



Fast Ships foreshore lease has been settled. Above: The area of foreshore where the Fast Ferry will dock

Fast Ships get 49-year lease

Gosford Council has granted Fast Ships a 49-year lease for foreshore land near the toilet block on the Esplanade at Ettalong.

Fast Ships plans to use the land to operate a berthing wharf for the Fast Ferry and requested Council hear the matter in camera to "protect commercially sensitive information".

Members of the public gallery argued that the lease should be discussed in open council.

Mr Rob Molin addressing Council, said he objected to the meeting being confidential, and asked why councillors had approved the Fast Ferry without

details like the lease being finalised.

Mr John Oakley, speaking as a committee member of South Woy Woy Progress Association, said he thought it was a case of "putting the cart before the horse" in that the lease should be agreed to before commercial details were discussed.

Fast Ships had requested extra land south of the toilet block, which drew objections from 141 petitioners.

Consultant for Fast Ships, Mr Matthew Wales, said the company had no objection to the removal of a 3D-metre section "in response to community concern".

The closed meeting proceeded, with chairman Cr Malcolm Brooks saying it would be kept to commercial matters only.

Council officers had recommended a 15-year term on the lease after the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission had expressed concerns over a 25-year lease, saying that it may be a restriction of trade.

Councillors decided after the confidential meeting that 49 years was more appropriate for the development.

The initial annual rent will be \$7920.

Carl Spears, May 11

Chamber welcomes Ferry lease

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has welcomed the lease of land at Ettalong for the fast ferry.

"The fast ferry operator, Fast Ships Ltd, had applied to Gosford Council for a lease on the Ettalong Beach foreshore for shore based infrastructure to complement the berthing facility," said Chamber president Matthew Wales.

"The land-based lease was approved by Council after some debate about the amount of land required for the facility.

"It is the Chamber's understanding that to accommodate the terminal building, public amenities, ticketing facilities and bus interchange, an area of land from the existing Bangalow St toilet block north to the existing carpark is required.

"This lease area will be in addition to the sub-lease area already approved by Council for the actual wharf and jetty.

"Several Councillors raised concerns at Council's confidential meeting that the amount of land was excessive and some members of the gallery argued that the lease should not be granted at all.

"From the Chamber's perspective, Gosford Council has acted with great foresight.

"It has approved the high speed ferry project and resolved to provide adequate lease areas for the associated infrastructure.

"The fast ferry company is likely to invest over \$4 million over the next 12 months into the berthing facility and transport interchange which is vital for the success of the project.

"In response to the concerns of those at the Council meeting, the company had agreed to a slight reduction in the lease area by deleting the area south of the existing toilet block at the end of Bangalow St.

"The company also agreed that public access along the foreshore

would not be impeded as a result of the lease." Mr Wales said that Council approval of the lease area should now pave the way for the finalisation of the transport interchange plans and berthing structure.

An application would now need to be made by the fast ferry operator for the construction of the land-based facilities in conjunction with a construction certificate for the wharf and jetty.

"The importance of the berthing facility and transport interchange cannot be understated," said Mr Wales.

"These are important community assets that will provide valuable employment and investment opportunities for the Peninsula.

"It is to Gosford Council's credit that they have stuck to the task of facilitating the approval process so that the community will ultimately enjoy the high speed ferry service to Sydney."

'We won't sign' say Councillors

Gosford Council has called for clarification of the State Government's definition of "ecologically sustainable development" in its regional planning strategy.

Councillors unanimously resolved that the strategy document "Shaping the Central Coast" failed to define "ecologically sustainable development" and agreed not to sign the document until their concerns were addressed.

Local environmentalist, Mr Bryan Ellis, addressed the Council saying: "It's the belief of many on the Woy Woy sandplain that the document defeats its own purpose "by failing to suggest concrete answers to the problem of lack of infrastructure".

"There will still be a lack of local employment, which means more people on trains.

"The F3 and rail network are at

or near to, capacity," he said.

"We should reject it until at least the fast rail is put in."

Cr Geoff Preece said the growth envisaged by the State Government in the report was not sustainable.

Cr Malcolm Brooks said he wanted parts of the document removed before he would be ready to sign it.

Councillors said the document failed to define ecologically sustainable development.

Woy Woy South Progress Association committee member, Mr John Oakley, said it appeared as though two bureaucrats who had never visited the area had written the document.

"There is a list of sources, but no specific references backing what the report says," he said.

"There are a lot of motherhood statements, but little detail".

Carl Spears, May 10



Woy Woy Police Station - residents want more police on the beat

Peninsula petitions for more police

Two petitions are being circulated on the Peninsula requesting a greater police presence.

One petition is addressed to local area commander, Mr Kevin Curry, and says the petitioners are worried about the amount of drug-dealing and drug-taking in the area.

The petition also raises concerns about "the alarming rise in burglary rates both in homes and in commercial premises".

The petitioners say they would like beat police and trained drug

officers to regularly patrol the area to protect people and property.

Copies of the petition can be found at the office of the Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, in Blackwall Rd, at local chemists and at Fisherman's Wharf.

The second petition is directed to the State Parliament and says the petitioners are concerned about "the proposed loss of general duties police officers from Woy Woy Police Station".

For more information call 0412 610776.

Carl Spears, April 20

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Welcome to yet another edition of Peninsula News.

As we all move closer to the introduction of the GST, many are concerned about how this will change their lives.

The full impact will not be known until the GST is in place, but many people are trying to second guess the outcome and plan accordingly.

Anyone making a major purchase in the next few months should look at the sales tax component of that item.

By comparing the current price with the likely price after sales tax has come off and GST added, consumers are able to decide whether they are better off making their purchase now or after June 30.

However, many people on hearing of an election or the introduction of new legislation or even a movement in interest rates, simply decide not to purchase anything but bare necessities.

While they see this as playing safe, many retailers and other local businesses suffer in the meantime.

Hopefully, things will return to normal soon and Peninsula residents and businesses may continue their ongoing growth pattern.

Our News Focus

Readers often ask why we cover some issues and not others. The Peninsula News is just what its name implies. It focuses on Peninsula news only as this the reason for its existence.

Other publications cover the entire Central Coast but because of the amount of news that such an area generates, they cannot cover every item in depth.

Our aim is therefore to focus on a particular area and include as much information as is available for readers in that area.

As a result, readers will have noticed many articles in Peninsula News covering items either not mentioned elsewhere or only covered briefly elsewhere, even though we only publish once every four weeks.

The only Peninsula-based events not generally covered in Peninsula News are court and police stories which are usually well covered by other news media.

As these events are more of a daily news item, they are lower priority in a four-weekly publication.

What's new?

I would like to welcome new staff member, Brett Murphy.

Brett has joined us to gain some valuable desktop publishing and newspaper experience.

Brett is with us two days per week and will add to our ability to cover more news items

Cec Bucello Manager

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Patonga community praised

Congratulations to the community groups of Patonga Beach for conducting the dawn service at our Patonga War Memorial on Anzac Day 2000.

It is over 20 years since a service was held here and over 200 people attended, mainly residents joined by Easter visitors.

After the dignified ceremony conducted by Charlie Sproule, a breakfast was held at the Patonga Progress Hall.

The community of Patonga was one paying tribute to the Anzacs, our returned servicemen and women and our Australian spirit.

Rhonda Woodhouse, April 24

Woy Woy boy says hello from Africa

Just wanting to let you know that my father (Dave Girvan) posted me a copy of the Peninsula News and it was thrilling to read.

I grew up in Woy Woy and will always consider myself a Woy Woy lad.

I now live in Malawi (South East Africa) and therefore I'm a long way from home.

However, I hope to be kept well informed 'of the issues confronting the local area through your informative and well presented community newspaper.

Keep up the excellent work!

Scott Girvan, Mangochi, Malawi

Keep waterfront accessible

Regarding the suggested closing off of The Boulevard from Brisbane Water Drive (along the waterfront wharf area) and the restructuring of Anderson Park.

There is no doubt that the general public could make far greater use of Anderson Park, especially if the fountain is restored and converted into a children's splash area.

This park is in need of rethinking to make it more inviting and attractive, and to deter the drinkers and drug-users, but please don't close the Boulevard off from Brisbane Water Drive.

The left hand turn here invites visitors and the public to share and enjoy the essence of Woy Woy which is "The Waterfront".

The improvements can and should be made and still allow

Community Forum

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access for the many different sections of the community and visitors who regularly use this area.

They include the buses that bring senior groups to the wharf for the ferry trips, the commercial fisherman's trucks coming to use the cold storage facilities, and the cars used by visitors and local families visiting Fisherman's Wharf, Pelican Park, the cafes and fishing from the jetties etc.

The original proposal "dating back several years" spoken of by Cr Bockholt, was drawn up

before the most recent commercial improvements were in existence.

All of these attract additional visitors and locals to this area.

Together with Pelican Park in front of Fisherman's Wharf, this waterfront area is the focal point of family and visitor recreational activity.

Let's have the improvements by all means, but let's make them more accessible and usable for everyone, instead of less.

Joan Chippendale, Woy Woy Visitor Information

Leave The Boulevard open

In the Peninsula News (April 18) I read of the proposal to close the northern section of the Boulevard at Woy Woy.

The proposal appears to me to be yet another way to help boost the profits of a certain group of local shopkeepers and business people with the pretence of improving the lot of the locals.

Us locals are at present having a hell of a time trying to get out of the Boulevard and onto Brisbane

Water Drive.

Some person of authority, in their great wisdom, moved the bus stop from the southern part of the Boulevard at the intersection of Brisbane Water Drive and replaced it with general parking.

This has effectively reduced the access to Brisbane Water Drive from two lanes into one lane.

The northern outlet from the Boulevard at least helps to alleviate this problem to a small degree.

The same expert probably instigated the construction of a traffic island at the intersection of Blackwall Road and Memorial Avenue.

Prior to the new traffic island, vehicles travelling south towards Orange Grove were allowed to proceed straight ahead without interfering with the flow of traffic.

Now such vehicles are required to turn sharp left and cause a real danger to us, the natives.

Lawrie Huntington, April 18

Don't roll out the barrel at Booker Bay

I refer to the item headed "Proposed bottleshop proprietor joins objectors" in your April issue.

On behalf of the many objectors to Mr Ian Thomas' application for an "Off-Licence (Retail)" for the Booker Bay store, readers may be interested to know it is not Council who decide on the granting of a Liquor Licence.

This is in fact a matter now before the Liquor Licencing Court of NSW.

Gosford Council has no further interest in this application.

There have been well in excess of 83 objections made to Council

now directed to the Licencing Court of NSW.

For persons wishing to add their objection or seek clarification of the number and Significance of objections received, perhaps they could contact the Court on 9995 0762.

On the subject of Marina customers wishing to purchase alcohol, there is a public wharf at Ettalong and a bus service available for those who cannot walk the 1km from the Booker Bay Store.

I understand NSW Waterways are now breath-testing boat operators and we would seriously

question the need to increase the level of consumption.

Name and address withheld by request

Cr Wales clarifies Olympic trading

I refer to your above column and in particular the extended trading hours for licensed venues during the Olympics 2000.

I wish to bring to your attention that the reporting of Council's agenda accurately in your paper is extremely important as each councillor holds a very public position in local government.

Your Mr John Oakey has reported: "Cr Wales initially spoke in favour of the proposal but later voted with the rest of Council to reject extended trading hours over the two-month period." In actual fact, I did not speak in favour of the proposal but simply asked Cr Doyle why he felt so strongly against this proposal without any explanation.

It is one thing to debate the advantages or disadvantages of a proposal, it is quite another to take a dictatorial attitude to what may be a perceived perception in the public place.

I personally wanted to hear Cr Doyle's reasons for his strong abhorrence to 24-hour trading during the Olympics.

I believe it is every councillor's responsibility to explain to the public why they choose to vote either way.

Otherwise, a councillor could easily run the risk of appearing pompous, pretentious and autocratic.

Please remember, as a community newspaper, you have a responsibility to print the facts.

