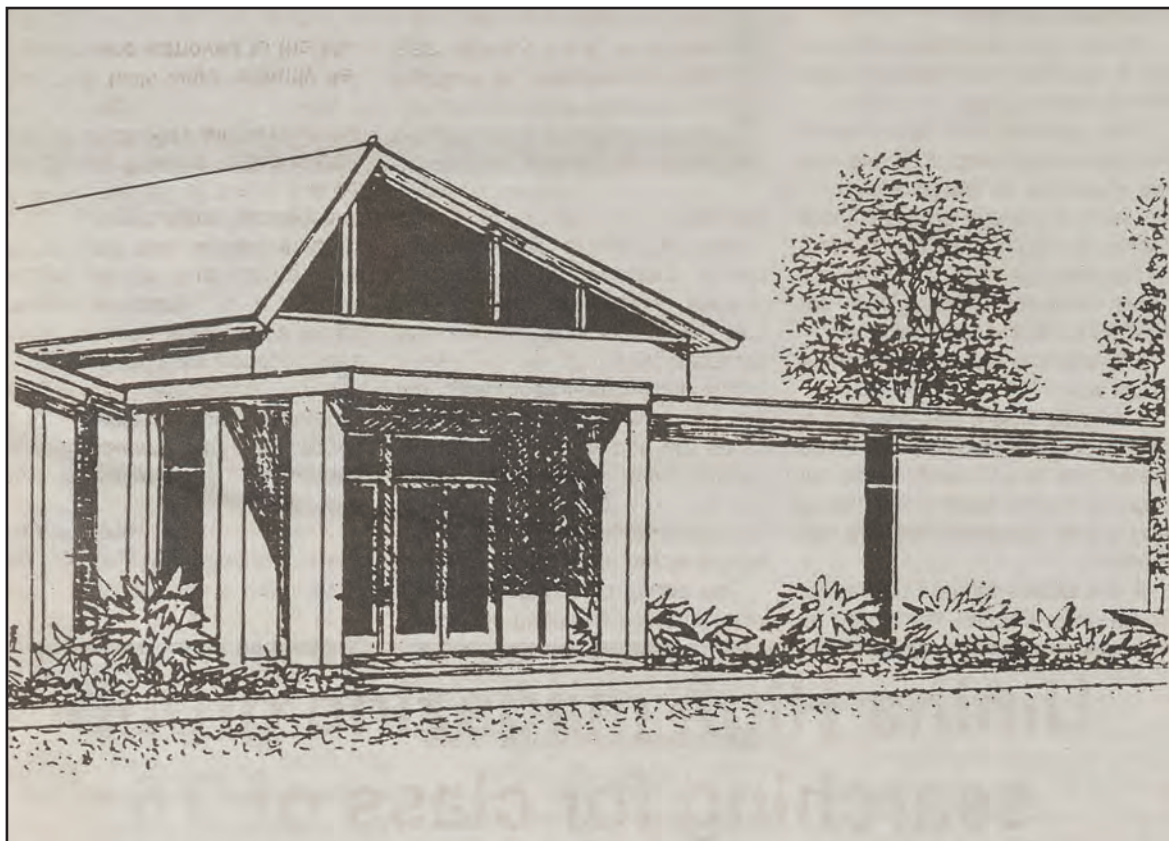




An artist's impression of the new Uniting Church Community Centre from a south-west perspective

Uniting Church starts on community centre

After many years of planning, work has started on a new community centre at the Umina Uniting Church on the corner of Neptune St and Ocean Beach Rd.

Scheduled for completion at the end of November, the new community centre will provide greatly improved facilities for both church activities and the community service groups who have been using the church halls for their meetings.

The church has been on its present site since 1970, and over the past 30 years, many different groups ranging from Scouts to playgroups, Alcoholics Anonymous to Red Cross made good use of the old halls which the new centre is replacing.

Over all of this period, the church itself has run activities for children, youth, family groups and retirees, and all of these groups are looking forward to the opportunities which they will have in the new building.

The old halls were recently demolished and removed to the Myall Lakes district for re-erection

as an artist's studio.

They were built originally in West St as the Umina Methodist Church and in South St as Scots Presbyterian Church.

In 1970, both buildings were moved to the Neptune St site as Umina shopping centre was growing, making parking and access difficult.

At the same time, the Woy Woy Methodist Church in Victoria Rd was sold, and the sale proceeds enabled the two buildings to be joined together with kitchen and storage facilities.

Until 1978, this facility served as the church and hall, and on completion of the present brick church in that year, the building became known as the "Small Hall" and the "Large Hall".

A separate toilet block in the courtyard was a well-known talking point for all who used the church and halls.

The new community centre will be joined to the present church.

From a single entrance facing Neptune St, a large foyer area will lead to the church, to a meeting

area with folding doors, to a modern servery, to a large activities hall and to toilets and showers.

The needs of people with disabilities have been given a high priority in all parts of the new centre and also in the church which underwent extensive renovations last year.

The Broken Bay Uniting Church Parish has launched a fund-raising drive for the new community centre, which will cost in the vicinity of \$550,000.

A grant has been received from The NSW Uniting Church Mission Resource Fund, and a bequest from a former church member was a valuable contribution.

Church groups are undertaking various fundraising activities.

Because it is a building which will contribute to community life on the Peninsula, the chairperson of the fund-raising committee, local solicitor Alistair Knibb, is inviting local clubs and businesses to make a donation to the project.

Donations can be sent to the Uniting Church Office, 346 Ocean Beach Road, Umina.

August 18

Council seeks jetski limits

Gosford Council is seeking to limit the use of jetskis in local waterways after the State Government announced guidelines for local government.

Cr Lynne Bockholt said she had been concerned for some time over the use of jetskis on local waterways, specifically at Ettalong.

She said Premier Bob Carr was also concerned and had cited nine recent accidents in NSW, three involving major injuries, as warranting the tighter regulations.

"Jetskis are unique, as no other powercraft can operate so fast in so little water and at the same time be used for stunts, such as wave-jumping and 'donuts'," Mr Carr said.

"We have the best coastal beaches in the world and the State Government wants to keep them safe for residents and beach-goers."

The State Government's changes to the Water Traffic Regulations have been endorsed by the Boating Industry Association of NSW, the Personal Watercraft Industry Association and Sydney Jet Sports Boat Association.

"These things are being let loose on the community and the Peninsula community is sick of it," Cr Bockholt said.

"Many of the jetskis come from Sydney areas, where they are banned.

"If we don't keep up (with the rules) we'll be inundated.

"They are dangerous and Surf Lifesaving Australia agrees with me on that."

Cr Judith Penton said simply: "I'd like them banned."

The new rulings mean that jetskis cannot be used within 200 metres of the shoreline, except for the purposes of leaving and returning to shore.

Cr Bockholt said the area inside the heads of Ettalong was an area of particular concern.

Under the new rulings, jetskis will be effectively banned from the Ettalong bay as all water within the area is within 200 metres of a shoreline.

Cr Geoff Preece suggested the new restriction should be 300 metres.

However under the rulings, the further 100 metres would be Council's responsibility.

Council's director of works, Mr Stephen Glen, said an extra 100 metres would raise policing problems for Council.

Council would investigate the possibility of erecting signs alerting jetski riders to the 200-metre mark by attaching signage to existing channel markers.

Penalties ranged from on the spot \$320 fines, up to \$1200 and a life ban for serious repeat offenders.

Licence fees have been increased from \$51 to \$120 to cover education and enforcement costs.

Jetskis accounted for six per cent of boating licences, but attracted about 25 per cent of all complaints.

There were 5000 registered owners throughout Sydney and the Central Coast.

For further information on the legislation, telephone the Waterways Authority on 1800 627 004.

Carl Spears, August 8



Ettalong foreshore - new regulations would effectively ban jetskis



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Peninsula property prices have stayed stagnant, but the lower end of the market has good turnover

Property prices plateau

The Peninsula property market, which was travelling so strongly 12 months ago with leaps in value, has seen prices plateau and in some cases slightly drop.

However, director of Wilson's Real Estate in Woy Woy, Mr Jim Martin, said there were still plenty of transactions taking place, notably at the lower end of the market.

He said the reasons for the lower end buoyancy was probably due to the Federal Government's \$7000 first home buyers assistance grant.

"I think quite a few first home buyers held off until July so they could claim."

Mr Martin said there was no guarantee the grant would be long-term and may be unavailable in 12 months time.

"The top end of the market is a little quieter at the moment and the recent increases in interest rates may have curbed investor interest," Mr Martin said.

He said other factors possibly stopping investors were the shakeout from the Ralph report affecting negative gearing and capital gains tax and the GST.

"People who buy here will be rewarded in the long run."

**Mr Jim Martin
Wilson's Real Estate
Woy Woy**

"Some commercial operators are concerned about the Ettalong Resort and Fast Ferry too," he said.

Mr Martin said the peak of the market was about four months ago and it would stay flat until the end of the year.

However, Mr Martin said the Peninsula was still a good place to invest in property.

"All the available land is taken, which is ideal for investors," he said.

"People who buy here will be rewarded in the long run."

Mr Martin also said local agents prefer steady growth rather than fast but unsteady growth, and if real estate was going well, then associated businesses such as trades also did well.

Carl Spears, August 15

Relaunch for Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch in Woy Woy is set to be relaunched after a meeting attended by about 80 people gave overwhelming support to the proposal.

The meeting held at the Everglades Country Club last Tuesday was called by police after they had been approached by concerned residents.

Crime manager for Brisbane Water Patrol, Detective Chief Inspector Dennis O'Toole, opened the meeting saying the police had been approached by several people asking for more police to be assigned to the area.

"However, this meeting is about Neighbourhood Watch," he said, "although I will answer questions on your other concerns later."

He said it was good to see such a large gathering of people and he wanted to reiterate that the police were on the community's side.

The meeting soon turned to a discussion on the perceived need of more police.

"People who make the rules are the politicians and the police and community are bound by the legislation," Chief Inspector O'Toole said.

"It would be nice to have more police and I think we have made a step in the right direction with the extra police (recently employed at Brisbane Water Patrol), hopefully they will be permanent."

"The police are concerned with crime too."

"We have incidents when we have continually arrested people who are then granted bail."

"And incidents where people on bail are arrested again and put before court and then granted bail again, which is very frustrating for the police too."

"Drugs are also a concern and source of frustration."

He said he doubted whether an extra 100 police would solve the problem.

He said since basing a patrol at Woy Woy there had been a dramatic decrease in crime.

"We've recognised Woy Woy is a high risk area."

Chief inspector O'Toole said juvenile offenders were frustrating as many of them were well acquainted with the law and knew their rights.



Ettalong's Alisha New and Belinda Rose point to a Safety House sign

He said offenders should have rights, but current legislation made policing difficult.

"Unless people like you voice your concerns to the Premier and Marie Andrews, the laws won't be changed," he said.

"The rules have been changed time and time again."

"We know who is breaking and entering and who is stealing."

"It appears the rights of the offender overrides the rest of the community."

Chief Inspector O'Toole said he was finding it hard to keep morale up in his force.

"It's getting to the stage where we need electronic records of an offence, with police officer evidence not necessarily accepted in court," he said.

He said Brisbane Water Patrol had the second highest level of police on long term sick leave with 83 per cent of those related to stress and was the seventh highest for the number of jobs coming in over a 24-hour period.

There are 80 commands in the state.

Senior Sergeant Irene Juergens said the nature of society had changed.

"When I started in 1966, four people were arrested for drugs. It's probably four a day now."

