



Vandalism on Umta Beach Surf Club has prompted Mayor Councillor Chris Holstein to call on State Member for Pe'ats, Ms Marie Andrews, for more police

Calls for police presence

Mayor Cr Chris Holstein has called on Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, to increase police presence in an attempt to stop constant vandalism of Umina Beach Surf Lifesaving Club.

He said Gosford Council will increase Council's presence in the area and is also offering a \$3000 reward for information that leads to a conviction.

The damage to the club has cost about \$6000 to the community over the last two months.

Cr Holstein said he has met with police to try to coordinate a response to the vandalism.

Cr Lynne Bockholt has backed the mayor.

"I believe there are not enough police and that we need more beat police and police on patrol constantly to stop the crime wave and massive increase in vandalism and other crimes sweeping the Peninsula.

"Where are the parents of these young people who seem to roam the streets at all hours without parental supervision?

"Where are the constant police patrols to keep an eye on what these people are up to and to move them on?

"The area around the surf clubs

are known trouble spots why aren't the police there in numbers every weekend not just once in a while?

"I am getting sick to death of these people vandalising everything they see," she said.

She said the police had undertaken a security audit which would suggest ways of securing the club. It should be available to the council within the next week.

"Council has responded well to emergencies at Umina Surf Club, fitting heavy plate metal doors and roller doors to keep vandals out," said Cr Bockholt.

Carl Spears, November 10

Thoughts wanted on Peninsula's character

Gosford Council will hold public consultations on the Peninsula over the next two weeks for its "urban design framework".

"Council wants to hear what you think about the character and appearance of your suburb," said Ms Peta James of Council's Landuse Planning Unit.

She said the "urban design framework" was being prepared to answer questions such as: What makes your suburb unique? What do you like about it? What don't you like? How could it be improved? It would set out objectives about what the area should look like in the future, she said.

The information would be used over the next few years to help plan and to make sure that future development enhances the best aspects of local character.

Council and its consultant, Brett Newbold Urban Planning, were holding a series of community workshops to which residents and anyone else who is interested are invited.

Each one was planned to deal with particular suburbs.

"At the workshops, you will be able to find out more about the

project and there will be plenty of time to tell us about your opinions and suggestions," said Ms James.

It was expected that each workshop will last around two hours.

Tea and coffee would be provided.

Workshops will be held at:

Woy Woy, Wednesday 22nd November 7pm, Woy Woy Community Aged Centre, Ocean Beach Road, Woy Woy (entry from Hoare Cl)

Patonga, Saturday 25th November 1 pm, Patonga Hall, Brisk Street, Patonga

Pearl Beach, Sunday 26th November 1 :30pm, Pearl Beach Community Hall, Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach

Umina, Monday 27th November 7pm, Umina Progress Hall, Cnr Sydney Ave & Ocean Beach Rd, Umina

Ettalong, Blackwall & Booker Bay, Wednesday 29th November 7pm, Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, Cnr Karingi St & Broken Mayor Cr Chris Holstein has Bay Rd, Ettalong

For further information about the project, contact Ms James on 43258871

New Year Fireworks donations collected

Planning for the Peninsula's New Year Fireworks continues with the Rotary Club of Umina Beach collecting donations and sponsorship.

East's Ocean Beach Holiday Park is donating the fireworks, which will be supplied by Sydney Harbour veterans Howard and Sons.

The event will run between 6pm and 10pm, the early firework display aimed at encouraging families to enjoy the fun together.

Held at the Umina park, the evening will also have amusements rides, show bags, Ferris wheels, merry-go-rounds, Mini Jeeps, Ponies, Youth Bands and displays from local groups.

Food will be provided by Ocean Beach Surf Club.

Entry is by gold coin donation at the gate.

As well as East's Ocean Beach

Holiday Park, sponsors include Woy Woy Leagues Club, Gosford City Council and Ledingham Events.

Donations have come from Umina Bakehouse, Mary's Top Nosh Eatery, Empire Bay Hairdressers, Discount Base Umina, Civic Video Umina, Jodie's of Umina, South Street Fruit Market, McDonalds Woy Woy, Video Ezy Wov Woy and J and B Meats.

Stall holders, buskers, entertainers and bands are still wanted.

For details, contact Mrs Emma Ledingham on 4369 1008 or PO Box 5080, Empire Bay, or ledinghamevents@optusnet.com.au

All proceeds from the event go to Peninsula groups and youth organisations and are distributed through the Rotary Club.

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Wildlife corridor protected

Gosford Council has moved to protect a wildlife corridor between the Crommelin Research Station and the Crommelin Arboretum at Pearl Beach.

The council has adopted a development control plan for a property at Pearl Beach to protect the corridor in the advent of the property's subdivision.

Council's director of development and the environment, Mr John Murray, said the DCP would provide controls for the subdivision of the land and the location and development of dwelling houses, and would provide additional environmental controls and specify flooding requirements.

The front of the property in Crystal Ave will be allowed to be

subdivided into two residential lots.

Approximately 50 percent of the property would have to be given to Council for the wildlife corridor if the front half were to be subdivided.

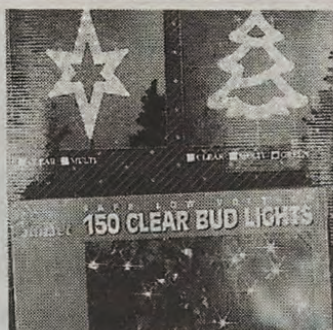
The property was previously part of the Crommelin Research Station, but was recently offered for sale.

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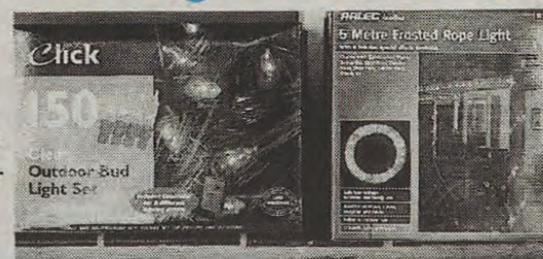
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Welcome to edition 21 of Peninsula News, the penultimate edition for the year.

No sooner are the Olympics and Paralympics over that thoughts within the community have turned to Christmas.

Shops have commenced erecting decorations and Christmas products are already on the shelves with most businesses looking forward to a bumper season to make up for the disappointment over the lack of sales during the last school holidays.

More businesses than ever have chosen this paper to use as a promotional tool in an effort to reach their Peninsula target market.

Increasingly, we find that not only are our readers happy with the publication, but advertisers and businesses also realise its worth.

If you have any suggestions on how we can improve the paper or would like to get involved, please let us know.

As we are taking a short break between Christmas and New Year, the next edition will be a five-week edition covering Christmas; the New Year's Eve celebrations and most of the school holidays.

Also, as we publish on the last day of school, we will not be distributing that edition to schools but will use the copies to satisfy the increased demand in caravan parks and to top up clubs and other public collection points throughoullhe period.

School children will however receive the first edition in the New Year on their return to school

Cec Bucello Manager

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The community centre is still being worked on, but will be ready next month

All invited to community centre opening

The official opening of the Umina Uniting Church's community centre will be held on Sunday, December 17, and all are invited.

Following a brief ceremony in Neptune Street at 3pm, there will be a short thanksgiving service in the church.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Don Evans of Niagara Park, a former Moderator of the NSW Uniting Church and currently minister for the Church's Ku-ring-gai Presbytery.

A celebratory afternoon tea will be held in the new building and at 5pm the Peninsula Choir will present its Christmas Cantata in the church.

"Despite some hold-ups with wet weather, the contractor Bruce McKenzie and his team of tradesmen are making good progress," said the church's minister, the Rev Bruce Edgell.

"The people of the church are looking forward to planning their 2001 activities for the new building, which is joined to the present church and will provide a range of

facilities all under one roof."

For any inquiries about the opening or about the building, phone the Church Office on 4341 8536, or Rev. Bruce Edgell on 4341 1024.

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Plans for St Huberts Island pontoons

Gosford Council has adopted a development control plan (DCP) for pontoons on St Huberts Island.

The DCP was put on public exhibition and attracted four submissions containing objections and concerns.

Council's director of development and the environment, Mr John Murray, said the pontoons provided berthing facilities for

boats within the canals of the island.

The DCP aimed to restrict pontoon use to retain visual amenity and to avoid concentrations of vessels in the canals.

He said owners of unauthorised pontoons would need to lodge a development application by January 1 or -the pontoons would be removed.

Carl Spears, November 9

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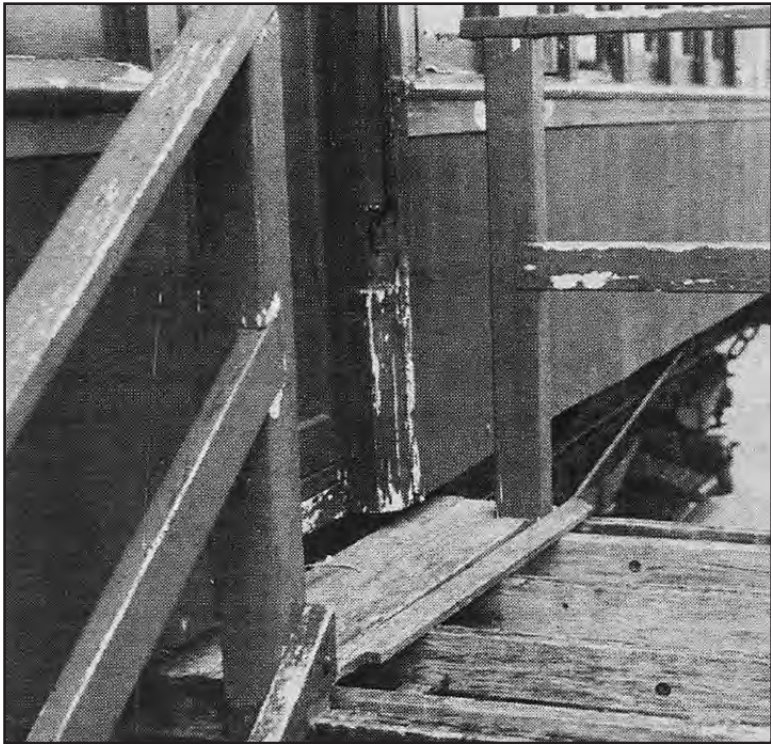
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Woy Woy Public Schools damage is in need of urgent repairs. The damage has also been the target of some recent vandalism.

Historic carriage may be scrapped

Woy Woy Public School may have to scrap its historic train carriage because it cannot afford repairs.

"To repair the significant timber damage and undertake a complete cut-back and re-painting would cost a significant sum," school principal Mr Warwick Hannon said.

"The difficulty we have is that the carriage is not covered by Department of Education and Training funding."

"Paint is peeling and wood rot is evident in many areas," he said.

"In its present state, the carriage is headed towards an occupational, health and safety risk and will soon be a danger for students and the community."

Mr Hannon said the choices left were to repair or remove the carriage.

"No decision has yet been made on this," he said.

The carriage dates back to the 1800s.

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Broadband may come, despite Telstra snub

The Peninsula could receive broadband telecommunications facilities with cheaper phone calls and faster Internet access, despite Telstra turning its back on the area.

Soul Pattinson Telecommunications (SPT) and NBN Ltd will launch a Central Coast service this month after Telstra indicated that they would not provide broadband services to the Central Coast.

SPT business manager, Mr Rohan Green, said his company was using local consultants to assess the needs of various areas of the Central Coast, including the Peninsula.

He said the results of their work would be available some time next month.

"We have already committed the infrastructure at Gosford and are seeking to expand into other Central Coast areas such as the Peninsula," he said.

SPT will utilise NBN's infrastructure and resources to provide national and international voice, data, Internet, e-commerce and web hosting.

Corporate and Government users will be able to get broadband access to regional and metropolitan areas at an economical rate and access to capital cities at a local rate.

A subsidiary of SPT, Koee Communications will concentrate on the delivery of mainstream products to residents and small business.