Cr Debra Wales

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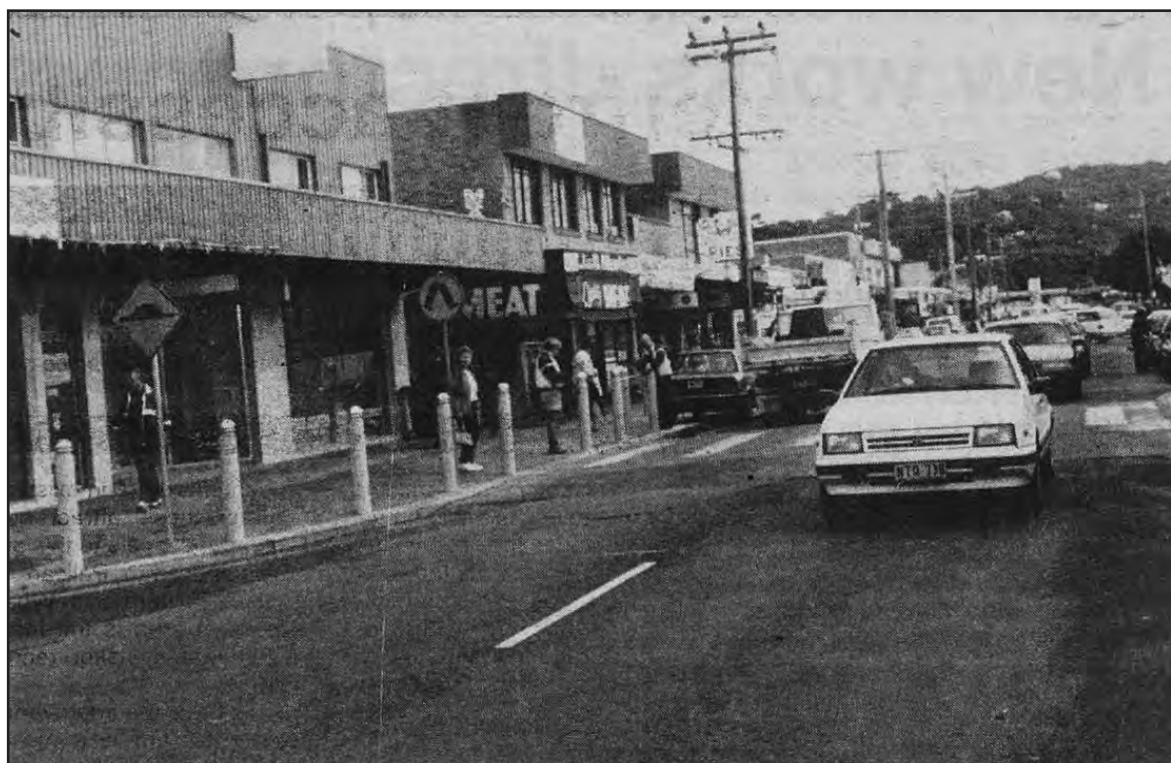
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West Street Umina - Local consultant Andrews Neil has been appointed for the Umina Streetscape plan

Streetscape consultant appointed

Gosford City Council has appointed local consultants Andrews Neil to prepare the new Umina Beach Streetscape Masterplan for the town centre.

This decision by Council was prompted by the earlier rejection of the previous upgrade plans by local businesses and the community who were not satisfied that the proposals took into account the needs of the town centre.

"The Chamber of Commerce has been greatly encouraged by the first of the public meetings held by Andrews Neil at the Umina Beach Bowling Club on May 3," said Chamber president Matthew Wales.

"The meeting was well attended

by both business people and the local community with a wide cross-section of opinion expressed by everyone.

"Through a very relaxed workshop format, we believe that the consultants have been able to collate a large range of information which when combined with the previous studies and workshop material, will form the new masterplan proposal.

"The Chamber has been advised that the next public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 31, at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club with the draft Umina Beach Streetscape Masterplan being placed on exhibition shortly afterwards" Mr Wales said that the Chamber of Commerce was

encouraging as many business and community representatives as possible to attend the workshop meetings so that the consultants could assess the broad spectrum of community opinion.

"This is an important opportunity for both businesses and the wider community to have their say.

"Even though there is only \$1.2 million available for the upgrade works in this round of funding, other capital works funding will flow on in years to come if we have a comprehensive and farsighted strategy mapped out.

"The Chamber has always been of the opinion that long term planning is crucial to the success of the Umina Beach CBD."

Matthew Wales

Meeting called for masterplan

Gosford Council has called a public meeting to discuss a draft streetscape masterplan for the Umina CBD.

The meeting will be held in the Seaview Room of the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club on Wednesday, May 31, from 6:30pm until 8pm.

The draft masterplan has been

prepared following a detailed site analysis, review of existing data and a public workshop held earlier this month.

The draft masterplan will be on exhibition from Wednesday, May 24 to Wednesday, June 14, at the Gosford Council Administration Building in Mann Street Gosford, Umina Library, Woy Woy Library and Ettalong Post Office.

Written responses will be accepted until June 21 and should be sent to Steven Mitchelhill, Gosford Council, PO Box 21, Gosford 2250.

The final masterplan will be prepared following completion of the exhibition period and analysis of all responses.

Vicki Brown, May 19

Club gives back to community

Ettalong Beach Club gave \$626,000 to various nonprofit organisations, sporting and welfare groups last year.

Groups that have been helped on an on-going basis include volunteer fire brigades, ambulance services, schools and medical research.

The major recipients for the year were: the community success program for troubled youth received \$156,000.

Ettalong Primary School \$26,000 for computer equipment and Internet access, The Web youth centre \$14,376 and Umina Surf Lifesaving \$12,600 for equipment, training and community education.

Carl Spears, May 16



Patrons at the Ettalong Beach Club's recent open day

Survey to investigate F3 car parking options starts

A market research study will investigate the provision of car parking' for commuters at key interchanges along the F3 to help facilitate carpooling ..

The interchanges targeted, including the Kariong interchange, are currently used informally for car parking.

Surveys will be distributed to drivers and their passengers who currently use the informal car parking areas.

The aim of the survey is to investigate commuters' opinions on the car-pooling facilities.

Market researchers hope to identify the current travel characteristics and patterns of those currently parking at each site.

This information can then be used to effectively promote the use of each site to existing and potential

car-poolers; and to identify other parking sites for carpooling along the F3.

Market researchers also hope to discover the benefits and costs of developing car parking areas at each site.

There will be two surveys, the main one surveying those who currently car-pool and the second surveying other commuters.

The surveys will be done by Micromex Marketing.

Council road safety officers have already been involved in the initial stages of the project.

The survey can also be answered by telephone on 4352 2388 or via the website www.micromex.com.au

Surveys are to be completed and returned by May 26.

After the results are compiled, further investigation will be carried out to assess upgrade needs

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Features



Kevin Toohey's funeral attracted a police guard of honour

Obituary:

Kevin Toohey dies

Kevin Patrick Toohey of Victoria Road, Woy Woy, passed away suddenly at his home on Saturday, April 29, aged 69.

Kevin was born at Casino and was the third child and eldest son in a family of 10 children.

He was a committed family man devoted to his wife, three children, daughter-in-law and four grandchildren.

He was always an active member of the Catholic Church and an energetic associate of various St Vincent de Paul groups.

Kevin was a renowned walker and many on his route will remember him for his open and friendly manner.

As a member of the Woy Woy Bowling Club, Kevin and his wife were instrumental in the running of the "Kneelers and Grippers" charity day conducted at the local bowling club each year.

The proceeds are divided between the St Vincent de Paul Society's St Jukes hostel for

homeless men and various charities of the Masonic Lodge, Kevin Toohey retired as a senior sergeant of the NSW police service in 1988 having served in excess of 31 years.

During his country service, he was attached to Aberdeen, Muswellbrook and Denman before returning to Sydney where he served in the Bankstown area prior to his retirement.



Kevin Toohey and his wife of 46 years, Patricia

He and Patricia remained in Sydney until taking up residence at Woy Woy four and a half years ago.

On Wednesday, May 3, a large number of people overflowed the Woy Woy Catholic Church to farewell Kevin.

The eulogy by long-time friend Brian Bible was moving and memorable.

The guard of honour formed by local uniform police officers was impressive, and was an acknowledgement of the many years' service Kevin gave to policing the various communities which he served.

Kevin is survived by his wife, of 46 years, Patricia, son Michael, who is a police inspector at Tumut, and daughters Colleen and Lynette both of Sydney.

New works director tours

Councillor Lynne Bockholt and community stalwart, Heather Mackenzie from the South Woy Woy Progress Association, met with Council's new director of works, Mr Stephen Glen, to discuss current and future works on the Peninsula, and were impressed with his receptiveness to their concerns.

Cr Bockholt said she hoped the changing of the guard would instill better service to ratepayers.

Following are some observations of the meeting from CrBockholt.

Cr Bockholt said that Brisbane Water Drive got worse the closer you got to the Peninsula.

"From Koolewong, it's a goat track," she said.

"I believe the community would like the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) to address this properly and not in the piecemeal fashion we usually get." She noted that Avoca Drive had the same number of cars as Brisbane Water Drive, but had had much more spent on it.

She also commented about WoyWoy Rd.

"Heather and I were most concerned that there had been nothing done for 18 months in seeking funds for the tunnel under the railway line at Bull's Hill.

"Within a week, I was delighted to learn that as a result of our meeting with the director of works,



Cr Lynne Bockholt

a survey was undertaken as preparation for getting designs started.

"Council needs to get this process started if it's serious about seeking funds." Cr Bockholt said the roadside area between the level crossing and the abattoirs was constantly overgrown and as one of the main entrances to the Peninsula, should be maintained regularly.

"We also discussed plans by the local community to beautify the section from the underpass to the abattoirs.

"This is now, with Council help, in the planning stage." Cr Bockholt said she had helped secure \$12,000 to clean the Woy Woy tidal pool and \$18,000 to replace the fence.

"This work would provide a lovely addition for children who use the successful Pelican Park and would be good for families in the summer months.

"It's filthy at the moment, yet generations of Peninsula kids have

swum there for years." Cr Bockholt said the Ocean Beach surf club needed replacement because it was not big enough and needed massive amounts of money spent on maintenance and upgrades.

"There is no money at present, but the Beach Safety Liaison Committee is discussing ways of financing replacement," she said.

"The nearby WC Lloyd Park is a disgrace.

"There was a broken bouncy toy which is dangerous and the grass is full of prickles." "Some of the roundabouts and crossings are full of rubbish and weeds and have never been attended to," said Cr Bockholt.

"It makes ratepayers wonder what they pay rates for - me included." Cr Bockholt said she had some concerns over the way trees were knocked down to allow units and flats to be constructed.

"Mr Glen has agreed to look at Wyong's tree management plan and see if Gosford can benefit by adopting similar aspects," she said.

"I found Mr Glen to be very receptive to our concerns and since our inspections, I have had good feedback on what he is doing.

"He seems to understand the need to offer good customer service to ratepayers.

"I will be watching with interest to see if he can instil the same values in his department, which in the past have been anything but customer focussed."

Carl Spears, April 28



ARC carer, Ms Tracy Hirst and her children Mason and Amy-Lee, get to know a new guest (l), while David attends to 10' Monty outside in the back yard

Snakes in couple's backyard

Woy Woy couple, Tracy Hirst and David Hall, are acting head carers for Wildlife Animal Rescue and Care (ARC), a group that relocates and attends to sick native animals.

Currently, they have five blue tongue lizards, a jacky dragon (lizard), a shingleback lizard, a tiny newly-hatched long-neck turtle, a 10 foot diamond python and a red-bellied black snake in their backyard shed.

Tracy is head carer for amphibians and David for reptiles.

ARC also has carers who look after marsupials, macropods (large footed animals, such as kangaroos), flying foxes,

monotremes and even stingrays.

ARC attempts to nurse the animals back to health and then to return them to their original home.

Some animals cannot be released unless the area they came from is known.

Some of these are used in educational visits to schools.

Tracy became involved with ARC about five years ago.

"My dog attacked a blue tongue lizard in my backyard, which made me feel very bad," she said.

"I rang the ARC line and an old friend answered the telephone.

"Now I couldn't picture myself not being around reptiles.

"Some animals take a year to recover, but there's nothing more

satisfying than getting them to the release stage.

ARC has been going for 12 years and exists only on the Central Coast.

The group currently has about 140 members.

David said ARC was always looking for more involvement from the community and the group holds regular open days on how to handle, treat and care for animals.

The open days are free and attract between 30 and 60 people.

ARC has a 24-hour telephone number, 0500551 121.

It may be used for animal rescues as well as general inquiries.

Carl Spears, April 20

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Peninsula gets own precinct plan

The Woy Woy Peninsula is to have its own "precinct level" strategic plan by June next year, designed to reflect the unique character of the locality.

The plan is part of Gosford Council's "urban design framework", which would attempt "to improve the look and livability" of localities within Gosford.

"Being a strategic planning document, it would focus on the broad scale and the long term, setting an overall context from which more detailed and localised guidelines, studies, plans and projects can be co-ordinated," council planners told a recent Council meeting.

"After completion of the urban design framework, council would have available to it a set of strategic plans which would provide objectives for how the urban built environment of the precincts of the City could be improved.

"These objectives could be developed into more specific controls relating, for example, to building design, building materials, aspects of land use, street tree provision, physical access,

drainage system design and other aspects that determine the physical appearance of an area." Council staff said three steps would be involved in preparing the framework.

The first was to determine how the State Government's planning strategy "Shaping the Central Coast" and the Council's Residential Strategy would affect the future land use within a precinct.

The second was to determine "what constitutes the character or look of an area".

"For each locality, an objective detailed character description will be prepared which identifies how the inter-relationship of the elements listed create the feel of an area.

"This description will identify the most important of these elements and in particular, how previous and current building controls and works undertaken by public authorities have influenced the character of the locality." The third step would be to review "various social and economic changes" and to assess what development changes are likely in the future.

Recommendations would then

"be made to Council and the community regarding what actions

may be appropriate to retain or improve the character of a locality".

Council officers conceded that "little strategic planning has occurred relating to the appearance of the built or urban environment and, in particular, how the built environment can be improved so that it does not detract from the quality of the rural and natural environments".

