

Rates to rise?

A proposal for a rate increase and a new draft city management plan will be discussed at a public workshop organised by Gosford Council at Umina on Wednesday, May 9.

The workshop will be held at 9am at the Umina Christian Life Centre in Sydney Av, Umina.

The council's strategic planning manager Mr Tony Camenzuli has told community groups that the meeting will be used to obtain feedback on the draft strategic plan.

It would also be used "to outline the case for and obtain feedback on a proposal for Council to seek Ministerial approval for an extraordinary rate increase to fund additional roadworks, kerb

and guttering, footpaths and for a Water Safety Levy".

The council will exhibit its draft city management plan between April 20 and May 18.

The plan is comprised of the council's Strategic Plan, Capital Works Program, Program Budget and Revenue Policy and its State of the Environment Report.

The documents will be available for inspection at the council's Woy Woy depot and at Umina and Woy Woy libraries.

"It is expected that Council will formally consider the Draft City Management Plan for adoption during June," said Mr Camenzuli.

A feedback form is available for anyone unable to attend the workshops.

Letter, April 4



The train carriage at Way Way Public School being removed by a crane. See page 19 for details

'Break and enters' halved

The monthly average number of "break and enter" offences on the Peninsula has almost halved in the first three months of this year compared to last year.

Figures for the 'Woy Woy Section' of Brisbane Waters Local Area Command averaged 82 for the first three months of this year.

This compares to an average of 134 a month last year.

The number of offences this year has returned to a level similar to previous years.

An average of 73 a month was recorded in 1999 and 83 a month in the last 10 months of 1998.

A total of 1613 "break, enter and steal" offences were reported last year from an area with about 16,000 households - a ratio of about one house in 10.

The figures were released by Superintendent Terry Jacobsen at the request of Peninsula News

following the statement last month by Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews that strategies were in place to ensure an appropriate level of policing for the Peninsula.

The numbers of break and enter offences last year ranged from a low of 86 in January to a high of 174 in March.

This year the numbers have been 91 in January, 76 in February and 78 in March.

In 1999, the numbers ranged from a low of 54 in September to a high of 117 in July.

Figures for other crimes have shown less fluctuation and have been closer to previous averages or slightly higher.

The average for stolen vehicles and boats in the first three months of this year was 42 a month.

This compares to 32 a month last year, 36 a month in 1999 and 33 a month in 1998.

The three-year high was 66

stolen vehicles and boats in November 1999.

The three-year low was 17 recorded in March 1999 and in November 1998.

The figures this year were 42 in January, 32 in February and 51 in March.

Stealing for the first three months of this year averaged 120.

This compares to 117 a month last year, 92 a month in 1999 and 97 a month in 1998.

The highest figure for the last three years was 157 recorded in February last year.

The highest figure was 61 in February the year before.

The figures this year were 153 in January, 106 in February and 102 in March.

Robbery figures have fluctuated from an average of 3.3 in 1998, 1.4 a month in 1999, 3.0 a month last year and down to 1.3 so far this year.

The highest number of robberies in any month in the last three years was five, recorded in September last year and in July 1998.

The only month not to record a robbery was May 1999.

This year one robbery has occurred in each of January and March, with two recorded in February.

Averages for assault, however, have risen from 21 a month in 1998, 25 a month in 1999, 32 a month last year to an average of 36 a month for the first three months of this year.

The lowest number was 13 recorded in June 1998.

Highest monthly figures were 47 in December last year and 46 in January this year.

Numbers for February this year were 30 and for March were 32.

Henry Pfister, April 6

	1998	1999	2000	2001
Jan		72	86	91
Feb		69	119	76
Mar	105	76	174	78
Apr	86	78	139	
May	108	70	149	
Jun	134	57	151	
Jul	72	117	133	
Aug	59	64	118	
Sep	78	54	162	
Oct	54	76	150	
Nov	55	60	116	
Dec	78	85	116	
Average	83	73	134	82

Break, enter, steal, Way Way sector

Rates raise funds

Gosford Council has been told a rate increase of 7.5 per cent would raise about \$2.4 million.

The money would be spent on roads, footpaths, kerbs and gutters.

It was proposed that \$1 million be spent on major works and that \$500,000 be spent on regional road major capital improvements.

A further \$500,000 would be spent on local road kerb and guttering, while \$400,000 would be spent on "missing link" kerb, gutter and footpath work.

In a report to Council, officers said that funding for roadworks "is seen as likely to receive strong community acceptance as all funding is directed at providing basic infrastructure out in the community".