"We now deal with families that

have never worked. There is no work ethic.

"As parents and grandparents, we may not like it but, by the time our children leave the secondary education system, they will have been offered drugs."

She said the situation was made more difficult because there were young people who did not want to go to their homes because they were abused or sexually assaulted there.

With an increase in security at banks, criminals were looking for softer targets, she said.

She said Neighbourhood Watch had led to arrests and convictions of criminals.

There was no need necessarily to buy expensive alarm systems.

Simple measures such as engraving property with a driving licence number deterred most criminals.

"Thieves take untraceable things," she said.

Other measures she suggested included as putting a "Do not disturb. Shift worker sleeping" sign on the door, leaving the radio on and leaving a pair of men's boots on the front porch when the house was empty.

"Never let people in unless you know who they are," she said.

Carl Spears, August 19

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Court cost concern

Recent reports to Gosford Council on legal costs, highlight the dilemma Council faces in dealing with the Land and Environment Court.

In those cases where the appeals against Council decisions were dismissed, we ended up still having to pay substantial court costs.

In one recent case the Court agreed with Council that an application for four units at Terrigal was an overdevelopment of the site.

Even though we won the case, Council was forced to pay around \$24,000 in legal fees.

Council very rarely initiates court action.

Invariably we are taken to court by a developer and then face some very hard choices.

Council can allow unsuitable developments which do not meet Council policies and in many cases will be a blight on the local area for decades to come, or we can refuse

the development.

In some cases, refusal means we are forced to defend the matter in court spending scarce ratepayers dollars fighting bad development.

Gosford Council, and many other Councils in NSW, have appealed to the State Government on many occasions to reform the Land and Environment Court.

Currently there is an inquiry under way and I hope that the unfair practices which discriminate against Councils come to an end.

I believe it is an outrageous situation when Council wins case after ca5e and still gets stuck paying thousands of dollars in court costs.

The present system is untenable and needs to be changed and only the State Government can do that.

I can think of a thousand other things which Council could do with the money we are being forced to pay in Land and Environment Court costs even when we win.

Cr Craig Doyle

Litter penalties need enforcement

Once again we see laws being enacted with penalties spelt out, but I wish to remind our legislators that these of themselves will change nothing.

A law without policing is in effect, no law at all.

Without correct policing, those who litter will continue to do so with no regard for the environment or the law.

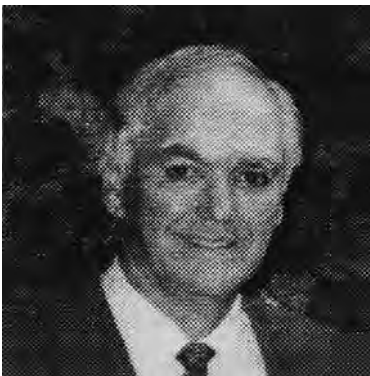
What we need now are dedicated patrol officers with authority to demand verification of identity, and to write on the spot fines, which are enforceable.

These officers should also be able to enforce other laws like the requirement for cyclists to wear safety helmets, and to ride on the roadway in accordance with the road rules, and that cyclists over 12 years of age do not ride on the footpath, and that cycles be not ridden on the footpaths of shopping centres.

If the laws on littering are treated the way the laws on cycling are treated, with disdain, then we will soon be up to our armpits in rubbish, while we are being harassed by suicidal cyclists.

R Lambert Umina

Jetski concerns raised



Use of jet skis

Due to public concern the following motion was moved (BockholtUBell) that "Council urgently investigate and implement the new guidelines for Council recently announced by the State Government with regard to the operations of jet skis with a view to regulating and limiting their use in the waterways and beaches of the Gosford LGA".

Libraries internet access

Cr Bockhold expressed concern that the recommendation for computers to access the Internet from the various Council libraries was grossly inadequate.

She cited a recommendation from the Woy Woy CBD Committee that at least 10 computers be made available in each library.

Council deferred the matter until a further meeting of Council's IM&T Committee and invited John Oakley and Mark Snell to participate in the committee's discussions on the matter.

Breach, of environmental law

Council was successful in its prosecution of Build Max Corporation Pty Ltd and its Director Mr Ciliegi, for failing to provide adequate sediment controls.

The result was that the Court found both guilty.

Build Max was fined \$15,000 plus costs, and Mr Ciliegi \$5000 plus costs.

Mayoral minute

Mayor Cr Chris Holstein moved a motion to double the present rewards under Council's "Dob in a vandal" scheme.

This brings rewards leading to convictions up to \$5000.

The gallery and councillors heard numerous allegations of vandalism against Council property.

These included the pouring of paint over a new children's playground and accompanying picnic facilities in Pelican Park, Woy Woy, the burning of playground facilities, fires in public toilets, destruction of garbage receptacles.

The list went on.

Cr Holstein stated that the cost to ratepayers was \$250,000 per annum and that the problem was getting worse.

Several members of the public who addressed Council claimed that the vandalism was out of control.

It was alleged by several speakers that although they had reported incidents, the police response was extremely slow.

They further alleged that their reports were not logged by police.

Cr Bockholt declared: "The police aren't doing anything about

Council Matters

with John Oakley

it. "We need to get on the front foot".

Cr Doyle in response to the mayor's advice that a meeting was to be held with police and others with a report on August 22, responded: "Talk's cheap.

I'm more interested in when we'll have some action on the ground.

"All (anti-vandalism) programmes should be implemented by August 30".

Cr Bell spoke of the significant increase in vandalism at Saratoga, which most people thought of as a quiet, peaceful place.

Garbage contract

The key features of the new contract which was adopted unanimously by Council, are a 120-litre domestic garbage MGB serviced weekly, a 240-litre recycling MGB serviced fortnightly, and a 240-litre organic garden waste MGB serviced fortnightly.

Bulk household waste collection service will be provided on an "on-call" basis in urban and rural residential areas with an unlimited volume three times per annum.

Bulk garden organic collection service will also be provided on an "on-call" basis in urban residential areas with an unlimited volume three times per annum.

It should be noted that the previous 240-ltr domestic garbage bin has been reduced to 120-ltr.

Notification of applications

Council has decided to reduce the amount of advertising associated with development applications and their approval.

Progress Associations and other appropriate community groups, are to receive on a weekly basis, details of proposed developments in their area.

Of concern to the Gosford District Combined Progress Association and Cr Brooks was the clause "if, in the Council's opinion" which would have given Council Officers the power to decide whether neighbours would be notified or not of development applications that might affect them.

John Oakley, speaking on behalf of the Gosford District

Combined Progress Association, raised the community's concern about this phrase and also the fact that, under the proposal, apwith John Oakley plication details could only be viewed on the ground floor of the Gosford Council Building.

He argued that it was unreasonable for details not to be available at local libraries, and in the case of isolated communities, at the nearest Council depot.

Council deleted the phrase "if, in the Council's opinion" and agreed that application details should be made available in libraries and Council Depots.

Approval of 12-unit flats

Despite numerous public objections based on Empire Bay being a village-type community, Council granted approval for this development on the grounds that the development met Council's guidelines and refusal could not be sustained in the Land and Environment Court.

Cr Bockholt accused Council of voting on a zoning rather than a principle.

She stated: "You should show that you care.

Empire Bay needs you to look after them." Cr Preece asserted that "We should be standing on principle.

"What is allowed in this zone doesn't make sense.

I am going to vote against it".

Cr Wales declared her concern that if the application was refused, the developer might revert to the original application for a three storey development.

Cr Brooks pOinted out that "If we could have found a way around the problem, we would have".

Cr Doyle, in commenting on the zoning, said: "The developer has taken an opportunity to find another loophole in what can be done." The view was also expressed that there needed to be a critical assessment of present zoning throughout the Gosford Council area and that persons buying land should make themselves aware of what may be possible on adjoining properties under their zoning.

In the vote, councillors Bockholt and Preece voted against the development.

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Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews and mayor Chris Holstein turn the first sod with police representatives, students and teachers assisting

PCYC construction launched

Member for Peats Marie Andrews and Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein officially launched the construction of the Police & Community Youth Club (PCYC) at Umina on August 7.

The club is expected to open in January and will include a cafe, Internet facilities, a pool table, homework club with tutors, counselling rooms, stage, OJ's booth, regular blue light discos, and bands specifically for primary and high school age groups.

Gosford Council has provided the grounds and buildings, making this the first PCYC in Australia to be located in a council-owned building.

The council has also provided \$500,000 for refurbishment.

The PCYC is fitting out the buildings and \$48,000 has been made available by the Ettalong Beach Club and the Umina Bowling Club.

On launching the construction, Ms Andrews said: "The PCYC is predominantly a facility for young people and needs community

involvement and support for it to succeed." PCYC is a charity with less than three per cent government funding.

Cr Holstein said: "Facilities for young people on the Peninsula are important.

"I am pleased to say that this project has been able to proceed with the unanimous support of council." The PCYC would be free of alcohol and other drugs, and would provide a venue where young people could feel comfortable.

Young people in the community were called upon to help make decisions on the development of the facility for young people and would be able to work in the cafe and other parts of the complex.

In a separate building, a fullyequipped gymnasium would be established.

Boxing would be used to help young people with anger management.

The hall in the main building would also be made available for aerobics and dance classes.

Membership fees were \$5 for

12 months and there would be a \$4 activity fee.

There would be no charge for general use of the facility.

The PCYC movement is promoted as a partnership between young people, the community and the NSW Police Service, dedicated to excellence in youth leadership and youth crime prevention.

The clubs are designed to provide young people with a friendly and positive environment where they can try new experiences, develop skills, meet people, get advice or just hang out.

PCYC officers also work with local police, schools and community agencies to provide programs based on local youth needs.

One of Australia's largest youth organisations, the PCYC has 57 clubs spread across the state with over 60,000 members.

The clubs are self-funding and, apart from the police salaries, rely on donations, sponsorships, and membership and entry fees.

Cec Bucello, August 15

Cafe project ends

The Cafe Umina Beach Work for the Dole Project is now completed.

The project was an initiative of the Commonwealth Government, administered by the Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business, and sponsored by local employment, training and recruitment provider ET Australia.

The project has been conducted at Cafe Umina Beach and Information Centre, located behind the Library in Bullion St, Umina.

The Cafe and Information Centre is managed by ET Australia, staffed by volunteers, and provides a valuable service to Peninsula residents. Participants in the Work for the Dole project have been working in the Cafe since October 1999 and have received ongoing support and training from ET Australia staff members and volunteers.

All of the participants in the project have developed a strong sense of ownership in the Cafe with many volunteering to work in the Cafe outside their required Work for the Dole obligation.

They have even volunteered to work on Saturdays.

On one Saturday a few months ago, they turned up with paint brushes in hand and helped repaint the inside of the Cafe.

Several participants have not missed a single day throughout the project, an indication of their commitment and underlying strong work ethic.

Ten of the participants have successfully completed a Hospitality Training course provided by ET Australia as part of the project.

This training is nationally recognised and accredited and has provided the participants with the knowledge and skills to gain better employment opportunities.

Several participants have already gained part-time employment and one participant has progressed to full-time training.

The participants received their Statements of Attainment on August 11 from the Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, and Certificates of Attendance from Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein.

The presentation was held at the Cafe Umina Beach and Information Centre and was catered for by participants.

David Sainsbury, August 14

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Gazebo plan rejected

The proposed St Huberts Island gazebo will not go ahead after Gosford Council rejected the proposal.

Cr Daniel Cook moved for the application to be withdrawn.

"It is not in the public interest," he said.