They said this had occurred because "for over three decades, the State Government has identified Gosford and the Central Coast as an urban growth area to cater for Sydney's burgeoning population.

"Council's limited resources during this period have mainly been concerned with providing basic infrastructure to meet the needs of the growing population.

"Greater attention needs to be given to the strategic planning of the built environment to enhance the existing strengths of the area, which allows the area to remain competitive and continue to attract investment."

Mark Snell, May 17



The intersection of Maitland Bay Drive and Picnic Parade, Ettalong

Maitland Bay Drive roadwork welcomed

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has welcomed the commencement of work on the Maitland Bay Drive Picnic Parade intersection.

The construction is jointly funded by the State and Federal Governments and undertaken by Gosford Council.

"While the Chamber welcomes the start on the intersection, we are disappointed with the final intersection design configuration," said chamber president Matthew Wales.

"The intersection is being constructed using a 'seagull' format with slip lanes and storage lanes rather than a roundabout.

"The Chamber is of the opinion that the seagull intersection will quickly prove inadequate with the progressive increase in traffic that we have been experiencing with Maitland Bay Drive.

"We all know how difficult and dangerous it is to get out of this intersection.

"The seagull configuration may provide some short term relief but the Chamber believes that a

roundabout should have been built first up.

"Even Gosford Council concedes that a roundabout will ultimately be needed.

"The Chamber has made repeated representations to Council to have the design upgraded.

"However, the decision seems to have more to do with the cost of the intersection rather than the ultimate requirements." Mr Wales said that \$100,000 had come from the State Government and a further \$100,000 from the Federal Government.

"Gosford Council is obviously strapped for funds at the moment which may have limited the design options.

"Council has stated that the seagull intersection layout has been designed so that a roundabout can be accommodated in the future.

"The Chamber's position is that we should be building the roundabout now rather than suffer further disruptions in 12 months time when the roundabout becomes inoperative"

\$2.7 million to be spent on Peninsula

The Peninsula is likely to receive about \$2.7 million, or about one sixth of Gosford Council's \$17.2 million capital works budget next financial year.

The April 2000 draft of the capital works program, which covers financial years from 2000/01 to 2002/03, was released with the Council's draft city management plan.

Just two projects on the Peninsula account for \$1 million.

"Umina Regional Park" will cost \$500,000 this next financial year.

A further \$100,000 will be spent the following year. The money comes from "section 94" contributions.

A roundabout will be built at the Ocean Beach-Dunbar Rd intersection at a cost of \$500,000 next financial year.

A total of \$450,000 will be spent on Dunbar Rd itself over the following two years.

Work on Osborne Av will also amount to \$200,000, while Brisbane Av will receive \$230,000 from Federal Local Roads funding. Another \$200,000 will be spent in South St and \$80,000 in Melbourne Av.

Burrawang St and Onslow Av will be sealed at a cost of \$105,000.

Developer contributions under a "section 94" plan will fund Woy Woy Peninsula trunk drainage costing a total of \$215,300 over the next two years.

Drainage levies will cover \$130,000 of drainage work on the Peninsula next year.

The money will be spent on acquisition in Gamet and Diamond Rds, Pearl Beach (\$45,000), and for stage two of the Veron and Dulkara Rds drainage, Umina (\$50,000), as well as for channel works in Cowper Rd, Umina (\$35,000).

Construction of stage two of the Veron and Dulkara Rds drainage,

as well as drainage of the Patonga area, is scheduled for future years.

More than \$530,000 will be spent on flood mitigation in Middle Creek, Pearl Beach, over the next three years.

Of this, \$150,000 will be spent in 2000/01.

The Department of Lands and Water Conservation will fund two-thirds of the total project cost.

Woy Woy tip will receive \$35,000 for amenities and a water tank and \$100,000 for capping from the Waste Fund Reserve.

Stage three implementation of the council's Landfill Management Plan throughout the municipality will cost \$68,800.

The council is planning to spend \$95,000 per year over the next three years on its "urban design framework".

A good proportion of next year's allocation will be spent on the Peninsula.

Patonga Caravan Park's

amenities building will receive \$50,000 next financial year and a similar amount the following year.

Projects scheduled for future years include refurbishment of Woy Woy Library (\$43,000), Patonga area drainage (\$125,000), Patonga Fire Boat Shed renovation (\$15,000), work on Ryans Rd (\$150,000), Berith St (\$100,000) and Bapaume Av, Umina (\$60,000).

Work on Woy Woy Rd from "Camp Kariang to Staples Lookout" is not scheduled until the 2001/02 financial year, with the RT A and the Federal Local Roads program each contributing \$200,000.

A roundabout at the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and Railway St, costing \$300,000, is scheduled for 2002/03.

A cycleway from the Rip Bridge to Barrenjoey Rd costing \$600,000 has also been planned for future years.

Mark Snell, May 17

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News

Intersection work defended

Gosford Council manager of transport services, Mr Colin Gooley, has defended changes to the intersection of Blackwall Rd and Orange Grove Rd.

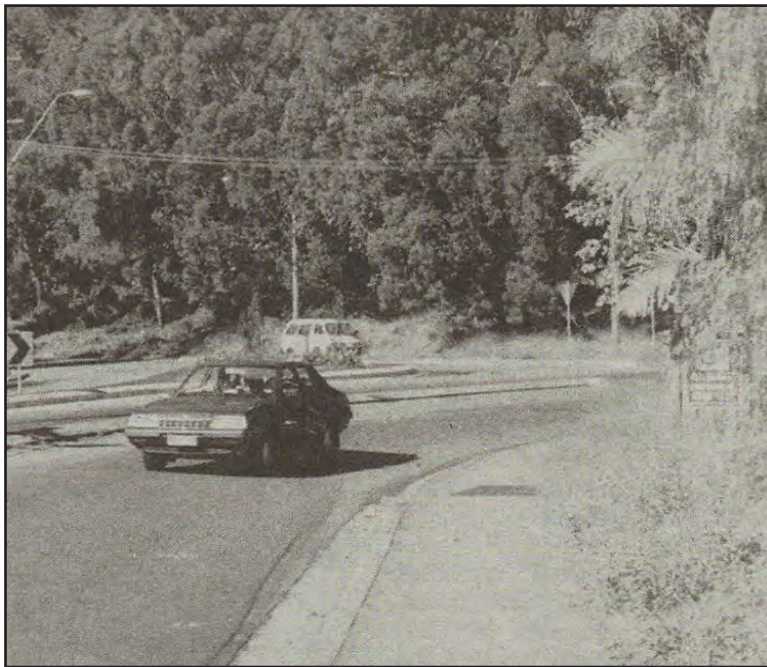
"Too many cars have been speeding around the left towards Orange Grove Road and with many concealed accesses on that bend there is greater potential for accidents," he said.

"The closure of the left fork will force vehicles to slow down to make the left hand turn.

"It will also keep motorists on the main road system through Blackwall onto Maitland Bay Road instead of taking shortcuts through residential areas.

"As a result of the changes we now have a much improved and safer intersection," he said.

Eileen Canas, May 1



Reasons given for roadwork at the corner of Blackwall Rd above

Workwise gets peppercorn rent

Gosford Council has agreed to renew the lease for Workwise in Fassifern St, Ettalong, for \$520 a year for the next five years.

Workwise is a non-profit organisation which provides a range of employment and training services.

Gosford Council financial

records will show the difference between the lease cost and its market value of \$7800 per year as a donation to the organisation.

Workwise in return is required to acknowledge Council's contribution in its promotional material.

Workwise aims "to support and encourage people to realise their

potential in their working lives and to enrich their communities".

Current programs include a mature workers program, numeracy and literacy programs, a Time Out program for year 7 and 8 students experiencing difficulties at school and Work for the Dole.

Carl Spears, May 16

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.

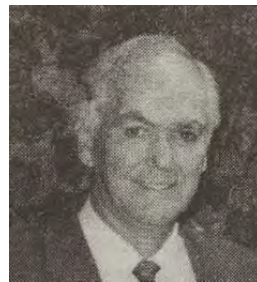
Residents placing bulk waste on the footpath more than 48 hours prior to the arranged day of service will be liable for a fine for obstructing the footpath.



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Confidential sessions

Until recently the confidential meeting of Council was held during the afternoon of the day of the normal open meeting of Council.

The confidential meeting is now held at 6pm, immediately preceding the open meeting.

There were two challenges to a proposal to hold part of the deliberations at the confidential meeting on May 9 on an application by Fast Ships to lease land on the Ettalong Foreshore.

The Ettalong Ratepayers' Association and the South Woy Woy Progress Association each claimed that discussion of this issue should not be closed to the public and that the decisionmaking process should be transparent.

Council, chaired by Cr Brooks, decided that even though no debate had taken place on this issue, Fast Ships would be able to address Council at the confidential meeting.

The Local Government Amendment (Meetings) Act 1998 specifies that discussion of an issue in confidential meetings can only occur in order to preserve confidentiality, privilege or security.

Furthermore, Council must specify the grounds for discussing an issue in a confidential meeting.

In particular, it must specify the relevant section of the Act, the matter to be discussed, and the reason why and how discussion of the issue in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

The public must be given sufficient information to understand why they have been excluded.

It was the opinion of several members of the public present that none of this information was provided.

The Chairman stated that the confidential session was being held at the request of Fast Ships.

Fast Ships' foreshore lease

Details of the Fast Ships' foreshore lease proposal appear elsewhere in this issue.

Discussion was not about whether to lease a section of the foreshore to Fast Ships.

It centred on whether the proposal, including a plan of the area to be leased, be put on

exhibition for public comments before a lease was granted, or whether the lease be granted and the public advised of the details through public exhibition.

Cr Bockholt argued that there had to be opportunities for public comment prior to a decision on the shape of the area to be leased and the lease being signed.

A motion was put to grant the lease, detailing its conditions.

There was to be a public exhibition period before the lease was signed.

The Vote: Cr Wales declared an interest and left the Chamber.

Crs Bell and Holstein were on leave.

For: Crs Brooks, Cook, Doyle, Penton, Sansom.

Against: Crs Bockholt, Preece

Pearl Beach and Patonga DCPs

Development Control Plans (DCPs) are sets of regulations governing development in a particular locality.

Draft DCPs are always placed on public exhibition and public comment invited.

It is in the interests of the community to have public examination of the draft DCPs before they are adopted.

DCPs are locality-specific and have an important impact on development in a locality for which a DCP has been developed.

A Draft DCP has been prepared for Patonga but there is disagreement between the Village Planning Committee and the Patonga Progress Association.

A revised version of the Draft DCP is currently being discussed.

Cr Bockholt said that the community should not have a DCP forced upon it.

There must be community ownership and there is a need for all to be involved in developing a DCP.

At Pearl Beach, the Progress Association commissioned private consultants to prepare a Plan of Management and a Draft DCP in 1989.

Council resolved to adopt it only as a guideline.

A new draft DCP commissioned by the Progress Association is currently being prepared.

Financial Strategy

Gosford Council has reported its "Financial Strategy" projects at concept planning and design stage: Woy Woy Branch Library - Conservation plan completed.

Peninsula Youth and Recreation Centre - Committee progressed concepts for development of sports hall.

Construction to commence in April 2001 for completion in October 2001.

Woy Woy Community Centre and Little Theatre - Awaiting approval of development application.

Construction to start November 2000 for completion August 2001.

Umina PCYC/SEC Site - Tenders for Stage 2 being assessed.

Construction expected to commence July 2000 for completion December 2000.

Cr Wales backs charity bin review

Councillor Debra Wales is backing a review by Gosford City Council of its charity clothing bin policy.

Recommendations to the next council meeting include the removal of all charity bins from Council's public reserves, road reserves and other Council-controlled property.

"I have been approached by numerous members of the community who have expressed considerable concern at the proliferation of charity bins in our parks, reserves and gateways to the CBDs.

"This is something that I have been concerned about for over 12 months," said Councillor Wales.

"I will be supporting the recommendations contained in the report.

"This office has been inundated with calls in recent months with complaints about the number of bins and the amount of household rubbish that is also being left behind.

"No-one objects to the bins being provided as they provide an important source of income for charity groups.

"However, the problem has been the number of bins that are being provided in anyone location with up to six bins on some of our most prominent reserves.

"These bin locations are now also being used as a drop-off point for other household items other than clothing which may not be used by the respective



Councillor Debra Wales

charities.

"In some cases they are also being used as an easy and convenient rubbish disposal point for household waste such as mattresses and old furniture.

"Unfortunately, the charity organisations do not have the resources to police the sites.

Therefore, the responsibility eventually comes back to Council.

Ultimately, the ratepayer bears the cost." Cr Wales said that the new policy would require all bins to be placed on private property such as church land, schools and service stations.

"This will ensure tighter controls on the servicing and maintenance of the bins.

"It will also free up our beautiful public reserves," said Cr Wales.

"It is unfortunate that the new policy was necessary as this was through no fault of the charities.

Through misuse by some sections of the community and inadequate policing, the result was inevitable."

Gazebo meet called after split vote

Councillor Geoff Preece will convene a public meeting over a proposed gazebo on the reserve at St Huberts Island.