The major works funding would be "focussed in the area of arterial roads".

The council was told that capital funding for regional roads was required because Roads and Traffic Authority funding gave preference to "road pavement rehabilitation and not capital improvements".

"Little or no funding is left ... where major capital expenditure is required," according to the officers' report.

The report said that Woy Woy Rd at Horsfield Bay was an example "where major capital improvement funding is required to improve the hairpin bend at Horsfield Rd and

to widen the road pavement just to the south of that intersection".

Work on the backlog of kerb and gutter for local roads required a special effort, the council was told.

"The necessary past focus on funding on arterial road reconstruction has meant that little or no gain has been made on the many hundreds of local roads in residential areas which still have no kerb and gutter.

"The proposed strategy will begin to address this backlog.

"The greatest impact is likely to be made if funds are concentrated in a different locality each year."

Council was told that an information pack with numbered questionnaires would be prepared for circulation to residents "as an insert in the local newspaper".

"It is proposed that the information package will provide details as to the reasons Council is seeking the increase, what effect it will have on the ratepayer, and include a questionnaire which could be as simple as a tick in a Yes or No box as to whether the community member supports the proposed increase or not.

"It is also proposed that three public meetings be held prior to the closing date for questionnaires so that members of the community can hear first hand what Council is proposing."

Council agenda, March 27

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Welcome to Peninsula News number 26, published just in time for the Easter break.

The next few weeks will see marked changes in the daily routines of many people.

Some will be affected because of the religious significance of Easter, others because of the memories revived on Anzac Day, while others will be able to relax because of the school and public holiday period that commences on Good Friday.

We have attempted to include as much information as we could gather on what there is to do over the next 5 weeks on the Peninsula and we hope that residents and visitors alike will take advantage of all that has been put on for their behalf, as our community continues to become more close knit through all of these activities.

Who's new?

This month, we would like to welcome to our office travelling journalist Henry Pfister.

Henry is here from England after having spent 6 months touring India, Nepal, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia.

He has written for a University newspaper, a local government sports association, the Peoples Weekly Review in Kathmandu and has done work experience for the Daily Express in London.

Henry is currently undertaking part time work experience with us while and working part time in Sydney and appears to be settling well into the Australian lifestyle and language.

Office closure

The offices of Peninsula News will be closed from April 13 to 19 so that we can all take a short break.

As a result, the next edition will be published five weeks after this edition, not the usual four.

We have attempted to cram as much as possible in this edition to satisfy our readers search for local knowledge over this extended period.

We also expect to have our largest edition ever next month so please keep sending us your letters and stories. In closing we would like to wish all of our sponsors and readers a safe and happy Easter.

Cec Bucello, Manager

About Peninsula News

Peninsula News is owned by Peninsula Community Access Newspaper Inc, an incorporated non-profit association.

Its aims include providing a viable, non-partisan news medium and forum exclusively for the Peninsula and developing a sense of community on the Peninsula.

The newspaper is operated by Mail Order Mall under licence from the association.

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

Contributions to the paper are edited to consistent standards of readability. Guidelines are available for intending contributors.

Community members are also invited to contribute by taking photos, typing, joining the association, or participating in committees (the association needs a secretary).

There are 14,000 copies printed and distributed within the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas, as well as to subscribers outside the area.

Over one third of these are distributed through schools, with the rest at licensed clubs, libraries, retirement villages and other key sites to be picked up by readers. Call for a list of distribution points

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Volunteer radio station at PCYC

Members from the Central Coast Amateur Radio Club based at Kariong have volunteered to set up a radio station at the Umina PCYC.

Members of the club use amateur and citizens band equipment.

All members are electronics enthusiasts who enjoy radio communications with other people around Australia and the world.

Members' ages vary from teenagers through to the elderly.

Some are CBers and others are

amateur radio operators.

The station operates every Thursday night from 5.30pm to about 7.45pm.

It is intended that the hours will be extended as the facility gains popularity.

Those who would like to join do not have to know about radio or communications.

Team leader Mr Brian Belcher said it was not an expensive hobby or complicated like computers.

He said it was very simple, could be easily understood and

was quite rewarding personally.

Mr Belcher said: "It gives people the opportunity to get the hands on feeling."

"Come along, see an exciting and interesting hobby in operation.

"You can talk on the radio with other people around the country or around the world.

"The volunteers will be only too happy to show you how."

The station would be open to all people, regardless of age.

Brian Belcher, March 14.