Products provided by Koee include local, long distance and international voice services and dial-up and permanent connection Internet services.

Marketing manager, Ms Hanna White, said: "Some of SPT service will service the Peninsula."

IT&T project manager with the Central Coast Economic Development Board, Mr David Abrahams, said that broadband capacity in our region should be one of our major infrastructure concerns.



"Woy Woy has a good exchange (above) and has ADSL capability," said Mr David Abrahams.

"We will be second-rate Internet citizens and businesses if we cannot address the issue of high speed Internet into homes and businesses in the Peninsula area," he said.

"We are now paying the price of having no significant cable network on the Coast and this has and will continue to impact on our ability to attract businesses who are dependent on this technology."

"Even though we are the fastest growing region in NSW, Telstra is giving other regions preference over us."

"This has made it particularly difficult to attract suitable IT&T businesses to the proposed technology park at the Mt. Penang site," he said.

Many companies operating in the Peninsula area were seeking affordable broadband technology and can't get it.

"I live on the Peninsula and I would like to see a broadband presence somewhere like Woy Woy or Ettalong," said Mr Abrahams.

"I've been pushing another

carrier, who SPT are involved with, to provide a wireless service from one of the water towers.

"We are encouraging the carriers, but potential customers saying they would use the service would certainly help."

"I'm trying to encourage Telstra to service us in other ways."

"Woy Woy has a good exchange and has ADSL capability."

"Telstra is not able to do it because of a world shortage of the chips needed to provide the service."

"There's a world shortage because the main place that made them, a factory in Taiwan, had a fire."

"Also their pricing structure is inflexible."

Mr Abrahams said a series of companies had looked at the Central Coast to provide broadband too.

"A showing of public support for the service on the Peninsula would be a good impetus for companies to invest in the area."

Carl Spears, November 16

Post office to close ?

Placards in Railway St calling for the retention of the Woy Woy Post Office have prompted residents to express their concerns to Peninsula News.

Staff at the Post Office Shop said, as far as they were concerned,

it was business as usual.

A spokesperson for the area delivery manager said that there was some possible restructuring of delivery staff within the Woy Woy office, which was still being negotiated.

Australia Post media unit staff were unavailable for comment as Peninsula News went to press.

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Elephant photo owners found

I write regarding "Elephant left behind in shop" (Peninsula News, October 24).

My son Brenden, and his friend Belinda Wetenhall are the couple in the photograph.

It was taken in Chang-Mai, Northern Thailand, in December 1997.

On return to Australia, they had put the negative in to Bowen's Photographics in Woy Woy and asked me to collect it.

It could not be located. I assumed it was in the name of Maskey.

The staff were gracious and duly searched for it, and ended up enlarging from the small print we had.

Brenden and Belinda both enjoy careers that necessitate travel, Brendan with the defence forces (4th RAR Commando Unit) and Belinda in media communications,

Community Forum

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currently in London.

We have lived on the Peninsula for 15 years, 14 at Umina and now at Koolewong.

Attached is a current photo of Brenden Maskey and Belinda Wetenhall.

Your paper brings us excellent coverage of local events and maintains up-to-date knowledge of the area for readers.

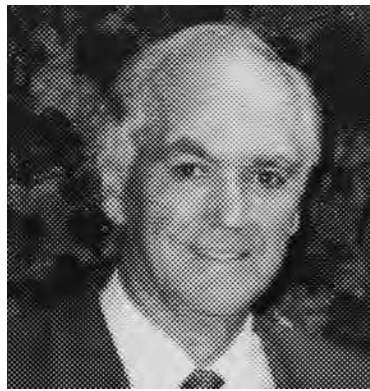
We enjoy each issue.

Judy and Lance Maskey,
Koolewong



Brenden and Belinda

Fast ships lease granted



Council Matters with John Oakley

Fast Ships Lease

Two meetings discussed the Fast Ships lease.

Following is a summary of those meetings.

Council Meeting: 24th October
Essentially there were two lots proposed to be leased to Fast Ships.

Lot 501 is water-based with a proposed annual lease of \$8040 (\$154 per week).

The Department of Lands has indicated, on the advice of the Australian Competition Commission (ACCC), that the term of the lease should be fifteen years with a 10-year option.

This is in conflict with Council's previous decision to have a 49-year lease.

Council decided to ignore the advice of the Department of Lands and the ACCC and proceeded to grant a 47-year lease.

In relation to Lot 500, Council received advice from the Department of Lands that "the land is reserved for public recreation and the commercial operation is not compatible with that purpose".

The Department of Lands did agree to a proposal that Council acquire Lot 500 as operational land and then offer a lease.

Council could buy the land in question from the Department of Lands for a nominal \$100,000 and then sub-lease it to Fast Ships.

Council proposed that the lease be \$7,920 per annum (\$152 per week).

Mr Rob Molin, a local resident, spoke against the proposed lease.

He objected "to the lease of public reserve to a private developer for commercial gain".

He went on to say that there was "no provision to control the option of eventual sale".

He asked the Council and the General Manager to "act on the public's behalf and not to use public funds to assist a private developer".

Cr Sansom spoke of "the importance of this project to the Peninsula and Gosford."

"We should be doing anything we can to support Fast Ships." Mr

Matthew Wales as a stakeholder in Fast Ships stated that "Fast Ships is concerned."

We are at a critical stage in this development.

"The issue of leases is extremely important." Cr Doyle: "I now find we have to pay compensation of \$100,000."

"That's public money."

"What would be the commercial rate given that we are borrowing \$100,000 to buy the land?" "What safeguard do we have that Fast Ships doesn't fall over within one or two years?" Cr Bockholt: "I find it difficult to cop \$100,000."

"I'm not happy with the lease."

"This is Ettalong foreshore and we should look after it."

Cr Preece: "Are we are going to lease this land for 47 years against the advice of the ACCC?" The Vote: Council decided to lease both lots at the amounts suggested.

Councillors Bell, Preece and Bockholt voted against the proposal.

Council Meeting: 11 November
The motion of the previous meeting was rescinded and a new motion that tidied up some detail was put forward by Cr Sansom.

Cr Bell questioned very strongly the wisdom of accepting at face value a submission by Mr Gallagher, Director of Corporate and Community Services that detailed the calculations used in comparing financial scenarios pertaining to the cost of the foreshore land and the lease.

He commented that Council had been presented with a document during the confidential session immediately prior to the open meeting of Council and Councillors had had no time to examine the arithmetic or the logic used by Mr Gallagher.

He said that Council was about to take a major decision "knowing that Council is possibly foregoing potentially \$1,000,000".

Both Crs Bell and Bockholt urged Council not to proceed until Mr Gallagher's calculations were verified as well as examining other available options.

Cr Sansom accused Cr Bell of using delaying tactics.

The Mayor said he was "at a loss that after such a length of time we now have these problems".

Cr Bockholt: "I don't support negotiations with a gun at my head. "It's a total disgrace ...

outrageous".

The Vote: Cr Cook absent.

Cr Wales declared an interest and did not participate in the debate or vote.

For: Crs Brooks, Doyle, Holstein, Penton, Sansom, Against: Crs Bell, Bockholt, Preece.

John Oakley, November 1

Stop cruelty to animals

People accuse the Prime Minister, Mr Howard, perhaps in jest, of trying to take us back to the glorious 1950s.

But in regard to cruelty to animals, we seem to be heading

back to the 19th century, going by recent incidents.

Callous and cruel treatment of dogs at Gosford Pound, the machine-gunning of wild horses in a National Park and the torture of

Rusa Deer in cramped cages by Qantas.

Perhaps it's just another symptom of the global greed policy worshipped by our politicians.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Rotary total not trivial

Just a note to say thank you for your kind publicity about our Trivial Pursuit Night held in late October.

The results of this evening were very pleasing and a total of \$3480 was raised on the evening.

The club still has the special Olympic shirts which failed to reach their reserves.

They are very special items with autographs of very special Australians.

For further information, I can be contacted on 4369 2275 during business hours.

Once again thank you for your continued support.

Geoff Melville, Rotary, Umina Beach

Flower beds are done well

I would like to congratulate Council on the flowerbeds installed in Memorial Park, Woy Woy.

These gardens in the shape of the Australian flag are timed to give their best show in time for the Christmas holidays.

Well done.

One tongue-in-cheek question:

What happened to the cross of St George that should be part of the Union Jack component of the flag?

One legitimate question: Where will the Anzac Day services be held next year?

There will not be enough open ground in the Memorial Park now, with the new flowerbeds.

John Brooks, Woy Woy

Cats want peaceful New Year

The Central Coast Cat Care has written to both Gosford and Wyong Councils imploring them to make these New Year's Eve celebrations "Animal-Friendly".

In the aftermath of last New Year's Eve festivities with its numerous fireworks displays around the Central Coast, Cat Care along with other animal welfare groups had the arduous task of collecting, and returning to their homes, countless cats and dogs.

These poor, unfortunate

creatures were scared witless by the booming, blaring noise of fireworks and had escaped, through sheer panic, from their confines.

Cat Care is hopeful that the Councils and the public will consider activities that can be entertaining yet peaceful to our domestic pets and also the abundant wildlife living near and around our homes.

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Mrs Sandra Eden, Central Coast
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Draft DCP used for design forum

Gosford Council has decided to use the draft Pearl Beach development control plan (DCP) as the basis for public forums on its "urban design framework" for the area.

Cr Geoff Preece had requested the DCP prepared by the Pearl Beach Progress Association be adopted for formalisation by Council on its meeting of October 24.

"(The Association) feel they have done enough work and consultation with the community," he said.

He said the association was aware of the usual process for DCPs but felt "it may take a great deal of time until it comes to fruition".

"The association has spent many hours and dollars developing the draft," Cr Preece said.

Instead, the draft will be forwarded to a consultant and used in public forums on Council's urban design framework during this month.

An interim report will be presented to Council next month.

The urban design framework is a strategic planning process which aims to provide directions for improvement of the built environment and to "capitalise on the existing strengths of the city's natural environment".

The framework is based broadly upon Council's residential strategy and five-year strategic plan as



An aerial shot of Pearl Beach

well as the State Government's Shaping the Central Coast report.

Cr Tony Sansom said he thought the urban design framework was "just another process where we don't achieve anything".

He said he had changed his mind because he had received a number of letters from residents involved in the urban design framework process.

"The letters are not from the usual people, but from people I haven't heard of who went along to the framework workshops," he said.

Cr Sansom then said he wanted to defer the adoption of the Pearl Beach draft DCP until the outcomes of the urban design framework were known.

Cr Lynne Bockholt said she had received many letters in support and none against the draft DCP and that she was in favour of adopting the draft DCP.

Cr Sansom said the reason for deferral of the draft DCP was not because of objections to the document, but the process.

He asked if fast-tracking the draft DCP would cause confusion.

He said there would not be much delay if the draft DCP was to wait for the urban design framework public workshops.

The idea of doing the two different documents concurrently was also mooted.

However, Council decided that this could cause confusion in the community.

Carl Spears, November 9

Lifeline opens Umina store

Lifeline has recently opened a recycled clothing store on West St, Umina, in the old Fairhaven Shop.

Lifeline Central Coast (NSW) has been operating since 1981.

Lifeline is a 24-hour seven-day-a-week crisis telephone counselling service, staffed by trained volunteers.

Other services offered by Lifeline are the Youth Suicide Help line, Care-ring for lonely and isolated folk, a bereaved by Suicide support group and a referral service.

Funds raised through the shop go towards maintaining the service, which takes 11,000 calls a year.

The calls vary from loneliness to domestic violence, threatened suicide, grief and loss, according to Lifeline director, Lesley West.

"Men and women phone as do young people and concerned family members on the suicide help line."

Anyone wishing to volunteer can do so by phoning Jane Stewart-Kemble on 4324 4555 Monday to Friday 8am-3pm.

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Freeway campaign draws call for local jobs

Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, has called on the State Government to provide adequate road and rail links with Sydney before it proceeds "with its crazy proposal to force another 100,000 people onto the Central Coast".