Gosford Council received 13 submissions for and 13 submissions against the proposal.

Council officers had recommended the proposal's approval.

Some submissions raised concerns that the building and maintenance of the gazebo would be at ratepayers' expense and that the money could be better spent elsewhere.

Some said the gazebo would attract undesirable people to the locality, the nearby wetlands would be disturbed and that the majority of residents opposed the proposal.

Opponents said the gazebo would be an eyesore affecting the landscape quality of the park, that the Progress Association had not been democratic in its support for the proposal, and that there were also concerns about traffic.

Council officers answered the objections saying although maintenance would be at Council's expense, the gazebo would be of public benefit.

Officers said there was no evidence to suggest the gazebo would attract undesirable elements to the reserve.

They said the progress association was not the applicant and although showing support for the proposal, had not "unduly influenced or interfered with the assessment process" by Council officers.

Officers also refuted other objections. The reserve is on the waterside at Long Arm Parade and the gazebo will be built from Federal Government funds.

Carl Spears, May 10

Lloyd questions F3 management

Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, has questioned the efficiency of traffic management for the F3 following extensive delays last month.

"Like many local motorists who regularly use the F3, I am tired at the lack of accurate information from the newly installed electronic signage," he said.

"What motorists need is not general safety messages, but up to-date traffic and incident information.

"The signs are not providing the detailed and current information which I believe motorists expect.

"This was highlighted by a truck accident, where some one-and-a-

half hours after the accident the electronic signage at Kariang and along the freeway gave no indication of delays and, even when information was displayed, it read: 'Truck accident one kilometre south of Hawkesbury Bridge - one lane closed'.

"The message gave no indication that there were extensive delays extending for some eight to 10 kilometres and that a better alternative would have been to exit the F3 at the Mt White exit.

"It also needs to be asked why the emergency exit routes were not opened by the RTA during these delays to allow some traffic onto the old Pacific Hwy.

"I understand that there are

difficulties with the installation and integration of the F3 traffic management system with the Sydney RTA control room and I am concerned that on two separate occasions, appointments to inspect the control room by the F3 forum sub-committee have been cancelled at the last minute.

"I have written to NSW Roads Minister, Mr Carl Scully, expressing my concerns.

"The Federal Government provided \$10 million for the RTA to provide an efficient traffic management system.

"As far as I'm concerned, this system of electronic signage and video monitoring is of little value to motorists."

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Please come and see us anytime for free maps, ferry times, accommodation 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!

Fri 26 May

Woy Woy Civilian Widows meet at 1 pm Ettalong Senior Citizens Building. New members very welcome. Enquiries Gladys Murray (held last Friday of the month).

Sat 27 May

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.

Jubilee Cross Week - Final Mass - 10.00am Sacred Heart Church, Umina.

Thu 1 Jun

South Woy Woy Progress Association . meeting at Progress Hall, Way Woy Rd - 7pm.

Thu/Fri/Sat

1-3 Jun Ocean Beach Surf Club will host the Inshore Rescue Boat Championships. Enq David Unger 43239822.

Sat 3 Jun

Northern Eagles play Sydney Roosters at Graham Park 7.30pm kick off.

Footy ferry leaves 5pm and 6pm from Woy Woy Wharf.

National Malaysia Borneo Veterans Association meet at 2.30pm at Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club. Ph: 43421216.

Sat 10 Jun

Umina Garden Society meets 1.30-3.30pm (held 2nd Saturday each month).

Community Hall, Sydney Avenue, Umina.

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Tue 13 Jun

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters meet 7.30pm (every 2nd and 4th Tuesday).

Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club. Enquiries Jan 43 416842.

Wed 14 Jun

Woy Woy District View Club meet (every 2nd Wednesday of the month). Ph Nellie 43 445717.

Endeavour View Club (every 2nd Wednesday of month). 12th birthday celebrations. Ph Patricia 43 445043.

Tue 20 Jun

The Troubadour Folk Club 'Open Session' at Masonic Hall Woy Woy at 7.30pm.

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Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Market day held outside the Post office

bring yourself. All welcome. Cost \$3. Enquiries Frank 43 414060.

Wed 21 Jun

Endeavour View Club monthly meeting at Way Woy Leagues Club 10.30am. Enq Patricia 43 445043.

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DAILY EVENTS

Woy Woy Pelican Feeding at 3pm Pelican Park in front of Fishermans Wharf. Bring the camera.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Children's entertainment at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

Sundays from 11.30am - 3.30pm - Clowns, jumping castle, disco, cost \$2.00.

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Ettalong/Umina Lions Bingo 10.30-12.30pm (held every Monday) Ettalong War Memorial Club Entertainment Centre. Cash Prizes. All Welcome. Ph 43 421352.

Outreach Crisis Recovery Group meets from 7.30pm (held every Monday).

Rear Hall Anglican Church 151 Blackwall Road Woy Woy.

Addiction, dependency & crisis help. Enq Bill 43 86357.

Fairhaven Services Cash Housie 7.30pm (held every Monday). Umina Bowling Club.

All proceeds Intellectually Disabled Adult Services. Ph 43 253608.

Scrabble at Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd every Thursday at 12.30pm.

Social Bingo at Progress Hall, Way Woy Rd every Wednesday and Saturday at 12pm.

Joan Chippendale, May 19

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Umina home of best pies

The best beef, burgundy and mushroom pies in Australia have their home in Umina.

Bremen Patisserie has won Australia's highest accolade for a gourmet beef pie at the 2000 Gourmet Meat Pie Competition, held at Darling Harbour this month.

The winning recipe is only a recent addition to the patisserie's range, having started its life as a meal for visitors to the owner's home.

Ron Bruns' wife Helga told him that she thought the recipe was a gold medal winner.

So they recently added the pie to their shop's range and the award followed.

"We are all so excited," Mr Bruns said.

"We have been entering the major competitions since 1997 and have won many awards already for our pies, breads and cakes.

"But this award is the very best we could have hoped for." They also won two silver and two bronze medals in the competition in other

pie categories.

Overall they have won 21 major awards in four years.

Winning pies can be purchased at Bremen Patisserie exactly as presented to the judges, with one small amendment.

"The pies that we submitted for judging were subject to a weight restriction, so we had to limit the amount of filling in them.

"Our pies on sale have extra filling," Mr Bruns said.

Ron and Helga will celebrate the win with a party at the presentation of the award at their pat isserie on June 10.

Pies, sausage rolls; cakes, live music and clowns will be available for passers-by.

Ron and Helga have run their patisserie for just over 10 years after emigrating from Bremen in Germany.

The win is all the more remarkable considering pies are not generally sold in Germany.

Carl Spears, May 17





National Seniors Association Central Coast branch, Mr Ian Hewitt, presents a TV and VCR to Mrs Doreen Hoad, president of Meals on Wheels

Seniors give TV and VCR

Central Coast branch of the National Seniors Association has presented a television set and VCR to Woy Woy Meals on Wheels President Mrs Doreen Hoad.

The electronic equipment will be used to train staff and volunteers.

Branch president Mr Ian Hewitt announced the presentation.

The equipment was purchased using a donation of \$500 from the Central Coast branch NSA

members.

Money raised by the branch was put back-into the community with donations to charities and organisations caring for people over 50, the age that people are eligible to join NSA.

In the last few years, the Central Coast branch has donated almost \$4000 to such organisations.

There are more than 2000 members of the branch.

Start planting for Garden Competition

Judging for the Gosford City Garden Competition will take place in October this year and publicity officer, Mr Bert Hunter, would like Peninsula gardeners to get involved.

"I'm telling people now, because some plantings will need to take place now in time for the judging," he said.

Mr Hunter said the competition

aims to encourage the community, commercial enterprises and public associations to take pride in their city and enable people to enjoy gardening by doing so.

He said sponsors were still sought and recognition would be given.

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Carl Spears, May 9

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News

New Guides enrolled

Ettalong Guides have just held enrolments for Emily O'Nions, Rebecca Jamieson, and Gemma Scremin.

All three were in the younger Guide Unit, the Brownies.

Ettalong Guides' Support Group has held its annual meeting and the committee has remained the same, with president: Mr Graham Morrell, secretary Mrs Kim Lawther and treasurer Mrs Sue Richter.

An Easter competition was held with baskets of chocolate Easter eggs and rabbits as prizes.

The winners were C Koeff of Ettalong, J Goldsworthy a visitor from Queensland and P Seaman of Empire Bay.

Both Ettalong Guide units have been by train to Sydney to visit the Power House Museum.

They also marched in the Anzac Day march at Woy Woy.

This month, they are selling

Guide biscuits.

They will be looking for jobs to do for their Gold for Guides annual effort to support Guiding in NSW.

The units are also still collecting corks to recycle.

Ettalong units cater for girls from six and a half to 15 years of age.

The activities are designed to be fun and adventurous, to develop new skills and to provide opportunities to have friends from all over the world.

Women are also being sought as voluntary leaders.

No experience is needed.

All training is provided.

The Guides have been busy making items for a Mothers Day Stall held in May.

For further information, contact Ettalong District Leader Mrs Phyllis Thomas on 43412264 or Region Commissioner Kay Blomfield on 4324 1883.



Baptist Community Services' Lyn Cleasby and Nicole Schleicher receive a \$10,000 cheque from Jim Lloyd

GST discussed by satellite

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce is hosting a series of satellite broadcast breakfast seminars at the Everglades Country Club addressing the GST.

The "Getting Your Business Ready" Seminar Series is presented by business commentator David Koch and will involve a panel of business experts.

Two sessions have already been held.

Two sessions remain in the series: Cash flow on Tuesday, May 23, and Systems compliance on Thursday, June 1.

Breakfast is served from

6.30am until the broadcast begins at 7.30am.

The broadcast finishes at 8.50am.

Accountants Derek H.

Britton & Co are available at the close of the broadcast to answer questions which were not addressed by the panel.

Showbags containing practical information will be given to delegates at each seminar.

A description of each sessions, an application form and a questionnaire are available from the Chamber.

For further information, phone 43431775.

Baptist Community Services in the Clocktower building in Woy Woy has received \$10,000 from Federal Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, to establish 10 community care packages.

The grants are designed to help develop projects that provide practical support to the veteran and ex-service communities.

Manager of the home flexi-care section, Ms Lyn Cleasby, said Baptist Community Services tended to visit people in their own homes.

"It's better for us to see them in their environment and we help out in various ways, for example,

pro-viding disabled access to their homes," she said.

"Some have been living in their own homes for 60 or more years and it is important to maintain that as long as possible." Community support manager for the northern region, which stretches from Brooklyn to Newcastle, Ms Nicole Schleicher, said the support was welcome.

"We have 70 funded places and five unfunded places at the moment and have increased from 35 places only 18 months ago," she said.

The 10 new places will go to Department of Veterans' Affairs clients.

About 15 per cent of the current places are also Department of Veterans' Affairs clients.

Ms Rowan Pope from the Department of Veterans' Affairs gave thanks for the support of Baptist Community Services "Some people are not aware of what services are available to them," she said.

"In fact, we are still contacting World War II veterans for the first time." Mr Jim Lloyd said the presentation of the cheque allowed him to "touch base" with community workers.

The local area was in desperate need of aged care facilities, he said.

"The aged prefer to maintain their independence and stay in their homes," he said.

"This often means small changes to their homes." Some of the assistance provided by Baptist Community Services through their flexi-care service was personal care, housework, transport, meals, shopping, light gardening, social activities and chaplaincy.

Anyone who has been assessed by the Government's aged care assessment team was eligible to apply for a place.

For more information on the services provided, telephone 43422155.

Carl Spears, May 16

Woy Woy Rotary award given

The Woy Woy Rotary Club has given the Pride of Workmanship Award to a Umina resident and pharmacy worker for providing the highest standard of home health care, especially to aged persons.

The Pride of Workmanship Award recognises individuals in the community who have achieved exceptional standards of excellence in their work or who have contributed something extra to their community through their work.

Woy Woy Rotary honoured Judith Hunt, who works for the club's president, Ross Pearce, in his Umina pharmacy.

Mr Pearce gave a glowing recommendation to the club when nominating Judith for her award.

"Judith has developed a relationship with the customers of the pharmacy that goes far beyond the expectations of her employment.

"Her quiet and unassuming manner has won her many friends and the admiration of her fellow workers.

"Home health care is an important area of pharmacy as our population ages." Judy has taken on home health care as her priority and as a result has established a large clientele.

"Her knowledge of the products, and her compassion towards older people has ensured the success of this area," said Mr Pearce.

"Without the dedication and drive of Judy, home health care would not have been viable.

"Throughout the many changes that have taken place not only at Umina Mall, but in pharmacy generally, Judy has adapted without fuss." He said that she had accepted responsibility without fuss and had performed above expectation.

In May this year, the club had honoured Dion Richardson for his work in The Web community service for young people.

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Di Swinnerion and daughters, Tamara Newman(l) and Kylie Bishop(r)

Business moves premises

Combined Business Services is moving to their new, home-based, fully-equipped office at 24 Rawson Rd Woy Woy, on May 30.

