



If this rubbish has been put out without booking a pick-up, the owners could be up for a fine.

Fines for failing to book pick-up

Council rangers will be instructed to fine people leaving household rubbish on footpaths without booking a garbage pick-up.

The request to do so came from Councillor Lynne Bockholt.

She said Council will implement an education campaign outlining Council services and policy on the four free pick-ups available each year to residents.

"We are experiencing an epidemic of large loads of rubbish being left on kerbsides all over the

Peninsula," she said.

"Some remains on the footpaths for weeks at a time." Cr Bockholt said there was a perception that residents could put their rubbish out first, ring up and have their rubbish collected the next day.

"You ring first, get a date set and then put your rubbish out just before the pickup," said Cr Bockholt.

Council's director of development and the environment, Mr John Murray, said fining would only be a last resort for residents who fail to comply with prior

warnings and requests to remove the rubbish.

Cr Debra Wales said she has seen all types of rubbish including refrigerators with doors still attached.

Mayor Councillor Chris Holstein said items can only be placed out for collection 48 hours before the day of service.

Some materials are restricted from the service.

For more information contact Pacific Waste Management on 43246133.

Carl Spears, March 9

Proposed Ettalong bottle shop draws petitions

Gosford Council has received a petition from Ettalong residents objecting to a proposed bottle shop in Booker Bay Rd.

The proposed bottle shop has drawn objections from 83 nearby residents.

The petitioners said their area is quiet.

It has many children and the elderly use the bus stop outside the proposed development.

They said they believed that if the development were to go ahead, a similar situation to that of Empire Bay would be created where alcohol was consumed near the shop.

They were worried that this would lead to an increase in crime

and accidents.

There is a hotel and bottle shop in Ettalong village, which is about a kilometre away.

In another petition, 34 residents of Cogra St North in Woy Woy have requested that Council provide storm water drainage to prevent more flooding of their properties

Carl Spears, March 4

GST concern on homes

Mobile home residents, including those in Ettalong, have approached Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, with concerns over the impact of the GST.

Mr Lloyd said he had taken those concerns to Treasurer, Mr Peter Costello.

"I have been contacted by a number of residents who have been concerned that they may have to pay GST on their rent," Mr Lloyd said.

"Under present legislation there is an option for park operators to charge GST on 50 per cent of the resident's accommodation price.

"This could mean that mobile park residents would be the only persons paying a GST component on residential rent.

"Under the proposal I have put forward to the Treasurer, mobile home owners would be input taxed, the same as other landlords.

"This means they would then not charge GST on the site or lease fees for long-term residents." "Mr Costello certainly took on board what I had to say and I will continue to argue this case strongly on behalf of local residents," said Mr Lloyd.

Carl Spears, March 9



Umina Library - overdue books cost ratepayers

Overdue library books cost ratepayers \$14,000 per year

Council is considering changing its collection of library fines at city libraries, including Woy Woy and Umina libraries, because the present system costs \$14,000 per year across the municipality.

Council's director of corporate and community services, Mr Chris Gallagher, said there were 58,647 overdue items and 24,871 notices posted.

"Fines collected for 12 months were just over \$35,000," he said.

Around 1000 items totalling \$20,000 in value were not returned each year.

These were usually the more popular titles.

"The cost of staff time in administering the system is substantial," Mr Gallagher said

that, if the number of overdue books was reduced by 10 per cent, it would equate to another 5800 books on the shelves.

Mr Gallagher proposed that items on loan only be renewed once, not twice, and one notice, not two, be sent for overdue items.

He also proposed that fines not be payable if items were returned within seven days of a notice, rather than upon receipt of the notice.

Customers would still be able to borrow until their fines totalled \$10 or more, but they would not be able to borrow while any item remained overdue.

The director also proposed a two-month amnesty so customers with overdue items could return them without the need to pay their fine.

Carl Spears, March 6

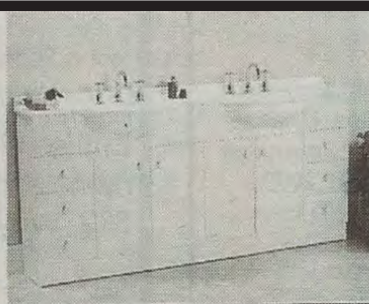
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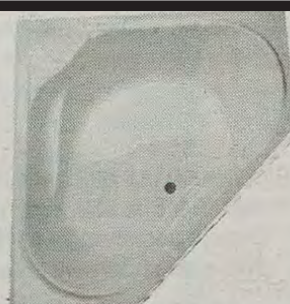


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Welcome to our birthday edition of Peninsula News, number 13 and thank you to all of the hundreds of sponsors and advertisers, 99% of which are from the Peninsula, that have made it possible.

Thank you also to the large number of community groups, readers and well-wishers that have provided some of the information that we publish and have also provided the loyalty and moral support that has helped us through difficult times.

The Peninsula is currently going through a difficult time from a business sense but at the same time, the general community feeling is that the better times are just around the corner.

Peninsula News staff, volunteers and contributors talk to a large number of people within the area each month and do what they can to gauge the feeling in the community and express it within its pages.

We all expect to be riding the crest of a wave very soon.

What's New?

Our web site has recently been updated by our hard working association President and Editor, Mark Snell.

Articles are now on the web as soon as they are edited and therefore usually, before they are published.

If you want to know what's coming up in our next edition or if you just can't wait for your hard copy, it's therefor all to see.

It will be interesting to receive letters to the editor on articles before they are published.

Our web site address is shown below.

Also on a new front, we have updated our antiquated computer system to a four computer network with the help of our untiring computer genius, Stephen McNamara.

Working around our production process, 'Stephen has managed to work miracles and we should now be able to be more productive as a result.

Hopefully, this will reduce our many late nights that we put in to ensure we meet deadlines.

Volunteers and contributors

We have been lucky over the past month to have not just one but two trainee journalists join us.

The first was Natalie Ruffels, a qualified journalist seeking on the job training whilst looking for permanent work.

Luckily for Natalie, no sooner did she get her teeth into her work that she landed a plum job in Sydney.

Unfortunately, that means that we won't see her again but her contribution was gratefully received.

The second is local resident Amanda Jackson, a second year Journalism student at the University of Newcastle, who is looking for practical experience.

After having been thrown into the deep end, Amanda has come up trumps and we hope to enjoy her company and assistance for some time to come.

On the administration side, we also welcome Eileen Canas who has made herself available to assist with typing and related editorial work.

Her skills however go beyond this and Eileen is getting involved with writing a few articles as well.

We also have a new distributor taking papers to businesses.

Roo Randall will no doubt be seen in CBD's delivering the latest edition to businesses almost before the ink is dry.

Association News

The non profit association that owns Peninsula News held its Annual General Meeting on March 15.

The result was a surprising number of new committee members reflecting the recently renewed interest in that aspect of the publication.

Committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday after publication at the Peninsula News offices at 7pm.

. Members of the public are invited to join the meetings and if Interested also to become financial members of the association at an annual cost of \$5.

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Woy Woy 'overdeveloping'

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 topennews@worldpacific.com.au or on disk save us having to retype them

On Woy Woy Peninsula, I am seeing massive homes dwarfing their neighbours, blocking the breeze, view and sunlight.

I see villas squeezed together, surrounded by concrete.

When the builders have finished, it is not only the old house that has gone, so too has the natural watercourse, ' the land's ability to absorb the rain.

Gone too is the canopy of mature trees that as well as shading the house also greened the neighbourhood and provided its charm.

Because houses and villas now occupy an entire building site it seems it is acceptable to denude every site of its trees.

Please let's have a Tree

Preservation Policy with some teeth.

For example, lift the minimum fine for tree removal without council approval to at least \$300,000.

Where it is essential to remove a tree then have a significant amount, say \$10,000, which is refunded when it (the replacement tree) has survived five years.

The tree canopy on the Peninsula is the significant difference between the Peninsula

and most Sydney suburbs.

Registering with council the historic/ rare trees on our property and encouraging neighbours to do likewise provides some hope that some trees might remain.

Resident action groups in Kuring-gai have successfully opposed aspects of urban consolidation.

SJ Drake Woy Woy

Street naming story told

Some people want to change the name of Australia's highest mountain because Tadeusz Kosciuszko never visited this country.

With this logic, we might' as well rename Umina's Trafalgar Ave and Nelson St, as well as Waterloo Ave, Woy Woy, and Wellington St, Umina, since Britain's two great national heroes' never came here either.

Here is a brief rundown of the people behind the street names.

Horatio Nelson (1758-1805) was 30 years old when Captain Arthur Phillip arrived with the First Fleet in 1788, naming Sydney after the British Home Secretary, Lord Sydney, another man who never set foot on Australian soil.

Nelson had a tough life.

He joined the Royal Navy when he was 12 years old.

He lost an eye in the Battle of Corsica in 1794, and his right arm in a rash attack on Santa Cruz de Tenerife three years later.

When Napoleon planned to invade England in 1805, Viscount Nelson, admiral and commander in- chief of the . Royal Navy, destroyed the French fleet off Cape Trafalgar.

The Duke of Wellington (1769-1852), British statesman and military commander, drove the French from Spain in the Peninsular War (the Iberian Peninsula!), then completely crushed Napoleon in the Waterloo campaign in 1815.

Britain rightly regarded Nelson and Wellington as national heroes, and New Zealand even named two important cities after them.

There are smaller Wellingtons in NSW and South Australia and rather insignificant Nelsons in NSW and Victoria.

Eric Shackle, March 1

Leave birds and animals well alone

Steak, bread, sugar, honey, seed and so forth are junk food to native birds and animals because they introduce disease and illness.

birds eat naturally.

Left out in damp conditions, the seed rots and grows mould, which can create infection.

F at is limited in a native diet.

Frogs eat insects, kookaburras eat lizards.

These foods are much lower in fat than processed meat that is often fed to them.

The salt present in processed food and bread is not present in the natural diet.

Viral, fungal and bacterial diseases can result in many birds dying slow and painful deaths.

In illness they become easy prey for dogs, cats and foxes.

Birds will become dependent on the provision of food, so what happens when you stop feeding them? They may well have lost their ability to forage for themselves.

How can you help? Plant indigenous plant species in your garden.

Leave some untidy parts with hollow logs and dead branches for their protection.

Create an understorey in your garden.

S. Drake Woy Woy

Competition

The 10th edition of the Central Coast UBD street directory has just been published.

Peninsula News has 6 street directories to give away to the first six correct entries drawn that answer the following question:

- 1 What is the name of the park near the baths on the water closest to Koolewong Station?
- 2 How many primary schools are there in Woy Woy, Umina and Ettalong?
- 3 What is the park on Blackwall Mountain called?

Entries close April 12 and should be on the back of an envelope with entrant's name and contact details including telephone number and posted to PO Box 532, Woy Woy 2256.

Winners of the Oxford University Press Dictionary competition were:

- 1st. Mrs Trudy Ridges of Blackwall
- 2nd Ms N Glover of Umina
- 3rd Mr Wally McNamara of Umina

Home intrusions

The Peninsula has suffered a spate of home invasions over the last month, three in Booker Bay.

The first resident was an older woman who was watching television in one part of her house while flyscreens were being removed from another part.

The second intrusion was by a young man claiming he was selling raffle tickets for Woy Woy Leagues Club.

When the club was contacted, officials said that there was no such raffle.

In the third house, the intruder climbed a fence onto a garage roof and onto a second floor balcony startling the resident.

The intruder quickly scampered away after being questioned by the resident.

The youth involved is male, aged between 18 and 25 years, tall, with dark hair and Anglo Saxon appearance.

Police have urged residents to lock doors and windows even when they are in their houses.

Extra patrols of the area are

being made.

Meanwhile, in Woy Woy an intruder broke into a house through an open window while the occupant was on the telephone in another room.

The intruder left before the occupant could see them.

Unfortunately, the victim, a university graduate had a bag stolen, which contained the only copy of 12 months of data entry from a project she is undertaking for Wyong Council.

"I don't care about the bag or other items, but I need that data," she said.

"If anybody comes across the data, it would be greatly appreciated and if the thief wants to return it, there will be no questions asked." If anyone finds or knows the whereabouts of the data, they can contact Woy Woy Police or return it anonymously to the Peninsula News offices.

Police said their last two weeks has almost been completely filled with responding to break and enters.

Karen Booth, March 18



Mitre 10 gets community and Council support

Umina's Mitre 10 gets application approved

Mitre 10 Umina's rezoning application has been approved after Council received 1409 signatures in support of the applicant.

Three objections were also received.

The rezoning request was originally turned down in October last year.

Council's director of development and the environment, Mr John Murray, said the original proposal would result in an adhoc expansion of the Umina central business district (CBD) and impact adversely on adjoining residential properties.

The new application came before Council after a site inspection by councillors and the insertion of an enabling clause that retained the current zoning.

This allowed the requested work at the hardware store and avoided incremental expansion of the CBD.

"This would result in a consistent zone boundary between

commercial activities and adjoining residential land," said Mr Murray.

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

David Kettle Consulting Services, acting on behalf of the owners, said that the rezoning was needed for the store to remain competitive with other Peninsula hardware outlets.

The consultants said this would allow the business to improve efficiency, have more storage and display areas, and improve onsite car parking.

They also said the rezoning would improve traffic flows because more vehicles would be parked on-site, and also would contribute to the overall economic viability of Umina.

The proposal included provisions for acoustic fencing and landscaping to minimise effects on nearby residents.

Carl Spears, March 6



Cr Geoff Preece speaks at the rally. Insert: Little Box Head surf break

Surfers rally for Box Head

Surfers joined forces on March 11 at Ettalong Beach in a rally to save the Little Box Head surf break.

The event was organised by Central Coast Malibu Boardriders Club and supported by Surfing Central Coast, to inform surfers about a proposal to dredge the channel from Gosford to Little Box Head.