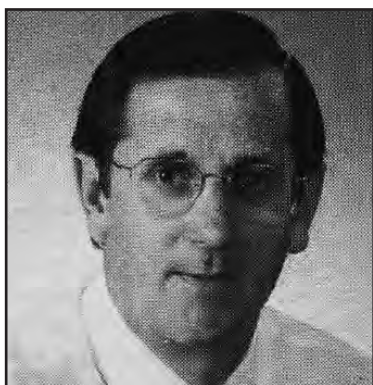
He said this as he launched a petition aimed at securing funding from State and Federal Governments to widen the F3 freeway.

However, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has reacted to the move by calling for more jobs and investment opportunities to be created on the Coast "so people don't have to go to Sydney to find work in the first place".

Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said: "The Chamber supports any funds that will improve the efficiency of the F3."

"Widening will go some way to relieving congestion."

"However, we need to look



Jim Lloyd

beyond the widening issue to how we can improve job and investment opportunities on the Central Coast."

Mr Lloyd said he launched his "Widen the F3" campaign because "like all Central Coast motorists, I am becoming increasingly frustrated at the lack of action on the F3 from both the Federal and State Governments."

"I am now calling on all Central Coast residents to get behind the campaign by signing a petition which will be circulated widely throughout the Coast over the next

three months," Mr Lloyd said.

"I hope to be able to present 100,000 signatures to Parliament on the first sitting day of 2001 in an effort to convince the Federal Government to immediately allocate funds to begin the widening at Mount White," Mr Lloyd said.

"It is my understanding that the RTA has finally completed the long awaited proposals and costing for widening the F3 and that they will be presented to the Federal Minister John Anderson for consideration shortly."

Given the recent comments from the Prime Minister that more money will be spent on roads, now is the time for a major effort to ensure the F3 is not bypassed once again."

Mr Lloyd concluded by saying copies of the petition were now available at his electorate office and he urged every concerned motorist to support the petition.

"Together, I'm sure we can force the Government to act," Mr Lloyd said.

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DEEPWATER PLAZA

Railway Street, Woy Woy

News



Anderson Park. should soon have a terrazzo fountain and is due for completion by mid-December

Council tenders decided soon

A number of Gosford Council projects on the Peninsula are close to having tenders selected, according to Cr Lynne Bockholt.

Seven architects are being considered for the Woy Woy Library extension.

"Currently the committee is investigating previous works carried out by the seven architects with heritage experience," she said.

"Once this is complete, the committee will decide which architects go forward to the design-tender process."

Cr Bockholt said six of 18

tenderers had been chosen by Council to proceed to the next selection round for the construction of the new community centre and Little Theatre at McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

She said 18 firms had applied and the six chosen all had experience in this kind of work.

The final design for the new Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre on the Woy Woy Pool site is yet to be decided by its building committee.

Cr Bockholt said a development application should be lodged before Christmas and would then go on public exhibition.

"Included in the design are two full-size basketball courts, leisure centre, gym as well as pools, creche, kiosk, new toilets and change rooms."

Decisions were still to be made on the future of the existing pools.

"Council officers are preparing a business plan for Council before Christmas," said Cr Bockholt.

Construction is expected to start in the middle of next year.

In Anderson Park, Woy Woy, the new terrazzo fountain should be installed and the park completed by mid-December.

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Ferry terminal gets go ahead

Gosford Council has approved Fast Ships development application for its ferry terminal building on the Esplanade at Ettalong.

The application proposed to demolish the existing toilet block and erect the terminal building in its place.

The building will have a floor area of 360 square metres and an additional 216 square metres of covered area outside the building as roof overhang.

The height of the building will be 4.5 metres above ground level with the centrepiece being 6.5 metres above ground.

The centrepiece is a raised concave roof feature.

Council's director of development and the environment, Mr John Murray, said the facilities within the building would include seating, a tourist booth, telephones, vending machines, toilets and operations office.

He said the external materials would be predominately blue tinted glass in powdercoat aluminum-framed windows and doors, with a curved off-white colorbond roof.

Fast Ships was required to build a new seawall because the current seawall did not provide enough protection.

During the public exhibition of the proposed terminal, 80 public submissions were received by Council.

Of these 12 were objections and 68 in favour of the proposal.

Mr Murray answered the suggestion that the existing public toilet block should be replaced

elsewhere or the terminal's toilets should be accessible by the public 24 hours per day.

Mr Murray said the terminal's toilets were replacing the existing toilet block and would be available for the general public.

He said Council's recreation officer had no objection to the terminal toilets being open during the terminal building's operating hours, which were between 6am and 10pm.

Mr Murray answered objections that the size of the building be reduced to single story to minimise the loss of views to residents, saying only the centrepiece was above one-storey height.

"The size of the building is necessary for the number of people likely to use the fast ferry," he said.

Some objections were on the basis that the proposal would affect property values of nearby residences and Council should rezone or pay a monetary compensation.

Mr Murray said the Fast Ferry might increase property values.

Other objectors said that there would be conflict between users of the existing cycle path and those using the terminal.

Mr Murray said the cycle path passed between the terminal and the proposed jetty.

He said a condition of consent was that the cycle path was not to be obstructed.

Submissions in favour were similar with a general comment being the ferry would bring economic benefits to the Peninsula.

Carl Spears, November 9

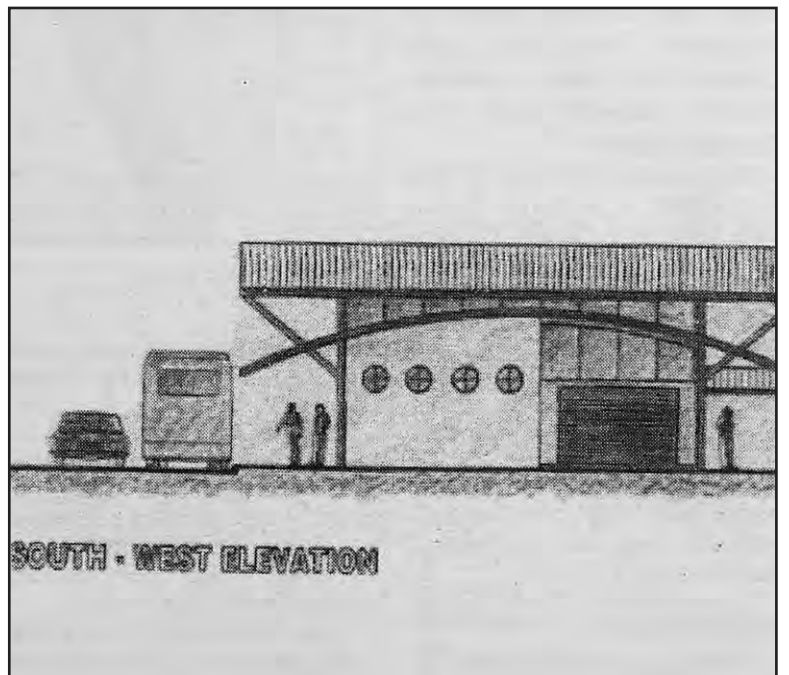
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Kristin receives award

Woy Woy's Kristin Scholes has received a gold Duke of Edinburgh award.

For the award, Kristin undertook community service activities, as well as a challenging expedition, sport and other activities.

She gave more than 60 hours of community service in youth work.

"I helped the cadets of the Girls Brigade, the five to seven-year-olds, on Thursday nights," said Kristin.

"I've been running that group every year anyway, so it fitted in nicely with the award.

"I became involved with the awards through my involvement with the Girls' Brigade.

"The older girls ahead of me had already done it." Kristin was voluntary camp leader on a bushwalking expedition near the Jenolan Caves.

"We went on a four-day hike starting at the Three Sisters in Katoomba and hiked to Jenolan Caves, which is about 45 kilometres.

"Going over the mountain range was really hard.

"We had to guide ourselves with maps and compasses to show that

we could guide ourselves," she said.

For sport, she participated in triathlon.

"I don't normally do triathlon, but it was one of the choices and I had already done canoeing and some of the other things.

"I swam at the beach and cycled and ran around town." Kristin received her award from NSW Governor, Gordon Samuels, at a presentation at Government House.

Kristin, 18, is now looking for a job after completing her HSC at Umina High this year.

She said she would like to get into the arts perhaps in drama, production or stage management.

She also enjoys photography.

The awards are open to young people between the ages of 14 and 25.

Almost 6500 young people started the award this year.

For further information telephone 9865 5832 or visit the web site at www.dukeofednsw.au.com

Carl Spears, November 16



Woy Woy Police ready for action just before midnight on a Friday night

Police attention for Peninsula

Police superintendent Bob Waites, Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews and some local business people met recently at Umina and Ettalong CBD areas to discuss policing issues.

Superintendent Bob Waites announced at the meeting that he had arranged for inspector Phil McCamley and community officer Senior Sergeant Irene Juergens, to work closely with the business people and residents of the Peninsula to find ways and means of combating crime and vandalism.

Ms Andrews said this arrangement would be put into place as a matter of urgency and she called upon the local community to co-operate with police officers.

"Crime and vandalism in our area will only be reduced if there is a partnership between the police and the local community," Ms Andrews said.

"It is impossible for the police, who are doing a wonderful job, to work alone.

"They need the co-operation of community-minded people so that they can tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, which is of concern to local business people and residents alike."

President of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Mr Matthew Wales, said: "The Chamber of Commerce had no idea that this meeting took place or

who initiated it."

He said the Chamber was told the police were under-resourced and under-staffed and that the centralised dispatch system of Brisbane Water Patrol was working.

"However, we don't know if the system works or that they are under-resourced because we don't have access to good statistics," he said.

Mr Wales said: "The community want three things from its police force, police in the police station, police on the beat and the expectation of reasonable response times when police are called.

"The trick for the NSW Police Service is to deliver these things and still be efficient.

"We need a full complement of police.

"Of the 202 police officers in Brisbane Water Patrol, over 50 are on sick leave, stress leave or light duties.

"The Chamber has been told we will not get more police."

Ms Andrews said: "The police officers will be talking to business people and local residents over the next few weeks seeking their co-operation in setting up Business Watch and extending Neighbourhood Watch groups throughout the Peninsula area."

She said a Business Watch had started at Umina, but collapsed for various reasons.

"We would like to resurrect it,"

she said.

"Inspector Phil McCamley will be sent down to inspect the area," she said.

Mr Wales said Business Watch had continued to operate and did not need "resurrection".

Ms Andrews said there was more police in the area with the inclusion of Highway Patrol officers to perform general duties in recent months.

"Unfortunately, every call to the police has to be prioritised," she said.

"For example, a domestic violence situation with life at stake, possibly children, would be a high priority.

"There probably will never be enough police to cover everything."

Ms Andrews said police numbers would be increased in the area over the school holidays, which was a particularly bad time for crime and vandalism on the Peninsula.

"Sixteen police will be seconded from the Chatswood area.

"There are also a lot of other strategies that also help combat crime like the recently-announced drug strategy, and liaising with the local community and Gosford Council."

Ms Andrews said members of the community who were interested in assisting their community in this way were asked to contact her office on 4342 4122.

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'Village' becomes food centre

The "village" precinct is quickly becoming the food centre of Woy Woy with the opening of a new food 'outlet and another on the way.

The new food outlet, The Chook Shed, joins C Jay's, Crafts Cafe, Pelican Bistro, Fisherman's Wharf, Lebanese Take-away and Simpson's Cakes with a Chinese Restaurant about to join them in the next few weeks, all within a few

metres of each other and close to Woy Woy's only hotels.

The Chook Shed is owned and operated by Peninsula residents Michael Cashin and Chris Ahneliman who have set up their first business on the Coast.

The Chook Shed opened early November, with locals keen to try their unusual Portuguese chicken.

Cec Bucello, November 14

Baptists host performance

The Ettalong Baptist Church will host a performance of "Hymns that Live" on December 3 at 2.30pm.

Songleader George Tunks will lead guest artists, soprano Rosemary Munro and baritone George Griffiths, along with the church choir, in excerpts from

Handel's Messiah.

