

Safer towns project identifies concerns

Public space and young people, the media and fear of crime and the visibility of drug usage are the key areas addressed in a progress report on the Peninsula's Safer Towns and Cities project.

The NSW Attorney General's Department Crime Prevention Division funded the pilot project, which is being undertaken by Gosford Council.

Cr Daniel Cook told a recent council meeting he was pleased with the report's findings, saying the Safer Towns committee should be congratulated.

"I congratulate the committee for developing a safer community," he said.

"The report brings together a wide range of strategies and I think the benefits will be long-lasting."

"It's very comprehensive."

Cr Lynne Bockholt said some youth she met at the Web were able to give her an insight into how they felt about crime.

"Young people are scared too," she said.

The project's committee consulted with community groups and identified 15 safety issues.

The issues were grouped into three key areas.

One of the areas was public space usage and young people.

The committee said this area included anti-social behaviour in shopping centres and the design and use of public spaces.

Another key area was media perceptions of crime and the community's fear of crime.

The committee said there was a perception that young people were the perpetrators of crime, that older people were the victims, and that media influenced these perceptions.

The final area involved the increase in the visibility of drug usage in public places.

The committee comprises councillors, members from the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, the Web, Women's Health, police and community delegates.

Any initiatives outlined in the Peninsula pilot's plan will be monitored and evaluated and then implemented into a Gosford City-wide plan later this year.

The committee said in their report that their focus was preventative strategies. They intend to foster a coordinated approach between government and non-government agencies and community groups to encourage a local community where people feel safe.

The committee discerned some of the concerns of youth from preliminary talks.

"Upon talking to a group of young people that 'hang out' at shopping centres, the youth outlined concerns about not having anywhere to go and did not like being told that they had to move on," said the draft report.

They said it was a good place to meet and showed concern when informed that older people felt unsafe using the shopping centre because of their presence.

They also identified a lack of affordable transport as a problem when finding places to meet.

Youth also felt unsafe in areas with poor lighting.

With regard to media perceptions and fear of crime, the draft report said: "Anecdotal evidence suggests that the fear of crime that older people experience keeps them isolated as they do not want to leave their home."

"Alongside of this issue is the perception of young people as the perpetrators of crime and older

people as the victims.

"The reasoning behind these perceptions link to the visibility of young people on the streets."

The report also said many crimes by youth such as graffiti, are more visible than hidden crimes.

"Young people said they also felt unsafe and that they were being blamed for things that they were not doing," the report said.

"The committee firmly believes that perceptions of crime are influenced by media reports and concerns were raised about the number of bad news stories reported in the local papers."

"More positive coverage of local activities is needed."

"The committee drew experiences from the Peninsula Community Forum regarding the linkages they have established with the local paper (Peninsula News) to gain positive coverage of a range of issues."

In relation to the key area of drug and alcohol-related issues, the draft report said the exact use of drugs and alcohol was unknown and currently being monitored.

Some of the strategies of the project included: establish a Peninsula youth advisory group that could act as a voice for young people; seek opportunities to revitalise the usage of public spaces; establish "safe routes" to key public spaces for seniors, and; lobby for cheaper transport for youth.

The committee also wanted to support local community programs such as Neighbourhood Watch and to seek support for the development of a Peninsula liquor accord.

Cr Cook said he would like a further report on the project to Council's strategy policy meeting as soon as possible.

Carl Spears, July 12

Community Plan Survey

A. How old are you? (Please tick the box covering your age)

☐ 5-12 ☐ 13-18 ☐ 19-24 ☐ 25-30 ☐ 31-40

☐ 41-50 ☐ 51-60 ☐ 61-70 ☐ 71-80 ☐ 81+

B. How long have you lived in the Gosford region? (Please tick)

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☐ 11-20 years ☐ Over 20 years

C. Gender

☐ Male ☐ Female

D. Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

☐ Yes ☐ No



E. Which suburb do you live in and how long have you lived there?

F. How do you get to work? (Please tick)

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The front page of the Community Plan survey

Ideas sought for Community Plan

Gosford Council is developing a Community Plan to improve quality of life across the municipality.

"We are seeking thoughts, ideas and feedback from as many Gosford community members as we can," said the council's social planner Ms Amanda Howard.

"The Community Plan will provide a framework for Council to work more closely with residents, community groups and service providers."

The survey asks residents why they chose to live on the Central Coast, what they value most about living here and what their ideal community would be like.

It asks respondents what the community does and does not

do well, as well as asking for suggestions of ways in which the council and community could work together to improve residents' quality of life.

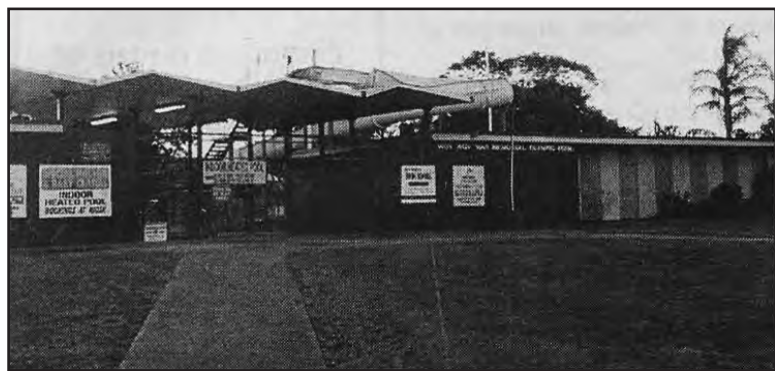
Survey forms can be obtained by calling Council's Community Development section on 4325 8351.

They can also be filled in on Council's web site at www.gosford.nsw.gov.au.

The draft Community Plan will be on exhibition in October, and all surveys need to be returned by Monday, July 31.

For further information, call Amanda Howard on 4325 8893 on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

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Four proposals for Woy Woy pool leisure centre

The Woy Woy Sports and Leisure Centre Committee has examined four proposals submitted by firms interested in designing the leisure centre that is proposed for the Woy Woy swimming pool site.

"The committee was excited by two of the proposals and will meet again soon to meet both

consultants and discuss their proposals," said to committee member Cr Lynne Bockholt.

"Both proposals deal with the three stages of the proposal so that the community will get to see the extent of the proposal and know what the site will eventually look like."

"They include two full-size basketball courts, gym, weights

room, massage room, training room, creche, kiosk and a cafe as well as different suggestions about the future of the pools."

Cr Bockholt said she had been discussing with Mayor Cr Chris Holstein the possibility of finding enough funds to do the whole thing in one hit rather than staging it over several years.

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Regular readers will notice several changes to this edition.
In our ongoing effort to make Peninsula News better every month, we are always looking for ways to improve the paper for your greater enjoyment.

If we do something that you do not like, if you have any suggestions for improvements, or if there is anything you would like included in future editions, please feel free to let us know.

What's new?

Many businesses and individuals will have received the first of our fortnightly news bulletins by e-mail last week.

This free service lets readers know some of the detail on major articles that will be published in a forthcoming edition, one week ahead of time, with links to our web site for more detail.

It also advises any specials that we have on offer.

If you would like to receive this information, please e-mail us your details.

New staff and contributors

We recently had the assistance of Alison Marin from Cronulla on work experience as part of her TAFE secretarial course.

Alison was of great assistance to us and her work was greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in undertaking work experience or know someone who is, give us a call.

We also welcome Darryl Eather from Woy Woy who comes in two days a week to give us a hand.

Darryl is also enjoying the work and learning new skills at the same time.

On the editorial side, qualified and experienced photojournalist, Val Bridge, has joined our team.

We welcome Val to the paper and hope that readers will enjoy his articles in the future.

Web site news

Check out our website at www.peninsulanews.asn.au

All the latest news is posted as it is edited, often beating the paper issue by a fortnight.

Due to no space constraints, the website also has a few stories that do not make it into the paper issue.

All this, as well as a comprehensive listing of events and links to businesses, individuals and community groups on the Peninsula.

Also, meetings called past the newspaper's deadline can still be posted on the website, keeping the Peninsula community informed of important events.

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Peninsula receives police attention

A number of special police operations have been conducted on the Peninsula over the last six months and a manager has been appointed to Woy Woy police station to enhance "the quality of customer service provided".

This action has been described in a letter to community activist, Ms Heather McKenzie, from parliamentary secretary Mr Bryce Gaudry MP.

In the letter provided to Peninsula News by Ms McKenzie, Mr Gaudry wrote: "I have been advised by Superintendent Kevin Curry, Brisbane Water Local Area Command (LAC), that Woy Woy police station operates 24 hours a day with a community policing premise also located in the Umina shopping centre which is staffed by Volunteers in Policing.

"Superintendent Curry advises that the Brisbane Water LAC management team recently introduced team policing throughout the command resulting in a permanent station manager being appointed to Woy Woy police station.

"The station manager will provide a vital link between residents and operational police, subsequently enhancing the quality of the customer service provided.

"A recent initiative of the command has seen an additional 16 police temporarily taking up duty with the command.

"Superintendent Curry advises that these officers will provide the command additional mobile patrols in 'hot spot' areas, including the Woy Woy Peninsula, and will have a positive impact on response times.

"I have been informed that antisocial behaviour is currently receiving additional police attention with police utilising the 'move on' and 'knife' legislation contained in the Crimes Legislation (Police and Public Safety) Amendment Act 1998.

"Police are also enforcing the Gosford City Council prohibition of alcohol zones throughout the area.

"The use of highway patrol officers on trail bikes and motorcycles has also been utilised to conduct proactive patrols of the Peninsula's lanes and backstreets.

"The Crime Management Unit has identified a number of high risk offenders and 'hot spot' locations in the Peninsula area."

- Bryce Gaudry MP

"Superintendent Curry explains that the cycles allow greater movement and quicker response in the restricted thoroughfares.

"You may be interested to learn that the Anti-Theft Squad operatives have been targeting break, enter and steal offences in the Woy Woy area.

"Operation Peninsula, conducted on May 24-25, resulted in three arrests and seven charges being made.

"I understand further charges are pending against two of the three offenders.

"Superintendent Curry indicates that Operation Peninsula will be ongoing and further arrests are expected.

"The command has been conducting successful and ongoing proactive operations utilising the combined resources of licensing police, anti-theft unit, detectives, highway patrol and transit police resulting in the arrest of a number of recidivist offenders for both property theft and drug offences.

"Superintendent Curry indicates that these operations have been concentrated in areas surrounding the Woy Woy Central Business District, railway station and commuter car parks, together with shopping centres and business districts at both Umina and Ettalong.

"Pawn shops and secondhand dealers have also been targeted by anti-theft operatives with a view to reducing the amount of stolen property pawned and to identify offenders who are regular pawners of property suspected of being stolen.

"Additionally, as a result of intelligence, the Crime Management Unit has implemented a suspect target management plan and, utilising crime mapping techniques, has identified a number of high risk

offenders and 'hot spot' locations in the Woy Woy Peninsula area.

"I understand this information has been assigned to case officers within the anti-theft unit.

"Superintendent Curry has advised that three covert operations entitled 'Tact', 'Street Safe' and 'Radnice' specifically targeting illicit drug supply and abuse, have been conducted on the Woy Woy Peninsula during the past six months.

"These operations have resulted in the arrest of 15 offenders and the issue of 28 infringement notices.

"With respect to police numbers in general, I am pleased to advise that.

339 Probationary Constables recently graduated from the Police Academy on May 12.

"You may be interested to learn that following the graduation, four additional police were attached to the Brisbane Water Local Area Command to improve public safety and to continue to drive down crime.