The proposal was included in an Environmental Impact Study (EIS), submitted to Council following the recently approved application for a Gosford to Circular Quay Super Shuttle Ferry service.

Included in the study was a proposal to dredge a navigation channel 45 metres wide a depth of 2.6 metres.

This channel would allow the ferries to navigate effectively around each other and allow them to travel through both the Gosford

and Little Box Head areas.

After reading this proposal Brian Findlay, secretary of the Central Coast Boardriders Club, who was the main spokesman at the rally, said he was concerned

for the future of Little Box Head.

Box Head is a famous local surf-break, renowned for being the longest left hand ride in the southern hemisphere and is known as 'Box' by the surfing community.

At the rally Mr Findlay expressed his concerns to local surfers and their families who attended the rally.

He said he believed the dredging of the section of channel between Half Tide Rocks and Box could lead to sand bank destabilisation, which would alter the quality of the surf break.

"I'm not against a fast ferry service from Gosford to Circular Quay, but I am against a ferry service that isn't ecological

sustainable." Concerns were also voiced on the size of the ferry, which is proposed in the EIS, to be 60 meters long, with the capacity to carry 450 passengers.

Three vessels are planned to service the run.

Surfers were sceptical about the vessels' ability to manoeuvre around or even spot small water craft and surfers in its path.

Mr Findlay said that a driver of the ferry would not even be aware if he hit somebody until he read it or heard it in the news the following day.

Mr Findlay urged surfers to write letters to the council and voice their concerns about the proposed dredging and for the need to protect this surfing treasure.

Public submissions to the council about the Gosford to Circular Quay Super Shuttle closed on Friday, March 17.

Amanda Jackson, March 14

Heritage cottages face demolition

The fate of Dark Corner heritage cottages at Patonga is in the balance.

The Department of Land and Water Conservation, which is entrusted with the cottages' care, wants to relinquish the responsibility to Gosford Council.

The department's position, if they were to keep trust of the cottages, would be to demolish the buildings.

The department suggests Council could make the cottages available for accommodation to protect them from demolition.

The department said this would complement Council's present role as manager of the caravan park facilities at Patonga.

The Ettalong Heritage Committee said they support the department's suggestion.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president, Mr Matthew Wales said there has been a lot of debate about loss of heritage items, both in the community and by councillors.

"A number of councillors, and Councillor Craig Doyle in

particular, have been very vocal about it, say that if the dwellings can be preserved they should be," he said.

Mr Wales said the Chamber's official position is that the buildings should be preserved, whether by a continuation of

leases to the families that currently hold them or under some trust arrangement.

"We favour the lease arrangement but any proposal to ensure their survival should be looked at," he said.

"The Chamber is at a loss to understand why the department wants to demolish them.

"The cottages have been there for the better part of this century and within living memory have been a part of the local environment." Mr Wales said the cottages are in a state that can be repaired.

"The Chamber supports Council accepting control of the buildings." Cr Debra Wales said she met with residents and community leaders earlier this month and was impressed by their determination to repair the cottages.

"There is a lady, Joyce Anderson at Dark Corner who is 63 and she along with others is repairing the wall at the front of the cottages," she said.

"They are carrying rocks by hand and cementing the wall." "Cr Doyle and I would fight tooth and nail to keep the buildings," she said.

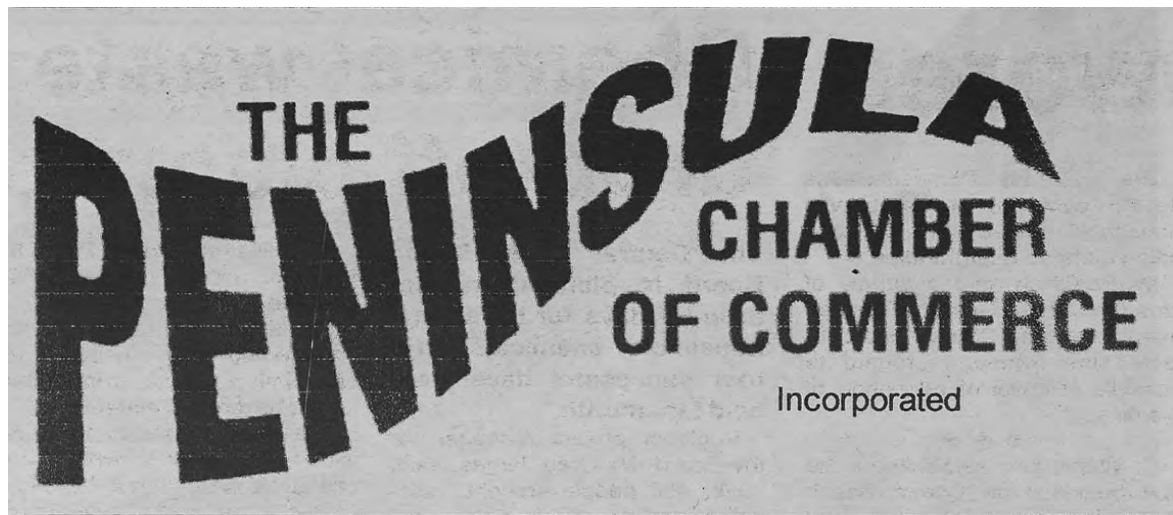
Cr Wales said a couple of cottages had been demolished in the past and she was looking into the possibility of replacing them with two heritage cottages from the nearby Patonga village.

Patonga Village Planning Committee member, Mr Robert Osborne said the committee favoured Council taking control of the cottages and providing long term leases to the families currently holding them.

"We support a National Parks and Wildlife study and recommendation that agreed with our position and also highlighted the cultural heritage value for the families to retain the leases," he said.

Carl Spears, March 7

Chamber News



March Newsletter

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce exists for the benefit of member businesses on the Peninsula and is a great way for business people to meet, network, exchange ideas and contribute to the ever changing shape of our local business community.

The Chamber represents retailers, professionals, trades and commercial owners alike and is your voice at Local, State and Federal Government level.

NEW MEMBERS

The Chamber welcomes all those new members who have joined the organisation over the last few months.

The input of new members is important so as to ensure that new ideas are brought into the Chamber structure and acted on.

For businesses who wish to become members of the Chamber, you can obtain information from the Secretary by telephoning 4342 5333 during normal business hours.

WHATSON

Every third Thursday, the Chamber will be holding a Business Networking Meeting at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club from 6pm.

This is an opportunity to network with other business people and exchange ideas and information.

It is also your opportunity to raise Chamber matters for discussion.

Light refreshments will be available and we will be asking special guests to briefly talk about their businesses.

Our first Networking Meeting held on March 16 March was a great success.

Michael Merryweather, who specialises in information technology, gave a great talk to our members and prompted a lot of discussion on the benefits of the Internet and e-mail.

Thanks to all those who attended.

The Chamber looks forward to seeing you all next time round.

Also, the Chamber is holding a Special Mayors Dinner on March 30 at the Ocean Beach Waterfront Restaurant in Umina Beach commencing 7pm for 7:30pm.

The Mayor, Councillor Chris Holstein will be our special guest.

The night will also be an opportunity to showcase the Peninsula.

Special displays will be



"Vessel similar to proposed Ettalong Beach fast ferry service "

provided and members and guests are invited to bring along their brochures and business cards to leave on the display tables.

For bookings phone the Mainstreet Office on 4342 7510.

Numbers are limited, so hurry.

Both members and non-members are welcome to attend.

This.

July will see the return of the gala Peninsula Business Awards to be held at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club on Friday July 7.

This is going to be a big night.

For those of you who attended the fabulous inaugural awards last year, you won't be disappointed.

The entertainment and showcasing will be better than ever.

SPECIAL MATTERS GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

The Federal Government is cranking up for the GST in July.

The Chamber strongly urges all businesses to be GST ready.

You should contact your accountant to make sure that you are registered and have all your business GST affairs in order.

The Federal Governments Area Consultative Committee is employing a GST Signpost Officer starting from the beginning of April, whose job it will be to provide a local source and referral service for small to medium businesses on the new tax system.

UMINA STREETSCAPE

So as to clear up any confusion with regards to the Umina Beach CBD upgrade under the Council's Financial Strategy, the upgrading of the town centre will proceed.

The recent decision by the Council to abandon the previous upgrade design has now resulted in an agreement to engage an Urban Design Consultant.

The consultant will be appointed by Council and will be required to review all the upgrade options, hold community consultations, assess traffic and pedestrian flows, prepare concept plans for exhibition and will report back to

Council with the final upgrade proposal.

Gosford City Council will then make its decision as to the nature and extent of works to be undertaken.

It is important to note that the urban designer will be consulting with all interest groups in the community to ensure that the final plan has broad community support.

The Chamber actively supports this approach.

WOY WOY STREETSCAPE

Gosford City Council and its private contractors are well advanced with the street upgrade works in Blackwall Road.

The turn-around time for the works has been less than a week which has resulted in minimum disturbance to existing businesses.

Council has acknowledged the need to complete works quickly so as to lessen impact on businesses.

The Library forecourt is also undergoing a transformation with substantial landscaping and public open space improvements.

The works will provide shade areas and create a focal point for the town for special events.

FAST FERRY

The Chamber is advised that the Ettalong Beach fast ferry service is moving into the design phase for the proposed wharf and transport interchange on the Ettalong Beach foreshore.

A berthing facility is to be constructed on The Esplanade near Bangalow Street, which is to include a wharf, covered waiting areas, amenities building and ticketing facilities together with a bus interchange area.

The proposals will also include full landscaping of the area.

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Matthew Wales, President



Mr Clarke , official Town Crier at Umina Christmas Parade

Crier Clarke approaches Council

Gosford City's official Town Crier, St Huberts Island resident Mr Clarke, has approached Council to prepare a submission to host the National Town Criers' Championship in 2001.

Council's director of corporate and community services, Mr Chris Gallagher, said the championship

could be incorporated into the Australian Springtime Flora Festival at Mt Penang in the centenary of federation year.

Councillor Tony Sansom said Mr Clarke should be formally thanked for the effort he put into attending civic functions as town crier.

"He does so without pay and at his own expense," he said.

Carl Spears, February 23

PCYC seeks sponsorship

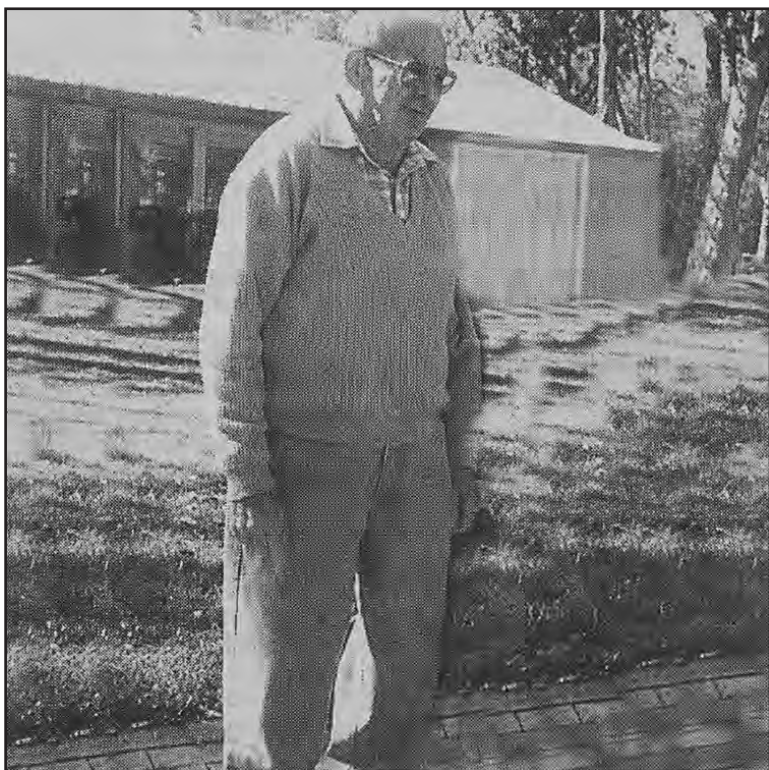
The Police and Community Youth Club (PCYC) is seeking sponsorship and donations to raise \$100,000 before an opening in August.

The support from the community and local businesses is being

sought to finalise the project.

Community groups, businesses and individuals who would like to be involved with the PCYC are encouraged to contact the PCYC manager, Mr Tony Johnson on 43447851.

Carl Spears, March 19



Mystery man

Do you know this man?

This photograph was taken to Bowen's Photographics for blowing up to an A4 size, presumably for placing in a frame and is therefore important to the person that took it in.

However, it has not been collected and Bowen's are looking for the owner.

If you know this person, please let them know so that they can pick it up and restore it to their collection.

Cec Bucello, March 17 .

Questions answered

Council's director of corporate and community services, Mr Chris Gallagher, has released a quarterly report detailing the answers to councillors' "questions without notice".

The questions pertaining to the Peninsula and the council officers' answers are set out below:

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Councillor Lynne Bockholt asked if the concrete chairs and tables on the corners of the Boulevard, Brisbane Water Drive and Railway St were going to be removed or resisted.

"There are people drinking, affected by drugs and drink using these tables and chairs at all hours of the day and night," she said.

Council's acting director of works, Mr Terry Bowditch, said the tables and chairs had now been removed and relocated.

He said the area had a new plan as part of the total CBD upgrade.

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Cr Bockholt also asked for details of the progress in clearing and cleaning the creeks at Umina.

Council's director of development and the environment, Mr John Murray, said the bush regeneration work downstream of Mt Ettalong Rd is a new type of project for Council and therefore the progress so far, based on a written specification and a call for

quotes, was reasonable.

He said the works upstream of Mt Ettalong Rd (through Albany Square and Calyptra Rd towards Brisbane Ave) had allowed floodflow capacity to be restored.

"Some final clearing and lantana spraying is to be completed, but the spraying has been postponed until the cause of the death of some ducks downstream can be determined," he said.

