities for the over 50s.

You can drop in for a meal, sandwich or just a cuppa.

For more information Ph 4341 3222.

Vicki Brown November 25

## Veterans meet

The National Malaysia Borneo Veterans' Association meets regularly on the first Saturday of each month at 2.30pm at the Ettalong Beach Club.

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School News



Year 10's Jessica Morrell with her combination of sport and art



Year,7's Corrine Edwards graphic pollution project

Gifted and Talented Students program highlights talents

Umina High School students from the Gifted and Talented Students program (GATS) recently held a successful inaugural projects presentation evening. The audience were shown projects developed by the students in a wide area of subjects including art, computers, musicals, wood work, writing, design, drama, fashion and music. Thirty students participated in the evening. A spokesperson for the GATS committee said: "The 'projects' concept grew out of a need to provide, for talented students at the school, an opportunity to extend their experiences in subjects of their own choosing". Students are asked to nominate a field, which they then explore and develop and prepare presentations explaining their discoveries, experiences or creations.

"The experience has been valued by all students and has provided a useful outlet for students to pursue an interest otherwise impractical to accomplish within the normal constraints of a school structure," said the spokesperson. Participating students were: Year 7 - Corrine Edwards, Keira Pride. Year 8 - Adam Austin, Ashley Doyle and Michael Strong. Year 9 - Sheri Bagnall, Rebecca Clift, Jenny Crocker, Robyn Lalor, Kylie Lucas, Ellyse Maloney, Tania Pettitt and Kara Shackleton. Year 10 - Scott Baker, Kody Brennan, Erin Glynn, Jay Harnetty, Tamara Johnson, Lauren Kelly, Lachlan Kerr, Clinton Lowe, Jessica Morrell, Andrew Myles, Justin O'Donoghue, Michelle Richardson, Kristie Smee, Kristy Stephen, Jodie Swan, Aleya Wheeler and Belgis Youssoufzay

High School principal responds to criticism

Woy Woy High School principal Ms Carolyn Carter has expressed regret at comments she made at the school's Year 12 Formal night. In the school's newsletter, Ms Carter said: "Sadly our 1999 Year 12 Formal was not the happy occasion it usually is. "This was mainly because of some negative comments I made about some students in relation to what they had done for the school. "I deeply regret upsetting Year 12 students and their parents and realise, too late, that I should not have made these comments. "At the time, I was asking Year 12 students to reflect upon what they had done for the school. "I noted that many of them had made some outstanding

contributions on the sporting field, in the creative and performing arts, in leadership and citizenship. "That some of them were amongst the best that Woy Woy High School had had to offer in the 40 years of its existence. "These positive comments were lost in the negative comments I made about some of them not wearing the uniform and being sloppily dressed, skipping studying periods, and leaving the examination early. "I pointed out that at the HSC, students get the results that they deserve. "However, I did not make it clear that this meant if you put in the effort and work hard and did the best that you could in the examinations, you would get good results; but, if you didn't work hard and you did not do your best in the examinations your

results would be poor. "I have sent letters of apology for offending the students and parents. "I have made it clear that overall, Year 12 were a good group of students and that many of them have made outstanding contributions to the school over the last six years. "I have also acknowledged these achievements in the past when they occurred. "For the record, I did NOT say they were all 'slobs', 'losers', 'failures', or that they 'all deserved to fail'. "I would never say these things to anyone and it would be disgraceful if I did."

Caroline Carter December 3

Umina girls take on Tumbi Umbi and Woy Woy girls cricket teams

The Umina High School girl's cricket team were off to a good start in the Combined High Schools (CHS) cricket knockout. Umina played Tumbi Umbi in the opening round at home and won by five wickets. Tumbi Umbi were all out for 62. Sally Beer bowled outstandingly taking 4/9. Umina reached their target in 20 overs with Kim Evans top scoring with 13 and strongly supported by Katie Chaplin who scored 12. Chuffed with their win, Umina

went into battle with Woy Woy in the second round. In a close and tense battle, Umina were to fall short of their run chase by only three runs. Umina won the toss and put Woy Woy into bat and Woy Woy replied by amassing 128 runs in 31 overs. Lauren Kelly took 3/17, Kim Miles 4/40 and Sally Beer 2125 in a fine bowling display from the Umina girls. Lauren Kelly the bowler soon became Lauren Kelly the batter, opening the Umina innings with Kim Evans.