"It worries me that Council has lodged an application that has in many ways divided a community."

Residents addressing Council at a meeting earlier this year said they were concerned about potential vandalism and criminal activity around the proposed gazebo.

Opposed residents said the gazebo could be a target for vandals.

The idea for a gazebo came from the St Huberts Island

Residents Association.

They applied to Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, for funding under Federation grants and were allocated \$20,000.

Cr Debra Wales said that withdrawing the application was giving into vandals.

"We are doing exactly what the vandals want us to do which is end up with nothing," she said.

"We are the losers.

"If they graffiti, we should get back there and clean it up and if they burn it down we go back and build it again."

Council is now investigating the possibility of retaining the funding to be used in another part of the city.

Carl Spears, August 10



Hymn singing

A sing-along featuring "Hymns that live" will be led by George Tunks at the Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd, Ettalong, on Sunday, September 10, at 2.30pm.

The "Dexter" Male Quartet, soprano Suzanne Driver and Bright Music will be guest artists.

Phone 4332 8965 for information.

August 10

Women hold forums

The Woy Woy Older Women's Network will hold a series of discussion forums with guest speakers who have knowledge and interest in older women's issues.

On September 1, Val Cupitt will talk of communication between young and old in society.

Ms Cupitt is a voluntary community worker who has a degree in social science and is currently studying for a master's degree in welfare.

On October 6, Carol Baker, a member of Toastmasters, will speak on "Speaking up for yourself".

On November 3, Peninsula community activist Heather McKenzie will talk about public utilities and the environment.

Heather is an active worker for the environment who monitors decisions by Gosford Council for their impact on Peninsula ratepayers.

Each session will be held from 10.15am to 12.30pm at Woy Woy Leagues Club, with morning tea provided.

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Carl Spears, August 9

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Funds granted for community development

Peninsula community groups have been among the recipients of Gosford Council's annual community development grants.

Requests to the council totalled \$198,970, an increase of just over 15 per cent on last year, from a grants allocation of \$60,650.

Council assessed requests according to the individual project's ability to "assist and allow the local community to participate in meeting their own needs and bring about social change".

Some of the successful requests from organisations based in the Peninsula area included:

The Peninsula Community Safety Steering Committee and Peninsula Youth Advisory group received \$1500 to set up a pilot project to improve young peoples' access to public space.

Council deemed the project high priority and gave the full \$1500 requested.

The total cost of the project is \$2650.

Last year the groups received \$6000 funding.

The Umina Child Care Centre received \$4000 for two projects.

The centre's Parent Support Network project received \$2500 to help set up a support network for parents with children under two-years-of-age.

The cost of the project is \$3040.

The centre also received \$1500 for its School Transition Program to help children make a smooth transition to school life.

The cost of the project is \$1778.

Last year the centre received \$6000 under the scheme.

Council also recently handed out grants under its cultural grants scheme.

A total of \$94,500 was handed out this year under the scheme after Council received requests totalling \$233,779 city-wide.

To be eligible, groups must demonstrate that their projects will enhance the cultural life of the city.

Some of the successful Peninsula based groups included:

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre asked for and received \$468 for the purchase of art books.

The Safer Cities pilot project on the Peninsula received \$4000 to help promote the positive use of public space.

The total cost of the public space project was \$5700.

Last year the Safer Cities project received \$6000 under the scheme.

The Umina Child Care Centre received \$3500 for an exhibition of children's creativity.

The total cost of the project was \$5455 and the centre had asked



Peninsula Christian Life centre - one of the recipients of a cultural grant from Gosford Council

for \$5155.

Last year the centre received \$6000 under the scheme.

The Pearl Beach Progress Association received \$500 towards the publication of a book to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the local community hall.

The total cost of the project was \$2500 and the Association had asked for the full amount.

The Peninsula Christian Life Centre received \$1000 for its Peninsula Carols night.

The centre asked for \$6000 towards the \$19,835 project.

Last year the centre received

\$4000 for the same event.

Woy Woy Creative Writers received \$3000 towards the printing of a book of short stories and poems.

The project's total cost was \$11,625 and the group asked for \$5125.

Carl Spears, August 16

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What's on in and around the Peninsula

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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. Cabaret at Everglades Country Club, Dunbar Road, Woy Woy

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 me.els- from 7730pm--

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.

Free Race Game, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 1pm

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

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

EVERY THURSDAY

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

Old Time & New Vogue Dance at Umina Community Hall, 1.30pm \$2 Gala Day at Everglades Country club, Dunbar Rd Woy Woy

EVENT CALENDAR

Thursday August 24

Peninsula Swans Aussie Rules Football Club meet at Everglades Country Club, 7.30pm to discuss reformation of senior swans side for 2001. Ph. 4332 9375 or 4325 6414

Friday August 25

Woy Woy Civilian Widows meet at 1 pm Ettalong Senior Citizens Building. New members very welcome. (held last Friday of the month) Trivia Talent night, Everglades Country Club, 7.30pm. Free entry.

"Friday on my Mind" production show at Ettalong Beach Club, 10.30am

Saturday August 26

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.

Sunday August 27

Masonic Lodge, Woy Woy 381 meet at Umina Community Hall, 11 am. (2nd & 4th Sun)

Monday August 28

Woy Woy Deepwater View Club meet (held 4th Monday of month). Enquiries June 4342 2046.

Woy Woy Branch of Business & Professional Women - dinner meeting (held last Monday of the

month).new members welcome. Phone: Jill 4341 1844.

Tuesday August 29

Gosford City Management Plan and State of the Environment Report workshops. All welcome.

Christian Life Centre, Umina 9.30am-11.30am Wednesday August 30 Umina Progress Association, Umina Community Hall, 1.30pm (last Wed)

Friday September 1

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) Woy Woy Leagues Club.

Current workshop 'Communication between young and old in society'.

See page 7 Phone: Carol 4343 1079.

Saturday September 2

National Malaysia Borneo Veterans Association meet at 2.30pm at Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club. (Held 1st Saturday of the month) Phone: 4342 1216 Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Market, Ettalong 9am (1 st Sat.) "Tivoli by Night" at Ettalong Beach Club, 8pm Woy Woy Public School Fete, 10am to 2pm.

See page 18

Sunday September 3

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: Tony4342 7849.

Monday September 4

Woy Woy View Club Blossom (plant) Party. \$6 all welcome. Enquiries: June 4342 2046

Friday September 8

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 September 9

"Young Stars of Country" show featuring 5 of Australia's hottest new country music artists, Ettalong Beach Club, 7.30pm (See Page 1



Folk and Didgeriblues play at the Country Women's Association Hall, Woy Woy

Central Coast Umina Garden Society Spring Show, Umina Community Hall, 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Sunday September 10

Masonic Lodge, Woy Woy 381 meet at Umina Community Hall, 11 am. (2nd & 4th Sun) "Hymns that Live" sing-along at Ettalong Baptist Church, 2.30pm See page 7.

Monday September 11

Charity Golf Day, Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary. Enquiries: 4344 8444

Tuesday September 12

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters meet 7.30pm (every 2nd and 4th Tuesday) . Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club. Enquiries: Jan 4341 6842. Kid's Bingo followed by Kid's Disco. Free entry. Ettalong Beach Club.

Thursday September 14

"Dorothy in Oz" show at the Ettalong Beach Club, 2pm

Friday September 15

"The Events that Never Made It" show at Ettalong Beach Club. 2pm See page 15.

Sunday September 17

Brisbane Water Caged Bird Society, 10am (every 3rd Sunday), Umina CWA Hall. Enquiries: Jan 4341 6842

Monday September 18

War Widows Guild, Ettalong Branch meet (3rd Mon not Dec) 1 pm Ettalong Beach Club. Enquiries 4341 6403

Tuesday September 19

Arthritis Foundation, Woy Woy Branch meets 1 Oam (Held every 3rd Tuesday), Meals on Wheels Hall, all welcome. Enquiries: Gladys 4342 1790 Kid's Bingo followed by Kid's Disco. Free entry. Ettalong Beach Club.

Wednesday September 20

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 Wed) Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts market, Ettalong 9am (3rd Wed) Thursday September 21 Peninsula chamber of Commerce Network Meeting at Wild bill's Room, Ettalong Beach Club All welcome. Phone: 4344 4930.

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The Bells are a musical group of retired ladies and gentlemen who visit retirement villages and senior citizens' centres on the Central Coast to provide laughter and entertainment.

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shows a year.

All members are based on the Peninsula and, according to coordinator Joy Coleman, they provide their own costumes, pay their own travel expenses, and provide all their performances free of charge.

Cec Bucello, August 16

Pictured are the Bells in their closing act performed at the Peninsula Retirement Village, Woy Woy. L to R: Irene Moon, Carol Nelson, Marion Vassalia, Kay Buckley, John Hughes, Mary Vickers, Merv Brown, Belle Brown, Valda Taylor, Bob Warwick, Joan Laing and Joyce Grundy. Irene Pemble plays the piano.



Time capsule approved

Gosford Council has approved the Rotary Club of Woy Woy's application for the erection of a monument, time capsule, outdoor seating area and a flagpole at the new Peninsula Community Centre grounds.

The monument will be 4.1 metres high and have a radius at the base of two metres.

The flagpole will be 7.5 metres high and three 1.5 metre park benches with paved areas will also

be installed.

Council's director of development and the environment, Mr John Murray, said the proposed works were minor in nature and would not detract from the grounds of the proposed community centre and little theatre.

"The proposal will be set back five metres from Ocean Beach Rd," Mr Murray said.

"No trees or shrubs will be removed to accommodate the proposed works."

Carl Spears, August 16



Tom Tregent (L) hands over the presidency to Glen Scorer (R)

New Rotary president

Umina Rotary Club has a new president.

Past president Tom Tregent (left) is pictured handing a new dinner badge to the new president, Glen Scorer.

In his acceptance address, Mr Scorer congratulated Mr Tregent on a wonderful year which saw

the club raise and distribute some \$25,000 with particular emphasis on Peninsula youth.

Mr Scorer undertook to repeat the successful New Year's Eve Fireworks Display held at Umina Oval and to maintain the club's focus on assisting Peninsula youth.