"Council has received confirmation that pesticides were not responsible for the ducks' death." Mr Murray said the delay in completing the work between Brisbane Ave and Greenhaven Drive resulted from the need to train and licence operators to use poisons.

"Council resources for this type of work are low," he said.

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Cr Bockholt also asked about the maintenance schedule for the new traffic facilities outside Umina High School.

"A look at these facilities shows a few shaggy plants and a bed full of thistles," she said.

Mr Bowditch said the facility had been placed on the Streetscape Maintenance Schedule, which will ensure maintenance is provided.

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Councillor Debra Wales asked council officers to explain the status of charity clothing bins.

She said the Peninsula was

having continual problems with household refuse and garbage being dumped near the bins, Mr Bowditch said a survey of bins throughout Gosford City had been taken and Council had contacted the owners in regard to possible removal or relocation of the bins.

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Cr Wales also asked about the fruit business on Ocean Beach Rd and if it had approval from Council to run.

She said the business was operating from a residential dwelling.

Mr Murray said the business did not have development consent and would receive a notice to shut down.

Council's planning scheme prohibits shops in residential zones.

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Cr Wales also asked why half hour parking signs for Blackwall Rd in Woy Woy have taken 18 months to install.

Council's general manager, Mr Peter Wilson said there is a backlog of on-street parking signs that need to be erected.

"It is anticipated they will be erected by the end of this month," he said.

"The process is being reviewed by the director of works to ensure a more timely response to these situations.

Carl Spears, March 7

Chemical waste drop-off planned

The Central Coast Waste Board is planning regular drop-off days for hazardous household chemicals after four successful days were held last month.

Regional project manager for the Board, Mr Greg James, said: "Over 450 people brought material to the drop off venues.

"We knew that there were quite a lot of nasty substances being stored in people's homes, but we were still amazed at the quantities we received over the four days.

"We received 2800 litres of used motor oil and 3.3 tonnes of paint over one weekend, together with a couple of hundred kilo-grams of poisons; oxidisers, corrosives and pesticides." This illustrated to the

board that this type of clean-up was long overdue.

Mr James said many residents commented on the need to continue with a regular drop-off service for hazardous materials.

The Board was also concerned with the manner in which some chemicals were stored, he said, "We had people bringing in milk bottles filled with petrol, wine cask bladders filled with photographic chemicals, and champagne bottles containing acid. These were not clearly marked dangerous or hazardous.

"Household food containers should never be used for storing chemicals, "This practice only heightens the risks of accidents in the home,"

Youth Week aims to stress positive

Youth Week theme for April 2 to 8 is "Count me in", aiming to highlight the positive contribution young people make to the community.

Council's community youth worker, Ms Fiona Ward said: "Youth Week aims to highlight the aspirations of young people and provides them with the opportunity to express their views and dreams." Ms Ward said the young were not a homogenous group.

"They come from various backgrounds, from all sectors of the community and from various cultural and religious groups," she said.

"Youth Week is a vehicle to focus attention and discussion on specific issues such as the environment,

media attitudes towards young people, entertainment, alcohol, law, discrimination, and training and employment opportunities." Some of the activities in the Peninsula area include: Beach Party 2000 on April 7 between 7pm and 10pm at Umina Beach Surf Club, Cost is \$5.

For more information, phone 4344 7851.

Movie tickets at \$5 for all day and evening sessions during the week at Cinema Paradiso, Ettalong. For more information, phone 43424666.

Free Internet access at all Gosford City libraries during the week.

Carl Spears, March 9

Kayak business denied local opening in a residential area

Councillors have declined a rezoning application that would allow Central Coast Kayak Tours to operate from Ettalong's residential area.

The subject land is on the corner of Broken Bay Rd and Uligandi St, opposite the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club and Ettalong Beach Gardeners Cottage.

The company currently has an office, and stores kayaks in a

residential dwelling at Avoca.

Council's director of development and the environment, Mr John Murray, said: "It is more appropriate that such a commercial activity be located within an existing commercial area.

"A rezoning would represent an ad-hoc and incremental incursion, of commercial activities at the edge of the town centre, and may encourage other businesses to encroach into residential areas."

The company's representatives, Wales and Associates, said the rezoning was justified because, among other reasons, the land abuts the existing business district, the rezoning would encourage tourist-based businesses into the area, and the proposal would complement the new Ettalong Beach Resort complex.

Carl Spears, March 6

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News

Funds for ferry tours

Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd has announced Federal funding of \$140,000 for the Central Coast Ferry Package Tour project.

The total funding for the project, which is a joint venture between Central Coast Tourism, the private sector and the Federal and State Governments, will be \$945,000.

Mr Lloyd said the project would involve the Ettalong Fast Ferry service, and would capitalise on existing tourist infrastructure, encouraging growth in tourism,

hospitality and accommodation industries on the Central Coast.

"This project will develop and promote a range of tourism package tours to the domestic and international tourist markets," he said.

"It's important to emphasise that this project is not designed to promote any particular proposal to establish a fast ferry between the Central Coast and Sydney, but is designed to ensure that the coast takes full advantage of the tourism potential created by such

projects." Mr Lloyd said that the project would create a variety of package tours, aimed at attracting overseas clientele to the Central Coast and regional NSW.

It would also promote, market and sell the package tours to overseas tour operators.

"In terms of sustainable growth, this project has the potential to attract an additional 92,000 visitors to the region and generate approximately 150 jobs," Mr Lloyd said.

Amanda Jackson, March 14



The burnt-out hull of the cruiser, Trust Me, which sank off Lion Island and was towed to Ettalong

The vessel 'Trust Me' proves untrustworthy

The 12.5 metre cruiser, "Trust Me" caught fire off Lion Island on Sunday, March 5 and four people aboard needed to be saved.

The craft was later towed to Ettalong where it sank overnight discharging more than 600 litres of diesel.

The spillage was successfully controlled by booms placed by the

NSW Fire Brigade.

The craft was eventually pulled ashore and hoisted on to a semi trailer to be taken away for further investigation.

Cec Bucello, March 17



Picnic Parade - almost at the finished stage

Ettalong main artery work almost finished

The work on Picnic Parade, Ettalong at the Ettalong Beach end is near completion.

The construction of planter boxes, pavers, flagpoles and kerb and guttering has been finished.

All that remains to be done is

the filling of the planter boxes and flags for the flag poles.

The finished project will place the street as the main avenue for tourists and local access to Ettalong Beach and to the expected improvements in that area.

Cec Bucello, March 17

Thieves cause \$40,000 damage to fire station

The Empire Bay Rural Fire Station was broken into between 11 pm Tuesday March 14 and the early hours of Wednesday March 15.

An estimation of the value of items stolen and damaged totalled \$40,000.

A spokesperson for the Rural Fire Brigade said many items were stolen including a computer and

scanner, multiple battery charger, CB radio, generator, telephone cards, fire ground radios, three chainsaws, a brush cutter, a lawnmower and a welder.

The rear roller door of the station was destroyed in the break-in.

Anyone with information about the break-in is asked to contact Gosford Police Station.

Carl Spears, March 15

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Job seekers and employers seeking employment assistance are encouraged to either contact their nearest Employment National site at Chatswood Ph: (02) 9941 2136, or to redirect their inquiries to the contracted Job Network providers now in this area.

Officers update Umina creek clearing projects

Council Matters!
By John Oakley

Question without Notice:
"Could the General Manager please provide an explanation as to why Council is spending less than average per capita on recreation and community services than other similarly-sized councils?" (Cr Cook).

Answer: Quotes an LGA Report that says: "It is important to be aware that the key performance indicators do not on their own give the full picture of Council performance ... the figures provide indicators only and conclusions should not be drawn without qualitative assessment being made."

Gosford City Council's rates contributed 57.4 per cent of total revenue in 1997/98.

The 1998/99 figures were not given by the GM.

A verage rates per residential property for 1997/98 are shown in the following table.

Baulkham Hills, 669.50 Blue Mountains, 661.37 Campbelltown, 535.27 Gosford, 467.33 Hornsby, 607.01 Liverpool, 532.65 Penrith, 508.70 Wyong, 528.56 Kerbside Rubbish As there has been widespread community concern at the amount of rubbish placed on streets awaiting collection, often for months, the matter was raised in Council.

The Director Development Environment advised that information will be published on the correct procedures for

householders wishing to have rubbish removed by a kerbside collection.

Additional rangers are to be employed to enforce the regulations with a period of grace while the "education" program is taking place.

Approval Conditions The Combined Progress Association has been concerned that "minor variations" to approved development applications are receiving council approval without any advertising requirement.

A small number of applicants whose applications were approved were using this strategy after neighbours and other interested parties had time to lodge objections or make comments.

These "minor variations" have been approved by Council officers, with no reference to those who might have objected, had the variation been included in the original application.

Another concern is that conditions of approval are not being enforced because Council officers do not adequately check that applicants have complied with the conditions of consent.

There are also examples of developments that have never been approved.

Cr Doyle commented on the vagueness of a condition that is suggested for an amended development application, namely, ... in a clean and tidy condition to Council's satisfaction".

Such vagueness is unfair to both the developer and Council officers.

The conditions need to be specific.



The partially completed Woy Woy footpath upgrade viewed heading towards the railway station

Woy Woy footpath work finished

Work on the Woy Woy main street footpath upgrade has been completed in a very short space of time.

Both sides of Blackwall Road from Railway Street to Oval Avenue have had the footpath replaced with pavers in keeping with the style of work done late in

1999 along Railway Street.

Shopkeepers are pleased with the result as well as the minimal disruption to their business.

Cec Bucello, March 17



The dumping of rubbish is proving to be a problem on the Peninsula, not only for kerb side collection but also in parks and reserves. Pictured is rubbish in the bush near Bull's Hill Quarry

BULK WASTE PICK-UP

Residents receiving a domestic garbage service are reminded that they are entitled to four (4) Bulk Waste Pick-ups per financial year.

BEFORE placing any bulk waste on the footpath residents **MUST** contact Council's contractor Pacific Waste management on 4324 6133. The contractor will advise of the first available date for collection and of the restrictions that apply.

Residents placing bulk waste on the footpath more than 48 hours prior to the arranged day of service will be liable for a fine for obstructing the footpath.

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Our kids painting, learning and laughing has become a market tradition. The Funhouse is available and can be booked for a kids party or friends getting together having a fun day out. Lyn's Toys and Gifts has spent

the last fifteen years at the Markets selling toys to our kids and has currently in stock all the latest toys kids could ever want to play with and own. A quality gift at bargain prices is on offer with a friendly service to all kids and adults that like having fun.

For a fun day try our Hey Hey "its Kids Day" at Cafe Unique on Easter Sunday. The Cafe will be entertaining kids with free cakes and easter eggs. A kid's party with plenty of activities will be happening at the Café.

Therese Pientka

Ettalong Markets DIRECTORY

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67 Cafe Unique
33 Kaffe Europa
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Up Stairs - Cafe Paradiso

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1a Ettalong Rugs & Carpets
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News

Petition action

Council officers have released a quarterly report on action taken on petitions received by Council.

Three Brickwharf Rd residents in Woy Woy asked for an extension of the alcohol-free zone in their street.

Council agreed and is providing signage.

Council was asked by 171 petitioners to bring forward the reconstruction of Bourke Rd, between Barrenjoey Rd and Memorial Ave in Ettalong.

Council officers said the reconstruction is due next financial year and in the meantime regular maintenance will be carried out.

Carl Spears, March 7

Draft on show

Council's draft City Management Plan for 2000 to 2005 will be on exhibition from April 14 to May12.

The draft follows input from public meetings held in September last year.

Council is inviting written comments from the community, and a public workshop will be held on May 11 in Council chambers starting at 7pm.

Council expects to formally review the draft plan during June.

Carl Spears, March 18

CPR taught

The Ettalong-Umina Lions Club will be teaching Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) techniques on March 26.

The CPR education program will be at the Woy Woy Leagues Club starting at 2pm.

For more information, phone 43421352.

Drug counsel

The Web at the Peninsula Community Centre employs a youth drug and alcohol counsellor every second Friday from 6pm to 10pm ..

Young people who are members of the Web can make use of the service.

For more information, phone 4341 9333.

Carl Spears, February 29

Tech Aid for Disabled seeks more volunteers



Bowlers chair developed by local resident Ric Smith

Technical Aid for the Disabled is looking for more volunteers.

Coordinator Mr Ric Smith of Umina said people were wanted to help with between two to eight jobs a year.

"Volunteers don't charge for time or labour, although we do charge for other expenses," he said.

"The aim of the organisation is to make things that the disabled can't buy or alter commercially." Products made by the group have included a lawn bowling chair made for a former bowls champion who had suffered a stroke.

Until the chair was made, he had been sitting on the sidelines

for 12 years.

The objective of the group was to "improve the quality of life for people with disabilities and for those caring for them, through the application of technology".

"The satisfaction on the faces of those we help is our payment," said Mr Smith.

The volunteers meet every second Tuesday at the Gosford Hospital Teaching Building at 7.30pm and anybody was welcome to attend.

There were 3000 volunteers across Australia and about 20 on the Central Coast.

For more information, phone 4341 2572.

Carl Spears, March 19

War Widows seek history

Ettalong War Widows Club president, Mrs Joyce Davis, is writing a history of the club and would like to contact members who have been associated with the club.

The club was formed in 1954.

Mrs Davis said: "It would be interesting to see any memorabilia 'or to contact children of women associated in those early years." If you have information to help Mrs Davis, phone 4360 1682.

Carl Spears, February 28

Lane proceeds

The proceeds of the sale of an unnamed laneway that was on the site of the new Ettalong Beach resort development will be spent on road works along the Ettalong foreshore.

The laneway was sold to the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club for \$125,000.

The Roads Act of 1993 specifies that proceeds of such sales must be spent on acquiring land for public roads or for carrying out road works.

The Ettalong Beach Heritage Committee had written to Council asking for the foreshore road works.