Left to right: ALP Candidate for Robertson, Trish Moran, Member for Peats, Marie Andrews and Shadow Minister for Sport and youth Affairs, Senator Kate Lundy at Umina PCYC

Senator visits Umina PCYC

Shadow Minister for Sport and Youth Affairs, Senator Kate Lundy, recently visited the Umina PCYC at the invitation of ALP Candidate for Robertson, Ms Trish Moran.

Senator Lundy met with representatives from a number of sporting and youth organisations.

The groups were given an

opportunity to outline their organisations' needs and objectives and to identify current issues concerning their members' involvement in sport.

Senator Lundy spoke on the current thinking and policy formulation of the Federal Opposition for the resourcing, support and funding of sport and youth organisations generally.

Media release, March 27



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Workshop

Peninsula News editor Mark Snell will hold a "newspaper workshop" at 5.30pm on Wednesday, May 2.

The 90-minute workshop will cover topics including: How to get an item in Peninsula News, Newspaper writing guidelines and Avoiding common mistakes.

The workshop is aimed at anyone interested in submitting articles for publication in the newspaper, as well as regular Peninsula News volunteers and staff.

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New Community Centre and Theatre

The tender for the construction of the new Peninsula Community Centre and Theatre has been let.

Gosford Council has decided to accept the tender of North Construction and Building Pty Ltd and to increase the project's budget by \$362,376.

Expressions of interest were received from 18 companies and

were analysed by Mr Don Neill of Andrews Neill Architects, which had previously been appointed project manager.

Six of the companies were invited to tender.

The council was told that the architect reported he was satisfied with the documentation submitted by Norths and that "the final lump sum tender amount affords Council value for money".

"The architect has indicated that the project budget, as amended, will be sufficient to complete the project, given current knowledge and expectations."

The council decided to allocate the extra \$362,376 from the \$3.8 million previously allocated to sporting facilities from its Financial Strategy surplus "unless other funds can be identified".

Council agenda, April

Drainage cleared to reduce flooding

Gosford City Council is clearing the drainage reserve in the vicinity of North Pearl Estate, Umina, to "help alleviate flooding problems".

The channel currently contains vegetation of a type which seriously increases the likelihood of flooding, according to the council's community liaison officer, Ms Vicki Brown.

"To help improve flood flows, Council will clear most of the vegetation in the channel, including trees and undergrowth, by hand," she said.

"This is a similar process to that successfully completed downstream between Mount Ettalong Rd and Umina Caravan Park.

"Trees will also be replanted in appropriate locations," she said.

Bushcare workers would remove exotic vegetation to reduce growth and retain most native plants, excluding trees.

"This method addresses environmental concerns in the best way available and will take place

over the next four months," said Ms Brown.

However, one local environmentalist Mr Tony Whitehead was not convinced.

"Flooding could well be increased by siltation through erosion caused by the removal of bank vegetation," he said.

"The disturbance will increase rampant weed growth and create a need to remove vegetation more regularly, costing the community many thousands of dollars each year."

Ms Brown said the council was reminding residents that placing of garden refuse in the reserve seriously contributed to regrowth of unwanted vegetation and blockages downstream in a flood.

"Any type of rubbish, filling, vegetation offcuts and grass clippings left in the creeks, floodplain or on any part of the reserve contributes to serious flooding problems as well as causing damage to the environment," said Ms Brown.

Press release, letter, April 4

Concerns over Peninsula Drug Action body

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has raised concerns about the body established by the State Government to develop a Drug Action Plan for the Peninsula.

"The Peninsula Community Drug Action Team has unfortunately rejected our suggestion that a constitution be adopted for the group to ensure it is representative of the community as a whole," said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"A constitution and defined standing orders would also ensure that the operation of the Drug Action Team was more compliant with standard meeting procedures and therefore be more effective."

Mr Wales said the Government had stated that drug action teams, established as a consequence of the Drug Summit, were meant to enable communities to take action on drugs.

"It was the Chamber's understanding that the Drug Action Team would see people who live, work and raise their families in a community coming together to identify local drug trends and to develop plans to meet their specific needs.

"This includes the business community," said Mr Wales.

"Our concern is that the Team operates without advertising meeting dates and with no apparent membership criteria.

"It would be unfortunate if the

committee were to be dominated by government agencies and drug and youth service providers and not the broader community.

"While we accept that great benefit will result from service providers and government agencies working together to plug service gaps, it is our understanding that this wasn't the sole intended purpose of the community drug action teams.