The performance will take place at the church in Barrenjoey Rd, Ettalong.

A collection will take place to cover expenses.

For more information, telephone 4332 8965.

Carl Spears, November 13

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South St tender let

Gosford Council has granted a tender to Matcham's Coastal Asphalt to reconstruct South St in Umina.

The work involves shoulder reconstruction of about 300 metres of South St, kerb and gutter, concrete footpath, stormwater drainage works and other associated works.

The work commenced earlier this month and will take about six weeks to complete.

Council received 10 tenders from companies as far afield as western Sydney and Newcastle, as

well as local businesses including one from Umina.

Council also awarded itself a tender for the reconstruction of Bourke Rd in Umina.

The work involves the full road construction of about 300 metres of Bourke Rd, kerb and gutter, concrete footpath and associated works.

Work will take six weeks to complete and is due to start soon.

Council received 10 tenders from the same companies as those vying for the South St works.

Carl Spears, November 9



This family photo is unclaimed from Bowen's Photographics in Woy Woy

Photo is unclaimed

Bowen's Photographics in Deepwater Plaza in Woy Woy is looking for the owner of this photograph.

The photo was left for enlargement in the name of Ward and was not collected.

If you recognise yourself in the

photo, possibly taken in the 1950s, or know any member of the family, please contact the Peninsula News office on the corner of Blackwall and Victoria Rds, Woy Woy, telephone 4342 2070.

Bowen's have quite a collection of unclaimed photos.

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Local author Bob Wyatt's best seller "Black Cats Fly" is about the involvement of the Australian Catalina (flying boat) at the highest level of Government in Australia during WW II.

"All money received by the author from the sale of these books goes to charity"

Other books by the same author:

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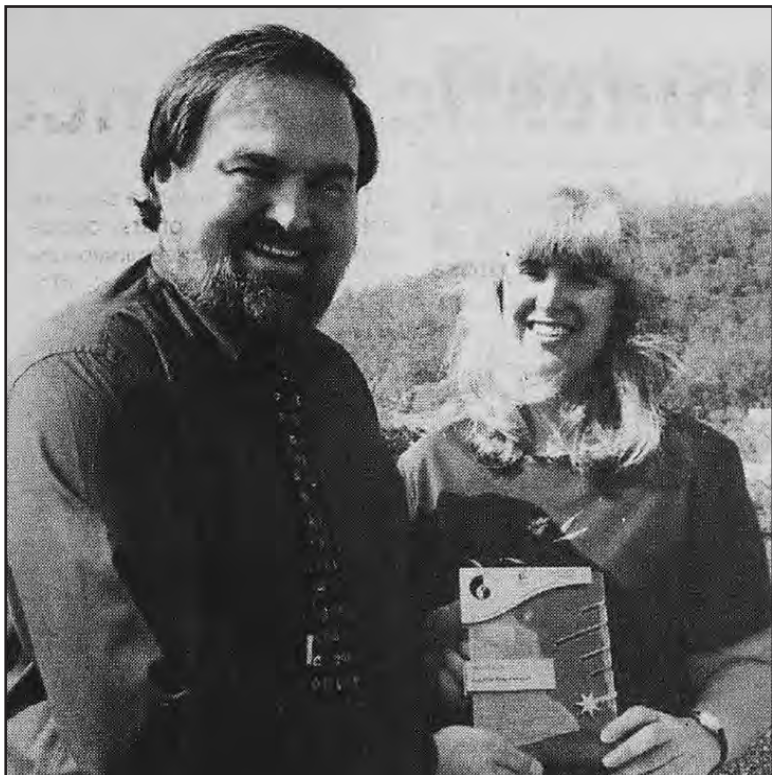
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Mayor Chris Ha/stein and CCP officer, Patricia DonneHy, with Council's CCP award

Woy Woy helps to win award

The use of power factor correction units at the Woy Woy Sewage Treatment Works is claimed to have contributed to the awarding of an environmental trophy to Gosford Council

The Council has been awarded the special trophy for its efforts to cut greenhouse gases under the Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) program.

Council has completed a study of the greenhouse gases produced in the region.

Results of this study will help council produce a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goal (Milestone 2 of the CCP program) and a Local Greenhouse Action plan (Milestone 3).

Action under this plan will target council's in-house emissions and those of local residents and businesses.

Council has taken a number of measures to cut greenhouse gases, according to the council's community liaison officer Ms Vicki Brown:

"Power factor correction units have been installed at Erina Depot, Woy Woy Sewage Treatment Works, Kincumber major sewer pumping station and the Gosford administration building," she said.

"Timers have been fitted on lights in the administration building

to stop lights being left on all night and over weekends;

"Energy-saving tri-phosphor fluorescent tubes have been fitted in the administration building, and insulation has been installed at offices at the Erina Depot."

Through their planning powers, building codes and spending policies, local governments have a strong influence over as much as half of their local communities' greenhouse gas emissions, according to the International Council for Local Environment Initiatives (ICLEI) CCP Program Manager, Maria Simonelli.

"Our pioneer councils have shown they are willing to take action on greenhouse gases and have already made some big savings," said Ms Simonelli.

"Councils are finding out they can save money at the same time they save the planet."

Ms Simonelli claimed the energy savings were recycled into local job creation.

"They are helping to diversify their local economies with a broad range of green growth industries including energy-efficiency services for buildings, recycling, solar and wind power and alternative transport fuels."

The program is funded by the Federal Government with \$13 million to be spent over five years.

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Rail work planned

Work on the railway track between Cowan and Gosford will take place from 11pm on Friday, December 8, until 2.30am on Monday, December 11.

The work will be carried out by Rail Services Australia "to ensure rail customers enjoy faster, smoother rides and fewer interruptions on CityRail train services".

"Unfortunately, there will be some noise associated with the work," a spokesman said.

"However, it will be minimised where possible."

For information about the altered transport arrangements, call 131500.

November 15

View Club

Deepwater View Club has its luncheon meeting on the fourth Monday of the month at Woy Woy Leagues Club at 11am.

On November 27, it will be a Christmas luncheon.

For more information, telephone Jan on 4341 0272.

The club will also be having its Christmas party on December 4.

For more information, telephone June on 4342 2046.

November 15

Cafe is a finalist

Woy Woy's C Jay's is a finalist in the Modern Australian Cuisine category of the New South Wales Restaurant and Catering Association awards.

C Jay's are pleased to have received such a nomination after only having been open for 18 months.

The winners of each category will be announced at the zone awards night to be held at The Holiday Inn, Terrigal on November 26.

Cec Bucello, November 14



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All toys left at the Elders office at 11-13 The Boulevard, Woy Woy, will be given to the Smith Family to distribute to needy children so that they will not miss out on receiving a gift on Christmas morning.

Elders has been involved with the Smith Family Toy Appeal for the past seven years.

This Christmas, the Smith Family expects to help 70,000 children with toys and 23,000 with Christmas hampers.

Carl Spears, November 18

Domestic violence support

The Central Coast Area Health Service is publicising support available for those at risk of domestic violence on the Peninsula.

For those in immediate danger, Woy Woy Police can be contacted on 4341 9122.

To gain an Apprehended Violence Order (AVO), sufferers of domestic violence can call the Chamber Magistrate at Woy Woy Court House on 4341 1450 between the hours of 9.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm.

The domestic violence

court assistance scheme offers discussion about AVOs, consultation before an appearance in court, information about other support services and advocacy. It can be contacted on 4325 6941 or 0408 256 941.

Where domestic violence includes withholding money, financial or welfare assistance can be sought from St Vincent de Paul, telephone 4344 3261, and The Salvation Army, 4343 1965.

Accommodation for young people is available at Woy Woy Youth Cottage, a 24-hour

telephone service on 4341 9027.

Gosford-based services are available that complement the Peninsula services.

For a booklet with more information and telephone numbers, contact Central Coast Health on 4320 3762.

Carl Spears, November 16

For your convenience, selected Ettalong Market stalls will be open every day from Friday December 8 until Christmas.

Umina women raise money for hospital

Umina Beach Bowling Club's women members held their annual charity day recently and raised \$4050 for Woy Woy Hospital.

Stalls included pick-a-box, cakes, crafts, plants, white elephant and books as well as a

number of raffles.

Mrs Maureen Hart representing the hospital's auxiliary and Ms Helen Merkenhof, director of nursing, were present to accept the cheque from bowls president Mrs A. Bullen.

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Hospital Auxiliary raise \$25,000

The Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary has announced it raised \$25,296 last year.

Woy Woy's director of nursing Ms Helen Merkenhof said she was "absolutely delighted" with the effort.

Auxiliary president Maureen Hurt said the 60-strong auxiliary almost doubled the amount raised the previous year.

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What's on in and 'around the Peninsula

Compiled by Cec Bucello

Following is a comprehensive listing of events planned for the Peninsula over the next four weeks.

To have information about your group's events and activities included, let us know by fax, email, or post., or drop in to our office.

Contact details and deadline date are shown on page two All inserts for community groups and not for profit organisations are published free of charge.

Commercial organisations are also invited to include their information but a small charge will apply.

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DAILY EVENTS

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

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.

Also on Saturday at 12.30pm, 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. 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, Ounban Road, Woy Woy

EVERY SUNDAY

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

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

EVERY MONDAY

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

Outreach Crisis Recovery Group meets from 7.30pm Rear Hall, Anglican Church 151 Blackwall Rd Woy Woy.

Addiction, dependency crisis

help. Enquiries: Bill 4368 357.

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

Free Race Game, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 1pm Free bingo Woy Woy Leagues Club. 11am.

Mah Jong at Pearl Beach Progress Hall, 3pm Enq: 4341 1243

EVERY TUESDAY

Free bingo, Woy Woy Leagues Club. 11am.

Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming Club meet at Woy Woy Indoor Heated Pool, 7.45pm Enq: 4360 1220

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

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

Pearl Beach Play Group (except school hols.) 10am-12pm Pearl Beach Progress Hall Enq: 4342 7182 Brisbane Waters Scrabble Club, CWA Hall, Woy Woy. Enq: 4341 8734

EVERY THURSDAY

Scrabble at Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd 12.30pm.

Old Time & New Vogue Dance Umina Community Hall, 1.30pm \$2 Gala Day Everglades Country club, Dunban Rd Woy Woy Tai Chi, Pean Beach Progress hall, 9.30-10.30am Enq: 4341 1243 Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming Club meet at Woy Woy Indoor Heated Pool, 7.45pm Enq: 4360 1220

EVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday November 21

Xmas Ham & Pork Raffle, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 6.30pm Arthritis Foundation, Woy Woy Branch meets 10am (every 3rd Tuesday), Meals On Wheels Hall, all welcome. Enquiries: Gladys 4342 1790.

Wednesday November 22

Umina High School's Grease Factory presents Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, 12 noon, (seniors matinee), Ettalong Beach Memorial Club. Adults \$7, Cone. \$4 Urban design framework community workshop, 7pm, Woy Woy Community Aged Care Centre, Hoare Cl.

Thursday November 23

Same as Nov 22
Two sessions, 12 noon and 7.30pm

Friday November 24 Same as November 23.

Woy Woy Civilian Widows meet at 1 pm Ettalong Senior Citizens

Building.

New members welcome (last Friday).

Saturday November 25

The jive and jitterbug club, 8pm, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, live band \$10. Urban design framework. community workshop, 1pm, Patonga Hall.

Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group - help with regeneration of one of the last wetlands on the Peninsula, meet 8am at end of Boronia Ave, Woy Woy (2nd & 4th Saturday). Enquiries: Norah 4341 13960.

Sunday November 26

Santa drops in at Deepwater Plaza by parachute at 11am. See dancers from Lovett's Dance Academy at 10am.

Urban Design Framework community workshops, 1.30pm Pean Beach Community Hall.

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

Monday November 27

Urban Design Framework community workshops, 7pm, Umina Progress Hall Woy Woy Branch of Business & Professional Women - dinner meeting (last Monday). Members welcome. Enq: Jill 4341 1844.