Carl Spears, March 6



One of many dead fish in Umina creeks last week

Opinion

Bloom hits Umina

Last week an algal bloom in the Umina lagoon system resulted in the death of a large number of brooding fish.

The Central Coast has five coastal lagoon systems of which one is Umina.

It is Council's responsibility to maintain the environmental and ecological integrity of these systems.

Umina Creek has tasted the ways of modern society and seems to be suffering for it at the moment.

The latest algal bloom is a blow for the Umina creek system as it was showing.

improvement in recent years.

If your goldfish bowl had to endure what the Umina creek system does, you would clean it out because you own it.

Well, we all own the creek system and it is up to the community to look at and find a solution to the problem.

Last Tuesday, the bloom used up a large amount of oxygen in the water system leaving a shortage for the fish underneath and

probably the cause of their death.

They literally suffocated.

Tests showed the oxygen levels dropping from a level of nine, which is sufficient for fish to breath, down to a low of one as the day heated up.

It's not only Umina Creek that will suffer, but the whole of the Brisbane Waters and Hawkesbury systems will be affected too.

Many of the fish found dead last Tuesday were brood stock, which would have produced a large amount of fingerlings to drift off into these other systems and bolster their populations.

Bass, bream, blackfish and a flathead, well over a metre long, all fell victim to the bloom last week.

Algal blooms occur when the water has a build up of nutrients.

Often stormwater run-off has nutrients in' it from fertilisers, dog droppings and so on.

Umina Creek has shown in recent times, that it has the right stuff for fish to live and flourish in.

Let us hope that it recovers to a level of self-sufficiency.

Errol Baker, March 18

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What's on in and around the Peninsula

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Come and see us anytime for free maps, ferry times, and lots of other information.

Don't forget the Pelican Feeding now daily at Pelican Park in front of Fisherman's Wharf at 3pm. Bring the camera!

Wednesday March 22

Free Bus Trip (part of Seniors Week celebrations) to various council facilities including Mangrove Mountain Dam and Edogawa Commemorative Gardens. Departing Gosford & Ettalong Bookings 43 258331.

Friday March 24

Cruise Brisbane Water on the Lady Kendall II (Seniors Week celebrations). Departs Gosford 1.30pm and Woy Woy 2pm. Cost \$3 includes afternoon tea. Tickets from Gosford and Ettalong Senior Citizen Centres. Enquiries 43231655.

Saturday March 25

Neighbourhood Watch Woy Woy Public Meeting with a view to restarting the group.

Meet at Woy Woy Police Station 2pm. All Welcome. Enquiries Sgt Irene Juergens 43 235501.

Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group - if you would like to help with regeneration of one of the last wetlands on the Peninsula, meet from 8am at the end of Boronia Avenue Woy Woy (held every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month). Tools and gloves provided. All Welcome. Enquiries Norah 43 413960.

Netlonal Perks Discovery Walk - Girrakool to Woy Woy. A full day's walk through beautiful Brisbane Water National Park. Meet Woy Woy Railway Station 8am. Cost \$10 Adult \$5 Concession. Bookings 43 204205.

Tuesday March 28

Ettalong Beach TOI.tmasters meet 7.30pm (every 2nd and 4th Tuesday). Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club. Enquiries Jan 43416842

Peninsula News Association meeting 7.30pm, Peninsula News office. Ph 4342 2070.

Thursday March 30

Chamber of Commerce Mayor. Special dinner, 7pm for 7.30pm. Ocean Beach Waterfront Restaurant. Umini, Ph 4342 7510, Ph 4342 7510.

Friday March 31

Deeepwater Seniors Club Bus Tours Heritage Tour of Maitland. Cost \$47. Bookings

Tony Arico's Travel. Ph 43 417200.

Saturday April 1

National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association meet 2.30pm (held first Saturday every month).

Ettalong War Memorial Club 42 421216.

Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre Calligraphy Workshop (1st & 8th). Bookings Ph 43 601673.

Sunday April 2

Blackwall Mountain Bushcare Group meet from 9am at the 'Banner' at the base of the mountain.

Working to protect the 'Superb Lyrebird' and encourage environmental awereness of the area. Gloves povided. Enquiries Tony 43 427849.

Saturday April 8

Northern Eagles rugby league team play Western Tigers at 7.30pm at North Power Stadium Graham Park - Gosford. The Lady Kendall II (footy ferry) will make one trip only to Gosford from Woy Woy Wharf at 6pm, returning after the game. Cost \$6 return. A great way to get to the game and support the 'Coast's' team.

Umina Garden Society meets 1.30-3.30pm (held 2nd Saturday each month). Community Hall, Sydney Avenue, Umina.

Sunday April 9

'Birds 2000'. Brisbane Water Cage Bird Society are holding their 13th annual show at Umina High School promoting and encouraging breeding of Australian varieties of Parrots, Finches, etc. Open to the public from 12.00-2.00pm. Free entry and Sausage Sizzle available. Enquiries Jan 43 416123. The society meets regularly every third Sunday of the month at Umina CWA Hall from 10.00am

Wednesday April 11

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters (see March 28)

The Troubadour Folk Club 'Open Session' at Masonic Hall Woy Woy at 7.30pm (held 2nd Tuesday each month). Bring your instrument or just bring yourself. All Welcome. Cost \$3. Enquiries Frank 43 414060.

Wednesday April 12

Woy Woy District View Club meet (every 2nd & 3rd Wednesday of the month). Ph 43 444309.

Sunday April 16

Brisbane Water Cage Bird Society meet. (see April 9)

Tuesday April 18

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Wednesday April 19

Ettalong Umina lions Club meet at 6.30pm for 7pm Woy Woy Leagues Club. Ph 43421352.

Rocks Arcade Markets - Opposite Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club - undercover 10am-2pm. Local hand made craft only.

Thursday April 20

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An information centre has been established in the Rocks Arcade in Ettalong.

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The centre is open from Wednesday to Monday and has details of local events, accommodation and activities.

The centre acts as an outlet for Peninsula News with hundreds of copies being distributed from there every month.

Community groups and businesses that would like to have their information made available are encouraged to contact the centre.

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Cec Bucello, March 15

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Peninsula residents have been invited to join the Uniting Church for a six-day tour of Canberra, the NSW Alps, Kosciusko National Park and Victoria in May.

All proceeds will go to the Uniting Church for the community's benefit.

Roy and Gwen Shave will host the "Six Day Autumn Tour" which will explore picturesque scenery, our national capital, ski resorts, farming communities, historic

villages and gold mining towns.

Five coach pickups will be made at Ettalong, Umina, Woy Woy with seat changes promised to ensure good viewing opportunities and comfort.

The trip will cost \$480 for twin share accommodation or \$605 for those travelling alone.

A \$50 deposit will be required when booking, with the balance due by April 16.

For more information, phone Roy or Gwen Shave on 4344 6188
Natalie Ruffels, March 8

Locals speak in Lions competition

The Lions Youth of the Year Competition, which involves public speaking, had two Woy Woy High students at the region finals last week.

Jessica Mitchell and Phillip Bernie represented the Woy Woy Lions Club and Lioness Club

respectively.

Phillip Bernie, although not winning overall, did win his section. His talk was about pollution and the environment.

Ms Mitchell and Mr Bernie were selected for region after winning their zone finals.

Carl Spears, March 18

Senior Week Feature

Heather remains ever-green and active

Heather McKenzie, 80, of Woy Woy does not see her age as a time for relaxation, but for becoming active in the community.

She participates in seven Peninsula committees where she can exercise her views, ambitions and caring nature.

Heather is part of the South Woy Woy Progress Association, the Combined Progress Association, Brisbane Water Water Testing Committee, Woy Woy CBD Committee, Correa Bay Water Committee, Coastlink and the Peninsula Safer Towns Committee.

She also works voluntarily with the Royal Blind Society.

Heather was honoured with life membership of the South Woy Woy Progress Association in 1996.

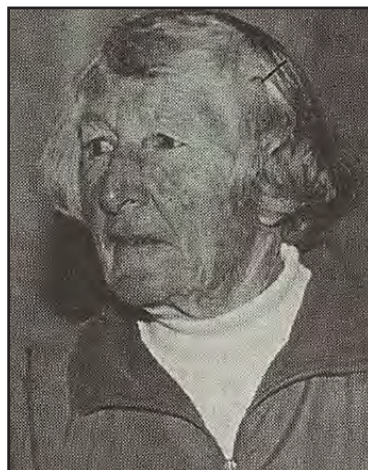
She has had a long involvement in community activities: Heather opened the St Vincent de Paul shop in Brickwharf Rd in 1968.

Having managed the shop for three years, she continued to be a volunteer for a further 17 years.

During the 1970s, Heather was one of the people instrumental in the establishment of the Peninsula Village Aged Care facility and the Woy Woy Community Nursing Home.

Among other efforts, Heather has been a member of the South Woy Woy Progress Association for over 20 years, a driver for the Royal Blind Society for almost 10 years and a volunteer for the Australian Tax Office's 'returns for the frail and under-privileged'.

In her patient, forthright manner, she was reluctant to discuss herself, but happily explained the



Heather McKenzie

reasons behind her passion for local issues.

As a determined older citizen, Heather ignores any perception of a generation gap on the Peninsula by attending predominantly night meetings, with people often at least half her age.

"I'm just a pusher," she said.

According to Heather, meetings can be very challenging because of the varying perspectives and viewpoints age differences create.

She feels there should be an acceptance amongst those over 40 of being responsible for the state of today's society.

An example of this, she said, is the widespread acceptance of swearing -and drug use cm televi- sion and in society.

"I think leaders of the community have the responsibility to understand that from the day a baby is born, until it turns 20, it is in a - hurry to grow up," she said.

"Any two-year-old will say,

'When I'm better and bigger I'll...'. Failure to act in situations when community leaders say they will also frustrates her.

"Older people say when something is promised, they anticipate action will be taken." An example of this she said, is her disappointment that the Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) is still in the planning stages after four years of discussion.

"All Australians should have the opportunity to be employed and have facilities to have fun." She said work and social groups are vital because they are the places people make friends.

"Everybody needs a friend," she said.

She also has concerns for the safety of older Peninsula citizens.

"To be a afraid in your own home is a very destabilising position," she said.

"Being afraid to answer the door is something Australians haven't known in the past." Despite fear amongst older people, "there is a lot of faith in police", she said.

"Police are doing a good job.

"Local police are almost immediately helpful, but the situation is beyond their control because of staffing, availability and transport." But she stressed that "older people aren't helpless, or they don't like to think they are.N ."They're independence is very important, but they're quite willing to accept a helping hand." Heather's community work has led to many friendships, and to an Australia Day Community Service Award in 1998.

Natalie Ruffels, March 10

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The home page of Woy Woy Brett's Bait and Tackle

Brett's Bait & Tackle page worth a nibble

Brett's Bait & Tackle shop at Woy Woy has a page on the net which can be accessed at <http://www.centralcoastsports.com.au/brett.htm>

The page is very fast to load even though it has some jumping fish flying across the top of the screen.

Animated objects usually take longer to download.

Brett's fishing home page

provides plenty of information for the visitor about the shop opening hours, some of Brett's specialty items and even that Seniors cards are accepted.

The internal links appear to be updated regularly because the link to "What's Biting" has information about fishing conditions from the last weekend and what type of bait is best for the current fishing conditions.

The only other internal link is

relating to the sale of the business.

The site lacks any links to other fishing pages or communities but the site provides a quick overview of the local fishing scene.

Definitely worth a visit for those of us who like to fish even for those non fishers.

I rate Brett's site a seven out of 10.

Stephen McNamara, March 15

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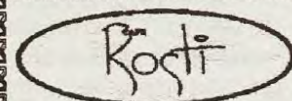
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History and Celebration

Unravelling the mysteries of individuals

by
Joan Fenton

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

A mystery is usually a situation where there are many unanswered questions.

Historians, especially family historians, are used to mysteries: they continually seek personal details about the people they are researching.

But what do you do when you have all the answers about someone, but cannot connect that person with anyone's family tree? Such a situation arose a few years ago when a wallet was found at Umina Library.

Library staff checked the contents - the owner's name was inside, but no local address, and no contact information.

Staff waited for the owner to return to claim the wallet.

Chances were that it was a local person, so they thought it would not be long before the wallet could be returned to a relieved owner.

However, the owner never returned.

Attempts were made to contact people whose names and addresses were found on letters in the wallet, mainly interstate, but all leads came to nothing.

Where are you, Bill Bloxam? Born in Melbourne in 1946, Bill was apparently raised in England, and was considered British when, as a fresh-faced lad of 17 years, he applied to return to Australia as a migrant.

He arrived in Fremantle on 14 February 1964 on board the "Fairsea", and continued on to Sydney.



Bill Bloxam, c1963

He appears to have been from the Home Counties in England, and kept photos of someone who may have been his girlfriend at home.

Her name was Sue Ferrier, and she was from Harlow in Essex.

As soon as Bill arrived in Sydney, he attempted to contact relatives in Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia.

He also sought employment on a cattle station in Queensland.

Other names mentioned in the wallet are Swanson, Moore and Blessas.

The documents, photographs and letters found in the wallet must be important to Bill for him to have

carried them with him for 30 years.

Or were they in the custody of someone else? Had Bill passed away, and was it a relative copying the infonnation at Umina Library that day? Was he ill, and copies of the documents were needed for an official reason? Whatever the case, library staff would dearly love the documents to be in the hands of their rightful owner ..

If anyone can shed any light on this Peninsula mystery, please contact Geoff Potter, Local Studies Librarian, Gosford City Library (4324 6711) or write to PO Box 720, Woy Woy, 2256.



Sue Ferrier, of Harlow, Essex. The girl he left behind?



Bill may have travelled either in Australia or Europe with this young man. This photo is taken on a ferry, but the location is unknown.

Bill will carry the Sydney 2000 Olympic Torch

Umina grandfather Bill Scott was "over the moon" to learn that he would be a torch bearer for the Sydney Olympic Games.