"The Chamber would encourage the Team to be more open and transparent as is rightly expected of Government projects.

"Our representatives on the committee have advised that the team is currently being asked to treat the meetings as confidential and we have other concerns

about the meeting procedures and facilitation methods used."

Mr Wales said the Chamber was also concerned that the Drug Action Plan was being developed without any reference to evidence of local drug trends or the ability to measure the effectiveness of the plan.

"The Bureau of Crime Statistics has told us that crime statistics which would enable us to analyse trends on the Peninsula over a five-year period are available but would cost more than \$4000.

"These have not been provided to the team.

"It would seem logical to the business community that such statistics should be made freely available to the committee as a

prime source of benchmarking information.

"The Chamber and the business community have a lot at stake as a result of drug-related crime in the community.

"Drug use and trafficking are often an open problem on the streets including in the business precincts.

"We want to ensure that the Drug Action Team is fully representative and transparent so that everyone has an opportunity to put forward their ideas to curb drug use.

"Consequently, we will continue to liaise closely with the Government to ensure that we don't waste this important initiative."

Media release, April 4

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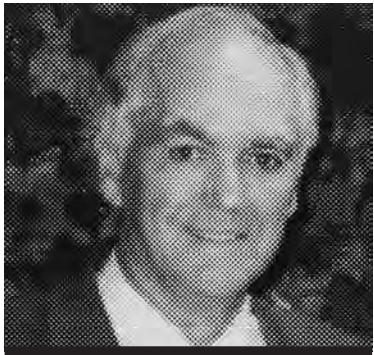
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Swimming pools

Gosford Council has agreed to take over the management of the Gosford and Woy Way swimming pools when the current leases expire in April, 2001 .

Sale of Public Land Council officers had proposed that the Council-owned but privately-operated caravan park at Ettalong be sold.

The caravan park is almost three hectares in area and the present lease does not expire until October 2007.

Several councillors expressed opposition to the sale.

Cr Doyle pointed out that the lease had over six years to run.

Cr Bockholt expressed once again her opposition to the sale of public land.

Council determined that the site should remain in 'Council's hands.

Cr Wales stated that if the site could be purchased by the present lessee it would give him some certainty over the future of the site.

The vote to retain the site: For: Bell, Bockholt, Brooks, Cook, Doyle, Holstein, Penton, Preece, Sansom Against: Wales

Open Space

Council has considered open space requirements under residential Development Control Plans 100 and 127.

The proposed change in open space requirements would raise the minimum percentage of open space on a residential site from the current 30% to 40%.

Cr Sansom wanted Council to see examples of good and bad quality development before taking

Community Forum

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a decision.

Cr Wales predicted that changes to the open space provisions would dramatically affect smaller developments and result in smaller units or encourage two-storey development.

Cr Doyle asserted that the proposed changes were in line with community expectations and reflected what the community wanted.

He argued that the outcomes predicted by Cr Wales would not be acceptable to most potential buyers and hence such housing would not be a major outcome.

Ms Cathy Slater, representing the Building Industry Liaison Committee, outlined some objections.

Cr Doyle reminded Council that the building industry submission was written some 26 days after the closing date for comments and therefore should not have been accepted by council staff.

Cr Bockholt declared that the "building liaison group must know that the present (open space) regulations are not acceptable to the community where the same design is repeated street after street".

"The people are thoroughly fed up.

"We are no longer going to put up with the crap development that is imposed upon us."

She continued by reading numerous comments made by a large meeting of residents concerned with the standard of development.

Council approved the recommended changes with Crs Sansom, Wales and Penton voting against the move for increased open space in residential developments.

People Power

In recent weeks, the people

of Kincumber have been faced with the prospect of yet another huge residential development for Kincumber being approved under the provisions of SEPP 5 regulations.

The community demonstrated its disgust through a massive petition, large and angry public meetings, and intense pressure on the local politicians.

The net result was that the developer withdrew his application and the community put in a counter proposal for the land in question which adjoins the Kincumber Hotel and the foreshore.

The community proposal involves the purchase of much of the developer's land, the rezoning of some land as commercial 3a, the development of a passive recreation area, the construction of tennis courts, and an indoor pool and a youth-recreation facility.

Councillors expressed an interest in the community proposal and agreed that the community plan be investigated.

They warned that the community should not leave the Council Chamber thinking that their proposal would automatically be adopted.