Combined Business Services has been operating on the Peninsula for over six years

and is run by Di Swinnerion and daughters, Tamara Newman and Kylie Bishop.

Combined Business Services is a locally owned and run family business offering bookkeeping and secretarial services to other businesses and individuals on the Peninsula.

Stories of after-hours drinking.

Illegal gambling nights and police corruption have been unearthed by the authors of a new history of the Woy Woy Rotary Club.

Woy Woy Rotary turns 50 this year in July and the Club plans an exciting anecdotal history.

This will give a human face to Rotary and the Woy Woy Club, according to the authors, academic Annona Pearse and Rotarian Walter Pearson.

"The club held illegal two-up nights to raise money for charity, so the local police turned a blind eye," Annona Pearse says.

"Early pub closing at 6pm created problems for club

members wanting to have a bit of Rotary fellowship after a meeting, so they ended up drinking out the back of the pub after hours.

"Again the police didn't seem to mind.

According to our sources, they were out the back having a drink themselves.

"Walter Pearson said stories like this add a new dimension to people's understanding of how much the community has been shaped by Woy Woy Rotary, and how the club and its members had changed to meet the community's needs.

Woy Woy Rotary built the Staples and Mt Ettamalong Lookouts.

"Without this club, the Peninsula

would be a different place," Walter said.

Woy Woy Rotary built the Ocean Beach Surf Club, the Umina Girl Guides Hall and a local boat ramp, "all important contributions to the quality of life and the community here".

"Anybody with any interest in the District will find what we have unearthed quite revealing about the community, its politics and its development," Annona said.

The history is a coffee table book complete with a host of historical photographs and hilarious stories of early days on the Peninsula.

It will be on sale for \$20 from July 24, when it will be released at the club's 50th Anniversary Changeover Dinner.

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News and Features

Nominations open for local Business awards

The nomination process has started this week for the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Business Awards 2000.

Nomination forms are being distributed to all businesses on the Peninsula in the start-up for the prestigious awards.

"Shoppers can nominate any business on the Peninsula by simply filling in the nomination form and returning it to the place of business," said Peninsula Mainstreet Co-ordinator Cr Debra Wales.

Alternatively, the nomination form can be posted to the Mainstreet office.

A business can also be nominated by phoning the Mainstreet office and registering the business name.

"Once a business has been nominated, an assessment form will be forwarded to that business to be completed and returned before June 30 for a judging panel to assess the nomination," said CrWales.

"In addition, there are 'phantom' shoppers who are looking for finalists for the Excellence in Service Award.

"They will be looking for courtesy, attitude, grooming, product knowledge and overall service.

"All nomination forms will go into a barrel on the gala presentation night and a winner will be drawn for the weekend away for two staying

at Darling Harbour courtesy of Tony Arico Traveland, Deepwater Plaza.

"The winners of each category and the winner of the Business of the Year Award will be announced at the Gala Awards Night on Friday, July 21, at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

"This is a spectacular night with dining, dancing and entertainment." Tickets are \$55 per head and bookings can be made by phoning 4342 7510.

Cr Wales said that this event was a great opportunity for the Peninsula business community to showcase their businesses and products to both the Peninsula and the Central Coast.

"This is also a great way for the local community to support the business community on the Peninsula".

"Last year at the gala presentation dinner, the Business of the Year award was presented to Bob and Jill Gow from The Bedman of Umina Beach to a huge audience of 320 people.

"This year the competition will be tough.

"There are many businesses who have made considerable improvements and also a number of new businesses who have opened over the past 12 months.

"This is one of the Chamber's big events for the year and we encourage everyone to participate by placing nominations and booking early for the gala event."



Way Woy Library - Part of the \$70 million financial strategy

Quarterly progress report on Financial Strategy released

Council's general manager, Mr Peter Wilson, has released his latest quarterly progress report on financial strategy projects.

Woy Woy Branch Library (\$710,000) - The time frame for the project is pending the completion of conservation plans and input from the building committee and the community.

Peninsula Youth and Recreation Centre (\$1.5 million) - Construction due to finish in October next year.

Plans have been drawn and a committee is focussing on the development of the sports hall.

Woy Woy Community Centre and Little Theatre (\$3.25 million) -

Budget was revised in October.

Construction to start in November and finish in August next year.

Council is currently waiting for the approval of the development application.

Woy Woy Central Business District (CBD) (\$1.5 million) - Construction, except for the boardwalk along the waterfront, due to be finished in December.

Uminia CBD (\$1.5 million) - due to be completed by February.

Ettalong CBD (\$1.124 million) - Traffic circulation study to be placed on exhibition for two months.

Carl Spears, May 10

Family put in for Rotary

Celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the Woy Woy Rotary Club have become a real family affair for Jenny and Charles Brock of St Huberts Island.

Charles, a past president of the club, and his wife Jenny have used their considerable skills to create a permanent record for the club's 50th year.

Jenny's hobby is sewing and she has created a wonderful patchwork quilt two metres square to be signed by past and present club members.

It will be an ongoing reminder of the large number of local people who have given up time for Rotary.

"It's been a huge task," Jenny said from her extensive sewing area in the family home, "but given the huge contribution Rotary has made over the past 50 years, it seems a very small project indeed."

Charles is the family handyman and has built six metal and timber panels on which are collected all the Rotary banners the Club has obtained from other Clubs around Australia and in other parts of the world, over the past 50 years.

"Rotary is more than just a local community organisation," Charles said.

"It's also an important international organisation.

"It is unique in that it does not



Jenny Brock works away on the Rotary patchwork quilt, which is part of their 50th birthday celebrations

recognise national boundaries and considers all Rotarians as part of the family of the world.

"Over the past decades, Rotary has been active in helping eradicate polio around the world and in bringing much needed medical help to poor children and their parents from many countries," Charles said.

"Recently, our club provided funds for special play.

programs for disabled children in an orphanage in Saigon, Vietnam : "Those funds have improved those kids' quality of life; improved their confidence and given them hope for a better future," Charles said.

Woy Woy Rotary will celebrate its 50th anniversary at a gala night to be held at Lynton Gardens, Somersby, on June 24.

Peninsula petitions roll in to Council

Council has received six petitions With a total of 409 signatures on matters pertaining to the Peninsula.

Concerns have been voiced by 142 residents - from Patonga Beach over a proposal for a tavern.

The petitioners said that they objected to the proposal as they believed there was a lack of parking in the area, inadequate public transport, and a lack of drivethrough facilities.

They also said that the tavern did not provide accommodation on site, and that dual occupancy would be created in contradiction to planning for Patonga village.

The petitioners urged council to relocate the tavern to a better and safer location.

A total of 106 residents of Flounder Road, Ettalong, said they were disturbed and worried about the hazardous and neglected condition of their road, which they stated was too narrow for two cars to pass each other safely.

The residents said they were forced to walk on the road which was a patchwork of potholes and broken pieces due to the lack of footpaths and proper gutters.

The petitioners requested that

the upgrading of Flounder Road be done before a serious accident occurred.

The Hobart Ave, Perth St and Mt Ettalong Rd intersections at Umina Beach were in need of alterations, according to 57 near by Umina residents who sought to reduce accidents and traffic noise in the area.

The residents requested that a roundabout be installed at the intersections of Perth St and Hobart Ave, and that "No right turn" and "No left turn" signs be installed in the appropriate places for safety reasons.

The petitioners also requested that the road surface on the corner of Hobart Ave and Mt Ettalong Rd be regressed and resurfaced to allow sufficient water run-off and to prevent water pooling on the road surface.

Bus commuters in the streets surrounding Nambucca Drive, Woy Way, submitted a petition with 51 Signatures requesting the provision of a bus shelter in Nambucca Drive.

Petitioners stated that school children and the elderly had no alternative but to wait for a bus in

all types of weather, heavy rain and the heat of summer.

Council was petitioned by 47 members of the Combined Pension and Superannuants Association of NSW Inc. requesting that Council retain the raised pedestrian crossings in West St and adjoining streets in Umina.

This was in response to the reported approach to Council by the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce to demolish these raised crossings.

Six residents from Peridon Village, Daley's Point, have signed a petition about accumulated rubbish from building alterations that have been in process at the nearby kindergarten 'for the past two years.

The petitioners stated that, apart from being an eyesore, this rubbish is believed to house vermin detrimental to the health of those attending the adjacent shopping complex as well as the residents of Peridon Village, Daley's Point.

As a result, the petitioners requested Council to remove the excess rubbish from the premises.

Amanda Jackson, May 9.

New Job Network service starts in Ettalong

A new employment service has started in Ettalong seeking to match employees and employers.

IPC Employment, which has 41 offices in NSW, offers free

advertising, free job matching, free placement and free on-going support for both employer and employee as part of the Federal Government's Job Network.

Consultant Ms Cathy Chandler

says employing the right person for a job can be time-consuming for employers.

"My aim is to ensure that every client who needs staff has suitable applicants to fill the vacancy."

Carl Spears, April 20

Health Smartcard launched

Revolutionary Smartcard technology is soon to be launched at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital for the first time in an Australian hospital setting.

This pilot project is funded by a Commonwealth grant and will run for a period of six months.

The patient-centred technology has "potential to save the health system millions of dollars," commented chief executive officer Mr Graham McGuinness.

This will allow better patient management through greater data security, privacy and portability, providing timely patient data to numerous health care

professionals.

"There is great potential for cost savings by reducing double ordering of pathology and imaging investigations as well as minimising prescribing errors," said.

Dr Keith Evershed, chairman of the Central Coast Division of General Practitioners.

The project will see the issue of up to 3000 smart cards containing patient administrative and medical history details.

The card is the size of a credit card and contains a computer chip.

The patients selected to participate are cardiac patients from the chest pain emergency service at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital.

Each voluntary participant will receive their own card containing their medical history.

On visiting their doctor, the card will be swiped in a similar manner to a bank keycard and their medical history will be immediately accessible to either the general practitioner, cardiologist or the hospital.

The pilot will serve as an Australian demonstration of technology already being used successfully in France and Germany.

"This could be the most exciting development to impact upon the Australian Health Industry," added Mr McGuinness.

Karen Booth, May 17



Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, presents a \$35,000 cheque to the Complete Care team based in Woy Woy

Youth feel 'part of' the Web

Coordinator of the Web Youth Service, Mr Dion Richardson, has released statistics which he says show that youth 'feel a part of' the Web and respect it.

The Web operated over 37 weeks at the Peninsula Community Centre in the last 12 months.

In that time, 4440 youth attended the service on Friday nights, and Saturday night attendance was 3870 youth.

In the 20 months of Friday and Saturday operation, there was an average of 120 youth turning up on Friday, and Saturday's average was 80 youth, he said.

"We hold a dance party every third Friday of the month; with an average attendance of 400 youth.

"As you can see by the numbers, it is well supported by youth in our area." "We have a database of over 1100 individual youth that use the service," Mr Richardson said.

He said statistics had also been recorded on violence, alcohol and pot-affected, assistance asked for, assistance given, and unacceptable behaviour of youth.

The youth workers monitored attendees and all incidents were noted in a daybook.

A statistical breakdown showed that on average, "we address six unacceptable behaviours per night".

Alcohol- or pot-affected youth was down to two per night, compared to 17 per night in 1996.

Youth asking for assistance averaged three per night and 95% received assistance.

Mr Richardson said there are very few issues for so many youth in one place.

"This just reinforces for me that young people need places to go and they will respect what they feel a part of." He thanked the community for support, especially Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, Woy Woy Leagues Club, the Peninsula Community Forum, and Gosford Council.

He said: "The Youth Activities Project was funded as a pilot project even though it had opened on Friday nights since April 1995.

"Initially DOCS funded the service for a worker to provide outreach referral and support and advocacy.

"It didn't take long to find out that the youth wanted a place to go

where they could access referral, support and advocacy.

"Even more though, they wanted a place to hang with things to do, socialise in a safe environment, a place they could have some ownership and be accepted in our community.

"The problem was there were too many young people turning up for one worker.

"Today we have a Youth Service that provides support, referral and advocacy Tuesday to Thursday as well as the Youth Activities Project on Friday and Saturday nights.

"This project employs myself and two other youth workers and a security guard.

"The project is, in my eyes, a crime prevention model.

"The model was given a stamp of approval by Dr Fred Mathews.

"I met Dr Mathews at the First International Youth Models Conference in mid-April.

"He is a community psychologist based in Toronto, Canada, who has researched youth in communities over the past 40 years, written books and articles on crime prevention, violence and lots more.

"He was very impressed with our model and was keen to keep in contact with me.

"It's great to know that what you do has worth!" Mr Richardson said dance parties attracted youth from out of the area as well as local youth.

"Attendance by Police Youth liaison Officer Snr Constable Brad Leonard, Web and local volunteers has kept issues to a minimum," he said.

"The Area Health Service's Sexual Health Outreach Clinic called Teen-Arena is a mainstream service that comes to the Web every second Friday night.

"It is a confidential user-friendly service that provides education and consultation on health issues.

"In the last 12 months, 288 youth used this service, which is the highest number of youth ever reached by this type of service.