"Superintendent Curry assures me that crime patterns throughout the Brisbane Water LAC will continue to be closely monitored with the command utilising intelligence-driven rostering and tasking to combat identified 'hot spots'.

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COMPETITION Result

Last month readers of Peninsula News Were given the opportunity to win a prize consisting of a

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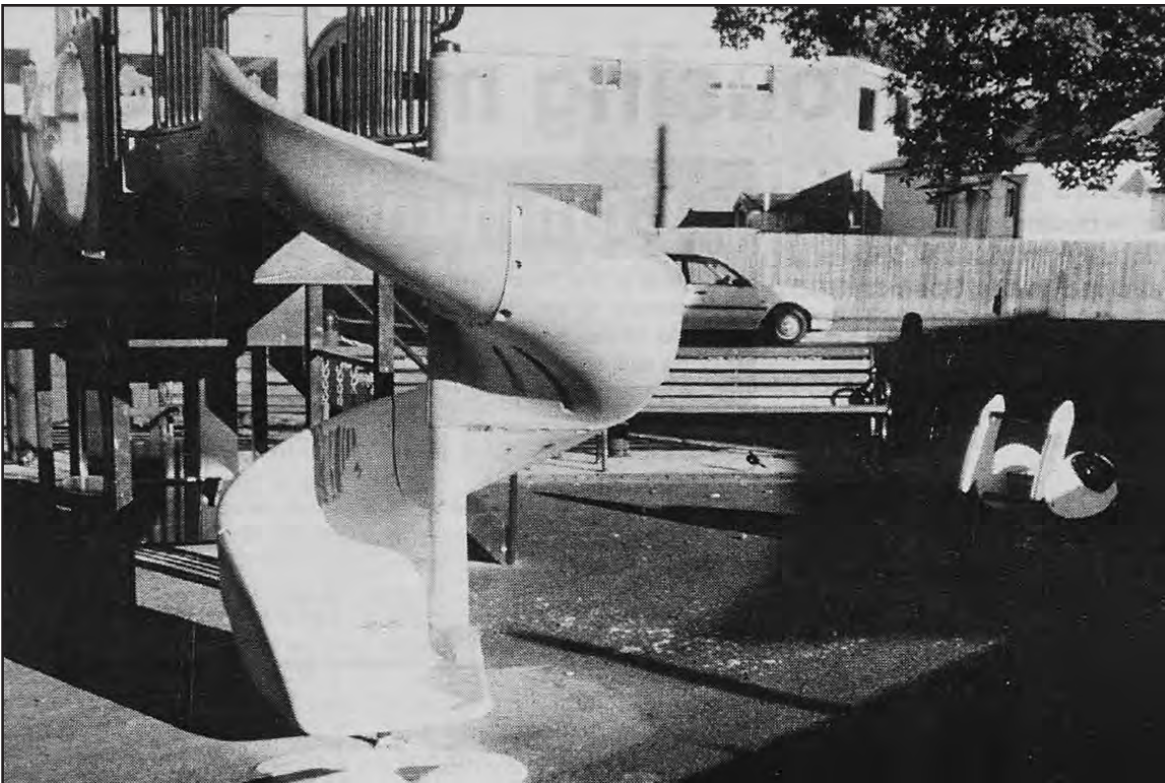
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Some of the damage caused by vandals at Woy Woy's Pelican Park. Above: Paint had been poured down the slippery dip causing the ground beneath to blister. Council is offering a reward for information that leads to an arrest.

Reward offered to catch vandals

Frustration over vandalism at Woy Woy's Pelican Park has led Mayor Cr Chris Holstein to offer a reward.

"Vandals splashed paint all over the new play equipment and pavers in the park adjacent to Fisherman's Wharf," said Cr Holstein.

"I can't stress how senseless these acts are. It's the ratepayers who have to pay for council's repair bills.

"It's also frustrating when new facilities are provided for the community and some idiots take great delight in destroying them.

"I find it hard to believe nobody knows who is responsible. Council is offering a reward for information that will lead to a conviction.

"We simply have to put a stop to this," said Cr Holstein.

Chair of Woy Woy CBD Committee Cr Lynne Bockholt said: "The Woy Woy CBD Committee has been working for several years to upgrade Pelican Park on the waterfront so that local families

and tourists will be able to enjoy one of the best spots on the Coast.

"Several times in recent months the area has been subject to vandalism but the attack which occurred overnight on July 7 and 8 was by far the worst. Estimates are that it will cost Council \$4000 to fix.

"Vandals poured paint all over the play equipment and the tiles with the result that the park could not be used for several days.

"Several committee members visited the site to see the damage and were infuriated by what they saw as mindless vandalism aimed at stopping local families from enjoying the amenities which Council provides.

"I hope any member of the community who knows anything will come forward and give the police any information.

"I want to thank Council workers who were on site immediately and were very distressed by what they saw."

"I believe that this kind of vandalism would be reduced if

there were more police on the beat.

"Sometimes I feel as though we have been abandoned as far as police are concerned.

"It seems to me that the priorities are all wrong - the police are being increasingly used on the roads as revenue-raisers when I believe more of them should be walking the beat, getting to know their local communities and keeping an eye on community facilities and local businesses.

"It's got to the stage where I feel as though we have been abandoned on the Peninsula.

"The people I talk to around the area are sick of the vandalism, the open use of drugs and the increasing rate of burglary.

"They pay their taxes and they believe they are entitled to be protected by police on the beat.

"If this were the case, we would see fewer incidents like the distressing sight of Pelican Park which greeted people over the weekend."

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Community centre gets HACC money

Peninsula Community Centre has received \$113,610 funding for its Home and Community Care (HACC) program as well as \$5000 one-off funding to enhance a Community Options service.

Announcing the grants, Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd said that the new funding, approved under the joint State-Commonwealth HACC program, would help to improve services for frail older people with dementia.

"This increase in funding will allow more people to benefit

from home and community services, helping them to remain independent and stay at home for as long as possible," Mr Lloyd said.

"Services funded under the HACC Program deliver in-home and support services, such as meals on wheels, community nursing, transport, respite care and home maintenance and modification."

"This funding will provide a major boost in local services for frail older people and people with disabilities," Mr Lloyd concluded.

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Winner takes a break

A Hardys Bay Keno winner is looking forward to taking a break after losing two close friends this year.

Steve Anderson was playing Keno at Ettalong Bowling Club with his brother when he found out he had won a winter escape package to the Gold Coast simply by spending \$7 on a seven-number ticket.

It was his brother who encouraged Steve to play Keno after winning \$16,000 on the seven-number jackpot.

"I matched six out of seven numbers a couple of weeks ago so I decided to give it another try," said Steve.

"Winning the holiday was a very nice bonus because I haven't had a very good year."

His neighbour passed away recently and he also lost a former partner two months ago.

He said the holiday would be a good chance to get away from it all for a while.

The prize includes a three-night stay at Conrad Jupiters for two people including breakfast each day, two tickets to the Inneuvre show at Jupiters and \$500 towards travel or expenses.

Steve usually has a quick-pick but this time he picked his own numbers: 5, 6, 8, 14, 18, 21 and

62.

Even though he won his holiday by a random pick throughout the State, he feels the numbers were lucky for him.

They included numbers from his birth date and those of his neighbour who passed away.

"I've never won anything in my life before," said Steve.

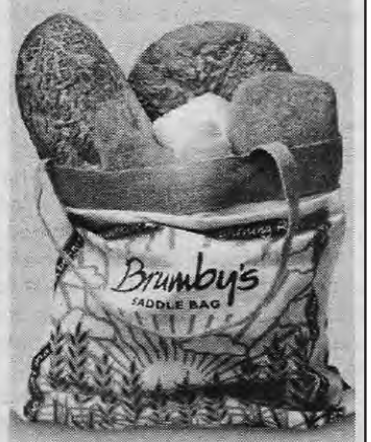
"I'm going to plan my trip soon because it will be good to get away."

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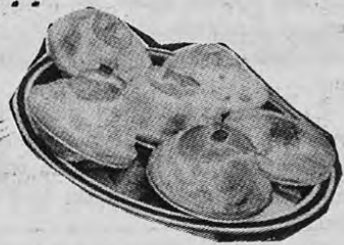
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Forum

Renovation needed in Woy Woy

Surely the empty shopping malls at the entrances of both the Woy Woy and Gosford railway stations badly need renovations or redevelopment to make them relevant to the 21st century.

These ghost towns, as one calls these empty shopping malls, were

good ideas in their days but their time has passed.

Even amusement parks, junk food outlets, and even nothing would be improvements on these eyesores.

They start tourists off on the wrong foot.

Peter Eyland, Wyoming



A view of the Kahibah Creek system taken from the lookout heading towards Pearl Beach and Patonga from Umina

Creek plan on display

The draft Kahibah Creek floodplain maintenance plan will be on exhibition until August 11 and Council is inviting public submissions.

Gosford Council's director of development and the environment, Mr John Murray, said work on the plan started in January last year.

He said although the plan covered maintenance methods, investigation to determine flooding flow and community consultation, it mainly referred to methods of vegetation removal.

"The majority of trials have been performed with the agreement of the residents' group," Mr Murray said.

"However, agreement was not reached in regard to excavation as a method for the removal of typha reeds and sediment.

"The resident group did not always agree with the need to remove vegetation in some areas." Some work on the creek has been done, but contractors are yet to be hired for the remainder.

Mr Murray said if Council adopted the plan, estimates of future costs and refinement of the maintenance plan may still have to be done.

He said full costing of future work could not be completed until the plan was endorsed.

The introduction to the plan stated the creek, its lagoons and catchment area had been "considerably altered by development".

The aim of the plan, according to Mr Murray, was to outline tasks needed to maintain the flood flow capacities and levels of 'Kahibah Creek within the one-in-100-year flood event guidelines.

Mr Murray said the plan described general principles of

maintenance, but as the Kahibah Creek work was a new area of expertise for Council, the plan may have to go through modifications as experience was gained and work progressed.

Council's objectives must take into account the principles of ecologically-sustainable development.

Therefore the nearby residents' properties must be safeguarded against possible flooding while the creek's natural environment was also protected, he said.

The creek would be inspected annually to ensure Council machinery could access the creek.

Vegetation would be removed only if it were a noxious species, decreased the one-in-1 DO-year flood threat, restricted Council access for maintenance, posed a bushfire threat or harboured vermin.

Vegetation would only be removed after an evaluation study of the effects on flora and fauna was undertaken, Mr Murray said.

The plan stated: "Where wildlife, for example nesting birds and fish, are located within sections to be cleared, the work shall be carried out at a time of least impact.

"If appropriate, wildlife specialist groups should be utilised." Native bush re-generation would be one device to keep noxious weeds from growing.

"The Ettymalong Landcare Group, Umina Progress Association and any other interested groups should also firstly be consulted regarding the extent of work," according to the draft plan.

The draft plan is on exhibition at Woy Woy and Umina Libraries and at Council Chambers in Mann St, Gosford.

Carl Spears, July 11

More Housing means less

Community Forum

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

Gosford Council has agreed to examine the height and density provisions currently allowed in the Gosford CBO with a view to encouraging more residential housing.

I support this because I believe there may be an opportunity for Council and the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning (DUAP) to work together to tradeoff more residential units in Gosford CBD for less medium-density housing on the Peninsula.

I have had meetings with representatives of DUAP and have shown them the spread of badly designed medium-density development which is choking our area.