August 10

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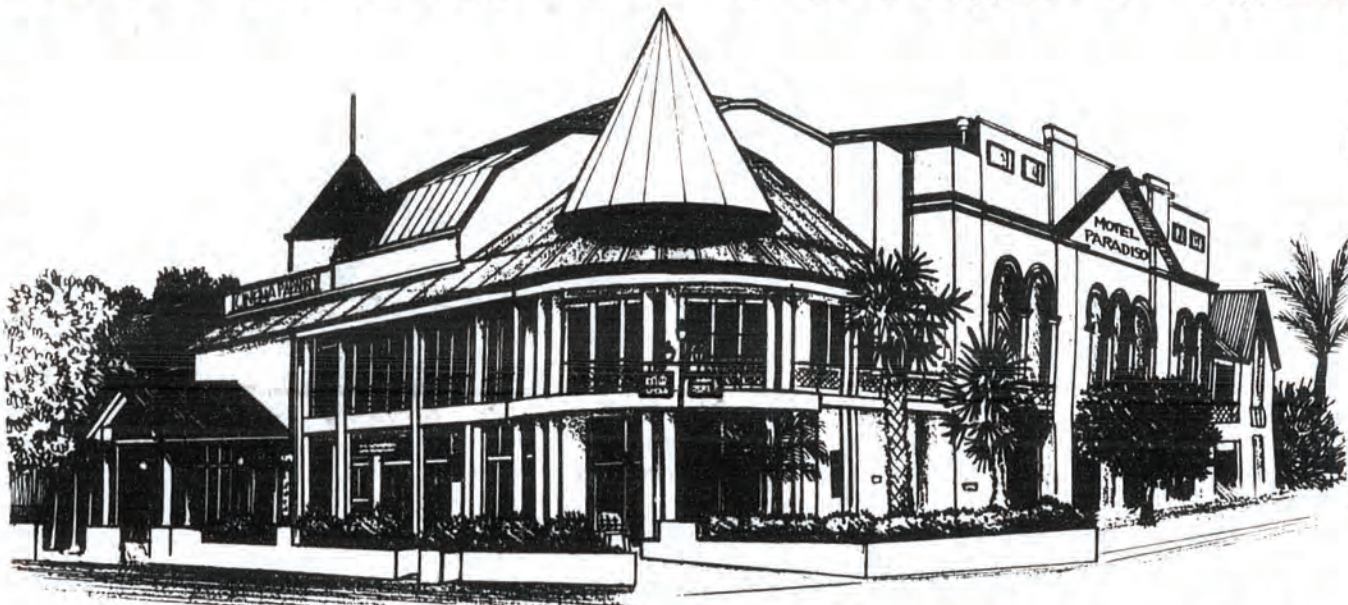
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Art and Entertainment



Jeannie Little, Bernard Craft and Marie Andrews at the opening

Artists exhibit at club

The Peninsula Art Exhibition was officially opened by comedienne Jeannie Little on Friday, August 18, at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

The large crowd present included Member for Peats Marie Andrews and each of the artists whose work was on display.

All artists are Peninsula-based and were: Robert Duffield, photography; Meredith Gilmore, water-colours and pastels; Jennifer Marigold Weine, silk works; Yvonne Mapstone, sculpture; Sabine Parge, textiles; Patrick Rufatt, oils; Garry Taylor, illustrator; Clark Wilson, oils and watercolours, and; exhibition co-ordinator, Bernard Craft, water-colours and pen and ink.

The exhibition closed on Saturday, August 19, and art works donated by Bernard Craft and Patrick Rufatt were raffled with proceeds going to the National Breast Cancer Institute.

Organiser Bernard Craft said the exhibition allowed the artists to take a higher profile in the community.

"Most of the artists are community-minded and they would love to be offered a greater part to play in its every day life, but the Peninsula is lacking in facilities to develop its local talent."

He said the Peninsula was "teaming with talents and with budding artists, writers, sculptors, weavers, potters, because it is such a good place to escape from Sydney while remaining close to its market".

"Localities with a strong artistic flavour quickly gain the favour of tourists," said Bernard.

"We can't stage the Olympics here but we have other talents to offer.

"If all local artists were to gain support from the community, businesses and the local government, the Peninsula could grow into a thriving art centre."

Cec Bucello, August 19



Mrs O'Donnell - Art coordinator (L) and Ms Dale Ford, school principal (R), flank Special Minister of State, Mr John della Bosca

Della Bosca opens arts fair

St John the Baptist Catholic School held an arts and crafts fair on August 11, 12 and 13.

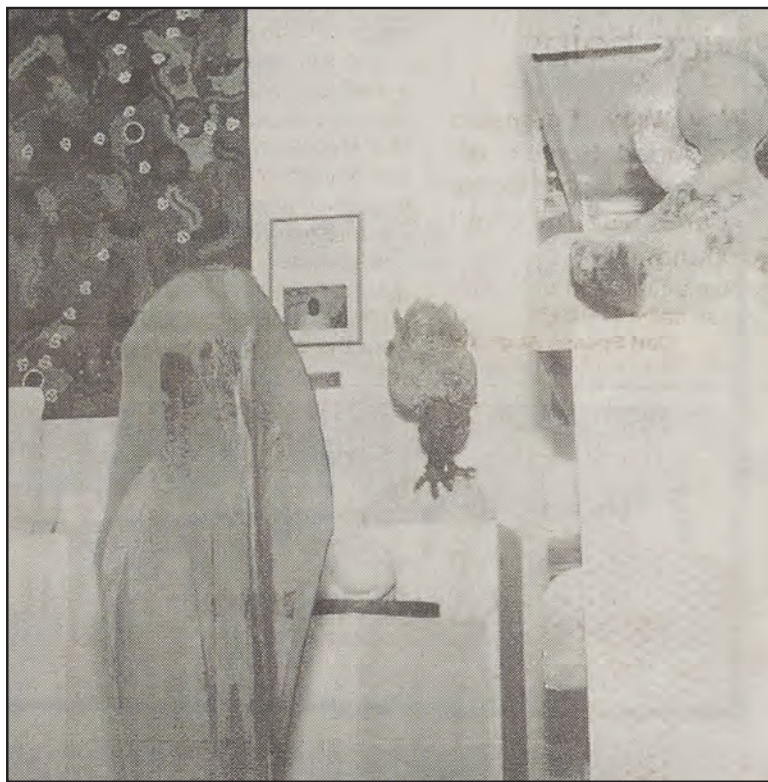
Officially opened by State Labor MP and local resident, John Della Bosca, the fair attracted large crowds over the weekend.

The art show in the school library included works by many local artists.

Artists included were Kevin Duncan, an Aboriginal artist from East Gosford, Paul Thomas from McMasters Beach, Pete Hogan from Balmain, Michael Berry from Mangrove Mountain, Dawn Greentree and works from her Bouddi sculpture group and Gwen Barth from Umina.

A money tree, a small tree in a pot with a large number of "scratchies" pinned to it, was raffled over the weekend and won by Peninsula resident Mrs Bronwyn Russell.

The opening function attracted a large number of patrons from the school and from the local community alike. Guests were treated to an official Aboriginal Welcome Dance performed by Anthony Leslie and Kevin Duncan



Some of the art on display at St John the Baptist School, Woy Woy

which was arranged by Kate Busbridge from the Darkinjung Aboriginal Land Council.

Guests at the opening ceremony

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Gai Palmer, August 19

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Little Theatre

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Performances will be on October 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 8pm and on October 8, 15 and 21 at 2pm.

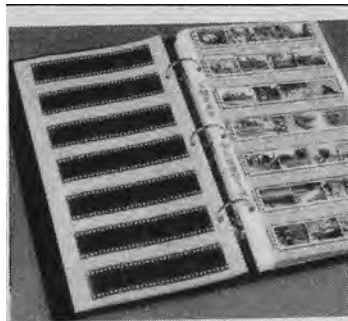
Cast is Inspector - John Scholes, Arthur Birling - Terry Lay, Mrs Birling - Wendy Stringer, Sheila - Anishka Oksa, Eric - Timothy Wilde, Edna - Christine Francisco, Gerald - Steve Cummings.

Director is Alan Dalglish.

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Fast Ferry Website packed with information

The design of the wharf and terminal facility for the Fast Ferry at Ettalong have now been completed and submitted to Gosford City Council, according to Fast Ships chairman Mr Peter Hale.

Land leases with Council were also being finalised.

"The company is also finalising its investment prospectus to raise the total funding for the project, and it is expected this will be ready to issue in August," he said.

"The company is looking to strong local support, as the project will, as indeed it has already, greatly enhance property values in the area.

"The company is, in view of the prospect of no Gosford service, seeking a joint venturer to provide a Gosford feeder service," he said.

August 10

Neighbourhood Service helps

The Woy Woy Peninsula Neighbourhood Service offers care and support to the frail aged, disabled and housebound.

For more information or to offer help please call 4341 8837.

Carl Spears, August 9

The Chemically Induced Adhesive Arachnoiditis Sufferers of Australia (C.I.A.A.S.A.) pages on the Internet are jam-packed with information that can be used by the thousands of sufferers and those people supporting them.

The group, which has its head office in Umina, has utilised the Internet to provide information to the world.

With the information on the Internet, it allows the single office staff member to concentrate on the core business of the society that has aims such as "Education of the medical and allied professions, the general public, government officials and sufferers." The site contains internal links to information for sufferers about the disease.

Other internal links provide information about how the disease was produced, a newsletter, an archive of past material and information about a demonstration, which occurred in 1999.

The site provides information in a fashion that the Internet was originally designed for, i.e.

Scientific Research without the gloss and shine that has been achieved through the commercialisation of the Internet, yet the designer has added a few colours and background colours to the pages.

There is a single external link from the site to the web

designer but that link is still under construction.

Information on the site does mention other similar organisations in the world, but the hyperlinks are not available even though the text formatting appears to show hyperlinks.

While the web site does provide an email address and other contact information, the site does

not provide any information to the general observer as to how current the information is.

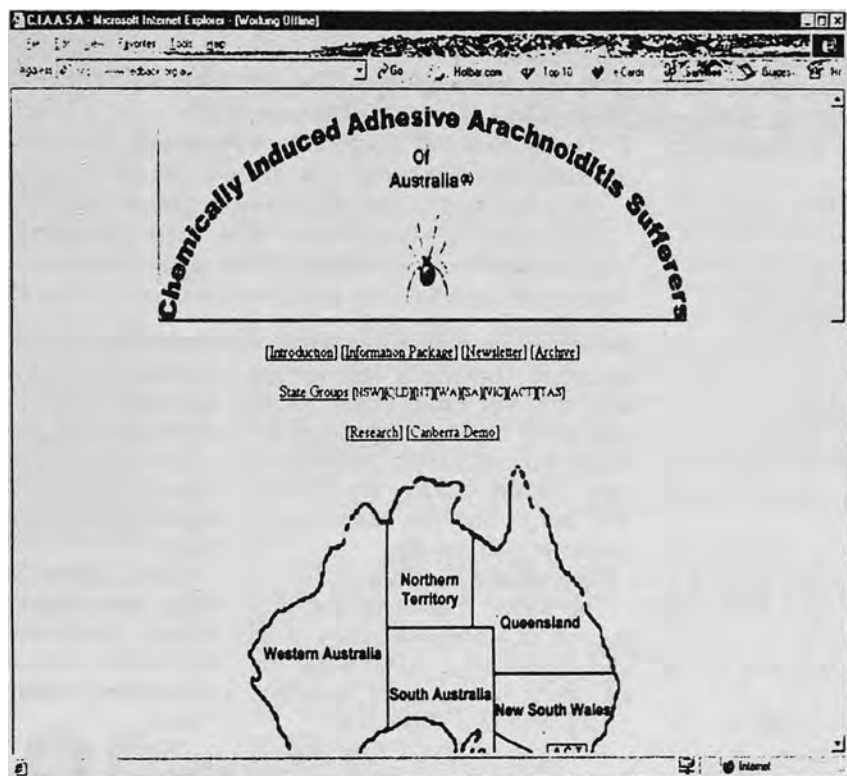
The site foregoes any rules that a modern website designer must adhere to, but is worth a visit to catch up on a community organisation in our region.

The site can be accessed at www.redback.org.au and only scores a rating of six 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 43422071 Stephen McNamara.

August 16



Chemically Induced Adhesive Arachnoiditis Sufferers of Australia home page



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Feature

What is Peninsula News?

Peninsula News has a print run of 14,000 copies. It is distributed through schools, clubs and other public areas such as libraries.

People often pick up a number of copies to distribute to their neighbours.

The newspaper has a policy of community participation and access. It aims to keep the community informed about community activities and particularly the decisions of Gosford Council which are critical to our future.

Ownership structure To our knowledge, the ownership structure of Peninsula News is unlike that of any other newspaper in Australia.

It is owned by a community based incorporated non-profit association, Peninsula Community Access Newspaper Inc.