Scoring at more than four runs an over, Lauren Kelly soon had 31 against her name, which was Umina's top score. Strong support from Kim Evans (20) and Kim Miles (9) saw Umina almost reach their -target. The Umina team is Lauren Kelly (captain), Renee Barker, Renee 'Brisbin, Sally Beer, Hannah Brookes, Katie Chaplin, Michelle Darmody, Corinne Edwards, Kim Evans, Leonie Kalantzis, Lisa Kennedy, Ellen Leggett, Alana Magee, Kim Miles, Kristine Smith and Erin Stebbing.

Long - serving Denise prepares for retirement

After 23 years one of the longest serving employee's of The Peninsula Community Centre. Denise Rayner has decided to retire. She began her association with the organisation in 1976 as a volunteer, when she recognised the severe lack of structured recreational activities for youth in the area. Her response was overwhelming. With friend Helen Faulkner, the pair founded the Peninsula Gymnastics Club and Saturday trampolining classes. Helen sees the motivation for Denise was simple: "She just loves kids!" With boundless enthusiasm and devotion to her cause, Denise

was integral to the establishment of the Woy Woy Amateur Basketball Association and Miniball for juniors , Trampolining classes, Rollerskating afternoons and the first Blue Light discos on the Peninsula. In her spare time, Denise also fulfilled roles in the Community Centre office, worked in the initial and ongoing Vacation Care program, and in more recent times has been the stalwart of the Before and After School Care Cottage. Praise for Denise and her work is not hard to find. Community Centre administrator Vicki Shields said: "Denise is probably our best liked and most appreciated staff member." Children's services coordinator Megan Miller said:

"Denise will be sadly missed by all our staff and children. "While we wish her well in her early retirement and her position will be a hard void to fill." In recognition of her outstanding career, a special farewell is being organised at Ettalong Bowling Club. The evening will commence with drinks at 5.30pm and dinner will follow afterwards. Anyone who has any involvement with Denise and wants to wish her well is welcome to attend. Bookings can be made through Jenny on 0414 511 839 before December 10.

Kerrie Friend, December 5



## School News



Skateboard action at Umina Skate Park

## Skateboard clinics held during holidays

**Gosford City Council will conduct skateboard clinics over the school holidays for intermediate skaters at Umina Skate Park.**

These clinics are aimed at developing intermediate skaters to a higher standard.

The classes also offer skaters the opportunity to visit the park and become comfortable with other users.

Classes will be held on January 14 and 21 at 10 am and last for one hour.

There is a maximum of four people per skate instructor.

Their will be a chance to compete on January 21 at 11.30.

Cost is \$6 per session and registration forms are available from Gosford council and most skateboard shops.

Further information 4325 8430

Cec Bucello December 4

## Extra special education

**Woy Woy High received word on Wednesday morning that the Department has decided to establish a third Special Education Class at the school in 2000 ..**

This is wonderful news for the Special Education children both present and future.

They will all be able to complete their schooling right through to the HSC if this is their intention.

It will mean that there will be a Head Teacher to run the Support Unit, and the school will be able to run some new programs for the Special Education students.

## Umina's cattle win yet again

**Umina High School's cattle show team have just returned from the Dubbo National Show after taking first place on the hoof in a large class containing 50 other animals.**

The school then went on to be judged Reserve Champion Steer on the hoof and third place on the hook.

The result caps a phenomenal year of wins at all the major shows in Australia this year.

Earlier this year Umina High won award ribbons at the Sydney Royal Easter Show and the Royal Queensland Show.

Umina High now has a show team of 30 cattle, which about 30 students care for seven days a week.