I got the impression that DUAP wants Council to cater for increased population but that they will not stipulate where this

development should take place.

It appears to be immaterial to DUAP whether it takes place in the Gosford CBD or on the Peninsula.

There is talk that Gosford CBD could house 3000 to 4000 people in the CBD.

This would bring life to the centre of the city, where it should be and where the infrastructure is already in place.

I do not believe that the Peninsula has the necessary infrastruc to carry many thousands more in population and I see this as

a great opportunity, with OUAP's assistance.

to fine-tune Council's future planning.

Council has agreed that we will meet with DUAP and discuss the matter with them.

I am sure that, because of increasing local opposition to medium-density and the obvious lack of infrastructure on the Peninsula, they will give the matter serious consideration.

Cr Lynne Bockholt, July 14

Council Matters

with John Oakley

Bed and Breakfast Accommodation Council is in the process of developing "Development Control Plan No. 110 - Bed and Breakfast Accommodation" which will apply to all land within Gosford municipality.

The aim of the plan is to ensure that the accommodation is attractive to visitors and maintains a satisfactory standard of service.

Some councillors were concerned that the bed and breakfast industry could become overregulated.

Special Constables

Council increasingly is employing contractors to carry out multitasking activities in the Gosford CBO such as cleaning and security.

Under the present legislation, contractors cannot demand names and addresses, remove offenders from community land or issue penalty notices.

These activities may only be undertaken by council employees or the police unless there are amendments to the Local Government Act.

The mayor and the General Manager spoke in favour of a proposed amendment to the Act stating that contracted cleaning and security staff were "powerless" and needed additional powers.

Crs Bockholt and Cook expressed their concerns at the potential for abuse of these powers.

The motion was passed.

Patonga Tavern

Gosford Council considered a "Proposed Modification of Consent to Construct a Tavern at Patonga".

The major issue associated with this application was parking.

Both the Council and the community agreed that Patonga has very few opportunities to expand existing limited parking facilities.

The approval of the tavern development application by the

previous council on November 24, 1998 allowed the developer to have a parking deficiency of 18 spaces.

Council's assessment team indicated that the modified application requires an additional 13 parking spaces, making "the total development ... deficient by a total of 31 spaces".

It was also indicated that "159 copies of a standard letter in support of the proposal have been received.

Notably most of the signatories (104) do not reside at Patonga".

On being questioned, Council officers indicated that a very high proportion of those opposing the proposal were residents or ratepayers of Patonga.

John Hancock, a consultant, speaking on behalf of the developer, emphasised Patonga's tourist role and stated his belief that there was adequate parking in Patonga.

Dr Rod Clarke spoke on behalf of the Patonga Progress Association and the 142 residents and ratepayers of Patonga who signed a petition opposing the revised development application (latest census figures show the population of Patonga to be 220).

He identified parking as a major problem.

Cr Bockholt stated: "I supported the original tavern development application but I have since realised what that would do to Patonga.

"This (application) is about doubling the trading area of the tavern - enough is enough! "You have to decide whether it's the tavern or the amenity of the community".

She then asked Council Officers what it would cost Council to provide the required number of car spaces.

The reply was: "\$365,382 to provide 31 Council parking spaces." - Cr Penton said: "I've sar and listened about car spaces.

Why we are talking about giving public land to a private business, I don't know." Cr Cook, commenting

on applications to change an original approved development said: "There are a number of developers coming back to Council to take another bite at the cherry.

Refusal is in the best interests of the residents of Patonga." Cr Wales reminded Council that the original application was approved unanimously.

"Focus on the facts of the revised application.

"No additional floor area has been created.

"At Patonga we have parking to boot! We are crying out to upgrade facilities to tourist standards.

"This is a better plan (than the original).

That is good planning!" Cr Doyle said: "The variation in size is 45%, not double." The original motion was that the development application be refused.

An amendment was moved giving the developer three weeks to address the parking issue.

The amendment was put: The Vote: Crs Holstein (Mayor) and Brooks were absent on leave.

For: Beli, Doyle, Sansom, Wales and Bell 's casting vote as acting mayor Against: Bockholt, Cook, Penton, Preece The Amendment became the motion and the voting pattern was identical.

Payment of Rates

Council is to introduce an EFTPOS facility for debit cards at its Gosford and Woy Woy offices by the end of July.

Cr Doyle expressed his satisfaction at this move by Council as it largely removed concerns of ratepayers having to carry large sums of cash from their bank to the council office to pay their rates.

Mobile Library Services

Proposals are under consideration to merge the adults' and children's mobile libraries into a single mobile library, to prepare a new timetable for mobile library services, and to open new branch libraries.

Some consultation with institutional customers and community groups is envisaged.



Donation for dance school

Gosford Council has given the Peninsula Dance and Theatre School a one-off donation of \$1500 for its Queensland tour during

September.

The donation was made after Cr Debra Wales brought the matter to Council as a matter of urgency.

Carl Spears, July 11

Community workshops for strategic plan

Gosford Council adopted its 2000-2005 City Management Plan (CMP) at its meeting on June 6.

"Council now needs to commence planning for the next round of public workshops," said council's strategic planning manager, Mr Tony Camenzuli.

"These are intended to provide feedback for use in compiling Council's Draft 2001-2006 Strategic Plan," he said.

The workshops provide the opportunity to provide input to the annual update of the Local Area Profiles.

A copy of the 2000-2005 Strategic Plan, which comprises

Report One of the CMP, will be available prior to the workshops.

The workshops will also focus on the draft 2000 State of the Environment Report and will provide the community with the opportunity to make comment.

Three workshops will be held.

The first will be held on Tuesday, August 29, from 9.30 am to 11.30 am, at the Christian Life Centre Umina, 4 Sydney Ave, Umina, next to the Umina Community Hall.

The other two will be held in Gosford and Kincumber.

Anyone interested in attending should phone Carmel Pickup on 4325 8154 or Chris Herridge on 4325 8815 by Monday, August 14.

Council introduces EFTPOS

Gosford Council will introduce an EFTPOS facility at the Woy Woy Council office before the end of this month.

Cr Craig Doyle welcomed the move, saying it was well overdue.

"When I was first elected to Council last year, I was puzzled that ratepayers were not able to use EFTPOS to pay rates and other Council services," he said.

"The matter had been raised in the past but had always foundered on the extensive costs demanded by some financial institutions, which would have made such transactions financially nonviable for Council.

"I was determined that ratepayers and residents be offered a variety of ways of paying

their rates, and am pleased to be able to announce that rates and other Council services can now be paid at Council's Gosford and Woy Woy offices using the EFTPOS facility.

"I believe this is a much more secure way of paying rates, as some of the older people in our community have expressed to me that they feel very vulnerable carrying several hundred dollars to Council's offices.

"Not many people use cheque books these days, making it necessary to carry cash to pay for any Council service from a dog licence to submitting a DA, to rates.

"I also believe ratepayers should be able to pay for any Council service by credit card and I will continue to investigate this method of payment.

"This is necessary as many people pay all their bills by credit card and just make one credit card payment at the end of the month before incurring interest." Councillor Doyle went on to say that he is investigating the interest rates charged by various financial institutions, and looking at ways of financing so that Council is not disadvantaged if this method of payment is adopted.

"As a member of Council's information technology committee, I am determined to ensure that the benefits of the technological age are extended to the community.

"Instituting new ways of paying rates is one way that the community can benefit from new technology," he said.

Carl Spears, July 5

Support continues for flora festival

Gosford Council has decided to continue its support of the Flora Festival at Mt Penang for another year, despite council officers recommending against it.

Cr Tony Sansom said: "This council initiated this festival and just for this year I ask council to continue its support." He said the entertainment at the festival, which is where Council had been providing in-kind support from its existing resources, was all provided by local community groups.

Cr Lynne Bockholt said the festival was "a superb community function".

Eighty thousand people attended each year, she said.

Council has involved itself with the organisation of the festival every year.

The director of corporate and community services, Mr Chris Gallagher, said the festival had changed from "a local event with a limited budget to a large event that is rapidly changing into a regional event".

Mr Gallagher said other activities such as The Central Coast People's Link, The Central Coast Fringe Festival, Heart

Space Theatre, Brackets and Jam, and the Friendship Force needed considerable support to encourage growth.

Perhaps the money spent on the Flora Festival could go to better use with these groups.

"These groups have limited resources and in some cases lack experience.

"The Flora Festival is now a large-scale event that makes a profit, and the organisers are in a position to take up the duties associated with the entertainment program."

Cr Sansom said all the profits were re-invested in the event, in the Mt Penang site and in community groups, such as Rotary and Lifeline.

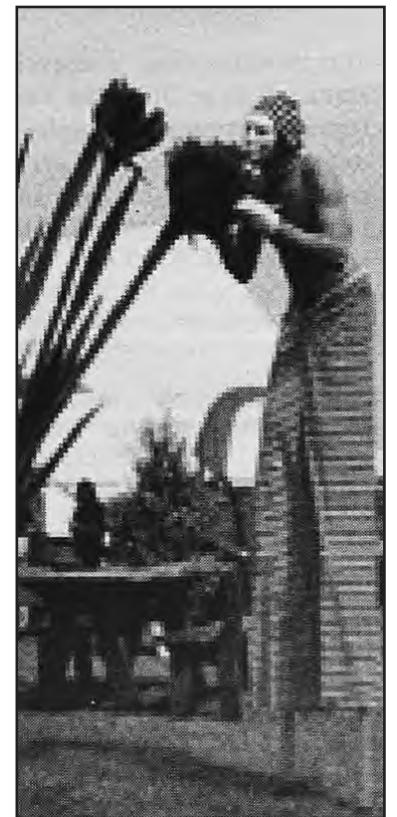
Councillors decided unanimously to continue the support for another 12 months.

The Festival was first held in 1987 and has since won the 1995, 1997 and 1999 NSW Tourism Awards, as well as the 1999 NSW Award of the Decade in Tourism Excellence.

The festival is a non-profit event and will be held from August 31 to September 3 at Mt Penang.

Brochures will be distributed with Council's July rates notice.

Carl Spears, July 5



Council has once again thrown its support behind the Australian Springtime Flora Festival which approximately 70,000 per year visit. The Festival starts on August 31.

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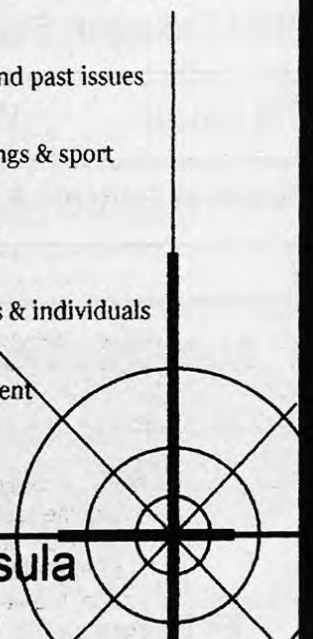
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News



The bus stop at the front of Ettalong Markets will be relocated. One of the many recommendations for the Peninsula from Council's traffic committee

Umina road remains closed despite petition

The existing road closure in Bathurst St at Brisbane Ave, Umina, will remain despite a petition from 52 residents objecting to the closure and requesting the closure be made at Osborne Ave.

Gosford Council has ratified its traffic committee recommendations to keep the existing closure.

Following other traffic committee recommendations, Rosella Rd at Empire Bay will be permanently closed at the intersection of Greenfield Rd.

Council received a 150-signature petition in favour of the closure.