Membership is open to all residents of the Peninsula.

The association licenses the commercial operation of the newspaper - currently to Mail Order Mall, the business of Cec Bucello.

The newspaper association defines the structure and policy of the paper and supplies the newspaper's editor.

The association encourages community participation in the newspaper's management and production.

The newspaper structure allows it to be responsive to community needs and more answerable to the community for its operation.

Association aims

The association was established with the following aims: To provide a viable news medium exclusively for the Peninsula; To develop a sense of community on the Peninsula; To provide a voluntary community activity where participants mix with a broad cross-section of the community; To provide training opportunities for youth and the unemployed; To provide an avenue through which retired people may continue to make a valued contribution to the community; To provide a forum for personal expression; and, To provide a skills or assistance "exchange", where people can offer to teach their skills or to give assistance and in return seek help and teaching from others.

Committee membership The newspaper association's constitution is based on the model rules for incorporated associations.

The association has a committee of eight members, comprising a president, secretary and treasurer and five other committee members.

The president is Mark Snell, secretary Stephen Macnamara and treasurer Kevin Butler.

Other members of the committee include Woy Woy High School principal Carolyn Carter, artist

Peninsula News' unusual format and content set it apart from other local and regional newspapers.

In this feature, we explore how the newspaper came about, its purpose and how we believe the community can best make use of it.

The continuing existence of Peninsula News challenges common perceptions of the role of a community newspaper and, indeed, the nature of "community" itself.

We often find ourselves answering questions prompted by often unstated assumptions:

When and how did it start? Who owns the newspaper? Why do we not take news from outside the Peninsula? Why are there so few advertisements? What is the editorial policy of the newspaper?

What is its relationship with Greater Gosford News? Whose interests is it serving?

Christine Burge and the newspaper's journalist Carl Spears.

Operation & staffing

The sales, marketing and production of Peninsula News is all undertaken on a commercial basis, along with Council reporting, by licensee Mail Order Mall.

Principal of Mail Order Mall is Cec Bucello, who employs Carl Spears full-time in journalism, sales and production roles.

Parttime distributors and typists are also employed, as well as commission sales people from time to time.

Many of the contributors listed each issue in the Peninsula News panel on page two are often seen at the newspaper office.

These staffing costs together with the printing, other production costs and office overheads are met through advertising sales.

Mail Order Mall also publishes Greater Gosford News along similar lines to Peninsula News.

That newspaper was started by Mail Order Mall independently of the Peninsula Community Access Newspaper association at the start of the year.

While using the association's newspaper model, news values and production techniques, that paper is owned and operated entirely by Mail Order Mall without any involvement of the association.

Production routine

Peninsula News is usually produced on a four-weekly cycle.

Deadline in most instances is a week before the newspaper's Tuesday publication day.

Deadlines for the next few issues are: September 20, October 18, November 15 and December 13.

Production and editorial planning meetings are held in the week prior to deadline.

The production planning meeting is held on the Thursday and is open to anyone willing to help in the production process, while all contributors and anyone willing to help in the editorial (news gathering and writing) process are encouraged to attend the Thursday meeting of the same week.

During the period, Carl Spears attends all full Gosford Council meetings.

This is usually three per month.

Carl collates other stories as they are submitted during the month.

Typed material is scanned into word processor documents, while other material is entered by typists.

These stories are submitted progressively to Mark Snell who edits them.

They are then proofread and returned to Carl to be laid in to the newspaper pages.

This is done using a desktop publishing program.

Readability and writing style

Contributions are preferred by email or on disk, as a Word document, RTF document or a plain text file.

Sentences should be short and active.

Please ask for a copy of style guidelines.

The role of our Peninsula News

The idea of starting a newspaper just for the Peninsula arose from early meetings of the Peninsula Community Forum.

The community forum was formed of representatives of all significant organisations active on the Peninsula to discuss issues facing the community.

During discussions, it soon became apparent that many individuals and groups were active but were unaware of each other.

They also had difficulty letting the community know about their activities.

One participant noted that he was new to the area but, where he came from, the role was served by the local paper.

It became evident that the existing suburban papers were regional, rather than local, in nature and did not provide the possibility of a comprehensive local coverage.

In addition to communication needs within the community, a number of important developments were planned for the Peninsula by Gosford Council as well as the private sector.

These represented investments of many millions of dollars and had long term implications for our lifestyle on the Peninsula.

A major deficiency in our social infrastructure was identified and the forum encouraged Mark Snell to pursue his idea of establishing a community-based newspaper.

He believed that a newspaper was needed that was a rich information source and provided the community with the opportunity to discuss topical issues.

He felt the area was already well served with advertising media and material with an emphasis on entertainment.

It was with this background that a newspaper association was formed with an aim to provide a newspaper that was conscious of its community development role.

Unique features

The vision for the composition of Peninsula News was unique in a number of respects.

With an emphasis on news rather than advertising, it would reverse the normal advertising ratio of 75%.

Budgets were prepared that showed production of a newspaper with a 25% advertising ratio was possible.

The quarter-fold (half-tabloid) presentation, the five-column format, the smaller than usual headline type size all differentiate Peninsula News from other newspapers.

Unlike the suburban papers, this paper would rely on council stories as its major news source, rather than the police and courts.

It was felt that news of plans being made for our future as revealed at Council meetings reinforced the social health of our community and engendered a positive attitude towards our community and our collective future.

This was in contrast to continuing stories that highlight the occurrence of crime, the more negative elements of our community and a spectator mentality rather than encouraging participation in controlling our own destiny.

Community ownership

This sense of community ownership and involvement was to be embodied in the operation of the newspaper itself.

It would be owned by a community-based incorporated non-profit association, with membership open to all residents of the Peninsula.

The association would license the sales and marketing elements of the newspaper to a commercial operator, while retaining control of policy of the paper and supplying the newspaper's editor.

Simplicity Funerals In addition to communication needs within the community, a number of important developments were planned for the Peninsula by Gosford Council as well as the private sector.

These represented investments of many millions of dollars and had long term implications for our lifestyle on the Peninsula.

The structure ensures that the newspaper is responsive to community needs and more answerable to the community for its operation.

Under the licence, the operator must supply news coverage of Gosford Council meetings with the remainder of the paper being filled with community contribution.

The paper actively encourages all groups and individuals on the Peninsula to contribute their news, opinions and items of interest for publication.

The paper continues to attract volunteers with a range of experience: School students seeking work



Association president, Mr Snell experience, journalism graduates wanting to break into the industry have all worked with Peninsula News.

Even the editing and proofreading of the newspaper are undertaken on a voluntary basis.

But volunteers have not been limited to literary fields.

Work undertaken by community members has ranged from typing to computer configuration and programming.

Editorial policy

The newspaper's editorial policy reflects a desire to reinforce the Peninsula's sense of community.

To qualify for publication, articles must have specific relevance to the Peninsula.

For example, they must be about activities or events happening on the Peninsula or be organised by or involving Peninsula people.

The newspaper is not regional or national in nature, so regional or national issues will not be canvassed except as they affect the Peninsula.

Regional sports will only be covered from the perspective of Peninsula clubs.

Regional plans will only be aired in the context of their ramifications for the Peninsula.

Peninsula News aims to mention as many members of the Peninsula community as possible.

Readability and composition

To ensure that the newspaper serves its purpose, it must be readable and represent the interests and activities of the community in its content.

Contributions to the paper are edited to consistent standards of readability.

Guidelines are available for intending contributors.

All items will be dated and most will be attributed a source.

The future

Peninsula News is keenly sought after for its news content as much as for its advertisements.

As we go beyond our first 18 months of existence, there is increasing pressure for the paper to be published more frequently.

The existence of Peninsula News has had a positive effect on the nature of our community over the last 18 months.

Among the benefits, people tell us they are more aware of Council activities and decisions.

They say they feel less isolated in their efforts to improve our quality of life.

The newspaper's existence offers our community the opportunity to become more informed about issues affecting our future.

It provides the opportunity to recognise our differences, value our diversity and to build on our common aspirations.

Mark Snell, August 18

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Patrick Buck of West Gosford, Snowy Dicker of Umina and Allen Evans of Woy Woy with Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd near the commemorative plaque

Hospital plaque for Korean memorial

Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, has officiated at a special commemoration ceremony at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital on August 18 to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War.

A bronze plaque has been set in sandstone within the hospital's main courtyard and garden area.

It depicts Central Coast resident Snowy Dicker crossing the Han River near Seoul in Korea in October 1950.

Snowy had been a patient in Brisbane Waters and suggested the idea of a special plaque for the 50th anniversary of the Korean War.

Hospital chief executive Officer, Mr Graham McGuinness, said the hospital readily agreed and insisted on featuring the photo of Snowy and his mates on a Bren gun carrier.

He said Brisbane Waters attracted more Veteran admissions than any other private hospital on the Central Coast.

It was also the only hospital

to employ a Veteran Liaison Officer whose specific role was to coordinate the care of Veterans both within hospital and after their discharge.

The hospital's commemorative courtyard, its Australian War Memorial photographs and posters, and the Veteran Liaison Officer demonstrated its strong commitment to the Veteran Community, said Mr McGuinness.

August 18 also marked Long Tan Day, the day set aside to remember Australia's involvement in Vietnam.

Mr McGuinness, a Vietnam Veteran, said it was a little different to be spending the day with Korean Veterans when he would normally be spending it with his Vietnam mates.

The unveiling took place 50 years after the war started and is part of the push by veterans to ensure that the efforts of many Australians in Korea are not forgotten.

The plaque incorporates a photograph of Bren gun carrier

No 3323 with an Australian crew crossing the Han River on a pontoon bridge in Korea in October 1950.

Two of the crew members, Corporal Greg McGee and No. 1 Gunner M.C. (Snow) Dicker, were present at the ceremony.

They told of their exploits and how Bren gun carrier 3323 was eventually set alight and destroyed as they were crossing into North Korea.

The war lasted from 1950 to 1957 and an estimated five million lives were lost as a result.

Mr Jim Lloyd said: "The seats of Robertson and Dobell have a larger number of veterans than any other electorate in Australia with over 6000 in total.

"The Minister for Veterans' Affairs therefore sees the area as an extremely important one, would have liked to have been at the unveiling, and apologised for his inability to attend.

"Remembering the sacrifices made by past generations on our behalf is extremely important and many of our young people know very little of these sacrifices because they took place well before their time.

"One good thing to come out of the action in East Timor is the resurgence of pride in our country and in our defence forces.

"We are lucky to have a hospital such as this in our midst.

"The service that it provides to veterans is second to none in Australia and its cardiac facilities are equal to the best in the world." The commemorative garden also has a number of plaques dedicated to the memory of other wars involving Australian troops.

The hospital hallways have other war memorabilia on their walls in a conscious effort made by hospital administrators to ensure that veterans realise that they have not been forgotten.

Cec Bucello, August 18

Aged care accredited

Woy Woy Community Aged Care has had its hostel and nursing home recommended for the maximum three-year accreditation.

The company which operates a 50-bed nursing home and a 40-unit hostel at Kathleen St, Woy Woy, has just been assessed by the Aged Care Standards Agency.

Chairman of Directors Mr Albert Quilkey said: "We are delighted with this outcome.

"It represents the result of a lot of hard work by our dedicated staff and volunteers to ensure that the level of care offered to residents is the best possible."

With the introduction of the Aged Care Act in 1997, all funded aged care facilities were required to be accredited before the start of next year or cease to receive Commonwealth Government

funding.

The accreditation process examined all aspects of service provision including resident care, building standards, cleanliness and management.