"Since February 2000, the Area Health Service has provided a Drug and Alcohol Counsellor to the Web every second Friday night to provide information, education and attempt to break down barriers between counsellors and young people.

"There are 20 youth on average asking for O & A information, education or referral per night.

"The counsellor also introduces some innovative programs to minimise O & A usage." Mr Richardson said Peninsula youth had a service other youth have not.

"I have found no services that open on Saturday night.

"The 10 others that open on Fridays are different in some aspects."

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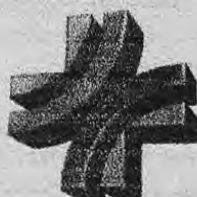
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Complete Care receives funds

Peninsula-based community aged care provider, Complete Care, received \$35,000 in funding from the Department of Veteran's Affairs earlier this month.

Presented by local Member Jim Lloyd, the money will be used to purchase computer and communications equipment and a vehicle to enhance the already high quality of care the service provides for its clients.

The service is designed to assist elderly residents to remain living independently in their own homes, and currently has 65 clients.

According to manager Vicki Shields: "The Central Coast has a very high percentage of aging reSidents, many of whom are war veterans.

"This funding from the department is a significant contribution to our administrative costs.

"It will enable Complete Care to deliver a more efficient and personalised level of care to meet our clients' diverse needs.

"We are extremely grateful to Veteran's Affairs for making the funds available."

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History and Celebration

Umina parents to have a say in school restructuring

Umina High School's Parents and Citizens Association has formed a working committee to represent parents' views on the restructure of local schools.

Committee spokesman Mr Geoff Crocker said the model of large regional senior high schools, promoted by the Education Department, presented both opportunities and threats to the school.

He said the restructure provided opportunities for parents to have their say.

"We are told that all options are to be considered," he said.

"Now is the time to consider how education could be better delivered to our children and those who are to come in the future.

"We need to come up with suggestions that will work, not only for Umina High, but also for the Central Coast generally." He ask parents to become informed, to attend meetings and to contact

their parent representatives if they have ideas on how Umina could work co-operatively with other high schools "to improve the educational and social outcomes for our children".

Mr Crocker said parents faced the threat of their children having to travel long distances to attend a senior college for the last two years of schooling.

"If we just reject the model and hope to keep the school as it is, we could find that the school is starved of the brighter motivated students as they migrate to the well-resourced senior colleges," he said.

"As parents, we are not against change, but there must be a reasoned explanation and expectation of how change will solve the current small problems of the school.

"Our fear is that the change will make the situation worse." Contacts for the committee are Geoff Crocker 4341 4205 and Bruce Graf 4341 7369.

Umina High wins bowls semi final

The Umina High School bowls team has won the final of the metropolitan north zone of the NSW Combined High Schools Lawn Bowls Knockout Competition.

The match was played at Umina Beach Bowling Club .

against Asquith High School. The match was a triples game and scores were tied at 20 all after 20 ends.

On the last end, Umina scored one shot to win the match.

Umina will now travel to Albury to compete for the State title.

The Umina team is: Darren Morrison, Sharon Harper and Kristy Harper.

The Umina Beach Bowling Club will assist with the accommodation costs associated with Umina High School's attempt to win the state title at Albury.

Woy Woy to welcome Mexico

Four Schools on the central coast successfully applied to be part of the Olympic Welcome program.

Woy Woy PS is one of them. They have been allocated Mexico.

Thirty of their children from years 3-6 will go to the athletes village to sing a "Welcome" song and all children will have a chance to contribute to "Welcome" banners to hang in the Mexican athletes' quarters.

Children are encouraged to start warming up their vocal chords for try outs and to find out about Mexico for some banner ideas.

Model trains help raise funds

Woy Woy High's model train exhibition held earlier this month was a success, raising much needed funds for the school.

Principal, Ms Carolyn Carter, said the good weather on both days helped bump up the numbers of model train enthusiasts and families with children attending the event.

"A very big thank you to Mrs Joyce Bradney, who was very generous with her time and effort," Mrs Carter said.

"Thanks also to our P&C who attended to the door and the canteen."

Millenium path project

Empire Bay Public School is encouraging everyone to help design a paver for the school's millennium path.

The children have all seen a sample of the paver and it has been left up to them to create their design.

The sample paver is available for viewing at the school office.

Additionally, the school is collecting items for a time capsule which staff will bury after the laying of the path.

"It is an exciting venture for all of us as we enter the new century.

"We hope everyone will join in making a little piece of school history, so in 25 years we can open our capsule and reflect on our life, our school and its changes," said school prinCipal Mr Gordon Fraser

Once payment has been made, an instruction sheet for design work will be supplied.

The original design will be sent away and duplicated

Disadvantaged schools program survey

Parents of Woy Woy Public School students in Kindergarten", Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3, will receive a survey form on Wednesday May 24,.

The survey will be used to determine if the school will continue on the disadvantaged schools program (DSP) for the next three years.

Woy Woy Public School presently receives additional funding through this program which has been used to provide the resources and learning programs for all students, parents and teachers.

Inclusion in this program is determined by the socioeconomic status of the students who attend the school.

Survey organisers ensure that as many parents as possible receive the survey, complete the form and return it to school by the required date.

All information provided by the parents for the survey is confidential and remains anonymous.

A note containing information about 'the program and what parents are required to do will be sent home with the survey.

Special meetings will be held to assist parents in completing the survey.

Mothers' Day success at Empire Bay

Empire Bay Public School principal Mr Gordon Fraser has praised the school's Mothers Day stall as "a fantastic success".

"The students gained enormous satisfaction from being able to purchase an item for their mum," he said.

"I would like to again extend my thanks to those parents who made time to undertake the necessary preparation and then to be at the school on the day to run the stall.

He also thanked the parents who made significant donations of

items to the stall.

"These helped provide a wide choice of items for the students to choose from." The Mothers Day raffle was drawn on May 11 at the Mothers Day stall.

Winners were: Mrs. R Johnstone, Chris Turner, L Underwood and Mrs. Corby The school also had a children's Mother's Day raffle.

This special raffle was also drawn at the Mother's Day Stall.

Winners were Brooke Egan 3H, Thomas Pope 3M and Iac Dawes 6B.

Aboriginal student support at Umina

The Aboriginal Student Support and Parent Awareness Program (ASSPA) has held its first two meetings for the year at Umina High.

The lunch meetings allowed those attending to talk through the aims and activities of the program within the school.

The meetings were also an opportunity for the Koori and Islander parents and students to get to know each other.

Several ASSPA students have had significant sporting achievements this year.

Year 7 student Mitchell Markham was the age champion

at the school swimming carnival in February.

Additionally, three boys participated in the Central Coast T en-aSide Rugby Tournament in March.

They were Cameron Dixon and Aaron Gorrel of Year 11 and Robbie Smith of Year 10.

Robbie was a member of the Year 10 team which won the tournament and is now the Central Coast Rugby Champion, set to play in the State final in Sydney this term.

Sarah Hardcastle of Year 8 attended an Aboriginal all-girls education and motivation seminar at Jamberoo Valley Lodge.

Kylie Cassidy, April 26

Crossing dangerous

Woy Woy Public School student James Luke, representing the student parliament, has expressed concern at the fact that students and parents are still using the old pedestrian crossing on Park Rd.

The new Park Rd crossing is outside the school office and should be used by parents and children before and after school.

This view was supported

by school principal, Mr Warrick Hannon, who said "We understand that parking is extremely difficult around 8:45am and 3pm.

However, some parents park dangerously in no-stopping zones in and around the pedestrian crossing.

"In addition to double parking and driving into the school car park and driveway, this makes for a very unsafe situation for our students," he said

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Teachers' ban lifted

Woy Woy High School principal, Ms Carolyn Carter, said the 'Teachers' Federation had dropped a plan to impose bans on teachers participating in nonclassroom activities.

The bans were lifted as a result of the 'Industrial Commission placing orders against the bans and imposing a fine for each day they remained in place.

"This means that all of those things that teachers do out of goodwill, such as coaching sporting teams, arranging discos and excursions will continue for the time being," Ms Carter said.

Carl Spears, May 15



Little interest shown in, restructuring

Only 65 people from seven local primary schools attended the Schools Restructuring Forum held at Woy Woy High School recently, despite extensive promotion.

"This was a discouraging response given the importance of the issue," said Woy Woy Public School principal Mr Warrick Hannon.

"I'm sure those who did attend will have learnt of the process of consultation and decision making," he said.

"If any individual or group wishes to provide a submission, please contact me at school for the necessary information."

Umina High helps charities

Umina High School's student representative council (SRC) has sold Bandaged Bears to help children being cared for at the New Children's Hospital, Westmead.

"All proceeds went to these special children and we are very proud to support them," said publicity officer Kristin Scholes.

In related charity activity at the school, a World Vision Conference was held on March 31, April 1 and 2 and students, Rebecca and Erin Stebbing attended the camp to learn leadership skills and to learn how to raise money for the 40-Hour Famine.

Also, National Board Shorts Day was held on Friday, April 7, to raise money for youth suicide awareness.

Gold coin donations were accepted for research.

A few SRC members were asked to a meeting at Henry Kendall High School for a conference on the restructuring of local high schools.

Empire Bay P&C news

A rescheduled Parents and Citizens (P&C) meeting was held at Empire Bay Public School on May 15.

Parents were very interested to hear Mr Teasdale outline the new Health-Personnel Development and Physical Education (PH&HPE) syllabus being implemented at the school.

He also outlined the peer support program which will be run in term four and the benefits it brings to all students.

The paver project continues to gather momentum and the P&C has agreed to assist the school with funds to provide seating for the students under the shade cloth shelter closest to the Library.

It is hoped that this will prevent the need for children to sit on the wet damp concrete.

Another issue discussed at the meeting was the misuse by a small number of adults of the limited parking spaces outside the school. It was commented that at times it was frightening to watch parents back out of the bus bay, park for long periods of time in the areas designated for drop-off and pick-up or speed through the 40 kph zone.

These behaviours continue to put the safety of students at risk and create havoc for the other parents who are trying to do the right thing, the meeting was told.

The principal agreed, as a last resort, to approach Gosford police and ask that they patrol the area outside the school to ensure that motorists act according to the law.

The principal has pleaded for all parents to consider the welfare of students and abide by the traffic laws.

Interrelate service to help parents

A program is being run by the Interrelate counselling service at Empire Bay Public School.

The program commenced on May 22 and is presented by Monica Tasker, an Interrelate Educator, who will introduce the subject "Sexuality Education" to the primary school and parents.

Children are not to attend without parents.

An information flyer detailing the session content was sent home recently.

The first session, "Where Did I Come From", suitable for Years 3 and 4, commenced at 7pm.

The second session, "Preparing for Puberty", suitable for Years 5 and 6, commenced at 8.15pm.

Families were invited to attend one or both sessions.

Parents' craft group thanked

Woy Woy Public School principal, Mr Warrick Hannon, has thanked the school's parents' craft group for their work in providing students with a fabulous Mothers Day stall.

Many hours had been put in to the presentation of the gifts.

Children were able to choose gifts for their mothers while helping the school simultaneously.

Woy Woy wins round one of knockout

The Woy Woy Public School open boys rugby league team played its first game at the Westmont Sheild knockout competition against Point Clare school.

The boys scored a feast of tries, with Ryan Saintry scoring three tries, Reece Paget a try and a goal, Robbie McIntosh two tries and a goal, Shane Burraston a goal, Blake Mattei a try and a goal, Brad

Smee a goal, and Ryan Maski two tries and a goal.

David Lam scored a great individual try after making a good break. The final score was 46-4.

Robbie McIntosh played a good captain's game and Blake Mattei played with brilliant halfback skills.

The whole team played well.

The next game will be against the winner of the Bateau Bay Copacabana match.

B. McGrath, May 17

Healthy hearts

Years 3-6 children from the Coast Christian School drew pictures of what a healthy heart means to them.

These and other local entries were used by Brisbane Waters Private Hospital as part of National Heart Week.

Rachel's entry was judged the best while Laura's entry came second.

Netball win

Nine girls represented Woy Woy PS in the netball knockout competition on May 10.

The girls competed against Somersby PS in a match played in an enjoyable and friendly manner.

Although the first half was close, the final result was 14-6 with a win to Woy Woy.

Jenise Kelly, May 17

Olympic torch visits WoyWoy

Woy Woy Public School students considered themselves fortunate last week when a SOCOG representative visited their school to show them an Olympic torch.

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Library will get mosaic in forecourt

Woy Woy Library will soon have a mosaic in the forecourt, according to Gosford Council's cultural development officer Jeanine Carter.

The mosaic will be completed as part of the Woy Woy CBD upgrade.

Ms Carter said she had been working with a number of groups on the design of the mosaic.

These included the Woy Woy CBD Committee, the Council's Heritage Committee and individu-

als who had specific historical knowledge about Woy Woy.

The design of the mosaic will have a 1920's theme, which will be in keeping with the Library.

The design is based on an original leaflet from the 1920's, which is held in the local studies section of Gosford Library.

Other elements from 1920's life in Woy Woy have been added to enhance the historical component.

These included the "Victorious", the longest-serving ferry on Brisbane Waters, and the Riley

Brothers Motor Service bus which was active on the Peninsular at this time.