Other outcomes achieved by the Kincumber community were the provision of a skateboard facility which temporarily would be on land "leased" at a peppercorn rental of \$1 a year from the Kincumber Hotel-Motel and the development of a branch library near the Shell garage and shopping centre.

Cars for Councillors

Councillors Brooks and Penton moved that each councillor be

provided with "a sedan vehicle, comparable to those provided to Council Managers for the discharge of their functions of civic office".

This would probably be a Holden VX Berlina sedan or a Ford AU1 Fairmont sedan.

The agenda papers contained a brief rationale that purported to show that this approach was cheaper than paying councillors up to 54 cents a kilometre for the use of their own vehicles.

When the motion was moved, the Mayor invited discussion.

No councillor commented.

Only Cr Bockholt voted against the proposal.

The Esplanade Plan of Management

I wish to congratulate Cr Debra Wales on her recent comments published in the Peninsular News regarding the need to meet with the residents along The Esplanade to construct a "Plan of Management where the residents get a sense of ownership" in relation to the control of vegetation along The Esplanade.

I have spoken to other Esplanade residents who would be prepared to be involved in such a scheme.

It is most refreshing to learn that a councillor has the maturity and foresight to realise that The Esplanade residents are not purely selfish in wanting to preserve or improve their water views, but are reasonably intelligent and would be prepared to assist in improving the beautification of the sand dune area for all who access the area.

I am one of many people who walk along The Esplanade every day and whose view of the water between Kourung St and Augusta St is restricted by the tall and untidy growth of tea tree and banksias.

Fellow walkers have aired their disappointment that this segment of foreshore has been neglected in comparison to the foreshore area closer to the Ettalong Shopping Centre.

We feel that the planting of low shrubs and grasses would adequately hold the sand dunes together, would contribute to the overall beauty of the area, while also providing a flexible basis for any future planned enhancements by Council.

The plan recommended by Cr Wales should be seen as a solution to overcoming the mayor's concern over "vandalisation" of trees on the foreshore and the need to plant shipping containers.

Bill Dickson, Ettalong

Facts about dogs

A few facts about dogs might assist the debate on these animals in parks and on beaches.

In general, most agree that responsible owners, who obey the regulations, pose few problems but some facts are worth noting, since not all owners are caring.

The saddest is that between 10 and 20 children are blinded each year in Australia, through rubbing dog faeces in their eyes from droppings in parks and on beaches.

In Sydney, faeces dropped each year could fill 10 Olympic swimming pools and end up in the harbour.

Dog attacks on humans are common.

They are also one reason why koalas remain rare.

Including children, 100,000 people require treatment each year in Australia while 13,000 require hospital treatment according to the Medical Journal of Australia, as published in the Sydney Morning Herald.

Carrying a plastic bag and picking up faeces to put in the nearest bin is a legal requirement in many countries around the world.

Vincent Serventy, Wild Life Preservation Society of Australia president

Vote against dune revegetation

I find it disappointing to read in Council matters by John Oakley that Cr Tony Sansom voted against dune revegetation.

A councillor of his experience would know of the houses swept to sea off the sand-dunes at Wamberal in 1974.

The loss of these houses cost the ratepayer a lot of money.

Revegetation of the sand dunes is a necessity.

On a brighter note, Heather Hughes recollections were a

treasure.

I can recall the pesticide spill she mentions at Hardys Bay.

The pesticide company was fined for its carelessness - not enough in my book, for the damage they did.

However, it's good to see that the crab has come back.

She ponders over how to keep the spirits warm as things change, not always for the better.

Well I'd suggest fond memories and the good deeds she has mentioned in her story will do.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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Rocks Arcade Easter celebrations

Businesses in the Rocks Arcade at Ettalong have combined to create an Easter celebration for our Peninsula residents and visitors.

Spearheaded by Jackie Bums from the dress shop Replay, the celebration will take place on Easter Saturday and will include an Easter Fairy distributing eggs, a chocolate wheel, a line dancing display, white elephant stall, a giant raffle and Esmarelda doing readings and healings.

The prizes for the giant raffle and the chocolate wheel have all been donated by Ettalong-based

business.

Proceeds from the raffle and chocolate wheel will go to the Central Coast Kidney "Life Support" Appeal which aims to raise \$350,000 to buy eight dialysis machines.

The Rocks Arcade is located opposite the entrance to the Ettalong Memorial Club and the celebration will take place from 10am to 1pm.

All businesses in the arcade that are trading on the day will be offering special discounts to help support the event.