A three-tonne load limit on North Burge Rd and Park Rd, Woy Woy, will not be imposed after Council did a traffic survey.

The survey found that 943 vehicles used the road per day with only five per cent being heavy

vehicles.

However, Council's maintenance engineer will assess the road surface to see whether traffic vibrations that residents have complained about can be rectified.

Council has decided to defer a decision about bus stop placement until after a meeting with State Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews.

A site meeting between Busways and Council officers recommended the relocation of the bus zone outside Ettalong Markets, and the removal of the bus stop outside Somersby Farm Markets in Ocean View Rd.

Those at the site meeting also recommended the removal of the bus stop 50 metres east of Ferry Rd, Ettalong, the installation of a new stop 30 metres west of Ferry Rd, Ettalong, and the removal of

the bus zone west of Schnapper Rd.

In Woy Woy, a disabled parking spot will be installed adjacent to St John the Baptist in Victoria Rd, following a request from the parish minister for two spots.

Council will undertake an estimate and devise a plan for a concrete median strip adjacent to Umina High School in Veron Rd, Umina.

Umina High School principal, Mr Pat Lewis, requested the strip to prevent U-turns at the nearby bus stop.

Council has also endorsed a plan to improve access to Easts Caravan Park.

As part of the larger Umina Beach and Foreshore Masterplan, the access will include 90-degree parking, traffic-calming devices, blister islands and a pedestrian path.

Carl Spears, July 12

Bogus collector calls

Central Coast Health has asked Peninsula residents to be on the lookout for a bogus charity collector.

"A person door-knocking in the Umina area is purporting to be collecting donations for Gosford Hospital Oncology Children's Foundation," according to the service's assistant executive officer Mr Ian Eather.

"Central Coast Health does not have people door-knocking for donations.

"Anyone who is approached for donations should make sure that

they are authorised collectors for the particular charity concerned and that they issue proper official receipts before handing over any money."

Mr Eather said the bogus collector was a woman around 30 years of age. She wore a badge and did not issue receipts, despite requests by people giving donations.

Anyone approached by the person is asked to contact Woy Woy Police on 4341 9122 or to dial 000.

July 14



Workers lay old tyres to provide a soft fall for playing children

Car tyres recycled for play

Gosford City Council has used a mixture made from old recycled car tyres as soft-fall in one of its playgrounds.

General manager of Gosford City Council, Peter Wilson, said the synthetic rubber soft-fall had been laid in the playground in Florida Av, Woy Woy.

"A 120 square-metre area has

made use of 375 recyclable car tyres, saving money and helping the environment," said Mr Wilson.

"This is the first time Council staff have laid the mixture and it is envisaged other playgrounds throughout the city will now use the special soft-fall provided."

A number of other councils have expressed interest in the product.

Vicki Brown, July 14

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Can I estimate my stock or should I get an exact figure?

You can't guess. Each year you need to include a value in your accounts of stock in hand and work-in-progress at 30 June. There are different valuation methods such as valued at cost, replacement or market value. You have to document which method you use. See your accountant for more detail.

Can I claim bad debts as a deduction?

You must have given up all hope and action for recovery. The debt must have been written off by June 30. Details needed are name of debtor, amount owing and nature of bad debt. The same applies to creditors, with the name, amount owed and the nature of credit.

How much substantiation do I need to provide for travel and vehicle costs?

Substantiation rules may apply to motor vehicles and travel expenses so log books and odometer readings should be kept. Once again there are different methods of calculation. See your accountant for more detail.

Anything I've forgotten?

Interest earned on the bank accounts, cash deposits and income earned from other sources such as shares are often overlooked. Other expenses, such as cash payments including the nature of the payment and how the funds were provided should also be declared.

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Mowing maintained

Gosford Council's director of works, Mr Stephen Glen, has told Council the last four mowings along the railway line at Woy Woy had taken place in December, February, March and April.

Cr Lynne Bockholt had asked when the grassy areas each side of the railway line were to be slashed or mown.

Mr Glen said: "The criteria for mowing grass verge areas is for grass height to reach between 15cm and 20cm."

Carl Spears, June 13

Seal gets Kangaroo

Woy Woy's Mr Bob Seal has received the highest scouting award in Australia, the Silver Kangaroo.

The Silver Kangaroo is given for eminent achievement and service to scouting.

Mr Seal is in charge of Umina Scout Group and is also the honorary commissioner of the Hunter and Central Coast region.

His scouting career started in 1953.

July 14

Garden Club

Umina Garden Club will hold an open day on August 12.

The Club will be open to the public from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

A small entry fee will include an afternoon tea served after a talk from guest speakers.

Floral art, orchids, cut flowers, flowers in pots, foliage in pots, and vegetables will be on display.

For more information, telephone Ron on 4341 8842.

4WD appeal

The Patonga Progress Association has contacted Council's manager of reserves over the need for measures to be taken to prevent "desecration" of sand dunes by four wheel drives.

The association also held site inspections with the Hawkesbury Nepean catchment management trust about siltation at the mouth of the creek.

The association has praised Council's efforts in repairing the bus stop regions in Patonga St and its clean-up at the end of Meroo St.

The association has been instrumental in having Council install a dog droppings collection bin at Eve Williams Memorial Oval this month.

Council will also prepare a companion animal management plan to address the issue of dog exercise areas.

The existing area is the land between Brisk St South and the camping ground.

Council's plan will consider extra dog exercise areas.

Carl Spears, July 14

Vandalism strategy for Ettalong lookout

Gosford Council has agreed on a strategy to reduce vandalism at the Mt Ettalong lookout site.

Council's director of works, Mr Stephen Glen, said the lookout reserve had been subject to ongoing and increasing levels of vandalism, anti-social behaviour and illegal dumping.

Council officers had recommended closing the lookout's barrier gate for six months to prevent vehicle but not pedestrian access for a six-month trial.

However, the council decided to leave the gate open and to deter vandals by beautifying the area.

Cr Lynne Bockholt said it was vandalised because it looked awful.

Council would also upgrade the access road and the meeting asked for a report to be brought back to Council.

Council had a regular maintenance program that involved two-weekly visits to remove rubbish and repair damage.

Carl Spears, July 12



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Umina precedent set

In what could set a precedent for the Umina Beach CBD, Gosford Council has approved a three-storey building in Trafalgar Ave.

After three years of negotiation, local architects Howard Leslie and Associates gained approval for a commercial and residential development on the old KFC site.

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce "had actively pressured Council to consent to the development," said president Mr Matthew Wales.

The proposal included two large restaurant areas on the ground floor with undercover parking and two levels of residential apartments above.

"This is a significant

development that will set a high standard for the Trafalgar Avenue precinct," Mr Wales said.

"The Chamber has also been working with local real estate agents in Umina Beach to encourage other property owners in the precinct to consider similar redevelopment proposals adjacent to the KFC site."

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Labor Party stalwarts Oaphne and Jack Slade have both died recently

'True believers' Jack and Daphne die within weeks

Local Labor party stalwarts, Daphne Slade and husband Jack, have died within six weeks of each other.

Daphne first joined the Australian Labor Party (ALP) in 1952 and was a member of the Millers Point Branch.

During her years at that branch, she and Jack were active members.

The family lived at Millers Point for many years before deciding to make their home on the Central Coast and, in due course, became members of the Umina Ettalong branch of the ALP in the early days of that branch's existence.

Daphne worked tirelessly for

local members of parliament and helped at every election.

The late Paul Landa and the late Tony Doyle could always rely on her to accept any tasks that were requested.

She had also always involved herself in strong debate during meetings.

Daphne was born in Brewarrina on April 12, 1929, and Jack was born in Cessnock on August 24, 1926.

They married in 1947 and lived in Umina from 1974.

They are survived by their three children Judith, Bruce and Robyn and four grandchildren Rebecca, Emma, Jake and Patrick.

Jack died on May 16 this year and Daphne on June 28.

Jack worked on Sydney wharves for many years, after leaving the US merchant navy, then worked as a truck driver.

Jack was a union delegate on wharves, while Daphne worked in retail for more than 30 years.

Daphne was honoured with a life membership of the Labor Party in January this year.

She was an inspiration to fellow branch members, never forgetting her roots.

Members of the Umina Ettalong branch of the Labor Party mourn the death of two True Believers'.

Heather McKenzie, July 17

New litter laws come into effect

Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein has urged the community to take note of the new litter laws which came into effect this month.

Council officers have been authorised to issue fines and would be "on the lookout" for anyone disregarding the new laws.

The laws include a range of on-the-spot fines instead of the

single \$200 fine previously in place.

They are: -\$60 for littering a small item such as bottle tops and stubbed-out cigarette butts; -\$200 for general littering, lit cigarette butts and for any item littered from a vehicle; and, -\$375 for dangerous littering - such as smashing glass bottles in a public place.

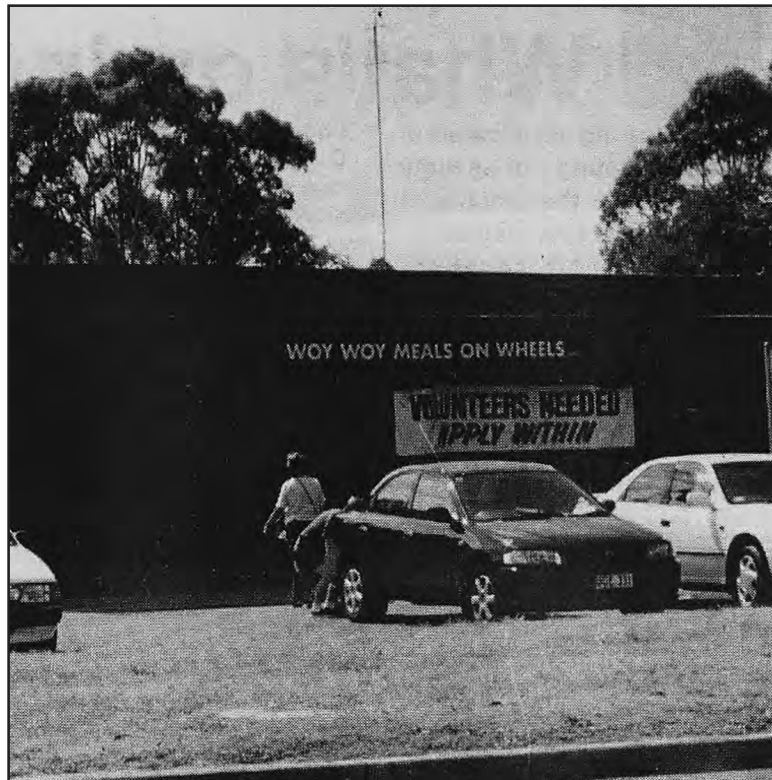
"The new laws allow enforcement officers to match the

fine to the severity of the offence," said Cr Holstein.

"An advertising campaign is also promoting the new laws and urges people to stop and think about their own habits and the impact of littering on the environment.

"These new fines also remind people to think about what they're actually throwing away before they litter," Cr Holstein said.

Vicki Brown, July 17



The long-standing Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

Meals volunteers needed

Woy Woy and District Meals on Wheels needs at least 22 volunteers to fill its rosters.

The service needs 90 volunteers each week with 45 cars to deliver meals to its clients.

There is a petrol allowance of \$8 per car per trip.

A volunteer need give only about two hours once or twice a month, taking meals prepared in its kitchen in Ocean Beach Rd in Woy Woy.

The service has been operating for over 30 years.