General manager Mrs Jennifer Eddy said: "We always believed we provided a quality service to our nursing home residents and our hostel, which has been open for only two years."

She said it had been likened to "living in a resort" by hostel residents.

"It is very gratifying to have an independent assessment team confirm our opinion.

"The team spent four days examining all facets of both the Nursing Home and Hostel."

The team recommended a three-year accreditation for both facilities.

August 1

German medical students learn

Two fifth year medical students from the University of Munich have elected to do 30-day occupational traineeships in Australia and started at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital this month.

Chief Executive officer Graham McGuinness said the hospital had been approached and had no hesitation in hosting their visit.

"We are providing Andrea and Michael with accommodation, and have organised an interesting program which will involve them in all aspects of the hospital's services," Mr McGuinness said.

"We are also arranging for them to spend some time with the Ambulance Service as observers, and a couple of days in the T amworth area to see rural and aboriginal health settings.

"Hopefully their exposure to the Australian hospital and health services will benefit them in their future medical service-es." Mr McGuinness said it had also been a great opportunity for the staff of the hospital to learn more of Germany and its health system, and many are taking the opportunity to extend their hospitality to the students throughout their stay.

August 14

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Education

Stamps collected

The stamp collecting club of Ettalong Public School is on the lookout for an ongoing source of used postage stamps to be distributed among the children of the school.

The children have asked local businesses to pass on the opened, empty envelopes of the correspondence they receive,

These envelopes can either be forwarded to the school or the school can be contacted by phone or email to organise collection.

About 50 children attend the weekly meetings,

Karen Nicholls, Grade 6



Mark and Cheryl Campbell cut the ribbon at the open day

Public school holds open day

Woy Woy Public School held its Open Day for Education Week on Wednesday, August 9.

The day commenced at 9.15am with a Kinder to Year 2 Mini Olympics.

Points for teams were allocated on sporting events as well as a march-past.

Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded on the day.

Other activities in this year's

program included performances by the school's Dance Group, Primary School Choir and the Kindergarten Line Dancers.

Highlight of the day was the official opening of the Covered Outdoor Learning Area which has been a major fundraising venture of the school's P & C over the last two years. It has been sponsored by Campbell's Building Materials of Woy Woy.

Kaye Denning, August 18

Certificates for school workers

Members of the Peninsula school community were presented with certificates of appreciation at a ceremony at The Entrance High School on July 31.

Certificates were given to 21 people for their work for Peninsula schools.

Those awarded were nominated by their schools and could include teaching staff, administration staff, cleaners, students and community members.

Certificates were presented by Department of Education and Training deputy director-general Dr Terry Burke and Central Coast District superintendent Mr Bill Low.

Peninsula recipients included:

Ettalong Public School - Virginia Glenn, Celine Laflear, Ann Murray and Cheryl Petzler.

Umina Public School - Karen Gibbs, Bryan Reid and Karen Wilson.

Woy Woy Public School - Marea McGinley and Jane Pierce.

Woy Woy South Public School - Chris Dick, Keith Dick, George Boni and Myra Gilroy.

Umina High School - Warren Eames, Karen McDonald, Jackie Mitchell and Cecile Smart.

The reasons given for the Umina High awards were:

Warren Eames - for an outstanding contribution to the development and success of agricultural programs since the early days of Umina HS. The program has been recognised amongst the best in the state.

Karen McDonald - for the wonderful job she does as a teacher's aide and mentor to

numerous students, being a major factor in the success some students experience because of her involvement.

Jackie Mitchell - for her excellent contribution to the efficient organisation of the school office especially in relation to student enrolments and reporting.

Cecile Smart - for her outstanding school leadership and continued efforts to lift student and staff morale and outcomes.

Woy Woy High School - Joyce Bradney, Helen Maitland, Sue Waterson and Barbara Willingham.

The reasons given for the Woy Woy High awards were:

Joyce Bradney - Tirelessly energetic and dynamic in organising the annual Model Train Exhibition over the past five years. Always a loyal supporter of the school.

Sue Waterson - Outstanding commitment and loyalty to the school and public education, serving as P&C President and correspondence secretary, cheerfully volunteering to lend a hand whenever she can.

Helen Maitland - Enthusiastic commitment to being exceptionally professional and efficient in the front office completing the enormous tasks of our Weekly Newsletter and Semester Reports. A tireless worker.

Barbara Willingham - Long-serving and well-loved teacher-librarian who has demonstrated exceptional loyalty, commitment and enthusiasm as Year Adviser, SRC Co-ordinator and school librarian. Unforgettable!

August 9

Squash success

The Umina High School Open Girls Squash team consisting of Nikky Daniel, Kate Johnston, Annalee Stewart and Katie Chaplin have had a successful year in the CHS Knockout competition.

They were the Central Coast Champions and, after reaching the final 16, were beaten three matches to one by Narrabeen Sports High in the Sydney North Final.

June 23

Fete for funds

Woy Woy Public School will be holding a fete to 'raise much-needed funds' on September 2.

The fete runs from 1pm to 2pm and will feature a sausage sizzle, rides, face-painting, stalls, a chocolate wheel and entertainment for the whole family.

August 18

Worm farms at Ettalong

Ettalong school students have been involved in a environmental programs for a number of years now and all students are taught to "reduce, reuse and recycle" waste products.

All green waste is used in the worm farm, which was built by a year 3/6 student in 1998 with the help of Angus Campbell from Scrap.

Each morning white bins are distributed around the school near the eating areas.

Students in charge of the worm farm go around the classes, Kindergarten to Year 6, each year and tell them that the white bins are for food scraps.

"Scraps not wraps" is the message, according to Aaron Kennedy, a white bin helper, who says sometimes they need to remind students during the year.

Tyrone Backhouse explains that the bins are collected after lunch and, while wearing rubber gloves, sorted to make sure there are no plastic wraps.

The food scraps are then placed in a bin with water and allowed to soften overnight.

This "Food Scrap Soup" is then put into the worm farm.

Tyrone says that over a week the team collects an average of 20-25kg of food scraps.

The worm farming team consists of Aaron Kennedy, Tyrone, Ben Cain, Derek Barret, Ashley Gleeson, Wade Hayward and teacher, Mr King.

Bianca Bustamante explains a little more about worms and worm farms: "Worms will eat food scraps to make fertilizer (castings).

"Worms also eat paper or anything that was living.

"Worms like it dark. Worms like it moist.

"Worm farms usually do not smell.

"Worm farms are easy to operate.

"Worms are not earthworms but compost worms.

"Worms in our farm are red worms and tiger worms."

The Gardening Group is made up of Joshua Lau, Russell Southern, Tyrone Backhouse, Derek Barrett and Ben Cain.

The team builds gardens for the school, plant trees and shrubs and place mulch on existing gardens.

The school has its own mulch area and gardening is done every day.

According to the boys in the team, the work can be quite hard at times but they all enjoy seeing the good results.

"Liquid Fertilizer from Weeds" is another environmental activity using garden weeds to make something useful.

The school uses a black bin with a lid which is filled with weeds and water.

It is left for four to five weeks in the sun and the lid is lifted each week to give the mixture a stir. It smells but it is then able to be used on the school's own gardens.

Ettalong Public School has been recycling paper for a few years.

Nathan Crowson says students collect the bags containing scrap paper, from all the classrooms, staff room and duplicating room each week.

This term the school is using "wheelie" bins to store waste paper which is much easier than using bags.

Liz McMinn, August 10

Madison selected for science forum

Madison Rodier, a Year 11 student at Umina High School, has been selected from over 2000 applicants to attend the National Youth Science Forum being held in Canberra in January 2001.

Madison, who gained selection in a highly competitive field, will travel to Canberra to take part in the two-week residential program of activities.

It aims to enthuse students to continue tertiary studies leading to a possible career in a science, engineering or technology field.

Selection for the NYSF is highly competitive, with only 276 students selected from 2200 high schools all over Australia by more than 1120 Rotary clubs and from nearly 2000 applicants.

Students selected must be in.

Year 11 and intend to follow a career in science or a science-related area.

As well as this, the student must be at the top of the science classes at high school and, in addition, possess motivation and communication skills which make

a good scientist.

At the National Youth Science Forum, students meet scientists in the science discipline they wish to study, work in laboratories with these people, and learn directly from them what a career in science will be like.

They also participate in debates, visit significant sites of scientific endeavour and practice job interviews.

In addition, students meet with those of similar abilities and ambitions, something which is not always possible in one's home town.

The NYSF is made possible by the Rotary Clubs of Australia and by institutions which provide the scientific aspects of the program.

Institutions include the Australian National University, the University of Canberra where the National youth Science Forum is based, CSIRO Australia and partner universities.

External sponsors also make a substantial cash grant to pay for travel, administrative and other costs.

August 18

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Carnival and fund raiser

Woy Woy South Public School is holding a fund-raiser in conjunction with its Carnival 2000.

First prize is a Daewoo Matiz car, registered and ready to go. Insurance will be the responsibility of the winner.

Second prize is a 59cm stereo colour television.

Third prize is a video cassette recorder.

Prizes will be drawn at Woy Woy South Public School on Saturday, October 14, at the Carnival 2000.

For details, contact the P & C directly on 4341 7798 between 8:30am and 9:15am or leave a name and a contact number with the school office on 4341 1899 between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday.

August 14

Annual trivia night on again

Umina Public School Parents and Citizens Association is holding its annual adults-only Trivia Night on Saturday, August 26, at 7.30pm, in the school hall.

Tables of eight only are available at \$40 each.

Phone the office on 4341 1630 or call at the office during school hours for bookings.

August 14

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Bays battle

In a battle of the Bays, Empire Bay Public School played softball against Bateau Bay Public School, losing 11-15 last month.

Empire Bay lost the toss and was sent in to field.

With some good pitching from Ryan Maxwell, backed up with good team fielding, Empire Bay managed to get Bateau Bay out.

Mitchell Ryan did a good job at catcher and a good performance at second base by Jason Overton kept Bateau Bay's score down.

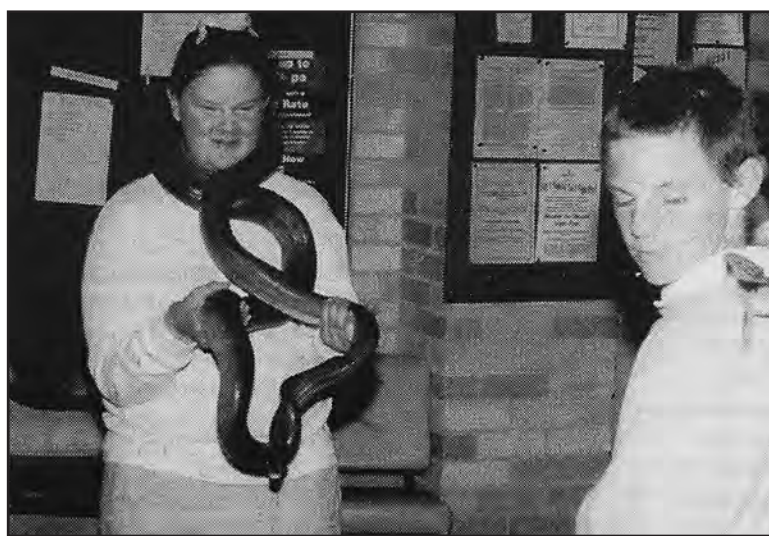
Zac Dawes kept the Bateau

Bay team honest at short stop and the outfield of Ryan Reeves, Bede Wheatland and Adam Pinchbeck stopped a lot of home runs.