Umina prepares the cattle which are raised at Ashwapai Limousins at Clarencetown.

## School takes pro-active role with program

**Empire Bay Public School is taking a pro-active role in intervening for children with reading problems.**

The Reading Recovery program is an early intervention program designed to reduce reading failure.

The program gives intensive, high quality assistance to students experiencing reading difficulties during the early years of schooling and accelerates students' progress to the class average as quickly as possible.

School principal, Mr Gordon Fraser, said the program allows students to gain the maximum benefit from normal classroom instruction.

The program targets children in Year One and they receive one half-hour session per day.

Carl Spears, November 25

## Ettalong's Excellent teachers rewarded

**Three teachers from Ettalong Public School have been recognised with "Excellence in Teaching" Awards.**

The teachers, Sue Graham, Louise Thorncraft and Helen Reid, received their Awards at a small ceremony at school recently.

These fine Ettalong teachers were nominated by the school community who considered that they should be recognised as representative of teaching excellence.

The awards are intended to recognise and honour representatives of teaching excellence with in the local school communities.

The awards program aims to recognise teaching within the community and to encourage the brightest of our youth to enter the teaching profession.

Ettalong School is very proud to have three of its teachers recognised in this way.

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Bruce Donaldson, Principal

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# Business Directory

## A new Home Base based in Woy Woy

The newest outlet for franchise chain, Home Base, opened on November 26 on Blackwall Road, Woy Woy.

The franchise is owned by the Alterio family and culminates eight year's experience in the business.

Home Base is a discount variety store that will be locally managed.

As it is part of a chain of 30 stores, it benefits from bulk buying and is able to pass on discounts to customers.

Woy Woy was selected because of its population, location, size of premises available and lack of nearby competition.

The first week has seen a huge turnover of stock with many urgent shipments on the way to replenish depleting shelves.

Otto Alterio said, "I am delighted with the response so far.

"We have had people coming in non stop since we opened our doors," he said.

Cec Bucello, December 3

## Sports Hire promises a lot of summer fun

Ocean Beach Outdoor Sports Hire is a new business at the southern end of East's Caravan Park at Umina Beach.

They hire a range of bikes, kayaks and a number of unusual items including, two- and five-seater water beetle paddleboats, banana peel and low rider trikes, scooters, and motorised mountain bikes with kid trailers.

Aromatherapy massages are another way that visitors can enjoy the beachfront location.

The business currently operates from Friday to Monday until the commencement of the school holidays when the hours of operation will extend to seven days a week.



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The outcome is a blend of artistic metal items that make interesting talking points and provide an income for a couple that are prepared to help themselves earn additional income from their talents.

Cec Bucello December 1

Santa and helpers arriving here soon

A hard act to follow

**Woy Woy Little Theatre group has been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the State Government.**  
The grant was awarded to assist in the construction of the theatre's new 120 seat theatre, due for completion next year.  
The grant is from the State Government's 2000 Cultural Grants Program, which is administered by the NSW Ministry for the Arts.

Woy Woy Little Theatre is one of the oldest theatre groups on the Central Coast.  
The group brings live theatre to the local community at very reasonable cost.  
The Little Theatre's year 2000 programme and subscription forms are currently being distributed.

Bernard Craft, November 30

**Santa's helpers are ready for his big welcome to Umina Beach on December 11.**  
When Santa arrives on the Saturday morning, he will receive a big cheer.  
The annual parade started six years ago and has become one of the largest events on the Peninsula's calendar.  
Organised by the Umina Beach Action Committee the parade has grown beyond their best expectations with a huge number of market stalls, bands aplenty, entertainment for the children and an exciting time for all.  
Community groups will have sausage sizzles , chocolate wheels and will display the many services they provide for our area.  
Residents are likely to find a group that can help them or one

that they will enjoy participating in.  
With a huge procession, music, fire engines, special vehicles, police and volunteers in policing all joining in the festivities, plus Careflight and some great prizes to be won, it is a special day for our children and those who are young at heart.  
All are invited to come and have a great morning browsing among stalls, listening to jazz, buskers and washboard bands, be entertained by brass bands .  
and pipe players and most of all, having fun.  
Look out for Pearly King and Queen , Willie Nelson, a miniature horse and many local businesses, churches and community groups getting into the swing of things.  
For additional information contact Umina Beach Action Committee on 4341 7302