For further information please contact the office on 4341 6699.



A six month trial cleaning/maintenance/security/information service will be launched on the Peninsula

Trial street cleaning launched

The Peninsula should be a cleaner place after the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has helped secure a commitment from Gosford Council for a trial street cleaning and maintenance program.

Chamber president, Mr Matthew Wales, said: "The cleanliness of our town centres is vitally important.

"In years past, Council has not provided adequate cleaning services in either Woy Woy, Umina Beach or Ettalong Beach.

"With on-going expenditure of \$4 million in our CBDs under Council's Financial Strategy, Council has conceded that a consistent and effective maintenance program

needs to be put in place." The trial will last six months and private contractors will be employed.

The contractors will clean footpaths, maintain street furniture and gardens and provide general assistance and information to the public.

There is also a security element with the appearance of uniformed workers believed to act as a deterrent to crime.

"A similar operation has worked effectively in the Gosford CBD over a number of years," Mr Wales said.

If the trial is successful, Council and the Chamber will explore options for funding on a continuing basis.

July 17



What's on in and around the Peninsula

The following is a comprehensive listing of events planned for the peninsula over the next four weeks.

To have information about your group's events and activities included, just drop the details into the 'Woy Woy Visitor Information Centre' at 18-22 The Boulevard Woy Woy (around the corner from Fisherman's Wharf) or phone 4341 2888 or fax 4341 8555.

Please come and see us anytime for free maps, ferry times, accommodation and lots of 'other information'.

DAILY EVENTS

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

Brisbane Water Bridge Club meets Monday and Friday at 12.30pm and on Wednesday from 9.30am till 7.30pm at Ocean beach Surf Club, Umina.

They also meet on Saturday at 12.30pm at Woy Woy Leagues Club. Players welcome, partners arranged. Phone: 4341 0721

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY SATURDAY

Free **bike tours** every **Saturday** Leave 2pm from Ettalong Bike Shop, your bike or hire a bike. Also mountain bike tours daily on request - all equipment supplied at \$75 per person. All fitness levels catered for Phone 4341 3906

Cash **Housie** St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong 7.30pm. Free Tea and Coffee. Cash Prizes. Proceeds Woy Woy Catholic Parish Community Fund. Enquiries: Rob 4369 0626.

Social Bingo at Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd at 12pm.

EVERY SUNDAY

Children's entertainment at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club from 11.30am - 3.30pm - Clowns, jumping castle, disco, cost \$2.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

EVERY MONDAY

Ettalong/Umina Lions **Bingo**

10.30-12.30pm Ettalong War Memorial Club Entertainment Centre. Cash Prizes. All Welcome. Phone: 4342 1352.

Outreach Crisis Recovery Group meets from 7.30pm Rear Hall, Anglican Church 151 Blackwall Rd Woy Woy. Addiction, dependency & crisis help. Enquiries: Bill 4368 357.

Fairhaven Services **Cash Housie** 7.30pm Umina Bowling Club. All proceeds Intellectually Disabled Adult Services. Phone: 4325 3608.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Social Bingo at Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd at 12pm.

Peninsula Choir meet & rehearse 7.30pm at St Andrews Hall Umina.

Now rehearsing for 6th Annual Concert with Gosford Brass Band.

EVERY THURSDAY

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

EVENT CALENDAR

Wednesday July 26 Peninsula Womens Health Centre, McMasters Rd 'Woy Woy. Talk on Family Law Issues Phone: Eve 4342 5905.

Thursday July 27

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary will be holding a street stall outside Flemings, West Street, Umina from 8.30am.

Friday July 28

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

Trivia Talent night, Everglades Country Club, 7.30pm. Free entry.

Saturday July 29

Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre calligraphy classes commence at Kitchener Park, Cnr. Picnic Pde and Maitland Bay

Dve Phone Bev. 43254715.

Sunday July 30

WBC Super Lightweight Title Defence with Kostya Tszyu on Sky Channel.

Everglades Country Club, 11am

Monday July 31

Woy Woy Deepwater View Club meet (held last Monday of month). Enquiries June 4342 2046.

Woy Woy Branch of Business & Professional Women - dinner meeting (held last Monday of month). New members welcome. Phone: Jill 4341 1844.

Tuesday August 1

Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre Candle making classes commence at Kitchener Park, Cnr. Picnic Pde and Maitland Bay Dve Phone Bev. 4325 4715.

Peninsula Womens Health Centre, McMasters Rd 'Woy Woy. Talk on Womens' Survival Phone: Eve 4342 5905.

Friday August 4

Free entertainment from Troubadour Folk & Acoustic Club members at cafe restaurant 304 on West from- 7.30pm (Held 1st Friday of the month) Phone: 4344 5533 for bookings Woy Woy Older Women's Network meet 10.15am (held 1st Friday of month).

Current workshop 'Living Skills'. All welcome Phone: Carol 4343 1079.

Saturday August 5

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

(Held 1st Saturday of the month) Phone: 4342 1216

Sunday August 6

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

Working to protect the remaining 'Superb Lyrebirds' in the area and regenerate the vegetation. All welcome. Gloves provided. (Held 1st Sunday each month.) Phone: Tony 43427849.

Monday August 7

Woy Woy Deepwater View Club ceramic party 10.30 all welcome. Enquiries: June 4342 2046.

Tuesday August 8

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters meet 7.30pm (every 2nd and 4th Tuesday). Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club. Enquiries: Jan 4341 6842.

Wednesday August 9

Peninsula Womens' Health



Pelican feeding at Woy Woy happens at 3pm every day

Centre, McMasters Rd 'Woy Woy. Talk on Herbs-Blood Groups Phone: Eve 4342 5905.

Woy Woy Deepwater View club meet (every 2nd Wednesday of the month). Phone: Millie 4344 5717.

Friday August 11

The Troubadour Folk Club 'Open Session' at CWA Hall, Woy Woy (opposite Fishermans Wharf) at 7.30pm. Bring your instrument or just bring yourself. All welcome. Cost \$3. (held 2nd Friday of the month) Enquiries Frank 4341 4060.

Saturday August 12

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 43413960.

Umina Garden Society Open Day 1.30-3.30pm (held 2nd & 4th Saturday each month). Community Hall, Sydney Avenue, Umina. Enquiries: Ron 4341 8842

Tuesday August 15

Arthritis Foundation, Woy Woy Branch meets 10am (Held every 3rd Tuesday), Meals on Wheels Hall, all welcome. Enquiries:

Gladys 4342 1790

Wednesday August 16

Endeavour View Club monthly meeting at Woy Woy Leagues Club 10.30am. (Held 3rd Wednesday of the month) Enquiries: Patricia 4344 5043.

Ettalong Umina Lions Club meets at 6.30pm for 7pm Woy Woy Leagues Club. (3rd Wednesday of each month) Phone: 4342 1352 Radio Five-O-Plus Annual General Meeting, Gosford Public School, 7.30pm. Phone: Barry 4325 5725

Friday August 18

Art Exhibition, Ettalong Memorial Club, 7.30pm. See page 12. Jeannie Little in Marlene. Ettalong Memorial Club, 8pm \$10. See page 13.

Sunday August 20

Peninsula Choir annual concert with Gosford city Band. Ettalong Baptist Church, 2.30pm. \$10.

Phone: 4342 3751 Brisbane Water Caged Bird Society, 10am every 3rd Sunday, Umina CWA Hall.

Enquiries: Jan 4341 6842 Tuesday August 22 Ettalong Beach Toastmasters meet 7.30pm (every 2nd and 4th Tuesday).

Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

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Vicki Brown, July 10

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Shaylee Louise Tierney with the Jubilee Cross on the Aboriginal sacred area at St John the Baptist School, Woy Woy

Jubilee Cross visits Peninsula

The Jubilee Cross came to the Peninsula on Saturday, May 20, travelling via the waterways to the jetty at Woy Woy.

The cross continued to the St John the Baptist Church, where it was received with a fanfare of trumpets.

The arrival of the cross was followed by a community mass.

On Sunday, May 21, at St John the Baptist School, a family mass and picnic was held, followed by an Olympic relay in the presence of the cross.

At 3pm, the Jubilee Cross continued to Patonga where it was received on a barge at the beach.

It was then, tested on the sand.

The community prayed and sang for true reconciliation against a backdrop of sand and sea with live music.

On Wednesday, May 24, the cross travelled back to St John the Baptist School where all the students participated in prayers as the cross proceeded around the school's grounds.

The senior students then carried the cross in procession through the streets of Umina and Woy Woy back to the St John the Baptist Church.

A special mass was held at the Sacred Heart Church of Umina on Saturday, May 27, to farewell the Jubilee Cross on its return to Sydney.

Amanda Jackson, June, 13



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Arts



Members of the Troubadour are asking for people to join in

Troubadours move on

The Troubadour folk and acoustic music club has changed meeting days and the venue for its regular events.

The Tuesday evening gatherings at the Masonic Hall have been moved to the CWA Hall opposite Fisherman's Wharf, Woy Woy, to meet on the second Friday of each month.

The end of the working week has been chosen so that more people may be able to take advantage of the music provided without the concern of having to get up early for work the next day.

The evening commences at 7.30pm and the hall is close to bus, rail, ferry and taxi stations.

The format for the evening has also changed with more emphasis on special guest artists and locals performing either individually or in

their chosen groups with the larger jam sessions either being left until the end of the evening or held elsewhere at members' homes on weekends.

All are welcome to attend, with or without instruments.

Tuesday meetings at the "304 on West" restaurant, Umina, have been moved to the first Friday of each month, when Troubadour members will perform for restaurant patrons.

There is no cover charge and the music varies in style and genre throughout the evening and from week to week.

The first of these will take place on August 4, also commencing at 7.30pm, and bookings are recommended.

For more information, phone Frank on 4341 4060 or 0417 456 929.

Cec Bucello, July 21

Art on show at Club

Nine Peninsula artists will show their work on August 18 and 19 at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

The exhibition was the idea of Bernard Craft, who believed there were not enough exhibiting opportunities for local artists.

He contacted the management of the Ettalong Beach Club who gave support to an unusual project.

The aims of the exhibition were to allow local artists to show their work to the public, to take art into 2 different arena, and to demonstrate to the local public the wide variety of art forms created on the Peninsula.

"There is a lot of talent on the Central Coast but there is

also a touch of conservatism in the approach we see in local exhibitions," said Bernard.

"I wanted to show the variety which is available here, and my selection of works and artists was dictated, not only by the quality and skills of the artists I visited, but by their unique approach," he said.

"If the exhibition is successful, I will be glad to organise another one and it will be open to many more artists." The exhibition will also act as a fund-raiser for local charities and community groups, with Mr Craft donating a painting, Hats Off, for a raffle.

All the artists will attend on Friday evening and will be glad to talk about their work.

The artists attending are:

Bernard Craft, watercolour, pen and ink; Robert Dufield, photographs; Meredith Gilmore, watercolours, pastels; Jennifer Mangold Weine, silk wori<s; Yvonne Mapstone, sculpture; Sabine Parge, textile works; Patrick Ruffat, oils; Garry Taylor, illustrations; Clark WilsonLittle, oils, watercolours.

The exhibition will be opened by television identity Jeannie Little who will have a show at the Ettalong Beach Club the same night.

The exhibition opens August 18 at 5.30pm for guests and 7.30pm for the public.

The exhibition will be open all day on August 19.

July 17

Clark's art by a nose

From the age of four Clark Wilson-little was attracted to horses and already wanted to become a jockey.