Mitchell Attard on first and Ben Burroughs on third also helped stop many of the Bateau Bay batsmen making it home.

Empire Bay's batting never quite made Bateau Bay's score of 15, but there were some good batting performances, notably from Mitchell Ryan and Liam Thorne.

The reserves, Bowen Hersol, Mitchell Witten and Cameron Keller, also put in a lot of effort having participated in every game



Umina High's Joanne Macey gets some reptilian attention at school

Good science results from Umina High

Umina High School students have posted good results in the Australian Science Competition.

The school average for Year 7 to 10 was above the average for the state.

Distinctions were received

by Daniel Stone, Dale Miller, Vit Peyr, Justin Steward and Mitchell Fiddoch.

Credits were received by Alex Beaton, Nathan Bruce, Cameron Matthews, Michael Serra, Amanda Carey, Kira Dollin, Ben Hawkins and Madison Rodier.

August 17

SRC disco had TV theme

The student representative council's recent disco at Umina High was a success, with the theme being a favourite TV or book character.

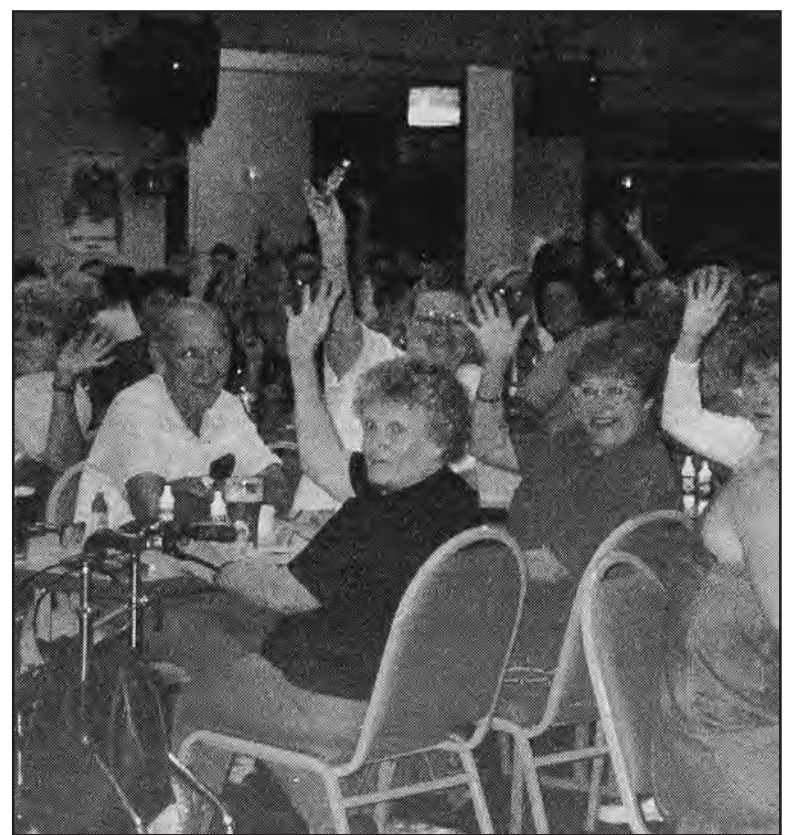
Many "stars" arrived such as the Blues Brothers (Natalie Walton and Leah Langford), Charlie's Angels (Kristin Scholes, Leah Wenban and Jenni Smith), Austin Powers (Asha Maxwell/Coghlan), the White Rabbit (Amanda Mair), Pippy Long Stockings (Kali Brown), Felicity

Shagwell (Fyne Keogh), Dracula (Chris Bell) and John Travolta (Tye Mason).

The SRC also raised \$570 to help children with cancer at Westmead Children's Hospital by selling Starlight Foundation bracelets, and took part in the 40-hour famine to raise money for the world's hungry children.

The school farewelled its Norwegian exchange students, Katarine and Ellen, and French exchange student, Antoine.

Kristin Scholes, August 16



Cash Housie at Umina proves popular with residents

Cash housie on every week at Umina Beach Bowling Club

Fairhaven Services runs Cash Housie each Monday night at 7.30pm at Umina Beach Bowling Club.

All proceeds are used to provide services for intellectually disabled adults including the Woy Woy

employment program.

Cash Housie is aimed at being an enjoyable night out giving players the chance of winning cash and raffle prizes while supporting a local charity.

August 10

Bill Hecker dies

Former Gosford councillor, Mr Bill Hecker, died in Brisbane Water Private Hospital, Woy Woy earlier this month.

He was 78 years-old.

Mr Hecker suffered a heart attack while undergoing a minor operation.

He served two terms on Gosford Council between 1977 and 1983 and was deputy mayor for one of those terms.

Mr Hecker was involved with a

number of community groups such as Rotary and was a foundation member of Gosford Lions Club.

He also helped establish the Central Coast Tourist Association and the Central Coast Motels Association.

In 1960, he and his wife, Anna, bought the Gosford Motor Inn after migrating from Holland in 1951.

Anna died in October last year and they are survived by their son Paul, daughter Rosalind and four grandchildren.

August 10

Bushcare groups look for helpers

Four bushcare groups are currently undertaking projects on the Peninsula and each is looking for more helpers.

The Blackwall Mountain group meets on the first Sunday of every month from 9am to noon at Uralla Rd, Blackwall.

The Melaleuca Wetlands Bushcare group meets on the

second and fourth Saturday of every month at 9am to 11 am at Boronia Ave, Woy Woy.

The Patonga Bushcare group meets on the first Sunday of each month from 1 pm to 4pm.

The Umina-Ettymalong Bushcare group meets on the third Sunday of each month at gam to noon at Etta Rd, Umina.

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City Plan workshop

Gosford City Council is seeking community input into the Draft City Management Plan and feedback to complete the 2000 State of the Environment Report.

A community workshop will take place Tuesday, August 29, from 9.30am to 11.30am at the Christian Life Centre, 4 Sydney Ave, Umina.

The City Management Plan comprises Council's Strategic Plan and Capital Works Program, The

Program Budget and Revenue Policy and Council's current State of the Environment Report.

The workshop will focus on outlining and seeking community feedback on the planning processes used by Council to develop the Strategic Plan component of the City Management Plan.

The community workshop will also provide the opportunity to comment on the draft 2000 State of the Environment Report which will be on public exhibition.

Vicki Brown, August 18



Petitions have been raised over Bullion St (above) and a playground in Ryans Rd, Umina (below)

Residents against Umina street closure

Gosford Council has received a 284-signature petition against the proposed closure of Sullion Street as part of the Umina CSD improvement works.

The signatures were collected from residents on two petitions located at the Central Coast Peninsula Medical Centre and the Umina Beach Soul Pattinson Chemist and Post Office.

The petitions "strongly opposed the proposed closure of Bullion St".

The petitioners said Council wanted to close the street without first consulting local business people and closure would increase traffic congestion on the main street, West St.

The petitions also said the closure would slow down any ambulances in the area, forcing them to turn into Trafalgar Ave then into Wellington St before Bullion

St, and that the elderly would be unable to be dropped off directly in front of the medical centre.

A separate 98-signature petition from parents has asked Council to lay softfall material, similar to that at Pelican Park in Woy Woy, under playground equipment at the park on the corner of Ryans Rd and Haynes Ave in Umina.

The petitioners said they had found broken glass, empty syringe packets, sharp sticks and animal faeces in the dirt under the equipment.

Aside from Pelican Park, Council last month laid softfall material made from a mixture of recycled car tyres at the park in Florida Ave, Woy Woy.

Council's general manager Mr Peter Wilson said a number of other councils had expressed interest in the softfall.

Carl Spears, August 8



Woy Woy library joins the internet

Gosford Council is set to introduce Internet access at Woy Woy Library.

Currently one computer with Internet access is provided at Umina Library.

The implementation has been deferred however, with Cr Lynne Bockholt wanting further investigation.

She said only one new Internet computer at Woy Woy Library was not enough.

She was also concerned that the current charge of \$2.75 per hour was too high for some people.

Cr Daniel Cook said the waiting list to use the computers for Internet access was too long.

Council's director of corporate and community services, Mr Chris Gallagher, said for security reasons the Internet computers had to be separate from other computers.

"It would be preferable if functions were all done on individual computers, with those computers used for the Internet having their floppy disc drive-door sealed.

"In the past, there have been



Woy Woy Library, above, will soon be wired to the world via the 'net. Currently, there is only one connected computer at Umina Library

problems with computers used for both word processing and Internet access having their memory erased.

"Viruses have been introduced via floppy discs." Eighty per cent

of library Internet users used the facility for email.

Private enterprise Internet cafes charged from \$8 to \$12 per hour, he said.

Carl Spears, August 16



Petitions want a roundabout on the intersection of Hobart Ave and Perth St, Umina Beach (above)

Report on petition outcomes

Gosford Council's director of corporate and community services, Mr Chris Gallagher, has reported to Council on petition outcomes.

A 47-signature petition asking Council to retain the raised pedestrian crossings in Umina is still under review as the Umina CBD improvement works are in the hands of a contracted consultant.

Mr Gallagher said the petitioners' comments had been taken into consideration.

Petitioners near Flounder Road, Ettalong had asked Council to upgrade the road.

The 106 petitioners wanted the road to be upgraded before a serious accident occurred.

Mr Gallagher said he had not yet received a response from Council's traffic committee.

The traffic committee had also not made a decision on the intersection of Hobart Ave, Perth St and Mt Ettalong Rd, Umina Beach after 57 petitioners asked

for a roundabout and traffic lights to be installed.

The request by 51 petitioners for a bus shelter in Nambucca Drive, Woy Woy, had been placed on Council's list for future works.

The traffic committee was still reviewing the request by 61 petitioners for the removal of the pedestrian safety zone in Wellington St, Umina.

The petitioners said the safety zone should be removed before a serious accident occurred.

Carl Spears, August 16

Sport



Umina 14a in the minor semi-final clash against Wyoming

Soccer teams make finals

A number of Peninsula soccer teams have made it to the finals.

Umina 10As finished the season second, Woy Woy 10Gs finished second, Umina 11Bs finished first and Woy Woy 13Cs finished second at the end of their season.

They all won the right to go into major semi-finals played at the weekend.

Umina 10Cs finished third, the 14As finished fourth and Woy Woy 15As finished third at the end of their season. All played in minor semi-finals at the weekend.

The winner of the major semi-final goes on to the grand final in two weeks while the loser plays the winner of the minor semi-final next weekend.