Woy Woy Deepwater View Club luncheon meeting (4th Monday). 11am Woy Woy Leagues Club All welcome. Enquiries: Jan 4341 0272.

Tuesday November 28

Christmas Toy Raffle, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, 7 .30pm Ettalong Beach Toastmasters meet 7.30pm (every 2nd & 4th Tuesday).

Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club. Enquiries: Jan 4341 6842.

Pearl Beach Craft Group, 1.30-4.30pm, Progress Hall (2nd & 4th Tues) Enq: 4342 1459.

Wednesday November 29

Christmas Toy Raffle, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 6.30pm Urban Design Framework.

Community workshops, 7pm, Ettalong Senior Citizens centre.

Umina Progress Association, Umina Community Hall, 1.30pm (last Wednesday).

Thursday November 30

Christmas Toy Raffle, (toys for 3 - 12 year olds), 6.30pm, Everglades Country Club.

Friday December 1

Woy Woy Older Women's Network. meet 10.15am (1st Friday), Woy Woy Leagues Club. Morning tea will be provided. Enquiries: Coral 4343 1079.

Saturday December 2

Tivoli by Night, Special Christmas Show, 8pm, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, \$10 National Malaysia Borneo Veterans Association meet at 2.30pm, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club (1st Saturday). Enq: 4342 1216.

Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Market, Ettalong 9am (1st Saturday).

Sunday December 3

"Hymns that live" a special performance at Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd, 2.30pm Blackwall Mountain Bushcare Group. 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



Umina Country. Women's Association former President, Fay Bold, exhibiting a quilt she made for their recent aris and craft exhibition

welcome. Gloves provided (1st Sunday). Enquiries: Tony 4342 7849.

Monday December 4

A Deepwater View Club Christmas party. Enq: June 4342 2046

Tuesday December 5

Christmas Toy Raffle, (toys for 10 -16 year olds), 6.30pm, Everglades Country Club. Xmas Ham & Pork. Raffle, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 6.30pm Wednesday December 6 Seniors' shopping day, Deepwater Plaza.

Thursday December 7

The Troubadour presents live entertainment at 304 on West, Italian Restaurant, 304 West St, Umina, 7.30pm.

Performance bookings: 4341 4060.

Restaurant bookings: 4344 5533.

(1st Thurs) Christmas Toy Raffle, 7.30pm, Ettalong Beach memorial Club.

South Woy Woy Progress Assoc. meet (1st Thursday) 7pm All Welcome.

South Woy Woy Progress Hall, Woy Woy Road .

Friday December 8

Peninsula Pastimes Annual Craft Display, 1 Oam Ettalong Baptist Church, (Barrenjoey Rd roundabout). Free admission and morning tea. Guest artists and creche. Enq: Lorraine 4323 2493 Trivia Night hosted by Rick Jullienne, 7.30pm, Everglades Country Club.

Saturday December 9

Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group - help with regeneration of one of the last wetlands on the Peninsula, meet Barn al end of Boronia Ave, Woy Woy (2nd & 4th Saturday).

Sunday December 10

2CCC Allstars Country Shindig, 1 pm, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club. Adults \$10, Cone. \$5 Masonic Lodge, Woy Woy 381 meet at Umina Community Hall, 11 am (2nd & 4th Sunday).

Monday December 11

Christmas Ham Raffle, 7.30pm, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club Peart Beach Women's Club 12pm, Progress Hall, (2nd Monday) Enq: Ruth 4341 8817

Tuesday December 12

Department of Fair Trading seminar on your rights and how they can help, Meals on Wheels Centre, 1.30pm Ettalong Beach Toastmasters meet 7.30pm (every 2nd & 4th Tuesday).

Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club. Enq: Jan 4341 6842.

Pearl Beach Craft Group, 1.30-4.30pm, Progress Hall (2nd & 4th

Tues) Enq: 4342 1459

Wednesday December 13

Christmas Toy Raffle, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 6.30pm Endeavour View Club meet at Woy Woy Leagues Club , 10.30am (2nd Wednesday).

Friday December 15

The Troubadour Acoustic Music and Folk Club presents Christmas get together.

CWA Hall, Woy Woy (opposite Fishermans Wharf) 7.30pm. \$5 incl. supper. All welcome. (2nd Friday). Enq: Frank 4341 4060 or 0417 456 929.

Sunday December 17

Official opening Community Centre, 3pm, Umina • Uniting Church, Neptune Street follQWed at 5pm by "Christmas Cantata" from the Peninsula Choir.

Brisbane Water Caged Bird Society, 10am (3rd Sunday), Umina CWA Hall.

Enquiries: Jan 4341 6842.

Tuesday December 19

Xmas Ham & Pork. Raffle, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 8.30pm Arthritis Foundation, Woy Woy Branch meets 10am (every 3rd Tuesday), Meals On Wheels Hall, all welcome.

Enquiries: Gladys 4342 1790.

Wednesday December 20

Ettalong Umina Lions Club meets 6.30pm Woy Woy Leagues Club (3rd Wednesday).

Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts market, Ettalong 9am (3rd Wednesday).

Bays Progress Assoc, Bays Hall, Woy Woy Bay Rd.

7.30pm (3rd Wed) Enq: 4341 1070



Part of the large crowd that attended the Woy Woy South Public School fete last month



Floral ari from the Umina beach bowling club

Features



The Woy Woy tidal pool is due for cleaning before the summer holiday makers arrive

Woy Woy pool 'cleaned for summer'

The Woy Woy tidal pool next to Pelican Park will be cleaned in time for the summer holidays, according to the Woy Woy CBD committee chair Cr Lynne Bockholt.

The Woy Woy CBD committee commissioned the cleaning as part of the Woy Woy waterfront upgrade.

The work is being carried out by Dr John Laxton, an experienced environmental scientist, who has found that the steel mesh which surrounds the pool inhibits the free flow of water into the pool, said Cr Bockholt.

The mesh has corroded in

places and has become fouled with marine material which has been one of the main contributors to the pool's pollution.

"Holes in the steel mesh raised safety concerns and Dr Laxton has approved the installation of temporary plastic mesh to allow the pool to be available for the summer," she said.

The pool is currently closed while this work is carried out.

"I understand that the pool will re-open in time for the Christmas holidays."

Dr Laxton has been commissioned to monitor the cleanliness of the pool over the next few months and to advise

Council on the best way to ensure continued clean water for swimming.

This will include the best way to enclose the pool permanently, with different types of mesh and steel currently under investigation.

"I understand this work will be carried out over the winter months next year," said Cr Bockholt.

"Generations of Peninsula children have cooled off in this pool and I am delighted that they will again have the opportunity to play in a newly cleaned and safe tidal pool at Woy Woy."

November 14

Old computers collected for disabled

A Umina volunteer for Technical Aid for the Disabled is collecting old computer equipment for the TadDay appeal in Ryde on Saturday, November 25.

Mr Stephen MacNamara said: "I am prepared to take down a trailer

load of equipment that businesses or individual wish to donate to TAD.

"Business or individuals can donate small working dot matrix, inkjet and laser printers. Other equipment such as 486 or old Pentium computers or ancillary equipment can also be donated," he said.

"The equipment can be left at my home in Umina or people can call me at home or email me if further details are required."

Call Stephen on 4344 5545 or send an email to stephenmcnamara@start.com.au.

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Nominations

Gosford Council is calling for nominations for its Australia Day Community Awards.

Nominations are open to people in the community who have achieved or excelled over the last 12 months.

Categories include sports, cultural, senior citizens, young person, disabled person (or service to the disabled), business person, service to the community and environment.

An award will also be presented for Gosford City Citizen of the Year.

Nomination forms are available from Gosford Council offices and libraries and nominations will be accepted until Friday, December 29.

For forms ring 4325 8331.

Vicki Brown, November 15

Baby speechless at photo win

Winners have been announced in the Umina Mall Pharmacy's Pitter Patter Baby Club Olympic Aussie Baby Photo Competition.

After a gruelling regime of smile training and a closely watched diet of milk, gold went to Madeline Bell (pictured), silver to Liam Barnes and bronze to Kaylee Temple and Matthew Harding.

The baby club is held on Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to noon and is free.

Each member receives a free

growth and weight chart, sample bag and a free photo once a month.

The club also holds special event days during the year including birthday parties, Easter picnic, Fathers' Day photo sessions and Santa photo sessions.

Santa will arrive this year on December 1.

Madeline was left speechless by her win.

For more information, telephone 4341 6806.

Carl Spears, November 14



Madeline Bell was all smiles at her winning performance

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For the information of members and their guests

News

Commuters stranded

Hundreds of commuters on their way back to the Peninsula from Sydney on the afternoon of Friday, November 10, were stranded while rail services were held up for over two hours by a person threatening suicide.

Some passengers who were stopped at Hawkesbury River were able to board the TS Hawkesbury to be ferried to Woy Woy.

But it faced its own delay:

When turning into the Woy Woy channel near Lion's Park, it ran aground.

Eventually, with the help of the tide, the ferry master was able to reverse his vessel out of its embarrassing position.

Some of those who stayed aboard one of the trains were further frustrated when it failed to stop at Koolewong.

Cec Bucello, November 15



Stranded commuters try something different - a ferry



Neil Burt and Jenny Coker recently wed at Crommelin Native Arboretum at Pearl Beach

Arboretum wedding for Jenny and Neil

The Symphony of Australian Birds heralded the arrival of Jenny Coker of Umina as she crossed the bridge in the Crommelin Native Arboretum at Pearl Beach to wed Neil Burt of Carlton, on October 21.

Jenny designed and made her own wedding gown for the open-air ceremony, which was conducted by her uncle, Salvation Army Captain Jim Nash.

The waterside Wagstaffe Community Hall, decorated with Australian wildflowers, was a

delightful venue for the reception, followed by a bush dance with "Fair Dinkum", a local bush band.

Jenny and Neil honeymooned at O'Reilly's Guest House in the Lamington National Park, later bushwalking in the Daintree rainforest.

Robyn Northwood, November 8

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Local children gather around Kmart's Wishing Tree. The tree is an annual event to help provide needy children with toys distributed by charities on Christmas day.

Wishing Tree appeal

The Wishing Tree Appeal for Christmas presents for children in need will be held again this year at Kmart Woy Woy.

Kmart staff are asking

customers to place items under the Christmas tree in its store in Deepwater Plaza. Kmart stores Australia-wide hold the annual appeal and the gifts are given to the Salvation Army and Smith Family to distribute to

families experiencing financial hardship. Last year Australians donated 189,000 gifts and organisers are hoping to surpass that figure this year.

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Woy Woy business continues to evolve

The face of Woy Woy business continues to change with several recent moves around the area.

This month sees a new retailer in the small shop opposite the Bayview Hotel trading as Ray's, a retailer of watches, perfumes and jewellery mainly imported from China and the Philippines.

Close by, a new food outlet, The Chook Shed, has opened.

The shop next door, which for many years traded as Huck Finn's, will also soon open as another food outlet and a large area in the Bayview Hotel is about to become a Chinese Restaurant.

An extension is being built on the back of the old bank building in Blackwall Rd, to give Pricemart more floor space.

In Railway Street opposite the station, the shop alongside the Masonic Hall that has been empty for many years was recently refurbished and has now opened for business as a liquor store, having moved from just down the road.

The old Vodaphone store is now being refurbished for Alleyne's Solicitors who are moving from the Swancott Centre.

Also taken over by new owners is the recently-opened Woy Woy Tile Bam. Meanwhile, the Woy Woy Leagues Club car park is about to be concreted. The footpath and gutters around the intersection of Chalmers Place and The Boulevard are being upgraded as part of the CBD upgrade that has been under way for some time.

Cec Bucello, November 15



The footpath on the intersection of Chalmers Place and the Boulevard gets a makeover (above)



Pricemart will get more space by extending into the area formerly occupied by a bank

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The Ocean Beach Surf Club building may be torn down and rebuilt

Surf clubs could be rebuilt

One or both surf clubs on the Peninsula could be demolished and rebuilt, depending on the recommendations of a report to Gosford Council, according to Cr Lynne Bockholt.