The family bread was delivered by horse and cart allowing him the opportunity to draw the baker's horse.

He started a 35-year career with horses at the age of 15 as an apprentice jockey at Randwick Racecourse.

On board "Pirate Birds", the media gave him the nickname of "long Shot little" for his ability to bring long-priced horses to the winning post.

For 13 years, Clari< mixed owning and managing a livery stable, giving riding lessons, drawing a painting horses,

and he enjoyed a few painting commissions.

Now the whip has been exchanged for the paint brush to further establish himself as an equine racing artist.

Clari<'s aim is to capture on canvas the beauty and the power of the racehorse with realism and details, but not in a photographic manner.

After attending the races, his saddle experience helps bring out the action as he recreates the race atmosphere in his mind and it flows onto the canvas.

He has other loves.

One is American Northern Plains Indians' lore.

He has made several paintings about their tribulations, culture and spirituality.

He has studied the history of the great chiefs, Sitting BULL.

Chief Joseph, Crazy Horse and many others.

Seeing the work of Charles Russell inspired him to paint Indians.

Clari< is essentially self-taught.

He is stimulated by the challenge of non-photographic realism, accuracy, and the expression of feelings and emotions which are the results of his life around horses and artists.

Some of his work will be shown at the "The Peninsula Art Exhibition" at the Ettalong Beach Club on August 18 and 19.

He can be contacted on 4342 4651.

Bernard Craft, July 17

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Council's director of corporate and community services, Mr Chris Gallagher, said: "Under the new (tax) conditions, 48.5 per cent of grants made to community organisations which do not have an ABN, will go to the Australian Taxation Office as withholding tax." Carl Spears, May 31

Sponsor raffle

The Commonwealth Bank at Ettalong has won the sponsor's raffle, open to sponsors of the debutante ball run by the lions Club of Ettalong-Umina.

The prize was a night's accommodation for two people donated by the Gazebo Hotel in Elizabeth Bay.

The manager, Mr David Rushworth, accepted the prize for the branch.

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Umina poet commended

Umina resident, Cheryl Lyn Fowler, has had two of her poems commended by the judges of the nation-wide Henry Kendall Poetry Award run by Central Coast Poets.

Ms Fowler received her commendations for her poems, *Solution and Breach*, in the open section of the award, which received a total of 638 entries.

The winner in the competition was Ms Joan Kerr from Geelong, Victoria, for her poem *Ballarat Cemetery*.

President of Central Coast Poets, Ms Mary Hawthorne, said: "The results of the Henry Kendall Poetry Award for this

year confirmed its national status as a major Australian poetry competition.

"The two judges for the awards, Ms Deb Westbury and Ms Brook Emery, were both experienced published poets.

Ms Westbury had a collection of poetry prescribed for this year's Higher School Certificate and Ms Emery won last year's Newcastle Poetry Prize.

The judges said: "All the poems entered represent sincere and deeply-held ideas and emotions and show how people turn to poetry to express what is almost inexpressible in any other way."

Carl Spears, June 8



Some of the members of the Peninsula Dance and Theatre School

'Best bakery' on the Coast

A Umina bakery, which prides itself on supporting local business and buying Australian-made produce, has been voted best Central Coast bakery in a recent radio poll.

Umina Bakehouse won the award after 42 per cent of those polled nominated the business, one of the highest ratings in any category.

The Bakehouse was presented the Best Bakery Award by the radio

station, SEA-FM.

The framed placard is currently on show in the bakery window in West St, Umina.

Managed by Adele Sheean and Lisa Johnston, the Bakehouse specialises in quiches, pies including vegetarian pies, breads, fruit slices and wedding cakes.

The owners said they were also proud of the fact that they supported local businesses and continually achieved production utilising 98 per cent Australian supplied goods.

Peninsula dance school excels

The Peninsula Dance and Theatre School excelled in many categories in the year 2000 Central Coast Eisteddfod on Saturday, June 10.

They received 15 first places, 16 second places and nine third places, and 22 students were highly commended.

Amongst the winners were 15-

year-old Megan Plummer who won the prestigious Central Coast Eisteddfod 25th anniversary scholarship and the individual section for 18 years and under.

Nine-year-old Michael Halcrow won the character and monologue section for his age group.

Angela and Margaret Denman, principal and drama teacher from the Peninsula Dance and Theatre

School, were particularly proud of their primary school years 3 to 6 Verse Speaking choir which won their category reciting "The Ceremonial Band" in parts and "The Owl and the Pussy Cat".

The 26 children between the ages of six to 11 were conducted by Miss Suzanne Rose as they spoke with one voice.

Karen Booth

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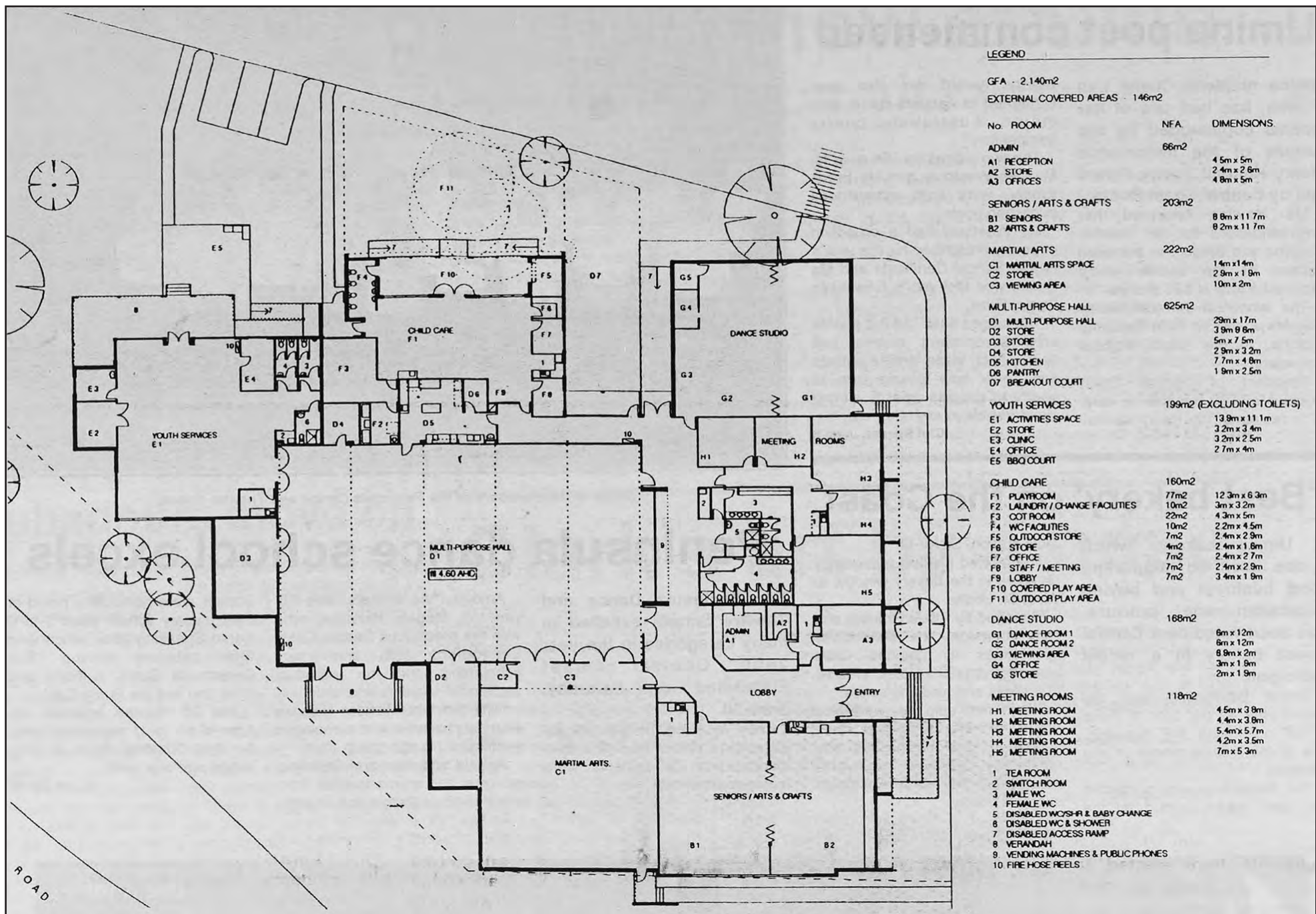
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The proposed Community Centre and Theatre plans from architects Andrews Neil

Chamber supports Umina CBD plan

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has "generally supported" the draft plan for Umina CBO prepared by independent consultants Andrews Neil in a submission to Gosford Council.

The council is now reviewing the Umina CBD plans and submissions and a report is expected to be presented to a full council meeting soon.

Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said: "The Chamber has lobbied hard over the past two years to have an independent planning consultant appointed to review the streetscaping requirements for the Umina CBD.

"Andrews Neil were engaged by Council to undertake the review and they have now completed two successful public workshops, both of which were well attended by both Chamber members and the community." Mr Wales said that, in principle, the Chamber supported the redesign and relocation of "the infamous raised pedestrian crossing in West Street and has encouraged Council to explore the creation of a town square in Bullion Street adjacent to the Umina Beach Ubrary".

He said Umina Beach needed a focal point and the Chamber's view



Part of the Umina CBD

was that the vicinity of the library in Bullion St was the ideal location.

Andrews Neil also suggested a need for a roundabout at the intersection of Wellington St and Ocean Beach Rd.

The consultants said a roundabout would encourage

shoppers and customers to use the existing car parks on the north side of the shopping centre in Bullion St and therefore take pressure off the main street, West St.

The Chamber has encouraged the council to further investigate the construction of the roundabout.

July 19

Environment centre gets together

Friends of the Woy Woy Environment Centre are holding a "get-together" on July 29.

"You can become a 'friend' for a small fee," according to the Centre's Beryl Strom.

Friends are able to take part in organised excursions, as well as get-togethers.

Beryl said the Woy Woy Environment Centre was officially opened on World Environment Day in 1988.

It was a Bicentennial Project, jointly funded by the State Government and Gosford City Council.

"If you need answers to environmental questions or want information, there is much information on display for your perusal," she said.

For further information ring Beryl Strom on 4360 1024 or call at the centre at 267 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

July 18

World music concert held

A concert with the theme of "Music from Around the World" will be held at 2.30pm on Sunday, August 20, at Ettalong.

Baptist Church in Barrenjoey Road.

Tickets cost \$10, include

afternoon tea, and are available at the door or from Fisherman's Nook Bookshop (near Anglican Church in Blackwall Road, Woy Woy).

All proceeds will go to support the work of the Religious Education Ministry on the Peninsula.

July 18

Federation celebrations planned

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Vicki Brown, July 10

Rugby Union

Woy Woy Public School rugby team has participated in the first Central Coast Matt Burke Rugby Union Cup at Erina Oval.

After four games and through a series of match points, Woy Woy boys tied with the winning school. Warnervale.

The boys played well putting a lot of effort into every game.

The performance of Shelden Brown was noteworthy as he excelled himself in his first football carnival.

Bradon McGarth, June 22

Computers

Woy Woy Rotary has presented Ettalong Public School with \$1200 towards computer equipment at its 50th Anniversary Dinner.

Club president Mr Ross Pearce presented the school with the cheque.

School principal Mr Bruce Donaldson said the school community was thrilled "that Rotary has supported the school's commitment to provide this technology to our children".