He will run between 500 metres and a kilometre in Bateau Bay on August 28, but won't know the exact distance until six weeks before the event.

He said he did not mind how long the run was, but felt capable of the kilometre run.

"I walk on the beach every morning, so I'm pretty fit." The best part of being a torch bearer is the great honour of being involved in the Sydney Olympics, he said.

Bill, who works at the Umina Infonnation Centre, said he had 12 to 15 people from the centre to thank for arranging his nomination.

"I didn't know I was nominated because they kept it so well hidden." Bill's family was equally



Umina man Bill Scott "over the moon" with being a torch bearer thrilled with his success.

He was the second member of the family to participate in an Olympic ceremony.

His nine-year-old granddaughter

will be dancing as part of Olympic opening events.

Natalie Ruffels, March 1

Bremen Patisserie's win at Easter show

Umina's Bremen Patisserie has won prizes in six categories at the 2000 Royal Easter Show bread, cake and pie competition.

Included in the prizes were two first-place results.

The patisserie won first prize in the International Bread Style category for its capsicum focaccia.

It also won first prize in the doughnut category.

The capsicum focaccia was also judged overall champion in its class elevating the business to a new level.

Other prizes included two second prizes for the quiche and mud cake sections, and two third places for Danish pastries and

strawberry torte.

Bremen won a first prize at last year's Royal Easter Show.

In view of the championship winning focaccia, baker Ron Bruns has been invited by the Sydney Royal Easter Show on behalf of the Royal Agricultural Society (RAS) and the Wine and .

Foo.ds Committee to be interviewed and present his winning products on the Taste of the - Show Theatre Kitchen during the show.

The Theatre Kitchen is the focal point for the agricultural and processed food exhibitor activities and its objectives are to entertain, inform and bring the essence of the work of the RAS to life.

Carl Spears, March 13

Ciao say hello



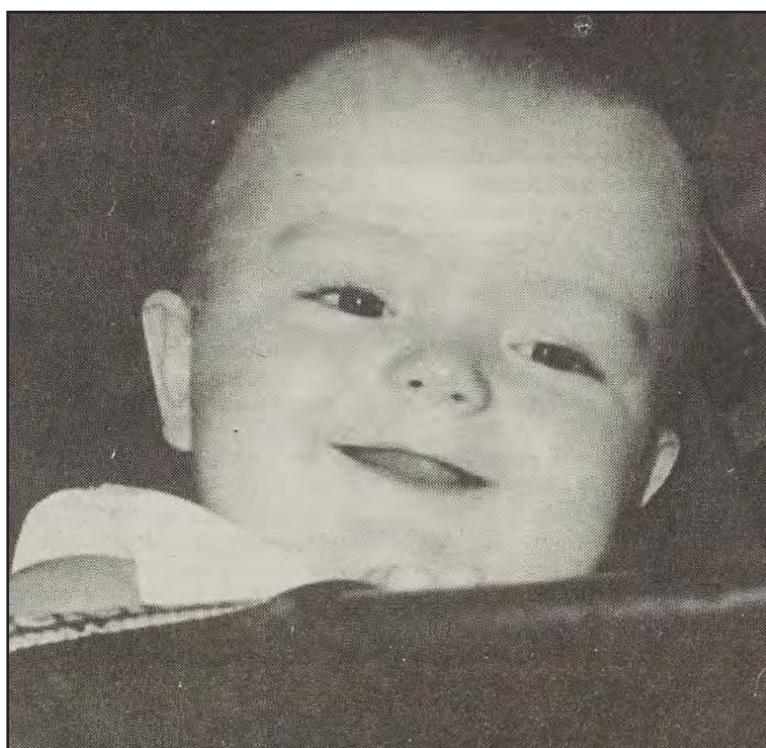
The Central Coast's Italian Australian Organisation (CIAO) is creating a social presence for the Italian community for the Peninsula and anyone interested in Italian culture.

CIAO is a social group designed to promote La Dolce Vita (the good life) through maintaining Italian

culture, meeting others of a similar background, representing Italian culture through organised talks, gala nights, food exhibitions and so forth and assisting with tracing family history.

For more information telephone 4363 1792 or write to PO Box 5025, Empire Bay 2257.

Carl Spears, March 19



MacKenzie Warner wins the summer baby competition

Summer baby announced

The summer baby competition arranged through Judd's Pharmacy at Woy Woy has drawn to a close and the winners have been announced.

From a total of 23 contestants, the winner was Mackenzie Warner, 8 Y:z months of Ettalong and the runner up was Misty Rose Drady, 6

Y:z months of Umina.

The babies are judged on their brightness and the happiest smile.

The parent of the winner receives a \$50 voucher to be spent at Deepwater Plaza and the runner up receives a \$20 voucher to be spent at Judd's Pharmacy.

The autumn competition is currently under way.

Cec Bucello, March 18

Career award nominations

The Woy Woy Professional Business Women's Association is calling for nominations for the Young Career Woman Award.

The award is made to a woman in the workforce aged under 35 years who has achieved well in her chosen career or is in the development stage of her career.

The nominee needs to either live or work on the Central Coast and nominations need to be received by May 1.

The winner of this award and the Woman of the Year will be announced at a dinner at the Ettalong Bowling Club on May 22.

For further information telephone Pratti Patel on 4342 0420.

Carl Spears, March 19

Seniors Dance

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre will hold its monthly dance on March 26 from 1pmt04pm.

The dances are held on the fourth Sunday of each month.

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Carl Spears, February 28

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Health and Welfare

Clinic educates diabetics

A random study of diabetics has shown that 90 per cent of patients had better control of their diabetes after attending a clinic on a regular basis.

The survey was conducted among those attending the clinic at the Woy Woy General Practice in the Clocktower Centre.

This has reduced diabetes-related hospitalisations in Peninsula patients, said practice manager Mrs Angela Mason.

The clinic has been running for three years and sees up to 20 patients a week.

Nurses run it in consultation

with a general practitioner.

The initial visit and assessment takes 45-60 minutes and further visits usually take 30 minutes.

Depending on the patient's understanding and control of their condition, visits are arranged weekly, monthly or yearly with a letter sent to patients reminding them to attend.

At each visit, the patient has a blood test, a foot check and monitoring of blood pressure, weight and diet.

If necessary, education of the patient and family is undertaken, and specialist referrals such as

podiatry and eye tests are also made.

After attending the clinic, most patients understand the sideeffects and the warning signs of their condition.

They are taught home monitoring methods such as finger-stick and urine tests.

Home visits are also performed when insulin is introduced into the patient's care.

The improvements seen in Peninsula diabetics at the clinic has added years to people's lives and given them a better quality of life, said Mrs Mason.

Karen Booth, March 13

Increase in health funding

The State Minister for Health, Mr Craig Knowles announced an increase of \$69.2 million for health funding for the Gosford Area Health Service over the next three years.

The current funding for health services on the Central Coast is \$176 million per annum and it will increase by \$11.7 million next financial year, \$22.3 million the following year and \$35.2 million the following year.

This is separate to the capital works budget and programme items such as mental health, dental health and Aboriginal health.

The Central Coast is one of 17 health service areas in New South Wales and because of population growth have been relatively under funded. Apart from representations from area health service management, Member for Peats, Marie Andrews has been part of a group of Central Coast Labor politicians that has been lobbying for some time to bring the Central Coast's funding up to what it should be for its population.

As a result, the region has received the third largest funding increase in the State and Marie Andrews was delighted with the outcome.

One other important aspect to the funding is that for the first time, a specific amount for each of the next three years has been guaranteed to health system managers and they will therefore be able to plan with certainty how best to use it.

This will result in better planning locally and less time lost over budget increase demands.

The increases overall came about as a result of recommendations from the NSW Health Council Report launched on the day.

The NSW Health Council was established by the Minister in August 1999 to recommend health



(L-r) Minister Craig Knowles, Member for Peats Marie Andrews and Dr Don George

refonns that provide practical solutions to relieve pressures on public health services and the people who work in them.

The Central Coast Area Health Service with 3500 full and part time staff is the area's largest employer.

Chairman, Dr Don George said, "It's good, news week for us."

"Not only do we have a huge increase to meet the increasing demands on our service, we also know our funding for the next three years."

"All we need now is for our capital works funds to come through and we will be well on our way to satisfying demand." Chief Executive Officer of Central Coast Health, Mr Jon Blackwell said, "This is fantastic news for the Central Coast."

"Clearly, health services on the Central Coast have been under enormous pressure from the area's rapidly growing population and this funding will greatly improve this situation."

"The funding package will

ensure that Central Coast residents will receive a fairer share of health funding and it will significantly improve access for our growing population to local public health services.

"We will be working hard as a team to plan improvements to services," he said.

"It is essential that we look at how the funds are best distributed between services to the maximum benefit for our community."

"It is a great advantage to our patients' and staff to be able to plan ahead for three years knowing the level of increased funding that will become available," said Jon Blackwell.

It is too early to say where the additional funding will be spent as the details have only just become available but representatives from all areas will no doubt be seeking amounts to best serve their own needs.

Cec Bucello, March 13

Doctors move

With Dr Paul Thorogood retiring from general practice, the Woy Woy Family Medicine Clinic has closed.

His associate Dr Peter Duff and two of the clinic's receptionists have joined Woy Way General Practice.

Karen Booth, March 15



Bill Pettaway, Ambulance services (far left) accepts a medical equipment donation from Ettalong-Umina Lions Club.

Also pictured are (l-r) Lion Helen Anderson, Lion district governor Jim Hodgins, and president Lion Geoff Smith.

Lions donate

The Ettalong Umina Lions Club has donated \$3200 in medical equipment to the Ettalong Beach Ambulance Station.

The equipment, two soft-pack "Oxy Viva" packs, was described as up-to-date all-inclusive medical kits, which should allow the ambulance service to be more

efficient.

Bill Pettaway from the ambulance station was on hand to receive the packs from Lions Club representatives Geoffrey Smith, Helen Anderson and Jim Hodgins.

The money was raised through the annual debutante 'ball' held each April at Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

Older women hold forum

The Woy Woy Older Women's Network will hold a forum to discuss physical changes in the older woman on April 7.

The forum, "Physical changes: What to expect and how to cope", will be conducted by social worker Jan Toually.

The forum will start at 10.15am and finish around 1 pm at the Woy

Way Leagues Club and morning tea will be provided.

The forum is sponsored by the Kooilewong Progress Association and entry is free.

However, a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Carl Spears, March 10

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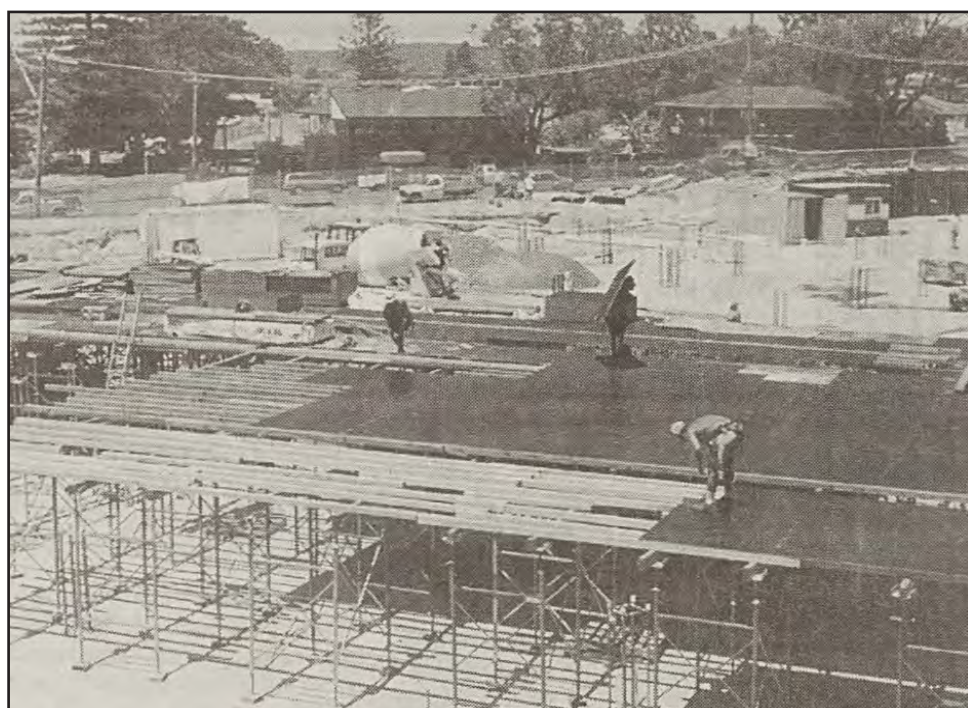
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The recent Nursing Assistant graduates celebrate.
(l-r) Jason Carter, Christine Steinbeck, Lyn Rigg, Imelda Knowles, Alma Hurst, Andrea Leaf and Ron Mewis.

First batch of nursing assistants graduate

For the first time nursing assistants graduated with a certificate in care support services at the Woy Woy Nursing Home on February 23.

The course ran in conjunction with the NSW Education and Training organisation and Woy Woy Nursing Home every Wednesday for 25 weeks.

The course recognises and builds on skills already possessed by assistants working in the aged care industry, and gives them a certificate qualification.

The qualification opens the way for broader opportunities for the nurses in aged care facilities, according to Mrs Margaret Kahn, director of nursing at Woy Woy Nursing Home.

The nursing assistants received their certificate and badges in a ceremony witnessed by board members, management and families on site at Woy Woy Nursing Home.

The course was so successful the board and management are running a second course, which started on March 15.

Karen Booth, March 15

Group encourages women to improve own computer skills

A group of Ettalong women are encouraging other women to improve their computer skills.

Training will be held on an evening over five or six weeks at Ettalong Public School.

The training would suit a woman

in small business, a member of a local group wanting to publish a newsletter, or an adult TAFE or Uni student.

Regular access to a computer and the internet is essential.