New art group will benefit from sharing

**Local artist, Bernard Craft, is attempting to create a local art group to provide 'strength through numbers' for the local art world.**  
"Creativity does not arise from a vacuum," he said.  
"Artists need to see other's works, talk and exchange ideas to improve their output.  
"Artists are not very well supported by the community at large and even less by the 'authorities' and they have much to gain through self and shared support.  
"I have met several local artists, each working pretty much alone and I believe that by forming a local group we can all benefit through the sharing of ideas, information

and resources.  
"I am suggesting that informality be the rule rather than creating a stiff organisation and that the group aims should be to meet twice a month in one member's place on a rotating basis, discuss current work, offer constructive criticism, and share resources.  
"Another aim could be to share opportunities to exhibit members' work and promote visual arts throughout the Peninsula.  
"As a group we will have a stronger voice and gain a better participation in the community.  
"Artists have much to offer and their visibility is important for the creation of local identity." For more information call Bernard on 4342 8974.benefit from sharing

Messiah returns

**The Peninsula choir will present Handel's Messiah on December 17 at 7.30pm.**  
The performance will be held at St Lukes Anglican Church in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, and includes guest soloists; Anita Fallow, Bonita Sureenne, Barry Garrett and Vernon Wilby.  
The choir started in 1987 and was formerly known as The Combined Churches Choir.  
Singers from as far afield as Lake Munmorah, East Gosford, Pearl Beach and Point Clare have been involved and the choir currently has 35 members.  
For inquiries, ph 4342 3054.

Pearl Beach watercolour

**Pearl Beach artist, Marijke Greenway, is opening her studio to the public as a gallery each Sunday in December and January.**  
'Marijke specialises in watercolour, which is her favourite medium.  
Marijke has received .  
tuition from famous artist, Charles Reid.  
To explore the world of quality watercolour, you can visit Marijke's gallery at 23 Greenpoint Rd, Pearl Beach between 11 am and 5pm.  
Phone 4341 6004 fur information.

Pearl Beach jazz on soon

**The 2000 Pearl Beach Jazz Festival will take place at the arboretum on January 15.**  
Performers will include Grace Knight (ex Eurogliders), backed by the 19 piece Air Force Jazz Big Band.  
The event sold out last year and entry -is by pre reserved tickets with no tickets on sale at the "door"  
Proceeds will be used for Pearl Beach conservation projects.  
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## Sports

# Ettalong hosts boxing

**For the first time on the Peninsula, Ettalong Beach will see an Australian boxing title decided in the area.**

The event will take place on December 10 at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

It was originally set down for the Ettalong Tourist Resort adjacent to the Ettalong Markets as an outdoor event, but Gosford Council saw this as being in breach of the zoning approved for the area and the event was relocated at short notice.

Commencing at 7.30pm, fight fans will see six amateur matches, including the well known Cotterill brothers, followed by four professional bouts as well as a variety of unusual entertainment between each match.

Three times world champion, Jeff Fenech, will be on hand to see some of his 'boys' take on the best that the Central Coast has to offer.

The main bout will be a twelve round championship challenge between the current Australian middleweight champion from Wyong, Marc Bagero and Team

Fenech's Ian McCleod.

Before that, fans will be able to see the Central Coast's Guy Waters take on Jamie Myer in a light heavyweight contest over eight rounds.

In another light heavyweight match, the Central Coast's Paul Smallmall will pit his strength and ability against Team Fenech's Zane Ali over six rounds.

The fourth professional match will be a heavyweight contest over four rounds where Fiji's Lealofi Fasavalu will test his skill against Cane Melbourne.

Apart from the Cotterill brothers, some of the other amateur boxers appearing are Wayne Vassallo, Anthony Courtney, Matty Beer and Paul Egga.