July 1

Lawn bowls

Twenty-four Woy Woy High students have elected to play lawn bowls as their weekly school sport.

After about two months they are doing quite well, according to nationally qualified coach Mr Fred Hawkesworth.

The students spend about two hours a week at the Woy Woy Bowling Club refining their skills.

Other nationally-qualified coaches involved are Ted Martin, Gordon Armstrong, Ray Bolewski and Graham Kenney.

Club president Mr Glen Smith said the club was keen to boost the number of young players.

July 14

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Schools play host for Olympic camp

Umina and Woy Woy high schools will host young international visitors as part of the Olympic Youth Camp in September.

Participants in the Youth Camp are aged between 16 and 18, from 180 countries, and will be in Gosford between September 27 and 30.

The camp is coordinated locally by Gosford Council.

"The camp involves young people from more than 180 countries.

"They'll spend their first couple of weeks at Olympic events and cultural and environmental activities, and then take part in the 'Aussie Family Visit' for two days and three nights" said mayor Cr Chris Holstein.

"Gosford is one of only 10 towns in New South Wales chosen

to host participants of the Youth Camp," he said.

He encouraged locals to get involved in the program to help spread some of the Olympic 'spirit'.

"We've got a lot to be proud of in Gosford City, so I'm looking forward to local families showing off the area to these young international visitors.

"We're keen to hear from interested families with teenage children, as Gosford is billeting 42 participants over the three days," Cr Holstein said.

"Each school has a Youth Camp coordinator, so any families not yet involved can contact the school.

"Similarly, we would love other schools to join in the spirit as we need more host families." For more information, contact Samantha Rixon on 9297 4165 or Vicki Brown at Gosford Council on 4325 8331.

July 14



Members of Woy Woy High's dance troupe

Good reports for dancers

Woy Woy High School principal, Ms Carolyn Carter, said she was pleased with the good reports from other Central Coast school principals about her students' performances in the Central Coast Dance Festival held earlier this month.

"Unfortunately, I was unable to

attend the performance as I had a P&C meeting to attend," Ms Carter said.

"However, I did receive some excellent feedback from some other principals who praised our senior girls very highly.

"They were very impressed with the girls' whole presentation and performance."

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Students Rachael and Gerard McMinn near the Bully Box

School Bully Box

Ettalong Public School has introduced a bully box into its playground.

School principal, Mr Bruce Donaldson, said the students have responded well to the concept which allows them to report incidents of bullying.

"This is an interesting concept

which will hopefully empower our children to tell if they are being bullied at school and by whom," Mr Donaldson said.

"The bully box has been introduced into the playground and any reports will be followed up by staff."

Carl Spears, July 13

Pen pals by email

Woy Woy High School Year 10 students are currently enjoying an email partnership with students from the Geretsried Gymnasium in Bavaria, Germany.

The communication between the students is seen as an opportunity for the Woy Woy students to improve their knowledge of German and of computer usage.

It also is an opportunity to

develop long-lasting friendships and to broaden their cultural experiences.

Student Stacey Curtis is hosting an exchange student from Germany, who is staying with her family for 10 weeks from June.

In return, Stacey is guaranteed an interview for a scholarship to go to Germany for 10 weeks next year.

Mary Brady, June 6

Umina dance students busy

Dance students at Umina High School are experiencing busy times.

Year 11 student Kristy Stephen has been selected to perform in the Sydney Olympic Opening and Closing Ceremonies in September.

She has a hectic time ahead of her with many rehearsals and a need to keep many details secret about the ceremonies.

Alex Tsambos in Year 7 and Sherridan Coghlin in Year 10 are currently performing in the Central Coast Ensemble and will dance in the Local Dance Festival and Dance Week in September.

These girls, including Kristy, will devote many personal hours in coming months to improving their

performances.

Year 9/10 dance students are also busy rehearsing for their part in the Torch Relay Ceremony at Northpower Stadium on August 28 involving 2500 dancers in various sequences.

The lunch-time dance group, led and choreographed by Year 11 students Erin Glynn, Kristie Smee and Tamara Johnson, is also active.

This group involves students from Years 7-11, preparing items for the school's annual "Showtime" performance.

Also, several Year 10 students plan to audition for Hunter Performing Arts in the near future.

P Williams, June 23

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Website seeks listings

The Peninsula's new community web site, the **Peninsular.net**, is seeking listings of focal activities and events, businesses, groups and individuals.

The site, which is an initiative of Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, includes the Peninsula News web site.

It also contains a diary of community events and a list of 80 Peninsula community groups with contact numbers.

A section called "Peninsula on the Web" has links to the web sites of more than 60 businesses, clubs, schools and individuals on the Peninsula.

Its "webmaster", Mr Mark Snell of Open Windows in Woy Woy, said the web site was about the Peninsula for the Peninsula.

"Where many people see the Internet as an opportunity to sell to the world, it is also a tool we can use to build our own community."

He believed the web site would become a ready-reference to all aspects of the Peninsula and complemented the role of Peninsula News.

It did not have the space constraints of the newspaper.

It already included 10 issues of the paper.

It could also be updated daily.

"News can be published on the web site soon after it is written," said Mr Snell.

"Meetings called at late notice can be included on the web site, where they might miss the newspaper's deadline." Mr Snell said the web site was more than just a news medium and diary.

It would also provide directory services.

These already included a list of community groups and Peninsula web sites.

"I would like to augment this with an e-mail address book of people who live or work on the Peninsula."

Mr Snell said the plan was to provide as comprehensive a picture of the Peninsula as possible, so listings and links were either free or at minimal cost.

Listing services would also be available for a range of commercial activities.

Currently, the site had a listing of house and flat rentals.

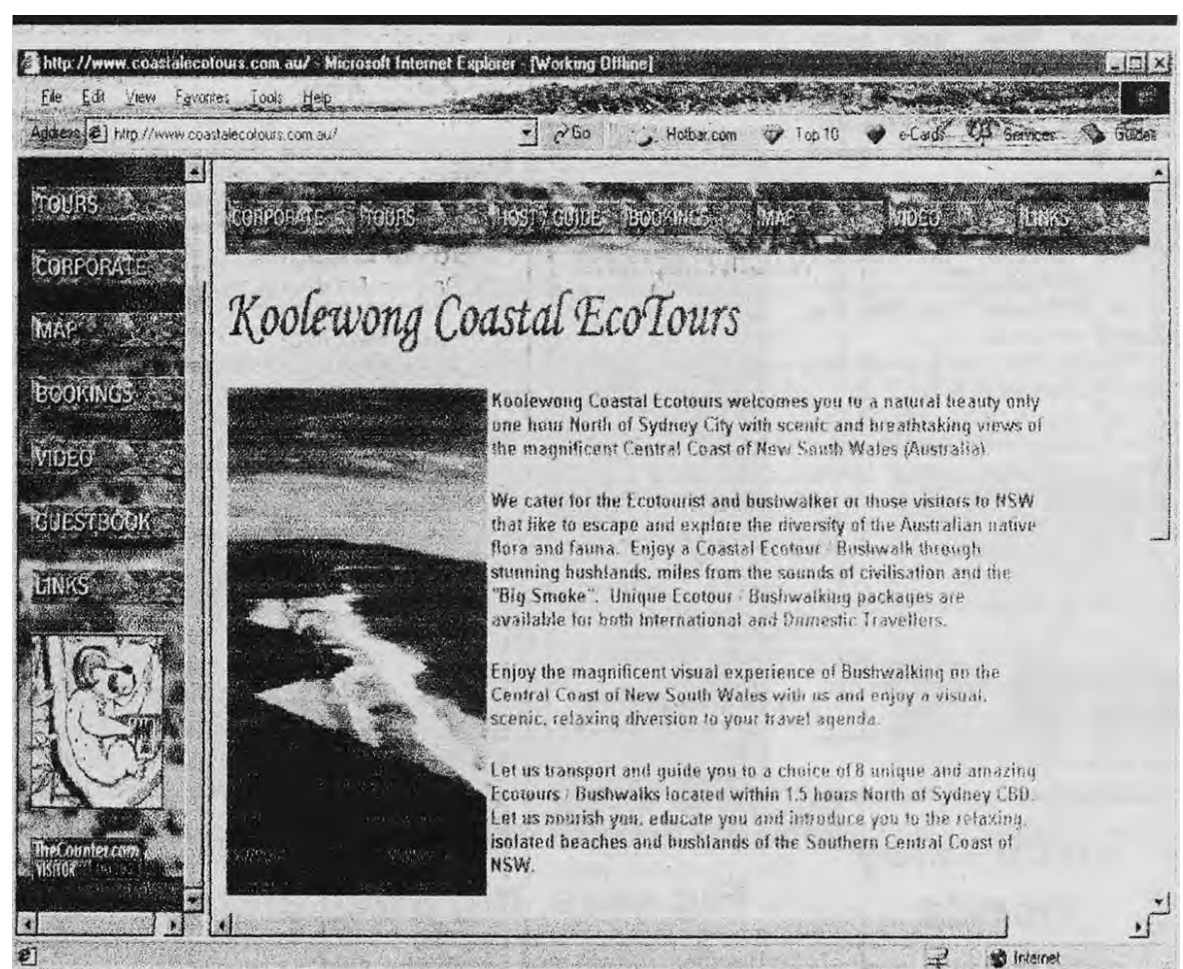
It was planned to expand this to include listings of open houses and properties for sale.

Garage sales would also be listed.

Other plans included providing tourist information and statistical details about the Peninsula.

Anyone wishing to submit items for listing may post them to PO Box 585, Woy Woy, fax them to 4344 6487 or email them to marksnell@openwindows.com

The address of the web site is <http://www.thePeninsulaR.net> For more details, contact Mark Snell on 4342 5333.



See first hand the rich diversity of Australian flora and fauna on Koolewong website

Web site of flora and fauna

Koolewong Coastal Eco Tours has an Internet site for Peninsula residents who are interested in seeing firsthand the rich diversity of the Australian native flora and fauna in our area.

The site has many great pictures including Lion Island and Pearl Beach, and these are generally downloaded quickly.

There are many internal links to pages such as descriptions of the walks, information on corporate eco-tours.

The walks and tours are

described in depth and have a relative -fitness grading of each tour, allowing the visitor to decide whether the tour would be suitable.

External links enable the viewer to surf off to other nature sites such as NSW National Parks and the local reptile park, and to find out about other tours such as kayaking.

Overseas links include references to other world eco-tour providers.

If you are interested in booking one of the many local coastal tours email wambo@ozemail.com.au

or for a virtual tour you can visit <http://www.coastalecotours.com.au>.

The page does not provide a date when it was last updated but it is worth a visit and rates eight out of a possible 10.

If your community organisation is on the Internet and would like your site reviewed, send the information including contact details to stephenmcnamara@start.com.au or mail to PO Box 532, Woy Woy 2256, or fax 02 43422071

Stephen McNamara, May 16

Sport

Woy Woy Bowling Club



Championship finalists- 1 to r. Sel Manuel.. Gordon Craig, Terry Flynn (Umpire), Alan Rogers and Martin Rogers

Men's pairs champions decided

The Woy Woy Bowling Club's Men's Pairs Championships have just been held.

In the first semi-final, Gordon Craig and Sel Manuel defeated Neal Williams and Chris Newell 20-18.

In the second semi, father and son team of Martin and Alan Rogers defeated Ray Duignan and Lionel Ackling 23-15.

The anticipated final saw the Rogers win 28-20.

Currently, the club's minor singles championship is on.