Gosford Council is seeking an expression of interest from local mosaic artists to construct and install the mosaic by the end of July.

All applications must be in writing and be sent to Woy Woy Mosaic Project, PO Box 21, Gosford, by Friday, June 9.

For an information sheet, phone Jeanine Carter on 4325 8846.

Run for your wife

Woy Woy Little Theatre will be hosting "Run for your Wife" throughout June.

"The central character John Smith loves to please the ladies and loves married life, so in order to have both he evolves an efficient system to keep them happy and well apart. It according to writer Hilda Bird.

"A night in hospital makes the schedule going to pot and the phones running hot, with mayhem ensuing." The performance will be held from June 16.

For more details telephone 43414067.

Amanda Jackson, May 9.

Housie brings benefit

Fairhaven Services runs Cash Housie at Umina Beach Bowling Club every Monday night.

All proceeds are used to provide services for over 70 intellectually disabled adults who live on the Central Coast.

Umina Beach Bowling Club supports Fairhaven fundraising by offering its facilities, donating raffle prizes and supplying free tea, coffee and biscuits to housie players.

The club also provides a courtesy bus for players.

Fairhaven Services also run

supported employment programs at Point Clare and Way Woy and a residential program at Kincumber.

The residential program includes independent living cottages and a service to assist disabled adults to obtain work skills for open employment.

Fairhaven Services would like to encourage people to play cash housie at Umina Beach Bowling Club on Monday nights.

For

more information on Fairhaven Services, contact Sue Chidgey on 4325 3608.

Amanda Jackson, April, 4.



Umina's Tonia Ozinga and Glen Chant were married recently at Woy Woy.
Photo: Bowens Photographics

The Chamber: Where business people meet

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 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 4344 4930 during normal business hours.

WHATS ON

Every third Thursday of the month, 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.

At the last Business Networking Meeting, Greg James from the Central Coast Waste Board addressed members on the challenges ahead for the City of Gosford in waste management.

This is especially important in relation to commercial waste removal and the impact on businesses.

CONTACT POINT

For those who require further information regarding the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and its activities, contact president Matthew Wales on 4343 1141 or secretary Mark Snell on 4344 4930. You can also visit the Chamber's Web Page at www.peninsulachamber.asn.au or by email at chamber@openwindows.com.

Matthew Wales



Umina Surf Club is looking to lessen friction with Council lifesavers

Lifesavers look to lessen friction

Council lifesavers and the Umina Surf Club are seeking to lessen friction between them by formalising each other's responsibilities with a written agreement.

Council lifesavers and the surf clubs share equipment.

Apparently over the Christmas period, the lights were left on in a Council vehicle garaged at Umina

Surf Club and the battery went flat.

The NRMA was called and a disagreement arose over who should pay for the service call.

There was also a disagreement on who should pay for mobile phone calls during this period.

Councillors are understood to want to support both groups and are encouraging a more formal working relationship.

Carl Spears, May 17

Artists display work

Peninsula artists will have the opportunity to show their work to the public at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club on July 21 and 22.

The Ettalong Beach Memorial Club has made available the Seaview Room to display the production of Peninsula artists.

The exhibition will be held in conjunction with the Peninsula Annual Business Awards and invited guests will receive a complimentary glass of wine.

It will be open to the general public from 7pm Friday and all day Saturday.

The exhibition will also act as a fund-raising activity for local charities and non-profit organisations.

Entry will be by gold coin donation, with proceeds going to a charity yet to be named.

Local artist Bernard Craft will donate a painting to be raffled and other participating artists are invited to donate a piece of work.

Sabine Parge, a fabric artist, and

Robert Dufield, a photographer, will show some of their work.

Other artists, sculptors and weavers have also been invited to join the exhibition.

"There are many artists, hobbyists and professionals on the Peninsula, but they have no venue to show their work," according to Bernard Craft.

"This is a first step.

"The Central Coast now has a splendid venue at Caroline Bay to display visual arts.

"It is up to Peninsula artists to be sufficiently visible and active for a permanent venue to happen here as well.

"Artists who want to be featured have to come out of their studios and contact us.

"Success, recognition and sales start at home.

"Artists have to create their own opportunities and the community will follow," he said.

For further information about the exhibition, contact Bernard on 43428974.

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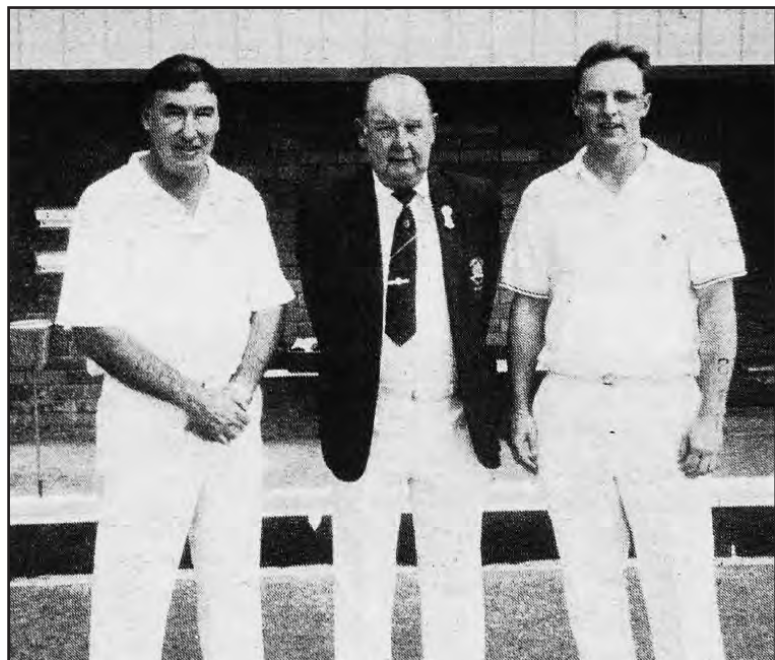
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Sport



Woy Woy Bowling Club singles club champion (left) Graham Kenney with umpire Lance Henderson and runner up Jamie Noonan

Woy Woy singles championship decided

The Woy Woy Bowling Club's singles 'championship finished with a fine win to Graham Kenney, who won the final 31-17 over Jamie Noonan.

It seems winning has become contagious for Graham, who has won the Championship twice in a row.

The triples championship also finished with the team of Ray Farleigh, Tom Payne and Neale Jespersen beating Ray Duignan, Jini Rochester and Lionel Ackling 25- 17.

Woy Woy's best performing team, grade 4, lost to Umina in a

very close final 49-48.

To round off the Peninsula flavour of the event, 'the match was played on the Ettalong greens with a large crowd in attendance.

Upcoming events at the Woy Woy Club include the men's mufti jackpot bowls on Wednesdays and Sundays at 9am.

Members and visitors are welcome, Mixed mufti bowlers compete every Sunday afternoon at 12.45, and the day includes a sausage sizzle.

The Peninsula's first synthetic green at Woy Woy is also coming along nicely and should be ready to use next month.

Ray Wright, May 11

Two national boxing titles to be decided at Ettalong

Central Coast boxing enthusiasts will have the opportunity to witness two Australian title events and an International event at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club on Friday May 26.

Tipped as Australia's next World Champion, the Jeff Fenechtrained Hussien Hussien takes on Thai boxer Daojarasnoy Pitak, a rough and tough walk-up fighter.

A.iother Fenech-trained boxer, Ian McLeod, will take on Queenslander Brandon Wood for the Australian Middle-Weight Title.

An international heavy weight contest between Sydney's Justin Fortune (who has fought Lennox Lewis) and New Zealand's Joo Chan Boon will be an explosive big man encounter.

Local boy Marc Bargerero will

take on Victorian champion Heath Stenton who, on his last tr.rip to the coast, had a hard-fought win over Paul Smallman.

Bargerero, who now boxes in an orthodox stance, is fighting for his third Australian title and is boxing in outstanding form.

Paul "The Doctor" Smallman, now training and living on the coast, will tussle with Kiwi Joseph Pulo.

Smallman will be very keen on a win as he is currently negotiating with Angelo Hyder and Jeff Fenech to get his career back on track.

Wayne Vassallo takes on Sydney's Jimmy Patt.

Wayne, who knocked out his first professional opponent in 30 seconds, has made an official challenge to Anthony Mundine.

Although only having one pro

victory under his Belt, Vassallo said that he and Mundine are the same weight so "Lets get it on".

Anthony Mundine has said that he will be there on the night to check Vassallo out and if he's good enough will accept .the challenge.

Coincidentally Mundine has vowed to win, by title end of this year, the title that, Bargerero and Stenton will be contesting on the night.

Angelo Hyder and Jeff Fenech are promoting the fights at the Ettalong Memorial club on May 26.

The night kicks off with four amateur bouts starting at 6:30 pm followed by five professional fights.

Tickets are available from the club.

Brett Murphy, May 19

Winter swimming underway

Umina Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) has begun its winter swimming program at Pearl Beach saltwater pool.

An invitation is extended to members who would like to take part at 1 0am every Sunday morning, to enjoy a brisk dip followed by a warm-up with hot soup and toast.

Amanda Jackson, May 16.



The successful 6th grade Woy Woy cricket team with district player of the year, Jim Martin in the centre of the front row and district best batsman, Paul Flindell on the far right of the same row

Woy Woy Leagues Club annual report to members

The Woy Woy & District Rugby League Football Club Limited held its annual general meeting on May 21.

Following is an extract of a report by the president, Geoff McMahon.

On the field, 1999 was a perfect year, going through undefeated in First Grade.

We should have been awarded the best NSW Country team, but the rules are not easy to understand and we came second.

Club trading has been the most difficult since the doors were opened in 1983.

Increased local gaming competition and State Government's reliance on the NSW Club industry for its declining tax revenue base has forced clubs to revise all facets of their business plans for short and long term strategies.

The most glaring deficiency was lack of member's parking.

This was a most difficult decision in the initial stage.

However, if our Club was to progress, the minimal rent paid by the Fitness Centre, the state of disrepair and back rent owing of over \$19,000, and parking had to be addressed immediately.

Looking at all the options, the Club's financial and building advisers were adamant that it wa

the most prudent choice to remove the fitness centre, to enable the Club to replace these facilities in future development stages.

In addition, the report from advisers indicated that too much of our floorspace was dedicated to catering.

This resulted in our decision to remove a wall and relocate the dining room to the elevated portion of the bistro.

It was evident that our poker machines were losing their "player appeal." The Poker Machine Committee spent many hours investigating ways to improve our installation.

These changes cost the Club in the vicinity of \$250,000.

In the early part of the year, our prices were kept down in an effort to re-capture patrons lost during the refurbishment.

Sales of \$1 ,575,343 were down on the previous year (\$1 ,686,142), and our gross profit percentage was also lower - 51% in 1999, giving us a bar trading profit of \$15,000 lower than the previous year.

As previously stated, problems in this area were addressed and rectified and with the introduction of a Bonus Player Reward System and the revamping of our installation, we managed to come within \$80,000 of last year's figures.

I might add that net clearances for the first two months of this year are already well in excess of the same period last year, so it appears we are finally heading in the right direction.

At this point I must mention that the Club spent in excess of \$240,000 on members' promotions during 1999.

This calculates to 7.8% of net clearances and is more than most of our competitors in the club industry, and is above the hotel industry.

Last year saw the football club come back under the umbrella of the leagues club and following a rewarding year, both on and off the field, the year cost us approximately \$92,000 more than the previous year.

The majority of that difference was eaten up in wages, oncosts and superannuation.

These extra costs totalled in excess of \$40,000.

It has been agreed by the board to re-incorporate the football club operations, only for the reasons given above.

Hopefully, the worst is behind us.

Early indications for this year show a marked improvement.

With new policies now in place, I am sure this improvement will continue and a better result will be declared in our next report.

Woy Woy cricketers win major district awards

The depth of the Woy Woy Cricket club was displayed by winning three awards at the presentation of the Gosford and Wyong District Cricket Association awards held at Central Coast Leagues Club on May 13.

Over 360 people attended the presentations.

Jim Martin was rewarded for his solid all-round performances throughout the year winning the sixth grade Player of the Year award.

Martin's 14 innings with the bat, at number six, netted him 413 runs with a top score of 71 and a handy average of 31.77 runs.

Describing himself as a quickish swing bowler, it was Martin's efforts with the ball that really shone.

As Woy Woy's strike bowler, Martin's 240 overs collected 45 wickets at an excellent rate of 16.98 runs per wicket and best bowling figures of 7 /77.

On the presentation night at the halfway point in scoring (before scoring became undisclosed), Martin said that the award was very tight between himself and a number of players from Narara,

The Entrance and Kincumber clubs.

Jim finished the year on top with 944 points.

Points were allocated at one point per run, five points per catch and 15 poiilts per wicket.

Woy Woy sixth grade batsman Paul Flindell was not to be left out of the limelight.

As their only century-making batsman, Paul picked up the Best Batsmen title.

From 11 innings he scored 467 runs at an average of 46.70 with a top score of 131 .

Woy Woy sixth grade was rewarded for their superior performance by their victory over Kincumber in the sixth grade final.