Other entertainment on the day will include the Circus Allstars who feature chainsaw juggling and flamethrowing, and special guest performers.

Jeff Fenech and current lightweight world champion, Skinny Hussein, will be on hand to sign autographs.

**Cec Bucello November 30**

# Paralympic ticket order forms are available

**Paralympic ticket order forms are available from the offices of Peninsula News.**

In October 2000, the world will join Australia in celebrating the Sydney 2000 Olympic games.

Peninsula residents are invited to be part of this spectacular international event.

Tickets begin at \$15 for an adult day pass and \$8 for concession tickets.

Day passes provide access to general admission seating to any sports session on the day selected.

14 of the 18 Paralympic sports will be held at Homebush Bay as will the opening and closing ceremonies.

Peninsula residents can also have free transport to the Games from Cowan onwards, courtesy of State Rail.

To do this, you must have pre-purchased tickets.

The opening ceremony will take place on October 18 while the last day of competition, the marathon and the closing ceremony will take place on October 29.

Other highlights are:

October 19 - Competition begins with gold, medals in judo, shooting and track cycling;

October 21 - Super Saturday with action in 15 of the 18 sports;

October 28 - Golden day with gold medals contested in eight sports.

Louise Sauvage, recently crowned sportswoman of the year and holder of three individual world records and seven Paralympic Games gold medals said: "I can't imagine what it will feel like competing at the Olympic Stadium 2000 with so many friends and home-town supporters in the audience."

**Cec Bucello December 4**



*Bowlers in action at the Umina Bowling Club*

# Umina bowled over by influx of players

**A large influx of new male bowlers attending pennant trials at Umina Bowling Club has meant the club will enter 'seven grades in next year's Central Coast District competition.**

Bowls co-ordinator, Charlie Robinson, said there has been a steady increase of higher profile bowlers joining the club.

"With players of the calibre of Lindsey Adamson, Miro Perovic, Mike Lane, Colin Passfield, Trevor Kable, Les Morrison and Tony

Walsh, all looks well for the club's future," he said.

Trial matches have begun with further games to be played against Gosford, Warners Bay, Asquith, St John's Park and Everglades.

In other Umina Bowling Club news, a new 'Day-Night' tournament will be introduced to their calendar.

To be named the Peninsula Prestige Pairs, the tournament will run for six days in January.

Further details can be obtained by phoning Charlie Robinson on 4341 8862.

# Umina mountain bike riders win championship

**Umina based mountain bike riders, Dan Cleary and Wayne Froggatt, both from the Peninsula Cycle centre, finished first and second respectively, in the 1999 Club Championship competitive Sports Class.**

The final event for the year was again held at the Ourimbah State Forest and all riders needed to take particular care as all points counted double.

As a result, there was a great possibility for many places to change dramatically on the last

day of the championship, with those that try too hard possibly coming a cropper and losing their place on the overall points table.

While those that are too cautious may lose their place due to the double points system, allowing someone else to leapfrog them.

However, true to form, Dan Cleary won on the day and finished first overall.

Wayne Froggatt finished third on the day but gained enough points to finish second overall.



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Megan Anderson playing for the Adelaide Ravens in the 99 Commonwealth Bank Trophy PHOTO: JohnSherwell

# Woy Woy's Megan nets Aussie spot

Woy Woy netball player Megan Anderson has made the Australian train-on squad.

Megan, 25, who plays the glamour position of goal attack, was chosen in the 21-woman squad after a good season performance with the Adelaide Ravens in this year's National League.

The Ravens were runner-up in the competition losing the final to another South Australian team, the Adelaide Thunderbirds.

Megan joined the Australian squad last weekend.

The position she will be fighting for to play for Australia will be hotly contested after being left vacant by the retirement of Vicki Wilson.

Wilson, regarded as the world's best shooter, has been in the top position for Australia for the last ten years.

Megan said she was not assured of taking the position

but was very happy to have been selected in the train-on squad.

The squad boasts five debutantes including Megan.