For more information contact Mr Bruce Donaldson at the school.

Carl Spears, March 19

WorkWise seeks proposals for local Work for the Dole

Peninsula community and non-profit organisations are being invited by WorkWise to lodge proposals for Work for the Dole projects.

WorkWise manager Mr Mike Bumett said opportunities for work experience placements existed across a range of occupations including clerical support, child

care, retail, landscaping, building maintenance, painting and many others.

WorkWise is a non-profit organisation that provides Federal Government services for the unemployed on the Central Coast.

For more information telephone 43532199.

Carl Spears, March 13.

Education



Debutantes at the 1999 Ettalong -Umina Lions Club Debutante Ball held at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club with Matron of Honour, Lion Iris Hogan and Co-ordinator, Lion Helen Anderson of Woy Woy

Debutantes sought for Lions 2000 ball

Ettalong Umina Lions Club is preparing for one of its major events of the year with its tenth annual debutante ball.

The ball will be held at Ettalong Beach Club on April 28.

All the proceeds from the night will be given to a community group.

Last year's proceeds of \$3200 were donated to the Ettalong Beach Ambulance Station for much needed medical equipment.

Carl Spears, March 15

Empire Bay Safety House

Empire Bay Public School is looking for help to keep the Safety House scheme operating.

The school needs to update its records and, although it already has some helpers and monitors, more are needed.

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

For more information or to offer help to the school, telephone Anita on 4368 2959.

Hosts sought

The STS High School Foundation is currently seeking friendly families to host international exchange students later this year.

"Families do not need to have teenage children, but must have a sense of humour and be willing to share their lifestyle," a STS spokesperson said.

Students will be arriving in July from Canada, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, France, South America, Germany, Italy and Switzenand for six to 12 months.

Interested families can phone Peninsula-based Rachel Perkins, the STS Central Coast representative on 4344 4019.

Band forms

Umina High School's band is up and running again this year with the addition of three Year 7 students.

This year, the band is looking forward to performing at venues such as retirement villages and nursing homes as well as primary schools.

Umina High gains Outstanding results

Umina High School principal Mr Pat Lewis, has described the outcome of last year's HSC as including some very fine individual results.

"Fiona Swan and Steven Cooper achieved TER scores in the 90s while many others pleasingly scored in the 80s and 70s," he said.

"There were also a large number of top 10 per cent scores in individual courses.

"Our class of '99 also had 13 courses in which the student group achieved a class average above the state average." The following students were offered tertiary places for high HSC results: Lori Allsopp, Chris Beverstock,

Kristy Brennan, Grant Brisbin, Cassie Bryant, Steven Cooper, Anna Golding, Lisa Hewson, Paul Hickey, Sarah Keen, Nathan Lakajev, Guy Lovell, Cory Maxwell-Coghlan, Luke Naividi, Ben Page, Monique Sayers, Kate Scott, Shelley Smith, Kristie Stebbing, Fiona Swan, Kristy Trimboli and Angela Wilesmith.

"Congratulations to these students whose hard work and pleasing results is a credit to them and their teachers," said Mr Lewis.

"Tertiary places of course are not the only measure of success as many other students have obtained traineeships, apprenticeships, training with private providers and employment."

Vacation Care to run from McMasters Rd

With only four weeks to go until the end of first term, the Peninsula and District Vacation Care Program has been planned to run from "The Cottage" in McMasters Road.

The program caters for all school children between the ages of five and 12 years and despite the relatively brief holiday break, this term's program is again full of variety.

The program is designed to cater for children of parents or carers who are not able to be with their children during school holidays.

The excursions scheduled

include favourites such as Dooralong Lodge -and beach picniC days.

A new feature for the program is an excursion to an extreme sports venue at Five Dock which should provide great challenges for all participants.

The program always fills quickly, so parents are advised to book eany.

All fees payable are subject to Childcare Assistance, further details of which are available through Centrelink.

Any queries in regard to the program should be directed to the Peninsula Community Centre on 4341 9333.

Kerrie Friend, March 15

Students warned to be wary of courses

Member for Peats, Marie Andrews has warned students to be wary of unaccredited and faulty courses.

Before choosing a course, potential students should make sure the qualifications offered were recognised by the relevant industry, she said.

School leavers and others looking for a job should be careful of qualifications in real estate, hospitality, travel, finance, modeling and film-extra work, flightattendant training, translation and language services, and private investigation work.

"People running bogus educational courses prey on inexperienced job seekers," she said.

"The only lesson they teach students is that unaccredited courses are useless for getting a job." NSW Fair Trading Minister Mr

John Watkins said his department received around 70 complaints about private educational courses each year.

Complaints were mostly about course quality and contract conditions.

"It is worthwhile to check if the course is accredited by the Vocational Educational and Training Accreditation Board," said Ms Andrews.

Details of more than 1300 accredited courses can be found on the board's website at www.anta.gov.au/ntis.

She recommended that people intending to do a training course shop around for the course that best suited their needs, find out what courses were offered by TAFE, be wary of making large up-front payments for private courses, and read contracts carefully before signing them.

Natalie Ruffels, March 2

Local high school's restructuring update

Woy Woy High School staff have been briefed on the proposal to restructure their school, as part of the wider Department of Education's secondary school restructure plans.

Mr Owen Kenny, the project officer for the restructure on the Central Coast, has spoken to the staff.

School principal, Ms Carolyn Carter said Mr Kenny gave staff a run-down on the underlying reasons to consider the restructure.

"On the Central Coast, the rationale is to improve School Certificate and Higher School

Certificate results," said Ms Carter.

"We want to be above the State average consistently." Some areas throughout NSW, such as Dubbo and Mt Druitt, have already restructured and formed a collegiate.

Other areas such as Sydney's northern beaches, Port Jackson and Bankstown are also considering the matter.

The restructure proposal involves the viability of forming more regionalised schools, which have less of an age range of students.

For example, a school might only have Years 11 and 12.

Carl Spears, February 29

Study skills camp for Woy Woy students

Woy Woy High School's Year 12 has had a study skills camp on the NSW South Coast.

Study skills were combined with recreational activities designed to foster cooperation and unity.

The 80 students only attended one-day at Woy Way High before taking off to the South Coast.

The students stayed in "first class accommodation settled into the foothills of the mountains with its own pet peacocks roaming around", according to a school

spokesperson.

During the two-day trip, students went through sessions on study methods including notetaking skills, listening skills, study timetables and goal setting.

Part of the social activity was a trivia night, swimming at the nearby pool, water slides, minigolf and a trip to the local Minnamurra Falls.

Staff were reportedly impressed with the effort students made in the workshops.

Carl Spears, March 19

School thieves caught

Neighbours of Ettalong Public School were recently asked to report any unauthorised people seen lurking in the school grounds.

Thanks to their efforts,

four people were arrested for trespassing, breaking and entering, and stealing from the school.

They were charged at Woy Woy Police Station.

School News

Welfare is a priority at Woy Woy High School

Woy Woy High School has organised a 'lumber of workshops and activities as part of its welfare curriculum.

Years 11 and 12 will undertake a compulsory 25-hour physical education, health and personal development course focussing on drugs and relationships.

Years 9 and 10 will view a play

called Cheap Thrills, which focuses on youth and risk taking activities.

Workshops will also be held on building positive relationships, drug issues, sexual health and career choices.

Years 7 and 8 activities will focus on anti-bullying techniques, conflict resolution and building positive relationships.

Carl Spears, March 13

School swim meet results from Peninsula schools

After four years of coming overall seventh, Umina High School improved to come sixth at this year's zone swimming carnival.

Carnival organiser Ms Ashman said the performance was a good achievement and could be attributed to having competitors in every event.

"The students' performance and team spirit were brilliant, with cheering and congratulations ringing out to each other," she said.

Ms Ashman said many students put in exceptional performances including Elyse Stone, Jenna Harrod, Keira Pride, Natalie Engelshus, Yolanda Veltmeyer, Sarah Costelloe, David Hyde,

Jonathon Mark, Tadd Walford, Ryan McNeill, Sean Cole, Arlion Kissick, Amanda Mair and Nicole Dividson.

She also gave special thanks to assisting teachers: Mrs Thomson, Mrs Honeysett, Mrs Andrew, Ms Caldwell and Mr Gasper.

Empire Bay Public School did well in this year's Peninsula Zone swimming carnival.

The school was awarded the Percentage Shield and the Champion School Shield.

Principal Mr Gordon Fraser said this was a great victory, as the school had now won them two years in a row.

"Congratulations to all those who competed," he said.

Carl Spears, March 19

Woy Woy volleyball loses match in state knockout competition

Woy Woy High's open girls volleyball team lost to Wyong High in the state knockout competition.

A spokesperson for the team said the girls played very well although losing 3 - 0.

"The Wyong team was more experienced," said the spokesperson.

"All the girls put in a huge

effort and they should all be congratulated for their efforts." Members of the squad were Hayley Oliver, Aimee Cardwell and Jordana Bruce, Sara Hobbs, Mereoni Brown, Carly Paterick, Sarah Clifford, Sara Collins, Maryann Byrnes, Karlie Waterson, Lauren Robertson, Melinda Hynes and Melissa Varley.

Carl Spears, March 13

New Bensville Christian school officially opened this month

The Coast Christian School at Bensville had its official opening on March 19.

Local politicians and representatives from the school

and other Christian schools were also invited.

Parents and children were also welcome to attend the ceremony, which started at 3pm.

Carl Spears, February 25

Empire Bay Public cricket team defeats the Entrance opponents

The Empire Bay Public School's boys cricket team narrowly defeated The Entrance earlier this month.

Empire Bay won the toss and batted first with openers Zac Dawes (19) and Ryan Maxwell (10) laying a solid foundation.

First drop, Josh Dawson chipped in with a handy 11 runs and Tyler Bennison contributed a lusty 12, with Bede Wheatland and Bowen Hersol keeping the tail wagging.

Ben Crain remained not out.

After a couple of run-outs and some good catches from The Entrance, Empire Bay finished with 96 runs.

Empire Bay's bowlers soon had The Entrance batsmen reeling with the first three batsmen scoring one, four and nought.

Zac Dawes and Trent Preece scored with venom and accuracy, and Ryan Maxwell mesmerised the middle order with his spin.

Joshua Beehag and Cheyne Hall bowled well without luck.

The Entrance scored 79, giving the game to Empire Bay.



Part of the Web Youth Centre managed by Dion Richardson

Explosions dance returns for 2000

"They're back!" That is the word from local Youth Worker Dion Richardson in regard to the ever-popular Explosions Dance Parties for the Year 2000.

After the outstanding response to the parties last year, Dion has decided to run the event again on the third Friday of each month.

The attendance at the first party

in February proved that Peninsula Youth still support the night.

"Our February party was amazing, we were absolutely filled to capacity and everyone just had a great time.

"We are hoping that each party we have will go from strength to strength." Held at Woy Woy High School hall, the music runs from 7pm to 10pm.

Entry fee is \$6 and the nights

are fully supervised by volunteers and local police.

Explosions Dance Parties have a safety policy of no passouts, no alcohol and no smoking.

They also feature non-stop music requests, and plenty of prizes, including \$500 worth of shopping vouchers from Erina Fair.

Keirie Friend, March 15

Students in court trial

Year 10 students from Woy Woy High School recently came up against Gosford High School in a mock court trial.

The Woy Woy students played the defence in the case and, although achieving an acquittal for their "client", they lost the round.

Teacher Mr Paul Salmon said Woy Woy went into the trial somewhat inexperienced.

"Despite this disadvantage, the students showed themselves to be able and poised under pressure, which later drew praise from their opposition," said Mr Salmon.

"I was extremely impressed with our students' performance.

"I'm sure our students will perform well in future rounds." Mr Paul Quinn of Tonkin Drysdale and Partners solicitors has agreed to be their coach.

Mr Salmon said Gosford High should also be congratulated.

"They were magnanimous in victory and were more than willing to share 'trade secrets' after the match," he said.

Members of the Woy Woy team were Blake Howard, Kim Honan, Kristy Shonberg, Jeremy Cabban, Stacey Curtis and Jessica Allen.

Carl Spears, March 15

Basketball knockout

The Woy Woy High boys basketball team's winning streak faltered after making it to round three of the state knockout competition.

In round one, the team played Northlakes High School at home and, in the students' words, "annihilated them".

The score was 58 to 48.

In round two, the boys were supposed to play Erina.

However, the Erina team forfeited and Woy Woy won on default.

The third round proved to be Woy Woy's downfall, with losses to Narara Valley and Pittwater High Schools.

The third round was played at Gosford City Sports Stadium.

Teams from Narrabeen, North Sydney Boys, Turrumurra, St Ives,

Mosman, Chenybrook, Epping, Gorokan, Terrigal, Lisarow and Narara Valley also competed.

A spokesperson from Woy Woy High said the boys put in a gutsy effort.

"Aaron Oberdrf defended well and outclassed with his speed." "Jason 'Mr Trickstar' Williams showed off his skills and ball control.

"Steven Lloyd showed his ability in all areas and Scott Paull, being the only player with any height, used his height well in defence and tried for those three pointers.

"Brad Watson worked hard, especially in defence, while Reuben Flanagan put his body on the line numerous times and has bruises to prove it.

"Overall, it was simply a great team effort."

Carl Spears, March 15

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Success starts with liking of ice-cream

Peninsula performer Jennifer Green, attributes 'her success to a father with a "big booming voice", and to her love for ice-cream as a four-year-old.

"My mother would always lose me at the supermarket, but she didn't worry, because she knew where I'd be," she said.

"I knew that if I sang, someone would say: 'Oh look at her.

She's so cute, you have to give her an ice-cream'.

"The Bensville entertainer has come a fair way since her days of singing for dessert.

Singing and acting

She has a long list of singing and acting credits from Australia and overseas, and currently performs locally and internationally.

She and her partner, fellow performer Wayne Cornell, also operate the agency; G'day Hollywood Productions on the Peninsula.