An allrounder took out the third grade Player of the Year for Woy Woy.

Woy Woy's Glen Evans accepted his prize after finishing the year with some impressive figures He bowled 188 overs for a return of 29 wickets, at an average of 17.28, amassing 47 maidens and finishing with best bowling figures of 8/34.

Brett Murphy, May 17

Alex Brown an emerging cricket star

Alex Brown of Woy Woy Cricket Club has been selected to play in the Emerging Blues Under 13 North squad for 2000.

Alex has been playing cricket for Woy Woy Junior Cricket Club since he was seven years old.

Last season he represented Gosford-Wyong in the under-12 years NSWDC (New South Wales District Cricket Association) Junior Union competition, while playing his club cricket in the under-14 age group.

He won the Player of the Carnival award at the annual InterBranch tournament in Lismore during the Christmas holidays this year and in 1999 he was selected in the Metropolitan North

Under-12 team.

Alex was amongst 13 team members who came from all areas in NSW, north of Parramatta.

Alex's father Warren and older brother Daniel are also cricketers with Woy Woy Cricket Club.

At one stage all three were playing in the same team, although Warren acknowledges that his talented sons will soon be leaving him in the lower grades.

The Emerging Blues is a development program run by the NSW Cricket Association for talented young cricketers.

Mr Aidan Cuddington, secretary of Woy Woy Cricket Club, said that this was a great opportunity for Alex.

Amanda Jackson, May 16

Peninsula bowls clubs win major competitions

The major bowls tournament for the year, zone pennants finals day, was held at Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club on April 29.

Umina was the most successful club on the day having won the grade 4 and grade 1 pennant titles.

At the conclusion of the Pennant, Sectional and Post Sectional seasons, Uminas' grade 4 lawn bowls team came out on top.

In a very tight encounter, they defeated Woy Woy 49-48, clinching the title with a late charge in the last three ends.

The grade 4 Umina champions are K. Cameron, A. Street, S. Stead, W. Gralton, M. Gallacher, R. Powell, T. Harris, C. Cross, J. Foster, G. Davidson, D. Glackin, B. Hicks and manager, J. Young.

In grade 1, Umina staged a

comeback to defeat Halekulani 58-56 after having been as much as 19 behind.

In the last few ends, Halekulani lost 11 shots.

The Umina grade 1 champions are: A. Walsh, T. Hobbs, C. Passfield, M. Lane, P. Irwin, L. Morrison, C. McLean, M. Perovic, I. Street, B. Burrows, L. Adamson and C. Robinson.

Complete results for the District Pennant zone finals held at Ettalong Beach Memorial Bowling Club were: Grade 1 Umina 58 def Halekulani 56; Grade 2 Terrigal 67 def Bateau Bay 59; Grade 3 Wamberal 59 def Munmorah 49; Grade 4 Umina 49 def Woy Woy 48; Grade 5 Munmorah 63 def Gwandalan 51; Grade 6 Davistown 60 def Norah Head 54, and; Grade 7 Gosford 56 def The Entrance 46. All teams played a total of 63 ends.

In other bowls news, the Woy Woy Bowling Club Triples Championship was won by Ray Fairleigh, Tom Payne and Neale Jespersen who defeated Ian O'Reilly, Sid Vandine and G. Kennedy 23-17.

Also at Woy Woy, Avoca Beach's team of Jess Dunn, Margaret White, Marian Stewari and Robin Cox won the 201h annual Woy Woy Ladies Floodlight Fours.

The event attracted 32 teams over four nights.

In Premier League news, Ettalong Memorial Club defeated The Entrance on May 6 to ensure their survival in the premier league next season.

Ettalong won 68-56.

The Ettalong team was Danny McNeilly, Paul Parsons, Terry O'Connor, Peter Bevin, Brett Pritchard and Ray Beazley.

Cec Bucello, May 19

Ten medals to Woy Woy judo club

Woy Woy Judo Club won 10 medals and a trophy for individual performance at the RSL Youth Judo Tournament held at St.

Mary's on Sunday, April 2.

First-time competitors in the Novice Division for under-10 year olds, Chad Davis, Graydon Garst, Megan Garst and Owen Jennings all received gold medals, with the performance of Owen in the under-35 kg division receiving special mention.

The under-13s saw another

member of the Gorst family, Kerrod, rewarded with gold, while Michael Ahearn received silver and Kristy Travers bronze.

In the under-16s.

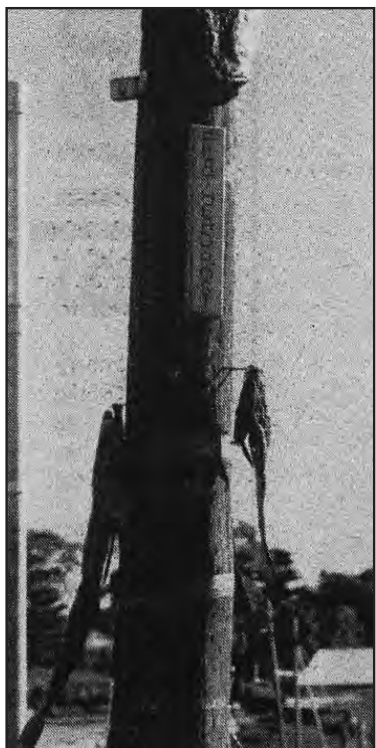
Ben Boyd won gold and Daniel Simmons silver.

Drew Evans lost his initial fight in the Young Men's Division, yet recovered to win his second bout and was rewarded with a bronze medal.

The overall efforts of Brendan Cole in 1999 were recognised with a trophy for outstanding play.

Kerrie Friend

Fishing News: cooler weather brings different species



The flathead post at Empire Bay

Inside: The cold weather is nearly upon us and with this come the black fish and winter whiting.

Paddy's Channel is still fishing well for big flathead, bream and whiting.

The local fisherman tell us

there are some nice jewfish in the channel.

Up the Gosford end of the same channel, there are some good-sized blue swimmer crabs.

The Rip Bridge is also fishing well with some fairly large leatherjackets being caught there.

Good-sized leatherjackets are also being caught at the T-Wharf at Woy Woy.

NSW Fisheries advise that as of January 1, the size limit for dusky flathead will go up to 36cm with a possession limit of only one fish more than 70cm long.

Outside: In calm water, there is some excellent fishing to be had on the close reefs, mainly at the depth of 45 to 50 metres.

Catches have included schnapper, trevally,

morwong, teraglin, tailor and kingfish.

Fish of the month The fish of the month prize last month was not claimed as no one brought one in over the legal limit.

This month, the fish of the month is blackfish.

The largest blackfish to be weighed in will win the angler a \$20 voucher.

Keo Bartlett, Jamies Bait and

Umina cricketers win third grade premiership

Umina District Cricket Club's Third Grade side completed their 1999/2000 season with a grand final victory against Narara, giving the club its first Third Grade Premiership for six years.

Inclement weather wreaked havoc with all grounds over the finals weekend, and saw the Grand Final reduced to 37 overs per side under difficult conditions.

Narara won the toss and batted and was in quite a comfortable position at 1 /43 from 18 overs,

with a competitive total looking likely.

However, some outstanding individual performances saw the Umina team turn the situation around.

Of note were the efforts of John Alchin who bowled unchanged for 18 overs and returned remarkable figures of 5/19.

Brilliant catches from Leigh Nivens and Mick Cowans, as well as crucial run-outs effected by Scott Fisher and Brendan Driscoll saw Narara restricted to a final score of 9/95.

Umina openers Gary Blake and Rob Engelshus started steadily before Blake was caught at point Brendan Driscoll then combined with Engelshus to push the score to 50 when Driscoll was dismissed caught at square leg.

Engelshus managed to steer his side within reach of victory, himself being dismissed for a solid 49, including one six.

Finally Mick Cowans hit the winning runs giving Umina a comprehensive victory by five wickets with five overs remaining.

Kerrie Friend

Umina boys win four BMX races

Umina boys Andrew Hollinworth and Patrick White have featured in the Central Region BMX Zone racing event hosted by Terrigal BMX Club.

Patrick won three of his five races and Andrew won one race, gained two second places and two third places.

The boys have only been racing BMX for a little over a year but in view of their successes are keen to become more involved on a regular basis.

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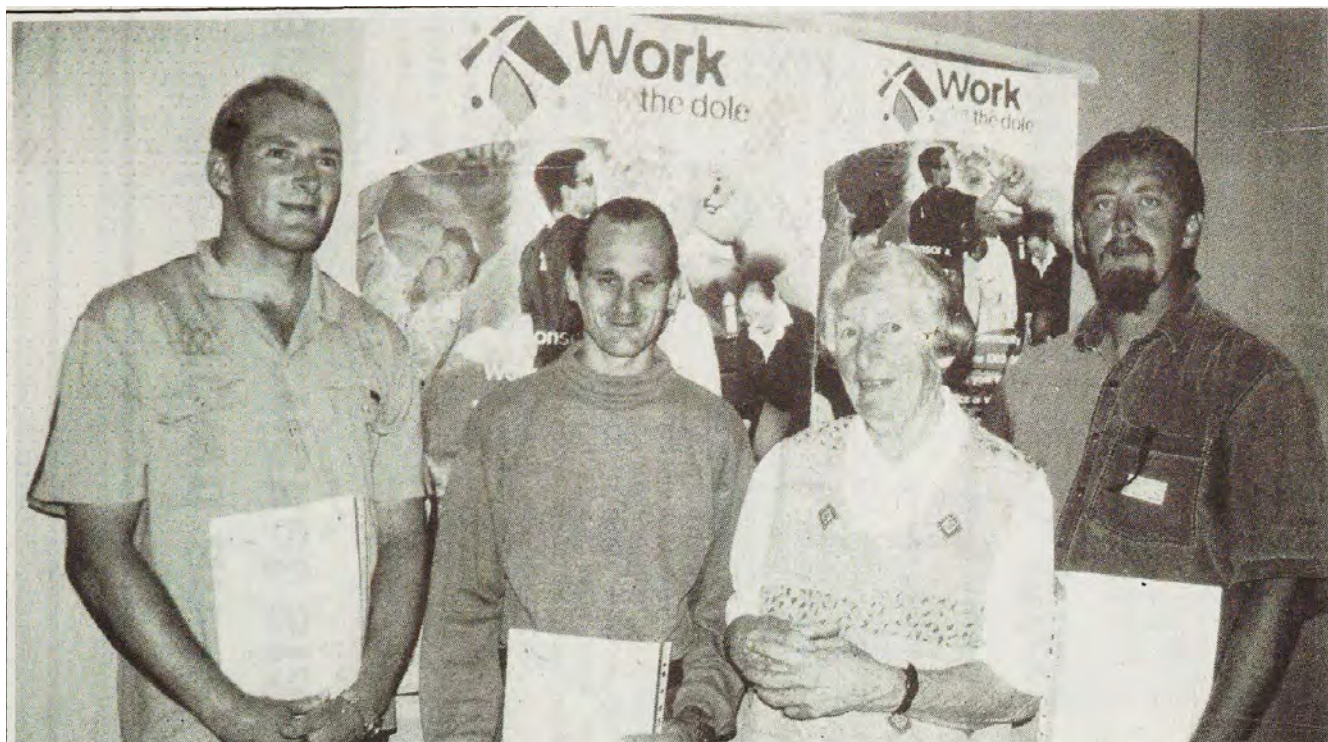
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Australian Middleweight Title
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Wayne Vassallo V Jimmy Patt

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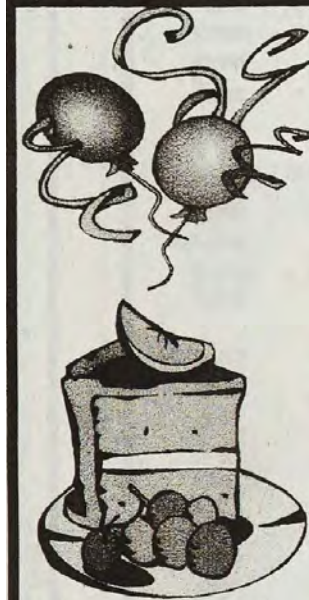
And 4 Amateur Bouts

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Work for the Dole participants Jason Briggs, Jamie Rigney and Lyall Keating with Woy Woy's Heather McKenzie. They were rewarded by Council for work they did on South Woy Woy Progress Hall with vouchers from Erina Fair.

South Woy Woy workers rewarded



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Happy Birthday to us!

Saturday 3rd June 9 A.M.

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- Balloons for the kids
- Musicians
- Specials

Doug, Colleen and Kim would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to all the locals for their friendliness and support in their first year of trading.

BONUS:

Discount Day-Every Tuesday in the month of June.



The Vietnam veteran's Nambus (above) will receive \$3000 in Federal funding to help repair its steering

Nambus repairs get federal funding

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd has presented a cheque for \$3000 to the Gosford City sub-branch of the Vietnam Veterans Association, located at Ettalong.

The funding is for repairs to the steering of the highly successful "Nambus", operated by Vietnam Veterans, which has toured many schools throughout the State.

Cec Bucello, May 20

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