A spokesperson for Netball Australia said the debutantes were chosen because: "All showed touches of brilliance throughout the 1999 Commonwealth Bank Trophy season and the Qantas Netball Nationals.

"The new squad will give coach Jill McIntosh the opportunity to rebuild and work some of the younger talent with the experienced campaigners." From this squad an Australian Netball Team will be announced to play some International Tests on shore in 2000 before competing at the World Games in Japan in 2001, the Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2002 and finally the World Championships in Jamaica in 2003.

Carl Spears, December 6

# Umina's cricketers stump the opposition

Umina Cricket Club has had a solid start to the season with both first and second grade in the top four after four rounds and all other grades in close contention.

Overall the club is only 30 points behind the Club Championship leaders.

Outstanding performances have come from all grades and include -

- 1st Grade:  
Matt Duggan-84 (Round One), Jason Riley - 71 (Round Three), Darren Hancock - 102 (Round Four), Warwick Botfield - 5/33 (Round Four)  
2nd Grade:  
Glen Dillon - 83 (Round Two), Matt Barry - 6/19 & 6/42 (Round Four)  
4th Grade:  
Bob Goodwin - 86 (Round One), Scott Fisher - 6/45 (Round Two), Steve Collins - 73 (Round Three)  
5th Grade:  
Jason Parker 5/45 (Round One), Jason Parker - 111 n.o. (Round Two),  
6th Grade:  
Paul Griffiths - 87 (Round Two), Dave McNally - 62 (Round Four).  
Michael Barry, December 1

# Fishing news: Summer promises bumper catches

After a quiet winter and spring, a good variety of fish are appearing both in inside waters and out at sea for the beginning of summer.

## Inside report

It's getting better inside with some nice catches of bream and flathead.

There are also good sized Squid around the T-wharf.

The best spots for bream and flathead are Wagstaffe, Paddy's Channel and under the Rip Bridge.

Whiting are also still in the area at the Three Pines and at Ettalong flats.

There are also a large number of blue swimmer crabs at the flats.

Good luck!



12 year old Riley Kennedy from Davistown RSL Fishing Club with a 5.05 Kg Flathead which won him the November 2KY Fish of the Month Award

## Outside report

There have been some good catches out on the reefs with some nice schnapper, flathead and jewfish being caught.

There was a large jewfish taken at Box Head at night recently.

Leatherjacket are also still around at Bouttons Reef with some small schnapper also being taken there around the 1 to 1 Y2 kg mark.

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## Many big New Year events to take place

The biggest Peninsula New Year celebrations to mark the biggest New Year of the millennium promise to be an extravaganza for locals and tourists alike.

Peninsula 2000 will be a family event designed to give residents safe and enjoyable entertainment to see in the third millennium and to support worthy local community groups at the same time.

The Rotary Club of Umina initiated the concept and East's Holiday Park have given a generous firework display to cap off the celebrations.

There will be many things to do on the day.

There will be amusement rides, face painting, showbags, a performance from the well-renowned Peninsula Dance and theatre School, singers, a battle of the bands competition, clowns, balloons and stalls.

Entry will be free although a gold coin donation would be appreciated ..

Any money raised from the entry donation will be distributed to Peninsula youth organisations.

The event will be held at Umina Beach



*Follow that star - Part of the annual Sights and Sounds of Christmas Pageant produced by a combination of churches on the Peninsula. Details inside p. 10*

Sports Oval.

If you are a budding artist, magician, musician or actor, it will be a chance to showcase your talents and stall holders are still welcome.

To participate or if you have inquiries, contact coordinator Emma Ledingham on 43691008.

Ms Ledingham has previous experience coordinating many other Central Coast events such as the successful Terrigal Food and Wine Festival.

Sponsors for the Peninsula 2000 event include East's Holiday Park, SeaFM, G&B Hardware Umina, Umina Bowling Club, Ettalong Beach Club, Rotary Club of Umina, Ocean Beach Surf Lifesaving Club, Umina Surf Lifesaving Club and Umina Sports Council.

Carl spears, December 1

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