The report would come to Council shortly recommending that the surf clubs be inspected with a view to finding out the exact condition of each club, she said.

"The report will be the basis for Council setting priorities for replacement and renovation."

The report would give Council the opportunity to obtain full details of the problems faced by the clubs

in trying to keep their buildings operational.

"Council strongly supports the Surf Lifesaving movement on the coast believing the volunteers do a magnificent job patrolling our beaches and keeping us all safe," said Cr Bockholt.

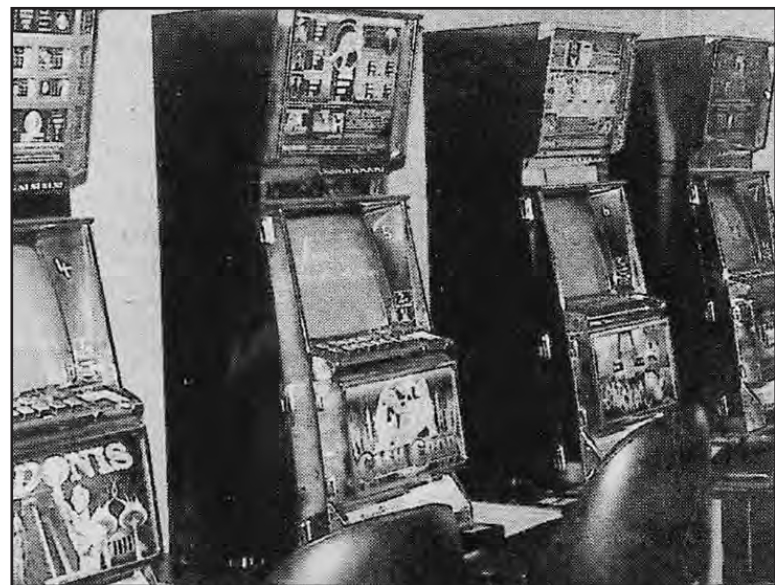
"It must be remembered that these people give up their free time to assist others and there's not an awful lot of that these days.

"I believe the surf clubs are a wonderful community asset, particularly for young people, a place where they can learn about caring for the community without payment or reward.

"I am always struck by the tremendous sense of camaraderie

between life savers of all ages and this carries through from the over-60s to the youngest Nippers."

November 14



An attempt was made to raid machines at Woy Woy Bowling Club

Theft at bowling club

Woy Woy Bowling Club was broken into last month by an intruder who attempted to steal money from the club's poker machines.

Chairman Mr John Gardner said the club was fortunate to survive relatively unscathed.

"Only two weeks before we had altered our closing and security procedures," he said.

"The intruder headed towards the poker machines, but all the note acceptors had been removed

the night before and locked away in the safe.

"We also decided that the machines should be left open to show there were no note acceptors, so there was no necessity to damage the machines.

"His only alternative was to force open the bottom door looking in the bins for coins.

"These days we do not get a lot of coinage, so they didn't get too much."

Carl Spears, November 16

Dance party tickets to be sold on Peninsula

Tickets for a teenage dance party in Gosford are to be sold on the Peninsula, following concern that local teenagers are being turned away at the door late at night when the venue fills.

Tickets to the Juice dance party at Froggy's in Gosford will be available from STS The Board Centre in Umina and Woy Woy.

Entry is now by pre-purchased ticket only, according to Mr Alan Cousins of STS The Board Centre.

Mr Cousins said tickets would be sold as a community service without surcharge.

The arrangement would overcome the problem of parents or prospective dance party-goers having to travel to Gosford to buy tickets, he said.

Cec Bucello, November 15

Beach activities to be held over holidays

The NSW Department of Sport and Recreation will hold beach activities at Ocean Beach over the Christmas holidays.

Volleyball, soccer, netball, touch and badminton activities will take place on January 12 and 19

for those aged six to 12.

Cost is \$7 for one day or \$12 for both days.

Also on the same days, sailboarding will take place for those aged eight to 16 years.

Cost is \$24.50 for one day or \$49 for two days.

Carl Spears, November 15

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Health classes for over 50s

Central Coast Health's Active Over-50s program runs various classes on the Peninsula.

Most for the sessions, for people over 50 years of age, are an hour in length and cost about \$5.

Aquafitness is held at Woy Woy Pool in Blackwall Rd at 1.30pm on Mondays and 10am on Fridays.

Ballroom Dancing is held at Ettalong Beach Bowling Club in Springwood Ave on Thursdays at 10am.

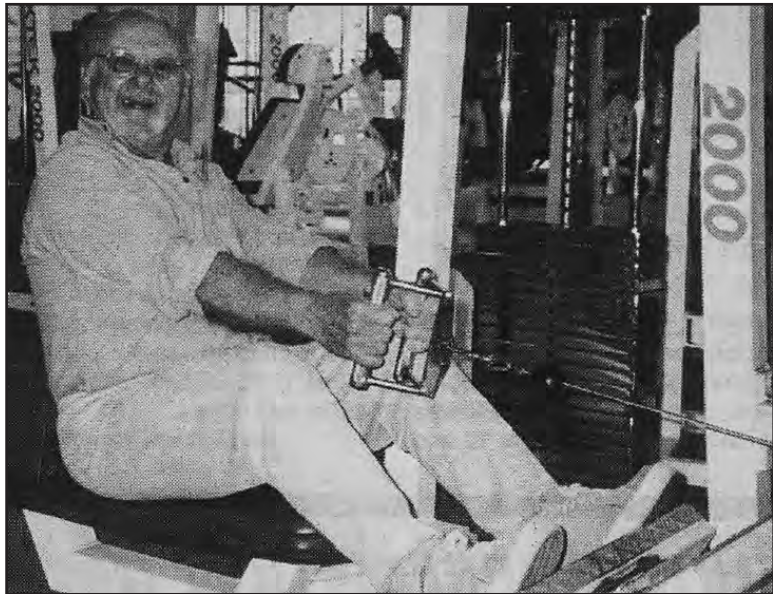
Gentle Exercise is held at Fitness City at the Ettalong Beach Club on Mondays at 10.30am,

Tuesdays at 8am, Wednesdays at 8am and Thursdays at 10.30am and noon.

Gentle exercise is also held at the Ettalong Progress Hall on Wednesdays at 9am, Ettalong Senior Citizens' Centre at 12.30pm on Mondays and 1pm on Wednesdays, and Woy Woy Bowling Club on Wednesdays at 10am.

Class days and times may change at short notice so ring 4349 4800 to confirm times or to seek further information.

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Hardy's Bay Holiday Houses

Russell Hansen's website holds quite a variety

Elvis websited in Hardys Bay

Who conducts wedding ceremonies, is a ship's captain, is an Elvis impersonator and also has a painting service and a couple of houses at Hardy's Bay available for short-term rental?

According to his web site, Russell Hansen fills the bill.

The pages on Russell's site

are quick to download and contain plenty of colour and some excellent pictures.

- There are only internal links on the site.

Links include information about the two houses in Hardy's Bay, some of the things to do while at the houses, and some information about Russell's other activities.

There are no external links showing, which is a little disappointing as the viewer does not have the opportunity to see some of the site designer's favourite spots on the web.

Of course without having any external links one could hardly expect others to link back to the author's page.

The pages also do not show any

dates so the viewer is left guessing if the information is still accurate.

But the site provides several mobile telephone numbers which of course may still be active.

The pages are worth a look and manage a rating of 7/10.

The site can be accessed at <http://www.russellhansen.com.au/>. If your community organisation is on the Internet and you 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 4342 2071 Stephen is a web consultant for All .In One Business Service and has no affiliation with the web site reviewed.

Stephen McNamara, November 14

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UTS students choose local hospital



Pictured are University of Technology nursing students Naomi Adamson (left) and Karen Sturia attending to Brisbane Water Private Hospital patient, Olga Walton, of Ettalong. The students are on the Peninsula as part of their practical experience for their degree. Naomi is taking Olga's temperature and Karen her blood pressure.

On exchange from Denmark

The Rotary Club of Umina is currently hosting an exchange student from Denmark.

Per (pronounced Pier) Mortensen is attending Umina High School and is currently living with Ian and Ann Radford at Daleys Point.

During his 12-month-stay on the Central Coast, he will stay with four host families and spend a lot of time with many other members of the Rotary Club.

"He is a very polite, well-mannered, educated young lad with a good command of the English language and a great sense of humour," said Rotary spokesman Mr Geoff Melville.

Per is here for a further nine months before returning home.

"Per is the fourth exchange student we've had," said Ann Radford.

"It's been eight years since our last one."

"We decided to host him because our youngest child was only four at the time we had our last student and he missed out on the experience."

"Our older children, who are in their 20s, found the experience positive."

"Per stays with us for three months and all-up he stays with four host families."

"There is a benefit of having someone from another place stay with you who speaks a different language and does things differently and also exposing them

to our culture."

On the subject of Vegemite, Ann said: "All of our exchange students have tried it, but none have ever taken to it."

"I think Per has already had Vegemite, but I don't think he likes it."

Per said: "I got to choose where I wanted to go and Australia was my first choice."

"I heard that Australia was a wonderful country with friendly people."

Per said he was pleased he came when the Olympics were here.

"When the Olympics were on I almost lived in Sydney."

"I went to the athletics, hockey, women's basketball and handball."

Per said he had played some tennis and has tried surfing.

Per said he did not quite get to master surfing.

"But, I will try again definitely."

Per comes from Aarhus, which is the second-largest city in Denmark.

"In Denmark, a good summer's day is about 25 degrees and in winter it can get down to around minus 10 degrees."

"Once we had school cancelled because of the amount of snow that fell."

"Denmark is about half the size of Tasmania and has a population of about five million."

"You can travel across Denmark in three and a half hours," he said.

November 15



Ettalong Senior Citizens' Centre was part of an award winning team

Senior Citizens' Centres win award

Gosford City Council's Senior Citizens' Centres have been acknowledged at a special presentation in Sydney last week (1 November).

The Peninsula has a Senior Citizen's centre at Ettalong.

The Council on the Ageing presented Gosford City Council with the special Award for Outstanding Practice in Managing and Supporting Senior Citizens' Centres.

Mayor of Gosford City, Chris

Holstein, has praised the Senior Citizens' Centres Team, consisting of Robyn Skuse, Christine Blackmore, Anne Owen, Shirley Ransley and Anne Blythe.

"The team has been working to improve services for all members of our senior citizens' centres," says Mr Holstein.

"They've developed procedures to ensure volunteers are supported in their work, surveyed members to find out how to improve activities and meal services, produced a

business plan and circulated a newsletter to all members to keep them up to date with news and events at the centres, "The award recognises Council's ongoing contribution to providing access and opportunities for older people in the community and I congratulate all staff involved with our local centres for winning this prestigious award," says Mr Holstein.

The award was presented to Council at their meeting of November 7.

Nurses taught at Brisbane Water

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital has recently provided work experience for a group of eight student nurses.

This brings to 60 the number of nursing students from the University of Technology, Lindfield, and Newcastle University hosted by the hospital.

Nurse education was "moving away from task-orientated nursing to a more patient-centred approach to patient care," according to Mrs Julie Gemmell, education manager at the hospital.

Student nurses came about eight at a time and were accompanied by a clinical teacher who planned relevant clinical experience for the students in consultation with hospital staff, she said.

The students were nurtured and guided at the bedside by experienced nursing staff and their clinical teacher.

At all times they were supervised and patient consent was always sought before performing procedures.

Nursing education was moving back to the historical form of nursing education where the majority of nursing education was performed in a hospital setting.

Nursing programs such as the Bachelor of Nursing course at the University of Technology had been examined and revised giving students more practical experience in hospitals and health care facilities.

Private hospitals such as Brisbane Waters Private Hospital were not required to provide experience for student nurses and did so on a voluntary basis.