"Tivoli by Night", a two hour variety concert involving different performers, from singers, comedians and instrumentalists to magicians and ventriloquists, is one of their major pursuits.

The next "Tivoli by Night" will be held at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club on April 1.

The couple has presented more than 80 variety shows throughout . New South Wales and Queensland, and has set a record for the number of full-house shows in a row at the Ettalong club.

Originally from Sydney, Jennifer left Australia for a part in the 1977 American movie Southern Death, alongside Robert Conrad.

Mo Award

But it wasn't until she received a Sydney 'Mo Award', recognising her talent for variety, that she decided to move to Los Angeles.

On arrival she put on a show and the media rewarding her with rave reviews.

Jennifer is not surprised at her success.

"I knew I'd leave Australia and go to America to accomplish what I wanted," she said.

But she is aware of the level of her achievements.

"I guess I'm blessed, because I've 'always been in show business since I was 15." The untrained singer realised the extent of her abilities at the age of 16, after beating around 200 bands and singers in a Sydney talent contest called 'Battle of the Sounds'.

"I snuck out to do it too.

Mum didn't know," she said.

Jennifer is no stranger to hard work.

It took her three years of "knocking on doors" in America, after her debut stage show, to secure a job, and a Green Card.

The Riddler Frank

Gorshen, famous for his role as the Riddler in Batman, employed her in a variety, Vegasstyle show in Arizona.

It wasn't long before Donald O'Conner started arranging her



Jennifer Green - counts Mickey Rooney as one of her fans

shows too.

Jennifer has also dabbled in hosting shows.

She once tested her endurance in Palm Springs by co-hosting a 24-hour Jerry Lewis telethon.

She said Johnny Carson, Bob Hope, Micky Rooney, George Burns and Florence Henderson are among her colleagues and friends.

"You learn so much from these old show-biz celebrities such as Mickey Rooney, Donald O'Conner - I learnt a lot of tricks from those two."

America

While in America she performed live for several shows including a Bob Hope Special, Pat Boone U.S.A., the Tonight Show, the Merv Griffin Show, Fantasy, a Variety Club Telethon and Tattletales.

She had acting roles in T.J Hooker, Santa Barbara, General Hospital and Divorce Court.

Despite an interest in acting, it is her passion for performing that shines through in Jennifer's personality.

"There's something magic about performing live," she said.

"When I sing I know I've lived it.

"A lot of young people just see words and they don't have that old-world maturity.

"You let audiences know that I know who I am and I've matured." After her marriage with an American man ended, it was love that drew Jennifer back to Australia.

Dulcet Deltone

While working with Ray Martin on the Midday show, she and Deltone's lead singer Wayne Cornell began seeing more of each other.

Eventually Jennifer decided to move back to Australia to be with Wayne, with the plan of returning to America on a regular basis for work.

She said the commitment of

leaving America was a major one, particularly because of the friends she would leave behind.

"I knew what I had with Wayne was something special, so I wanted to be with him", she said.

Jennifer discovered her fondness for the Central Coast after spending two weeks at Hardy's Bay.

Soon after she and Wayne moved to Bensville.

She isn't alone in her admiration of the coast.

Mickey Rooney and Donald O'Conner loved their visits to the Peninsula.

Florence Henderson was also impressed with Jennifer's new home.

A worker at the Fisherman's wharf in Woy Woy could not believe it when she served lunch to 'Mrs Brady' that day.

Jennifer seems aware she is an asset to the Central Coast and takes pride in helping expose local talent by involving them in her shows.

Dance and Theatre

She raved about girls from the Peninsula Theatre and Dance School whom she employs in her travelling performances.

"They've grown in four years like you wouldn't believe," she said.

When asked how she'd advise other performing hopefuls, she said: "You've got to want it, you have that gnawing feeling." She said any negativity from others should be ignored.

"If that's what you want, go for it," she said.

She hopes one day to host an Australian talk show, take a director's course, and begin directing films as well as performing.

"I love performing - I can't stop," she said.

"It's the day you die when you stop doing something you love doing."

Natalie Rutrel., March 12

• Artist Profile

Peninsula inspires Robert's' creativity

Robert Duffman is an artist who has recently joined the Peninsula artist group.

The group meets to draw from models and discuss events, ideas, enjoy a glass of wine and good company.

Robert finds inspiration in the landscape and environs of the Central Coast, a refreshing change which prompted the move from Sydney two years ago.

His training in art started through Horsnby TAFE where he found that it was an excellent faculty and he enjoyed its emphasis on drawing although he majored in photography.

Robert believes that drawing is essential to any art.

He progressed onto completing a degree at the College of Fine Art at the University of New South Wales, a master of letters at the University of New England in Armidale and he is currently studying for his Masters at the University of Newcastle, where he also teaches.

He is looking at early and alternative photographic methods and processes and he is also researching a book entitled the "Silver Chalice".

"The pencil was once cutting edge technology; the camera was once described as 'the pencil of nature' by Fox Talbot, one of the inventors of the photographic process," said Robert.

"By constructing my own cameras and devising my own light sensitive emulsions, I am attempting to move back into the medium and achieve unique results.

"It allows a greater latitude and creative freedom." Robert's

latest photographic re-suits resemble paintings.

The exposures often take some minutes and so there are layers of time in and on the surface of the work.

"My work is not about the straight apprehension and representation of reality," he said.

"It is about the mirroring of an expression of ones self in the work, an expression of ideas and philosophies concerning questions of who, what and where we are.

"I do not interfere with or impose myself, I work very slightly, minimising my interaction and allow things to happen.

"Shooting the photo is akin to zen archery, the results often surprising to me as well.

"I then digitise, rework and print using state of the art archival digital technologies.

"This is an interesting hybridisation of past and present.

"The works are mirrors of self and environment; a nexus." Robert is interested in all forms of art and for that matter he is just innately curious about anything and everything.

His work could possibly be classified as contemporary but he does not go for any label.

Robert exhibits nationally and currently has a show at

Watt Space in Newcastle.

His work can also be found in galleries and restaurants around Sydney and the Central Coast.

He is available for portraits, commissions and product shots and he tutors in photography, Photoshop, and web page design. Contact Robert on 4342 9077 or e-mail: duffman@ozemail.com.au

Bernard Craft, March 19

Drinking without Dramas looks to curtail accidents

People who drive their friends home from hotels and clubs are being given free soft drinks under a scheme sponsored by Gosford Council and the Brisbane Water Highway Patrol.

"Drinks without Dramas" is a project that targets all drivers and places the responsibility on patrons to act responsibly when they go out for a few drinks.

Under the project, groups of friends nominate a designated driver who is then provided with free soft drinks throughout the night.

Participating Peninsula hotels and clubs include Woy Woy Hotel, Ettalong Beach Hotel and the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

One in 11 accidents involve alcohol and a high proportion of alcohol related accidents involve fatalities, according to police.

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Sports

New course record for Everglades

Everglades Country Club saw five official holes-in-one on their golf course in January and one unofficial.

According to the club's newsletter, Mr Rod Clarke's tee shot off the first hole rebounded off the protective screen for nearby houses into the 18th hole.

The unofficial course record, according to the newsletter, is now hole-in-one, course in one, 67 under par.

This would have given Mr Clarke a score of 10 nett off an 11 handicap.

The official hole-in-ones were Dennis Jenkins and Wal Mapplebeck on the same day, Bruce Vile, Brian Smith and Don Anderson.

Ettalong bowls ready for state competition

The Ettalong Bowling Club has been building the team in the off-season for this year's state-wide competition.

This year's competition has introduced the added pressure of promotion and relegation of teams with the introduction of divisions.

The bottom two clubs in each division will be relegated.

Disabled invited to try sport

The Central Coast Sports Council for the Disabled will have a "come and try" swimming day to introduce the disabled to the sport.

The day will take place at Woy Woy pool on March 29.

For more information contact Tracey on 4334 5874.

Carl Spears, February 28

Cathy wins Ladies' golf

Cathy Shannon from the Everglades Country Golf Club recently won the Summer Cup with a score of 13 over par.

The runner-up was Denise O'Conner with a 10 over par and Ruby Leon took out third place.

The Ladies Charity Day will be held on Sunday April 30th.

Champion life saver wins State Masters

Kerry Annstrong-Smith has made the Umina Surf Life Saving Club proud by achieving Champion lifesaver status at the State Masters Carnival in Sydney.

She also won two bronze medals and a silver medal for tube, ski and ironwoman (30 to 34 age group) events.

This was one of Kerry's first competitions since taking time out to have a child.

Wendy Cook was also highly

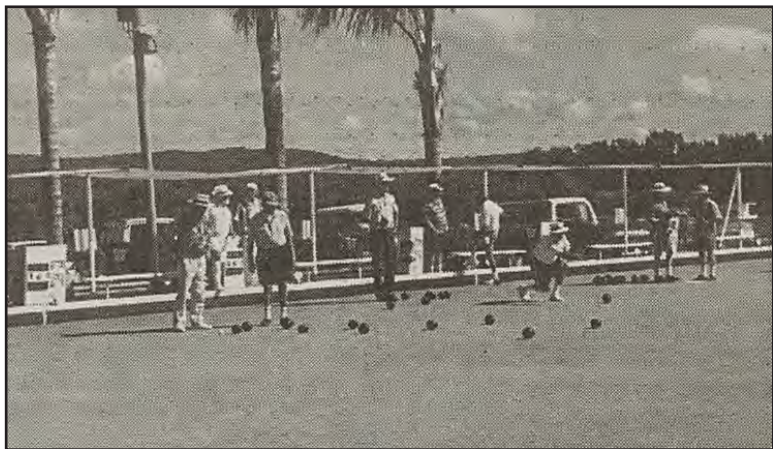
successful on the day by winning one silver and two bronze medals for tube, ski and ironwoman events for those aged 40 to 44.

Rod Hulls picked up two bronze medals in ironman and board events, then teamed up with Garry Mensforth to score gold in the 35 to 39 age board rescue.

The club's boat crew also won a silver medal at the carnival.

The crew was James Baker, Barry Antees, Jerry Kelly, Matt Mills and Grant Stringer.

Natalie Ruffels, March 8



Some of the Peninsula's many bowlers in action

Floodlight fours a great success

It was the 20th year of the Floodlight Fours for Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club last month and according to the club, the competition was a great success.

The competition went over four nights with the women's committee conducting the event and raffles.

32 teams entered and proved to be very competitive.

The overall winner was M. Stewart from Avoca Beach and taking second place was E. Manning of Umina Beach.

Third place was shared by E. Vincent from Everglades and S. O'Connor, also from Everglades.

The Consolation winner was P. Donnelly from Ettalong Memorial Club.

Amanda Jackson, March 18.

Rooster's Leagues tough pre-season

The Woy Woy Roosters Rugby League first grade team kicked off the 2000 season with some skilful play in the Muswellbrook Sevens.

This is the first time the Roosters.

have entered the annual carnival, which has been held in the pre-seas'on for the past ten years.

The Roosters entered two teams and thrilled local crowds in deplorable conditions.

The Roosters Red team played the whole semi-final without replacements due to injuries.

The team played hard for a position in the finals before they eventually fell to over all winners West Newcastle by 28-24.

The Roosters White team were defeated by Lakes United 26-16 in

the other semi-final.

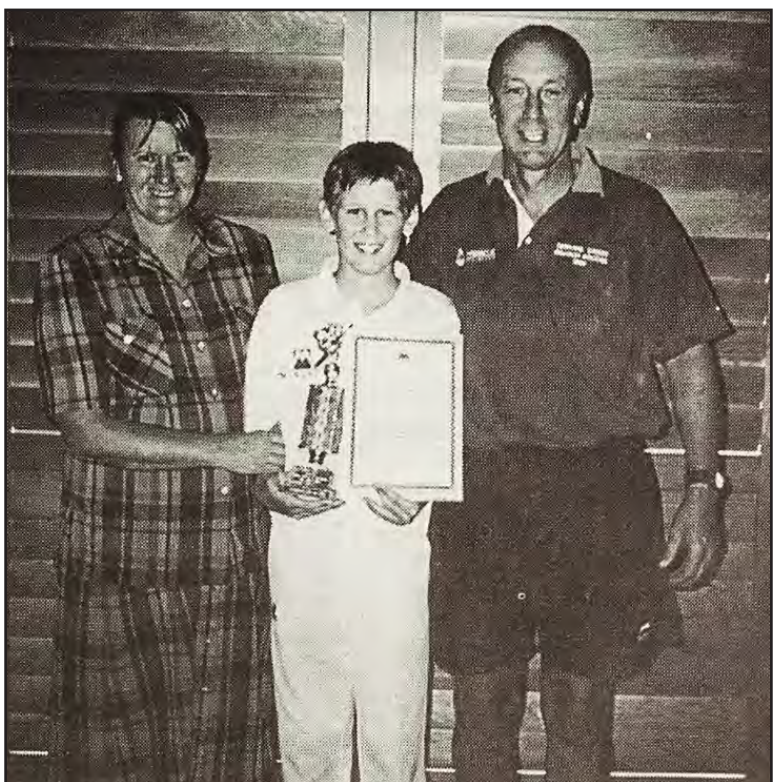
Outstanding players on the day were Shane Ward, Stu Farrant and Ducan Smith: All of the Club's energies are now being focused on achieving their goals for the full 2000 season with hopes for another successful year as reigning premiers.

However last year's success Will prove very tough to match, the 1999 season saw the club take out the first and reserve grade premierships, along with the coveted club championships.

The coaching positions for the 2000 season remain much the same with Alan Emery coaching first grade and Tony Clarke the reserves.

They will be joined by local identity Steve Napier who will guide the under 19's.

Amanda Jackson, March 18



Mingara sportsperson of the month, Nathan Crowson of Umina with his special award and his proud parents

Umina cricketer wins sports star of month award

Umina junior cricketer Nathan Crowson has been honoured with the Mingara Sportsperson of the Month Award for the month of December.