The club is also looking for more players for its Sunday afternoon mufti-dress mixed bowls competition.

Publicity officer Mr Ray Wright said the sausage sizzle at the event has helped it go from strength to strength and attracted more teams.

The Sunday competition starts at 12.45pm and visitors are welcome.

For more information telephone the dub on 4341 3304.

Ettalong win Kingfisher Trophy at Umina

Ettalong pair Todd Langby and John Roberts, along with Everglade's Graham Maier won the Kingfisher trophy held at Umina Bowling Club.

Umina Bowling Club's mens triple team also put in a strong performance at the tournament, reaching the quarter finals.

The tournament, in its 29th year, was played late last month, with some outstanding talent making the trip to Umina.

State representatives and Australian squad participants were among the participants.

Seven of the top 10 ranked players in Australia played in the tournament.

The Umina team of Ian Street, Tony Kelly and John Menzies put in a good performance, against such highly-talented competition, to reach the quarter finals.

This year's tournament was sponsored by Easts Ocean Beach Holiday Park at Umina.

Umina Bowls coordinator, Mr Charlie Robinson, said the tournament was a great success.

The trophy was presented along with a cheque for \$4500.

July 14



Table Tennis competitors at Ettalong Senior Citizens' Centre

Never too old to play sport

Peninsula senior citizens are fortunate to have a large range of activities right on their door step to choose from.

The selection includes four bowling clubs, a golf course, a variety of watersports, many social clubs, activities in a community centre and even more activities

at the Ettalong Senior Citizens' Centre.

Located on the corner of Broken Bay Rd and Karingi St, Ettalong Beach, adjacent to the shopping centre, the annual members fees are only \$3.30.

Activities include table tennis, dancing, fitness.

classes, bowls, line dancing,

bridge, leatherwork, cards, painting, mah jong, fabric painting and handicraft.

The club rooms include a lounge, spacious dining room and a large dance floor area.

New members are welcome.

Enquiries: Phone 4341 3222 July 23



Neil Bush caught this bream at the northern end of Pearl Beach

Torch relay needs assistance

The Paralympic Torch will pass through Patonga at lunch time, October 16, and organiser, Joyce Chambers, is seeking helpers to attend to the torch relay crews.

To offer help, telephone Joyce on 4379 1238.

The torch will also pass through Woy Woy and Umina earlier in the day before moving on to Palm Beach.

Big seas, big swell and big fish

Another month has passed with a big sea, big swell, rain and wind.

The fishing at Woy Woy's TWharf has seen a lot of blackfish and leather jacket.

At the bath in Paddy's Channel, there has been whiting, flathead, leather jacket and bream.

In the Rip, there are bream and jewfish on the flat.

At Ettalong, you can pick up the odd flathead.

On the outside front east-west reef, mOries, leatherjacket and the odd schnapper have been caught.

Big tuna should be working their way up the coast from the south with whales on the move.

Good bags of flathead are also up for grabs as they are also moving up the coast.

In the Hawkesbury River, you can pick up bream and jewfish at Flint and Steel.

Blackfish are around Orange Grove and around the beaches with tailor.

Good sized whiting are around nearer to Gosford.

Ken Bartley, Jamies Bait and Tackle, July 17

Cricket back on soon

Despite the cold weather, the time has come for Peninsula' juniors to start thinking .

about cricket.

With the Olympics and subsequent' school holidays dominating the month of September, registrations for the summer sport are not far away.

Umina District Junior Cricket Club has decided to join the parent body of the NSW Cricket Association for common sign up days to launch the season 2000/20001 .

Held upstairs in the Sports Council Building at Umina Oval,

registrations will be held on August 13 9am - 11 am and August 20 from 9am until noon.

All current and new members are welcome.

The season promises to be an innovative one for Umina Juniors.

The growth and development of the club has seen the election of a new committee and the introduction of a club shirt for all players.

Having two reigning premiership teams in its ranks, Umina is confident that the first season of the new millennium will be its most successful yet.

Kerrie Friend, July 17



Skatepark to be discussed

A draft plan for the extension of Umina Skate park will be discussed on Thursday, August 3, at 4.30pm at Umina Skatepark ..

Skatepark designer Chad Ford, who designed the existing facility at Umina Oval for Gosford Council, will present the draft plan

developed with assistance from local skaters at a previous meeting held at Umina Surf Club.

All members of the community, especially skateboarders, are urged to attend.

For more information, contact John Ferguson on 4325 8430.

Vicki Brown, June 17

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Ettalong Public School hits the snow

Ettalong Public School's Year 6 students have had an exciting time down at the snow at the end of last term.

The trip to the snow was part of the school's annual CanberraSnowy trip.

The trip lasted four days.

The excursion covered all the key learning areas of English, maths, physical education, art and science.

Not that the students realised they were working, all having a fun time.

The children and teachers visited the War Memorial, Australian Mint, National Art Gallery, various embassies, the Electoral Education Centre, Telstra Tower, Australian Institute of Sport, the Australian Film Archives and the everpopular Questacon hands-on Science Centre.

At Parliament House, the group was met by Federal Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd.

By all accounts, Mr Lloyd was impressed by the children's probing questions.

After Canberra, the group traveled to the snow.

The group enjoyed a full day

at Thredbo, where they had ski lessons and access to chair lifts.

According to a spokesperson for the school, ninety per cent of the pupils mastered the skiing kills and had a "ball".

The spokesperson said many of the teachers were the unsuspecting targets of snowballs.

Ettalong Public School is one of the few primary schools which offer the chance to learn to ski at a reasonable cost, the spokesperson said.

"For many of the children, it was their first time actually seeing snow and they were thrilled.

"Many thanks to' Kunura Bus Lines and coach driver Peter for their support and involvement, which helped to make the excursion such a success.

"The teachers all agreed that the children were a credit to their school and their families.

"It was a pleasure to accompany such well behaved and fun loving children.

"No doubt, the children's diaries will contain many lasting memories of their experience," the spokesperson said.

July 23



The Ettalong Public School skiing team - (from left to right) Carla Rasmussen, Emma Shannon, Samantha Hinton, Jaymie-Lee Stewart, Julie Roffe, Kristy Warren, Rebecca Cartwright and Christie-Ann Grell

Tavern decision deferred

Gosford Council has deferred a decision on changes to the proposed Patonga Tavern until next month.

It has asked the applicant to address parking issues after he had applied to change a previously approved internal floor layout.

The issue of parking space needed to cater for tavern patrons was the major debating point by councillors.

According to council's director of development and the environment, Mr John Murray, the approved internal tavern area was 170.25 square metres and the new proposal increased this by 80.5 square metres.

"This generates an additional car parking requirement of 13 spaces," he said.

However, there was no increase in the overall floor area of the proposed tavern, with the extra

"drinking floor" space created due to the relocation of a manager's residence from the ground floor to the first floor.

Mr Murray said the previous approved proposal already had a deficiency of 18 car parking spots, making a total of a shortage of 31 spaces if the new proposal were to be accepted.

Council officers had recommended refusal of the new proposal, but councillors decided to give the applicant three weeks to resolve the car parking problem.

The consultant representing the applicant, Mr John Hancock, said he believed Patonga already had adequate parking.

The secretary of the Patonga Progress Association, Dr Rod Clarke disagreed with Mr Hancock.

Mr Bockholt said: "This application is about doubling the trading area of the tavern and enough is enough.

"You have to decide whether it's the tavern or the amenity of the community." The increase in trading space is about 50 per cent.

Council officers said it would cost \$365,382 to provide the needed 31 parking spaces.

Cr Judith Penton said: "Why we are talking about giving public land to a private business, I don't know." Cr Debra Wales said that the original application had been approved unanimously and that no extra overall floor area has been created.

"At Patonga we have parking to boot," she said.

"We are crying out to upgrade facilities to tourist standards and this is a better plan than the original.

"That is good planning." Cr Wales said the relocation of the manager's residence away from the public area was better for all concerned.

Carl Spears, July 12

Cancer funds

Everglades Ladies Bowling Club raised \$3163 for Central Coast Cancer Care on their June 27 charity day.

Many of the goods, which were sold or raffled to raise the funds, were made and donated by the members.

Thirty-six teams also played two games of 15-ends in a friendly atmosphere.

The competition was won by the team of Elaine Goodfellow, skip, Joyce Carmichael, Margaret Pollock and Iris Bate.

Carl Spears, July 14

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Business award winners delighted



John Moore, Ettalong Beach Fitness Centre, accepts his award



Peter and Michelle Chippindale, Watersedge Motel, making their acceptance speech

A large number of Peninsula business representatives, their families and friends, attended the annual Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Business Award presentations on July 21.

Awards are presented to businesses in four categories separated by staff numbers.

They are also presented to businesses for an outstanding promotion and for excellence in service.

The category "C" winner for businesses with between 10 and 19 staff, Ettalong Beach Fitness Centre, was a popular choice on the night judging by the response from the audience when their name was announced.

Proprietor John Moore was delighted to have been selected and thanked his many supporters in the audience.

Winner of category "B" for four to

nine staff was the recently established Watersedge Motel in Woy Woy.

Proprietors, Peter and Michelle Chippindale, were able to nominate many other accommodation establishments amongst the long list of businesses that have helped them achieve such recognition.

Category "A", for businesses with 1 to 3 staff, was won by Umina Beach health food store, Earthly Goodness.

The Encouragement Award for presentation and service, went to Cinema Paradiso of Ettalong Beach.

Owner, Jerry Altavilla, was clearly pleased to receive such recognition and thanked his family and staff for their efforts.

The outstanding business promotion award was won by Fisherman's Wharf for their successful, annual Oysters' Birthday celebrations.

The Oysters' Birthday draws thousands of people to the Peninsula each



year.

The excellence in service award was won by new Peninsula business owner, Pam Curley of Curley's Designing Ideas of West Street, Umina Beach.

A new award this year was for the Time Honoured Established Business and went to four businesses which between them have over 120 years of service to the community.

The winners were Bruce Kerr Real Estate, Tony McPhee Pharmacy, Jackies Hair Design and J&B Meats.

The community award for the year 2000 did not go to an individual but went to the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club for their donation of \$165,000 to Community Success for their program to help long-term unemployed young people.

Club secretary manager, Mr Peter Hale, in receiving the award, stressed the importance of the program.

He said how moved he was by the difficult situations that many of the program participants had found themselves in and how dramatically their self confidence had improved by the end of the program.

Mr Hale announced that the club had resolved to renew their sponsorship of the program and that they would increase their funding to \$250,000 for the year, an increase of \$85,000.

Cec Bucello, July 21

We won!

Peninsula Business Award winners announced



Ocean Beach Hotel, Umina, staff and supporters celebrate winning the big one

Ocean Beach Hotel, Umina, took out the major prize at the Peninsula Business Awards last Friday night.

The gala presentation evening was held at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club on Friday, July 21, with 320 guests.

Winners of category "O" for businesses of 20 or more staff, Ocean Beach Hotel proprietors Jeremy and Veronica Cusack and their many supporters were delighted

when their business was named Peninsula Business of the Year.

In his acceptance speech, Jeremy Cusack thanked his wife, family, staff and those who nominated him for their recognition of the work that had gone into making the establishment what it had become.

He also recognised the effort made by the Chamber of Commerce in recent

years and the many improvements to the area.

"This is a great honour for us and would not have been possible without all the hard work behind the scenes by my wife Veronica", he said.

"I wish to thank my family, staff and supporters and the many regular customers that make our business what it is."

Cec Bucello, July 21

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