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital had decided to play a part in taking responsibility for the education of the nurses of the future.

Director of Clinical Services,

Mrs Tric Wright, said that having student nurses at Brisbane Waters Private' provided the two-fold benefit of the students gaining practical experience and the trained hospital staff reinforcing their knowledge.

Karen Booth, October 24



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Education

Umina High's SRC is' elected

Umina High School has elected its representatives for the student representative council (SRC) for next year.

School principal Mr Pat Lewis said: "A record number of students nominated for the various positions."

Mr Lewis thanked all the students who nominated.

"All the nominees were excellent students," he said, "but unfortunately only one student can win each position on the SRC."

The full SRC for next year is Executive: Shane Wilson and Lauren Kelly as captains, Justin O'Donoghue and Renee Brisbin as Vice captains and Kody Brennan as publicity officer.

Other members are Scott Baker, Jessie Bovis, Rita Balshaw, David Hyde, Lisa Kennedy, Ben Hyndes, Kate Lilleyman, Kiera Pride, Corinne Law, Kara Shackleton, Michael Thorpe and Erin Stebbing.

Carl Spears, November 14



Umina Public School students at their recent athletics carnival



The infants' play area at Woy Woy South Public School is one possible area to spend monies raised from the school's guessing competition.

Guess to win a car

Woy Woy South Public School's P&C Association is running a guessing competition with a car as first prize.

All money raised will go to benefit the children at the school.

Possible projects include new turf in the infants' playground area; an asphalted play area for the

infants; new books and computer software for the library; and some shade sails over the quadrangles to minimise sun exposure.

The prizes have been organised by Central Coast Motor Group from Daewoo and include a Daewoo Matiz car; a colour television and a video cassette recorder.

Fund-raising coordinator Karen

Grosse has asked any local businesses who are prepared to put ticket books on their counters or buy some ticket books themselves to contact her.

The tickets are \$2 each and the drawing date is December 12.

For details, contact the school on 4341 1899.

November 16

Kim makes State SRC

Woy Woy High School Year 10 student, Kim Honan, has been elected to the State Student Representative Council (SRC) which represents 300,000

secondary students in NSW Government schools.

Kim was elected by the local district SRC.

Principal, Ms Carolyn Carter, said: "Kim's election has occurred

as a result of her demonstration of mature leadership skills, not least of which is the determination to speak up and to be there and participate wholeheartedly."

Carl Spears, November 15

Students helped to decide

Students from Umina High School have been given assistance in deciding whether to return to complete senior study, move to alternate education or enter the workforce.

They have attended a three-day program which included a motivational speaker, Ormondo Hurley, a musician and actor from Sydney.

He aimed to inspire students to overcome barriers that may

prevent them fulfilling their goals personally, vocationally and academically.

Workshops covered ideas and strategies for surviving senior school through positive thinking, time management, goal-setting and career planning.

Students considering tertiary education toured Sydney University and were addressed by Dr. Karl Kruszelnicki.

Other students visited Central Coast workplaces, local employment agencies, youth

support facilities and group training companies, and were involved in a one-day training program that provided them with a "Work Entry Skills" certificate.

The Umina High program was supported by the Full Service Schools Program, a federally-funded program designed to provide additional support to schools to develop initiatives and alternative programs for students at risk of not completing Year 12.

November 15

Woy Woy High German students gain distinction

Woy Woy High German students have been recognised in the Beginners Level German Certificate of the Australian Languages Certificate Competition held recently.

The competition covers Australia and New Zealand.

In the reading section of the competition, five students received

a distinction, placing them in the top 10 per cent of participants.

The remaining six students all received an honourable credit.

In the listening section, seven students received a distinction and one a participation award.

Principal, Ms Carolyn Carter, said: "The listening skills results are particularly outstanding as 63 per cent of our students gained a distinction, compared to only 35

per cent of students in the overall competition.

Students who competed were Stacey Curtis, Rebecca Haynes, Jessica Allen, Dean Dedich, Sarah Low, Blake Howard, Matthew Schwass, Kate Durbin, Matthew Lester, Ashlee Scott and Brendan Loogman.

November 15

Woy Woy High celebrates sporting achievements

A gala night with music, dinner and key note addresses was held at Woy Woy High auditorium to recognise sporting excellence throughout the year.

The night included the presentation of sporting representative awards where awardees have to have had represented the school in three or more teams during the year.

All up 34 students received a representative award including Jayheart Starkey, who represented the school in 12 teams, which is a record for the school.

Jayheart represented the school in athletics, baseball, cricket, cross country, hockey, netball, rugby league, rugby league 7s, rugby union, softball, touch and volleyball.

The master of ceremonies was ex Woy Woy High Class of '92 student, Daniel McDougall, who is now a sports correspondent with ABC Radio.

Other awards included school carnival awards.

School carnival awards are presented to students for outstanding performances at school swimming, athletics and cross country carnivals.

A champion in each age group for each of the types of carnival is selected on the night out of four nominations.

Awards for outstanding performances at a zone, regional or state level in carnivals were also presented on the night.

Finally, there were special awards such as most valuable player and scholarship awards also given.

Carl Spears, November 18



Athletics Champions 14 and 15 years - Luke Peat, Emily Johnstone, Aaron Hamstra and Susan Sobczak



Open Age Athletics Champions - Jie Hewson, Mereoni Brown, Jayheart Starkey and Haley Oliver



Athletics Champions 12 and 13 years - Scott Hernandez, Holly Johnstone, Anthony Refalo and Bianca Alexander

Appeal for Christmas gifts

The Coast Christian School is appealing to the wider community to give a gift to the needy at Christmas.

The Bensville school is asking members of the public to bring a new toy or book to place under a tree.

Anyone who would like to make

a donation, large or small, is asked to hand them into the administration building during school hours.

Head teacher Mr Alan Reynolds said he would like to begin a tradition at the newly formed school of donating toys at Christmas to needy children.

All received gifts will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution.

For inquiries, telephone 4368 3377.

Carl Spears, November 13

Empire Bay time capsule buried

Empire Bay Public School, which has been around since 1881, is looking towards the future.

The school buried a time capsule on November 2, which is to be opened in 2025.

Contents include school uniforms, the school song, textbooks, stories from each class and a brief local history.

The local history details changes in the school.

The school will open a time capsule next year which it buned in 1986 to mark the passing of Haley's comet.

The new "millennium" time capsule was sponsored by Empire Bay Estate Agency and Eagles Plumbing Supplies.

Carl Spears, November 18

Technicolour dreamcoat

Umina High School will present their rendition of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat at Ettalong Club this week.

Shows will be held on November 22 at noon, and November 23 and 24 at noon and 7.30pm.

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Chamber plans vision

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce is planning an economic development project to create employment on the Peninsula in an environment of high population growth.

Entitled "Peninsula Vision", the project aims to provide direction for the future economic development of the Peninsula.

A project officer-consultant will be engaged to crystallise information and aspirations into a vision and to develop a mission and policies, strategies and action plans capable of being implemented by the Chamber of Commerce.

Activities undertaken will include research, policy development, documentation consultation and promotion.

The project will be jointly indeed by Gosford Council, State and Federal Governments and local business.

Objectives

Objectives of the project are:

- To provide direction for the future economic development of the Peninsula.
- To map a direction and plan economic activities which fit within the broad framework adopted by Gosford Council and the Central Coast Economic Development Board.
- To provide the leadership and plans which meet with broad acceptance to allow a coordinated and consistent approach to be implemented by all stakeholders on the Peninsula.
- To focus the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce into activities which will effectively enhance the local economy and the business environment generally to create more jobs locally for Peninsula residents.
- To identify opportunities for new business, business expansion, business relocation and investment consistent with community aspirations and to pilot a scheme to facilitate and mentor these activities.
- To identify policies and practices which could be adopted at all levels of government that would enhance business activity and employment on the Peninsula.

Job Creation

Chamber secretary, Mr Mark Snell, said: "The Peninsula Vision project will include investigation of strategies to increase local employment.

"The project will provide both a policy platform and an associated action plan designed for effective implementation in the longer term by Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

"The project includes a pilot scheme to use Chamber resources to facilitate and mentor business activity which will provide local employment.

"The project will also develop a funding model for the Chamber, which will enable it to employ one or more people in both policy and job creation roles."

Community Benefit

"The Peninsula Vision will provide an economic development framework that facilitates the co-ordination of the aspirations of the community, business and government," Mr Snell said.

"It will provide a solid basis for local economic planning into the future."

The Chamber saw the project as the most significant single activity that could be undertaken for the long-term benefit of the Peninsula community.

He said.

"With the appointment of Chamber staff, this benefit would be constantly pursued."

The Future

Mr Snell said the focus of the project was the production of a vision, policy framework, strategies and actions which would be available publicly and help set the agenda for community discussion and action.

"However, the emphasis of the project is to position the Chamber of Commerce so that it has the structure and funding models to allow it to carry the vision forward," he said.

"Part of the project's purpose is to provide a funding model for the continuation of the project, or more particularly the project's aims.

"A number of possibilities have been listed for investigation, including sponsorship, provision of services and commissions, membership levies, council levies and special project funding opportunities.

"It is anticipated a mix of these will be required and will need to be tested during the project.

"With the vision and an appropriate structure in place, it is anticipated that enlightened self interest will be sufficient to carry the project forward."

Impetus

Mr Snell said that there was currently no document to provide a reference point for the economic development of the Peninsula.

"With plans to increase the population of the Peninsula dramatically, it is increasingly important that a strategic and coordinated approach is taken to business activity and employment," he said.

"The lack of local employment and the high number of commuters are already a major cause of social dislocation which need to be addressed in the context of planning the future of the Peninsula.

"The sentiments expressed at all levels of government in their

policies affecting the Peninsula are in line with the community and the Chamber's desires: environmentally-sustainable development, work close to home, good transport and other infrastructure and a strong sense of community.

"What is lacking is the drive and strategy to ensure they are implemented effectively on the Peninsula.

"This project aims to do just that.

"Active intervention is needed to ensure that the Peninsula retains the balanced demographics of a healthy community.

"The health of the community is dependent upon the health of its business community.

"With balance and certainty about their future, business is more able to plan and to offer employment.

"This project will produce a document which will seek to form an integrated approach by all stakeholders, as well as the Chamber.

"It is expected to be a document requiring a cross-program response from Council and other organisations.

"The concrete outcomes are expected to be both direct and consequential."

Mr Snell said the project aimed to establish a model for the Chamber of Commerce, which would involve paid positions, as well as facilitating specific business proposals and creating a general framework for business activity on the Peninsula.

"The project aims to maximise preparation by both the Chamber and the community generally to meet the challenges of the future," he said.

"It aims to provide a means to grasp opportunities in an adaptive way.

"The Chamber believes the whole community will benefit from a cooperative and coordinated approach."

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Community Web site for the Woy Woy Peninsula 4342 5333
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We are currently putting together an email, fax and web site directory for the Peninsula. Submissions should be made by email.

PeninsulaR.net's home page

Work experience student expands PeninsulaR.net

The Peninsula's community web site, www.thePeninsulaR.net has a number of new pages thanks to the contribution of Erina High School work experience student Andrew Mason.

Andrew's work has led to four new pages being added to the "Peninsula Profile" section of the site.

Maps of the Peninsula showing residential density, streets and planning zonings have also been added.

Andrew is undertaking an information technology course.

His work experience with the web site included collating information, organising and typing it up for the new pages.

Three of the new pages were based on the Peninsula's "Local Area Profile" in Gosford Council's City Management Strategy.

They covered community aspirations for business, community and environmental aspects of the Peninsula.

The fourth page added was about the geology of the Peninsula.

Andrew also collected visitor

information as the basis of a new tourism section on the site.

This information included accommodation details as well as commercial and non-commercial attractions in the area.

The tourism section is yet to be posted to the site.

As a result of Andrew's involvement, Peninsula schools are being invited to encourage student involvement in development of the web site.

The PeninsulaR.net web site is a non-commercial site that aims to be an Internet reference point for the Peninsula.