The award was presented to Nathan last month.

An all-rounder in the then Under- 11B side, the award was recognition of Nathan's outstanding performance in round four of the district competition.

Playing the Mountains team at Central Mangrove, Nathan posted an outstanding score of 113 in his team's total of 9/345 from 50 overs.

After dismissing Mountains for only 88, they were sent back in to

bat and this time Nathan starred with the ball, turning in remarkable figures of 3/7 from three overs.

Rain intervened when Mountains' second innings fell to a somewhat desperate 6/87 from 17 overs, saving them from almost certain outright defeat.

Nathan's award consisted of a trophy, certificate and prize money to the value of \$50.

This is the third time the prestigious title has been awarded to a Umina Junior Cricket Club member and it places Nathan in the running for the title of Mingara Sportsperson of the Year.

Kerrie Friend, March 15.

First swap day for Umina surf club

Umina Surf Club will be holding its first annual Surf Craft Swap and Sale Day on Sunday, April 16, at Umina Beach.

The day will begin at gam with manufacturer's, surf clubs and individuals welcome to sell, swap, browse or buy items.

A small fee will be payable to the Umina Surf Club for equipment displayed or sold on the day.

This equipment is expected to include; nipper boards - foam and fibreglass, malibu and paddle boards, surf skis, surf boat equipment, IRB equipment and other surf craft.

The' sale, which will finish at 12pm, will be held in conjunction with the annual Umina Ocean Swim, which consists of a 400 metre event and a two kilometre

event.

Willing participants can register for these events at Umina club house on April 16 at 8am before the events take place.

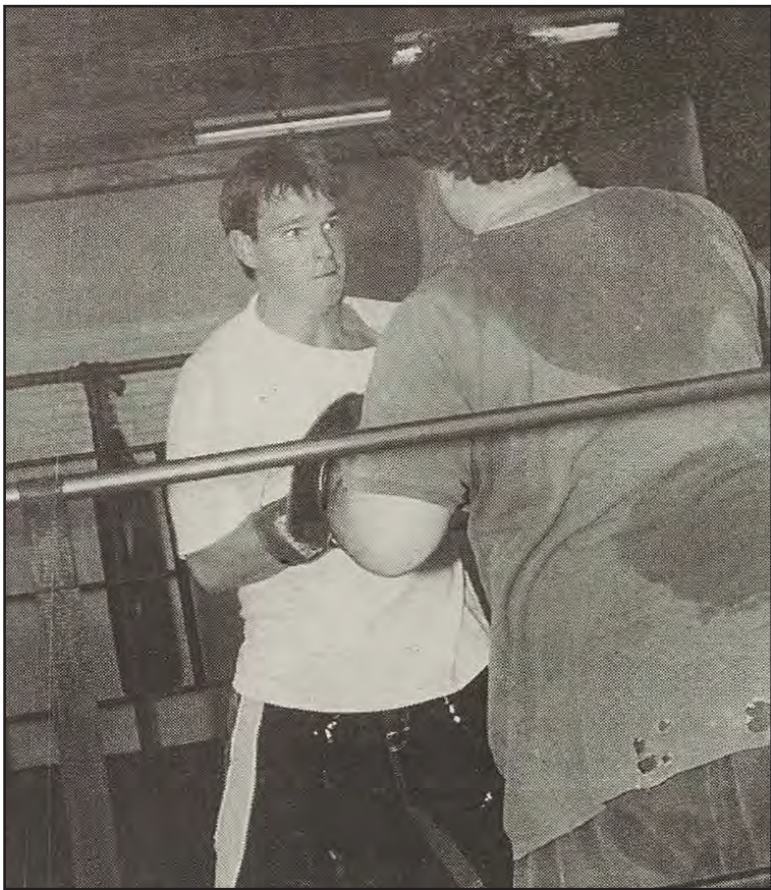
The 400 metre swim will begin at 10am and the two kilometre swim at 10.45am.

The entry fee will be \$5 for the 400 metre swim and \$10 for the two kilometre or \$15 to participate in both events.

Sponsors of the Umina Beach .Swim 2000 include Umina and Woy Woy Retravisio, Clarke's Amcal Pharmacy, Commonwealth Bank, G.L.Jackson and Company First National Real Estate and Bob Gordon's Swim School.

For further information, contact Umina Surf Life Saving Club on 4341 9897 and ask to speak to Bill Heber.

Amanda Jackson, March 14



Trainee boxer, Cain Bush (facing camera) doing some punching practice with trainer Joel Keegan

PCYC boxing gym opens

Over the summer months, the staff of the Police and Community Youth club (PCYC) at Umina have built a boxing gym.

The gym was built from funding provided by the Ettalong Memorial and Umina Beach Bowling Clubs in 1999.

These two clubs are also providing funds to purchase equipment later this year when the main PCYC club is built.

The gym is currently catering for males aged 12 years and over who are gaining instruction in boxing techniques and general fitness.

The instructor, Joel Keegan is a qualified boxing coach who ensures that every person's training is well supervised and gains instruction on safe practices for boxing and general fitness.

The gym also aims to cater for people interested in non contact boxing for fitness as well.

New members are welcome and females are also encouraged as a women's boxing class for general fitness and self-defence is due to start soon.

The boxing team plans to travel to competitions in country NSW and Sydney later this year.

Cec Bucello, March 18

Anthony dominates the local swim meet

Nine-year-old Umina boy Anthony Engelshus trains with Kevin Vickery's Woy Woy Amateur Swimming Club three times a week.

He is strong in all strokes, but a year ago decided to concentrate his efforts on butterfly.

Anthony dominated the recent Woy Woy South School Carnival to be named Junior Boy Champion, and was also named Junior Boy Champion in the recent Woy Woy Zone Swimming carnival winning each of his 50 metre events.

However, it is butterfly that has

seen Anthony succeed against the top swimmers in the state.

His most recent success being in the Shell Age Championships on March 12.

Held at the Olympic Aquatic Centre Homebush, Anthony posted an outstanding time to finish seventh overall from some 40 competitors.

Anthony now travels to Warringah Aquatic Centre on March 24 where he is aiming to post another personal best in the Metropolitan North Carnival.

Kerrie Friend, March 15



Local fisherman, Bob Hall with a 1.9 kg schnapper and a 2.4 kg bonito caught last month

• Fishing News:

Weather brings king fish haul

The warm weather has brought some good hauls of fish and seen the return of king fish, with fisherman reporting catches all over the coast.

his inside report the odd mackerel has been spotted around Box Head" so keep your eye out, if you don't catch one you're sure to catch plenty of the surface fish around the same area.

Nice sand flathead and bream are being caught at Woy Woy Wharf and in Paddy's Channel.

If you're after a good sized tailor, but can't make that early morning fish, try around the Rip Bridge as they are being caught there in the mornings and in the afternoons.

Outside Report Out on Broken

Bay Wide there has 'been good size schnapper caught, with some reaching 3 kilograms.

Bob Hall brought one in at 1.9 kilograms last week and a bonnie at 2.4 kilograms.

If you're 'using prawns cirlocal bottle squid you could also catch some good Dolphin Fish or

Woy Woy ladies win Bretnall Cup again

Ladies from Woy Woy Bowling Club have certainly bowled over their competition this month with an impressive win for the Peninsula.

A club spokesperson said congratulations should go out to the nine ladies from Woy Woy Bowling Club for winning the long running prestigious event, The BretnaU Cup.

This is the second year in a row that they have won the event.

The Bretnall Cup is restricted to bowlers with three years or less experience and is therefore a good indication for the future success of the ladies at the club.

The ladies from Everglades Country Club have had their first championship for 2000, with the major fours.

This was a tightly contested match and was only decided by playing an extra end.

Winners were Bev Archer, Carmel Daniel, Audrey Tucker and skip Merle Thompson.

The men from Everglades also played their major fours, the men from the winning team were B.

Crawley, B.O'Connor, G.Bailey and R.Mason.

The major fours have also been run and won for the male bowlers at Woy Woy Bowling Club, with three Jacks and a George winning the final.

The members of the winning team were Jack Groves, John Langbein, Jack Leslie and George Evans.

Amanda Jackson, March 18

Bowlers can fish as well

The monthly inter-club fishing competition was held on February 27 with some good sized catches resulting from the Woy Woy Bowling Club members.

Barry Ormond proved to be the best fisherman on the day with nine bream and newer member George McArthur weighed in an excellent mixed bag of schnapper, flathead, morwong and bream.

Mr Rushton also weighed in a good bag of 12 fish totalling five kilograms.

Roosters golf club plays district comp

The Roosters social golf club played the district Pennants at Everglades last month.

Brad Parsons won the prize with 41 points and close behind him were three others, John Mcinnes, Jack Blair and Alan Blanch who each had 37 points.

Norman .

Barsing was the winner of a versus par on February 13 and two other players, Craig New and Con Holmes each had four up, however Barsing won on a count back.

The Annual Challenge against the circle was held a fortnight later on February 27.

The Challenge is a two best ball event and the side with the highest points on the hole are declared the

winner.

The two best ball result came from winners Barry Smith and Gordon Dickson on 46 points.

The single event.

was : won by Gordon Dickson' on 40 points in his division, followed by runner up Eddie Dowling on 37 points.

The other division was won by Doug Yeend who scored a round with 42 points and runners-up were Ian Scott, who had 38 points and Keith Chappell on 37 points.

36 club members travelled to Mona Vale on the first weekend in March to play in the annual Forestville Day.

42 members went to Nelson's Bay on March 11 and 12.

Amanda Jackson, March 18.

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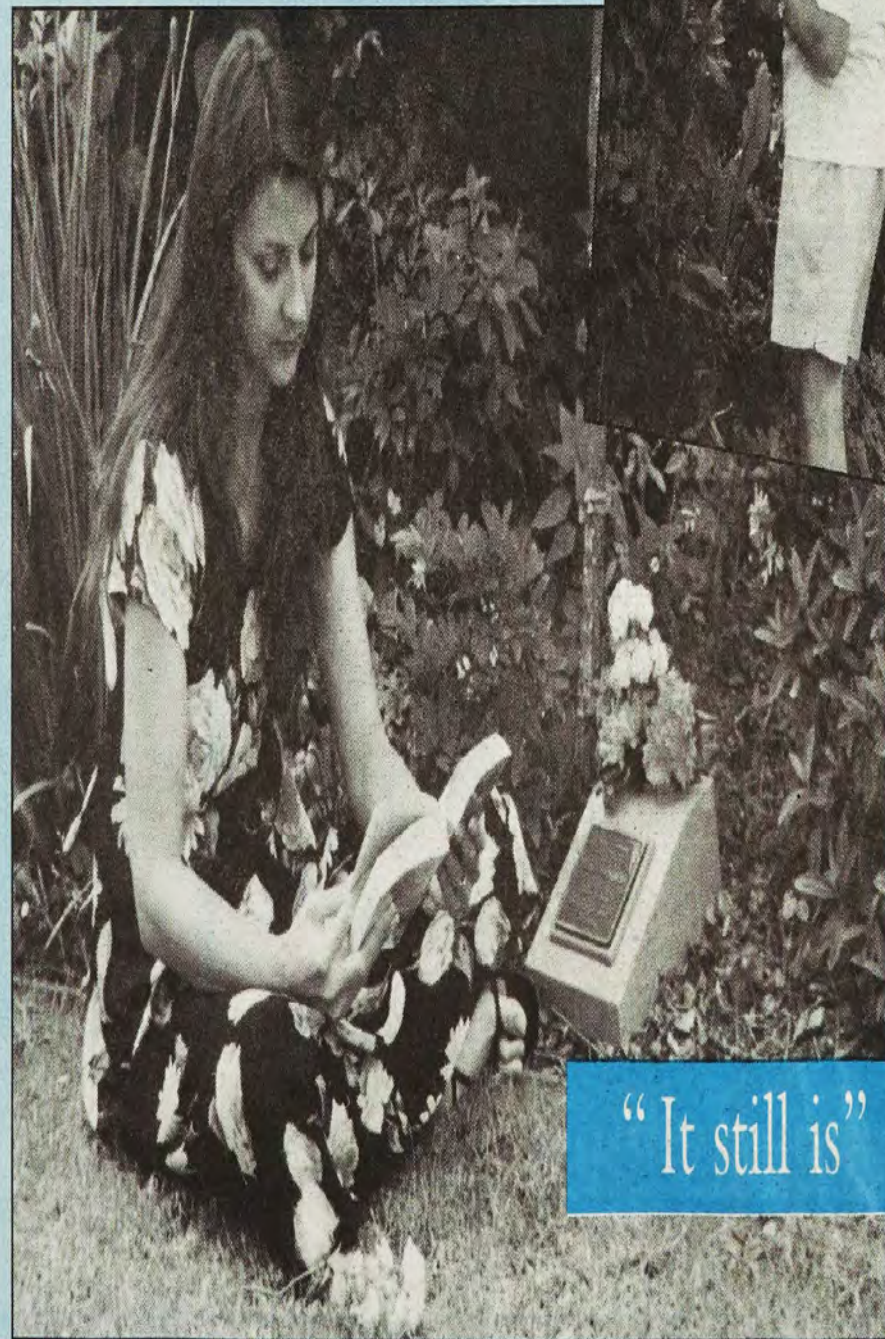
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A giant palm tree being lowered into position

Facelift starts at Woy Woy



One of the giant palm trees being lifted off the semi trailer

Woy Woy library received a facelift as part of the Woy Woy ceo upgrade.

Work is well under way on the exterior changes with the forecourt of the library having been totally revamped.

Part of the upgrade was the planting of palm trees around the exterior of the building including two large well advanced

trees delivered by semitrailer.

New brick planter boxes are also well advanced with more work still to be done.

While library patrons are forced to use awkward side entrances while this work is going on, it is expected that the task will be completed shortly and that the large palm trees in particular will be part of Woy Woy's new horizon for some time.

Cec Bucello, March 17

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