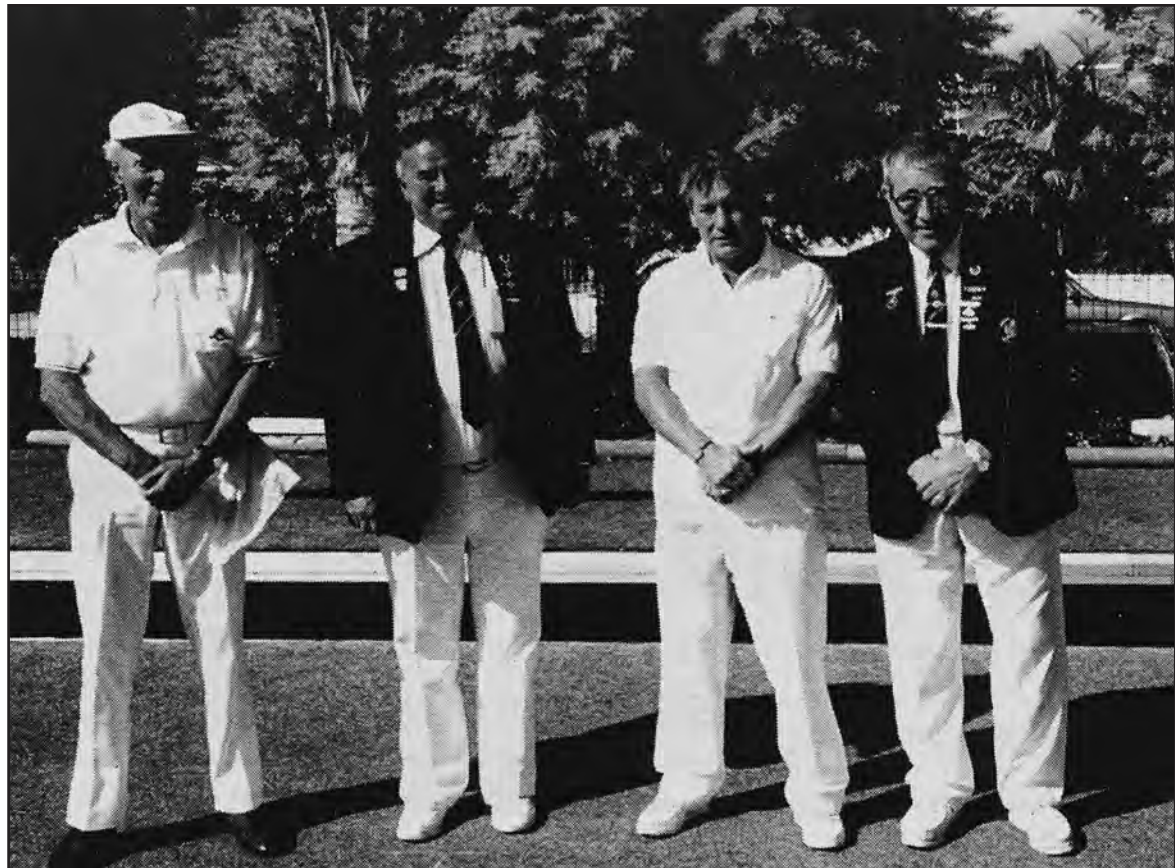
The losers of the minor semi-

final will be able to hang up their boots until next year.

In the older age groups, Umina All Age 3 play off against Kariong.

Umina All Age 1 are in the grand final against Wyoming and All Age 4 are in the grand final against Gosford on the same day.

Cec Bucello, August 18



Combatants at the Woy Woy minor singles championship final.
(L-R) Ken Poole, Glen Smith, president; Neil Johnson and umpire, Paul Smith

Tough event at Woy Woy

It's recognised worldwide that the toughest event to win is your own club's minor singles championship.

This was evident this year at Woy Woy Bowling Club with the quality of players and the standard of matches played first class.

It's all behind us now with

the semi-final results being Neil Johnson 31, Keith Miller 25, Ken Poole 31, and Mark Harding 28.

Witnessed by a large crowd of interested spectators the final was fantastic, very close until Ken Poole finally managed to edge away to a 31-21 victory over Neil Johnson.

Woy Woy Bowling Club's Fred Hawkesworth has been appointed to the zone coaching academy committee.

Fred joins another of the club's accredited coaches, Jack Parkinson, on this prestigious committee.

Ray Wright, August 15

Pelicans put off by the cold

Local Masters swimming club, Ettalong Pelicans, is currently experiencing lack of support partly due to the cold weather, coupled with heating problems at the Woy Woy indoor pool.

However, the heating problems have now been fixed and the club is enjoying warm weather for its Tuesday and Thursday evening swim meetings.

The return of old members is expected and new members will be invited to come along and experience the fitness and fun swim nights.

The Pelicans is a long-established Masters Swimming Club with a fine record of social activities and competitive swimming.

The club's annual swimming carnival, a popular event in the NSW Masters Swimming calendar attracting swimmers from over 20 clubs, has been moved from its usual early September date to the new time of October 14.

Further enquiries should be directed to Bill or Helen Heber on 4341 9897 or Gordon Ferguson on 4369 3194.

Fred Elsom, August 18



Local BMX rider in action

BMX riders well placed

At the end of five rounds in the BMX zone championships, six Peninsula riders are well placed to continue on to the State Championships in October.

The five rounds are contested at Terrigal, Port Macquarie, Taree, Maitland and Port Stephens.

The Peninsula riders, Patrick White, Andrew Hollinworth, Jeremy MacAnally, Ronnie Johnson, Danny Serret and DJ Hogan, all ride for the Terrigal Club.

Three of the riders won their divisions.

Patrick White, 9, placed first

in the expert division for his age, while DJ Hogan, 10, placed first in Novice.

Ronnie Johnson was first in the open division.

Danny Serret, 12, placed second in the expert division, while Andrew Hollinworth, 14, was fifth in expert.

Jeremy MacAnally placed fifth in the open division.

DJ Hogan, Patrick White and Danny Serret all attend Woy Woy South Public School.

Carl Spears, August 10

Everglades junior bowler sees silver at state level

Everglades junior bowler Kristy Harper has been part of the winning NSW team, which won the state's first ever medal.

Kristy was paired with Melissa

Dumbleton from Fairy Meadow at the recent Australian Junior Girls titles held recently at Warilla Bowling Club.

The pair won a silver in the pairs.

August 10

Good profit

Woy Woy Bowling Club posted its third highest operating profit in 18 years last financial year.

In the fifth consecutive year of profit, chairman Mr John Gardner announced a profit of \$88,866.

"Considering the economic climate of the last 12 months, we continued to operate successfully," Mr Gardner said in his annual report to members.

Last year the club posted a profit of \$200,804 and \$149,857 the year before that.

Mr Gardner said the club was well poised for its future.

"We had a frustrating time in finalising the finer points of our club extensions, but hopefully we can now see a light at the end of

the tunnel.

"Of great benefit to the future prosperity of the club was the installation of the synthetic green.

"The true value of this innovative move will be fully appreciated in subsequent years."

This year the club had higher turnover in bar trading and poker machines, but profit was down due to higher costs.

Bar trading profit was \$162,473 and poker machine profit \$616,596.

President Mr Glen Smith, in his annual report, made mention of the club's commitment to the community including a \$1400 donation to Gosford Hospital for a special lifter bed, and coaching of Woy Woy High School students in bowls.

Carl Spears, August 14



Austin Butler Oval in Woy Woy is in need of some attention

Austin Butler Oval rehabilitated

Austin Butler Oval in Woy Woy will undergo rehabilitation due to "differential settlement" of the tip fill used to make the

oval.

Rehabilitation involves the surface preparation, regrading, topsoil and turfing of the playing fields.

The works are due to be finished by the end of the year.

A West Gosford company, Robson Excavations, won the tender to do the works.

Carl Spears, August 1



"Mick" with a recent nice catch of flathead

Fishing news

Another month has passed with cool winds and rain, big swells around with cold water in the area.

Fishing has been average.

Catches have been bream, whiting and leatherjackets in Paddys Channel and the leases.

Woy Woy T-Wharf have been bream, tailor and the odd blackfish, an odd salmon also.

Fishing the rip has resulted in good reports of large bream and

tailor and the odd soapie.

At Ettalong, blackfish and the odd flathead are being caught, with good sized whiting on the beaches.

On the "outside", there have been some good catches of schnapper, mowong, flathead, and some kingfish are coming around.

With the warmer months nearly on us fishing will improve.

So for the fisho you have to bide your time 'til it warms up a bit.

August 18

Golf day

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary's charity golf day will be held on Monday, September 11, at the Everglades Golf Course, Woy Woy.

The event will be a four-person Ambrose with shot gun start.

Tee off at 7.30am and 12.30pm.

A sausage sizzle will be provided.

Organisers say players are welcome to participate in a morning or afternoon of golf in teams of four, "good players or hackers".

Cost is \$35 a head with proceeds to the hospital.

For further details and team bookings, contact Judy Sprod on 4344 8425.

August 18



Rebecca and Murray teach youngsters Netball skills

Netballers graduate

Peninsula junior netballers have held a graduation ceremony for participants in the "Learning Netball Skills Class".

The classes, held on a weekly basis, have been run by the Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association and are aimed at the development of fundamental skills and concepts such as teamwork for future stars.

The participants ranged in age from two to six years and received training under the watchful eye of Rebecca with assistance from

Murray (pictured).

Classes were hailed as a great success by parents and students alike.

What the budding netballers may have lacked in skill, they certainly made up for in enthusiasm.

The successful completion of the classes was marked with a presentation with all graduates receiving a medal and participation certificate.

The overwhelming response to the classes has ensured that they will return next season.

Kerry Friend, August 15



Umina Beach Bowling Club gets a new awning

Anderson Park makeover



Above: Before and after shots of Anderson Park. On the left is Anderson Park as we know it and right, recent work

Torchbearers named

Fritz Baumung (pictured on small front page) will carry the Olympic Torch on August 29.

Other Peninsula residents to have the honour include:

Mr Bill Vrolyks of Umina Beach for his 52-year involvement in soccer and community work for Meals on Wheels;

Mr Phillip Hudson of Woy Woy for his work with the Wheelchair, spina bifida

support group;

Ms Beverley Ford of Woy Woy for her community service and work for Meals on Wheels and Neighbourhood Watch;

Mr Garry Mensforth of Umina for his involvement with surf clubs;

Kathleen Morison, 13, of Ettalong for cross country and scouting achievements;

Mr John Shirley of Umina for his work with SOCOG.

Alex Hurl of Woy Woy for community service and involvement with sporting groups;

Daphne Gibbs of Woy Woy for her community work;

Katie O'Reilly of Umina for community work with Coastlink; and,

Ken Bingham of St Huberts Island for volunteer work with Meals on Wheels and palliative care.

Carl Spears, August 9



Fritz (R) with Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd (L) and mayor Chris Holstein (centre) at Olympic celebrations in Gosford

Phegans Bay's Fritz carries flame

Phegan's Bay resident, Mr Fritz Baumung, has been selected as an Olympic Torch Bearer for his contribution to the community.

Fritz, 56, has lived in Australia for 25 years and on the Central Coast for five years and is the president of the Central Coast Australian-German Friendship and Welfare Society.

He will also be tour guide for the German and Belgian tourists who will hit the Peninsula just before the Olympics.

Member for Gosford and State Liberal Party leadership contender, Mr Chris Hartcher, recommended that Fritz apply for a torchbearer's position.

Fritz said Mr Hartcher told him that he was the ideal candidate.

"I applied, never thinking I would get it," Fritz said.

Mayor Chris Holstein said Fritz received the honour because of his dedicated work and what he has done for the community.

Fritz's community work over the last 30 years has involved working on prison ministries, as a Lifeline counsellor, Meals on Wheels, visiting the sick, aged and lonely and the formation of the Australian-German friendship group.

Fritz beams when he talks of the success of the German group.

"We started the group in April and we already have 180 members," he said.

"I am happy to be involved in community work and I have a heart.

"I see the Central Coast as a loving community and I am proud to be a part of it." Fritz was raised in Stuttgart, moved to Sydney with a job transfer and since then, Australia has been his home.

He said he would like his exact run published, so all his friends could turn up to watch him.

So, Fritz will run 400 metres along the Entrance Road from Archbold Rd to Toowoona Road at 3.39pm on August 28.

A torch is made for each runner to carry and Olympic torchbearers are given the opportunity to purchase the torch with which they run.

"I have bought my torch already," Fritz said.

Carl Spears, August 19



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