It is endorsed by Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and its operating costs are met by Open Windows Computer Consultancy.

The site contains a diary of Peninsula events, directories of Peninsula businesses and community groups and links to web sites of Peninsula businesses, organisations and people.

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Mark Snell, November 15

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Sport



Mixed pairs championship winners, Paul Harkins and Ilma Manuel to win back to back titles

Bowls club open day

Woy Woy Bowling Club is inviting new and prospective bowlers to its open day.

Those interested will have the opportunity of receiving free coaching by accredited coaches on Saturday, November 25, from 9am to 12.30pm.

All men, women and children over 16 years old are welcome to this free introductory bowls morning which will include a sausage sizzle lunch.

In other bowls news, Woy

Woy Bowling Club's mixed pair championships ended with the final being played late last month.

The final went to Ilma Manuel and Paul Harkins, 26 over Marg Smith and Ron Conway, 19.

It was Ilma and Paul's second consecutive championship performance.

The semi-finals saw Ilma and Paul beat Barbara Champion and Jim Rochester 20-17 and Marg and Ron defeat Audrey and Gordon Armstrong 21-13.

In the annual Challenge Trophy,

a tight contest saw the Woy Woy Leagues Club team beat Woy Woy Bowling Club.

The Leagues Club team were led by Phil Marley.

An upcoming event is the Woy Woy Night Maestro Triples, which will take place from February 26 to March 9.

Total prize money will be \$4800 and entries close February 2.

Cost is \$30 per team.

For more information, telephone 4341 3304.

Ray Wright, November 14

Juniors bowl over opposition

The Umina Juniors cricket season is well underway again and at the end of Round Three, the Umina Juniors have enjoyed wins in every age group.

While there have been great team performances across the board, some individual performances of note include: Batting - Michael Payne (13B's) scores of 60 and 67 (both not out) in rounds 1 and 2, Harry Jones (14B) 67 in round 3, Matthew Jones(11A) 51 not out in round 2,

Lachlan Baines (12C) 54 not out in round 2, Chris Clement (11A) two successive 40 not out retirements in rounds 2 and 3.

Bowling Kenneth Brown (11B) 4/11 and Ben Howell (15B) 4/36 in round 1, Tom Gilmore(12C) 4/9, Ben Crain(11B) 4/11 and M.Burgess (15B) 4/27 in round 2.

The best all-round performance thus far has been Daniel Fiddock's round 2 match against Toukley where he scored 62 with the bat and took 3/19 with the ball.

Kerrie Friend, November 15



Angela Murphy receives her sponsorship cheque from CCROC's Chris Holstein, Malcolm Brooks

Sponsorship for soccer star

Angela Murphy of Woy Woy has received \$1000 sponsorship to help her compete in the Australian Schoolgirls' Soccer Team touring Tahiti and New Zealand during December.

The sponsorship from Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils (CCROC) was one of two sport sponsorships announced by

the organisation this month.

Under the CCROC's sponsorship for Central Coast residents by Gosford and Wyong Councils, grants are available to help Central Coast residents participate in cultural and sporting events of a national, state and regional significance, said honorary secretary Mr Peter Wilson.

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Mixed pairs championship runners-up, Ron Conway Jnr and Marg Smith

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Surfing championship results

Woy Woy High School recently held its annual surfing championships at Avoca Beach.

Organisers Mr Mark Cribb and Ms Kirrily Ogle said the sun was shining and competition was fierce in the one to 1.5 metre waves.

The championships were held in both surfboard and bodyboard divisions.

Each division then had heats, semi-finals and finals.

Jai Wright won the surfboard division beating Jarrod Fletcher in

the final.

Dane Evans and Dean Simonson contested the semi-finals earlier.

In the bodyboard division, the final was taken out by Tyler Creese over Steven Lindfield.

Nathan Anderson and Cameron McEachern each reached the semi-final stage.

Mr Cribb and Ms Ogle thanked the school's P&C and STS Surfshop at Umina for sponsoring the event with money for trophies and prizes for competitors.

Carl Spears, November 10



Matt Caine shows off his 4.922 Kg flathead caught in the Woy Woy Channel

Pennant trials to commence

Everglades Bowling Club is holding pennant trials for the season which starts in February.

The club has suffered some loss of older and experienced players but is confident the standard will be maintained following the influx of a number of new members all of whom are showing promise at the trials.

After lengthy negotiations with zone officials, Everglades has been saved from relegation and now retains a position in the prestigious Number 1 Pennant.

Everglades will also field teams

in Pennants 3, 5 and 7.

Club officials say they are looking forward to good results in all grades.

The club mixed fours championship has been won by Bev Archer, Merle Thomson, Bill Thomson and Alan Breakwell over Joyce Waite, Gwen Hewson, Glenn Hewson and Ted Hewson by 27 to 21.

The mixed pairs final between Dot Porter and Ray Mason against Gwen Hewson and Ted Hewson will finish the championship events for the year.

Bruce McDonald, November 15

Lucky anglers catch big fish

Over the last couple of weeks, anglers have bagged some good fish.

Broken Bay has produced some good catches of tailor and salmon giving anglers with lighter gear a real run for their money.

Outside Half Tide Rocks, the scene has been changing on a daily basis, with varying water temperatures and current strengths.

If fortunate to choose the right

days, you could well come up trumps, with some nice snapper and morwong being boated over the last week or two.

Rock and beach fishos have done it tough over recent weeks, although I am told one angler did well near Pearl Beach Point, landing a couple of nice groper.

Inside fishos have had to work hard for their catches.

Although many good fish have been caught, several flathead over

the three kilo mark have been taken.

I would prefer to see these fish photographed and released.

A 12 kilo malloway was boated near Gosford rail bridge and several smaller caught in Paddys Channel and around the Rip Bridge.

Until next time, good fishing and stay safe.

Ken Bartlett, Jamie's Bait and Tackle

Whisper became roar

It started as a whisper this roar, but in a few short months it was a roar that was to be heard all over the Central Coast.

The roar belonged to the Woy Woy Rugby under-11s Lion Cubs.

A team of boys and girls with a multi-ethnic background, all with a single desire to play rugby, and play rugby they did.

From a ragtag mob who had trouble catching a football let alone passing one, they would become the team.

With quiet encouragement from parents, wise words from Louie the coach, they were soon to show the opposition how to play this game they play in heaven - Rugby Union.

Many a cold morning was spent on football ovals from Woy Woy to Ourimbah.

We watched as the team confidence grew and skills were developed.

With a war cry of "hamburger", they took on the opposition with

the rugged forwards showing the way.

The backs were then able to show off their talents. With speed to burn, tries were plentiful.

So too were the victories.

This year was the inaugural year for the team.

The aim was to play football and have some fun.

Fun was something enjoyed by players, parents, spectators and our biggest kid, coach Chris Lewis.

A bonus was our grand final appearance and victory in that game saw us undefeated premiers.

The sportsmanship displayed by the team both on and off the field was first class, gaining respect from many while bringing credit to Woy Woy Rugby Club.

The committee, players and coaching staff made all us first-year parents feel welcome.

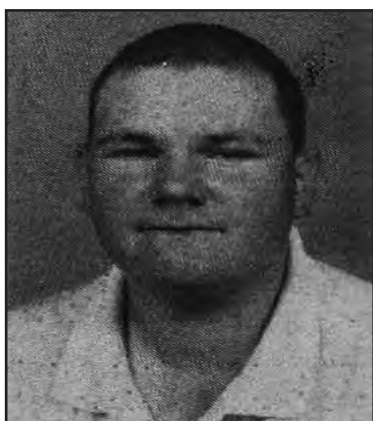
The next rugby season is a fair way off yet, but the club is hoping to field a number of junior teams.

Ray Gorrel, November 14

Eric wins junior bowls in his first year

Eric Jackson, in his first year of competing, has won the Everglades Bowling Club's Junior Bowls final.

Eric, 16, also won the consistency award for his performances throughout the year.



Eric Jackson

After three rounds, the Umina Cricket Club is struggling at the lower end of the club championship.

Only Fourth Grade is undefeated, Sixth Grade has won two out of three, while Firsts, Thirds and Fifts have registered one win, and the one-day side has won three of six games.

Seconds is the only team yet to open their account.

Warwick Botfield and Scott Brown from First Grade have been selected in the Gosford Wyong District Train-On Squad.

State runners-up

Everglades Bowling Club ladies team recently was runner-up in the State Pennants held at Rydalmere.

The team made the final before losing to South Wagga Wagga 17-25 and 16-35, according to a report in the journal of the NSW Women's Bowling Association, Bowls News.

State president of the association, Ms Lenore Dunn, said all the players put in a wonderful display of bowling, which provided a great deal of interest and excitement from the many spectators.

The Everglades team was S. Packer, J. Renehan, P. Walsh, M. Lammi, J. Weate, N. Pengelly, D. Stevens and M. Rose.

Carl Spears, November 15

Cricket season well underway

There have been a few individual performances worth noting:

1st Grade: Craig Brown 87 not out vs Mountains, Jamie Doran 5/34 vs Gosford, Scott Brown 57 vs Mountains.

2nd Grade: Glenn Dillon 74 vs Gosford, 58 vs Mountains, Andy Lerway 49 & 54 vs Gosford.

3rd Grade: Craig Ferguson 66 vs Gosford.

4th Grade: Steve Collins 116 vs Gosford (out of 196), Kris Capewell 84 vs Narara, Gavin Hewitt 74 vs Mountains.

5th Grade: Corey Mander 5/47

vs Lisarow, Gary Harding 5/27 vs The Entrance, Mick Summers 74 vs Lisarow.

6th Grade: Steve Cattley 5/16 vs Narara, Steven Gregg 108 vs The Entrance, Mick Bourke 78 n.o vs The Entrance, Paul Griffiths 5/24 vs The Entrance.

One-day Side: Ian Holmes 64 vs Toukley, 102 vs Wyong, 87, 64 vs Toukley

Some social functions coming up are a Trivia Night on December 1 at the clubhouse from 7pm with a \$5 entry fee, and the eight-a-side day on January 7.

Michael Barry, November 14

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Where have all the trees gone?



Signs will be placed if the clearing was unauthorised



View from ground level



Cut down trees left behind



Another section cut about ten houses down the road



A nice view . However, the question has been asked if the cutting down of trees on the reserve was authorised

Where have all the trees gone?

Questions have been raised over the cutting down of trees on reserve land along The Esplanade.

Gosford Council officers had not returned our calls by the time we went to print, however, president of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Mr Matthew Wales, said he'd be "extremely surprised" if the cutting down of vegetation had been authorised by Council.

Mr Wales said the Chamber does not condone the cutting down of trees in contradiction of Council's tree preservation order.

"We're concerned that there doesn't

seem to be any action taken on Council's part to apprehend the perpetrators of illegal destruction of trees," he said.

"This has been going on for years.

"The trees are there to hold the dune area together.

"There has been a long-term debate on what sort of vegetation should be there."

Mr Wales said a low vegetation would mean developers would not be tempted to cut down reserve trees to enhance their views.

He said if a lower vegetation that still holds the dunes together could be found, then it would be a win-win situation for the community, Council and developers.

An Ettalong resident, who did not

wish to be named, said he had contacted Council and that he was told that the tree-felling was not authorised.

He said that he understood Council was currently investigating the situation.

It is Council policy to erect signs at sites that have been razed.

The signs warn of Council's fines under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and the Council's Tree Preservation Order.

Mayor Councillor Chris Holstein has said in the past on illegal vegetation removal that the community is appalled at such behaviour.

"Council gets inundated with phone calls expressing outrage," he said.

Carl Spears, November 19

The Peninsula's Premier Meeting Place Cafe Jay's Restaurant 18 The Boulevard, Woy Woy (Opposite wharves) Breakfast at 8.30 to Lunch from Noon & Dinner at 6 pm. Australian, European & Asian Cuisine Dine in & Take-Away ---C-You at C-Jay's, soon! Tel: 4342 9922--	
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