Cec Bucello, April 6



Umina child care centre in Australia Ave, Umina

New child care nursery

Umina Child Care's new nursery was officially opened on April 7 by the mayor, Cr Chris Holstein.

After many months of construction, the centre now has a new babies' room with long day care facilities for 15 under-two

yearolds.

Previously, the centre was only able to offer care for five undertwo year olds at a time.

Umina Child Care is located at 10 Australia Ave, Umina.

The centre's telephone number is 43423633.

Media release, April 6

Survey for volunteers

Peninsula community groups, clubs and organisations with volunteer involvement have been invited to participate in the "Gift of Time" volunteer survey.

Ms Sandra Sturgess of the Central Coast Volunteer Referral Agency said that the purpose of the survey was to find out how much time volunteers gave to the community.

The survey was one of the projects to be held during International Year of Volunteers 2001 and would be conducted during Volunteer Week, May 14 to 19.

If your organisation does not receive a survey form before Volunteer Week, or if you would like more information, contact the Central Coast Volunteer Referral Agency on 4329 7122.

Press release, April 3

Recreational facilities

Gosford Council is reviewing the provision of open space and recreation facilities on the Woy Woy Peninsula.

Mayor Cr Chris Holstein said Council last surveyed Peninsula residents about their needs for recreation facilities and open space in 1993.

"Since then, there's been significant residential development in the area and many new residents have moved to the Peninsula," said Mr Holstein.

"Approximately 1200 survey questionnaires have been mailed to householders in homes built

since the previous survey in 1993."

Completed questionnaires received by Council went into the draw for a prize of a Council rates credit of \$200 or a voucher to the value of \$200 from a local shop of the winner's choice.

The winner was P.

Gava of Ettalong Beach.

Any residents believing they should be included in the survey without having received a questionnaire or anyone wanting more information may contact Council's recreation facilities manager, Dana Spence, on 4325 8426.

Media release, March 22

Patonga residents' petition

A petition has been received by Gosford Council, with 175 signatures, from

the Patonga General Store on behalf of residents and visitors of Patonga.

The petitioners requested that council rescind its decision to impose an Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ) at numbers six to eight Patonga Drive and objected to the extension of that zone to include number 10 Patonga Drive, Patonga.

They also requested the

council's general manager investigate the accuracy of the business pa.

per dated December 12, 2000, in relation to the AFZ.

The petitioners claimed that statements contained in the agenda paper were false and misleading and therefore represented both a public fraud on the people of Patonga, and its visitors and an act of discrimination against the rights of those community members who wished to partake of alcohol.

Council agenda, March 27.

Refuge exposed by noise

Residents of a cul-de-sac in Kariong have identified the vicinity of a house operated by the Woy Woy Women's Refuge in complaints about the house.

A petition with nine signatures was submitted to Gosford Council, claiming high noise levels, involving offensive language, "squealing" and loud music from a pool area well after midnight.

The name of the cul-de-sac was

published in the Council agenda.

The petitioners also said parking in the cul-de-sac by refuge users had become a problem.

The petitioners asked the council to review the operation and management of the refuge and that users of the facility be required to abide by community standards for public behaviour.

The petitioners stated that, until September last year, they had only minimal problems with the refuge.

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Forum

How safe are 'safe injecting rooms'?

I would like to reply to Craig Munnings letter about medically-supervised injecting rooms or, as The NSW Government and the Victorian Government have legislated to allow, what they term "safe injecting rooms".

Just how safe are these Safe Injection Rooms going to be?

For simplicity sake I would like to use the street term used by the addicts themselves as a shooting gallery.

I would like to put forward a series of questions on the safety of these injecting rooms:

A prominent member of the Victorian Parliament, who is also a member of the Victorian Drug and Crime Prevention Committee, said in 1998 that if a pilot program was set up to be successful it was better that this is done in a number of sites rather than being concentrated in one municipality.

Question 1: How many shooting galleries do we need to have?

Considering the NIMBY (Not In My Backyard) problem the Uniting Church is having with setting up just one shooting gallery in King's Cross.

Will the NSW Government legislate where galleries are to be placed and the locals will have no say?

The Victorian Drug and Crime Prevention Committee also said that it is a formal part of the Victoria Police policy not to have a presence in or near a needle exchange service.

Question 2: Does this mean that drug trafficking will be ignored

or condoned by the police in or near a shooting gallery?

The gallery will not be able to provide drugs to the addict.

In order to legalize a shooting gallery this would mean that there would have to be a legal age limit.

Shooting galleries are not the place for children to be hanging around.

Question 3: What if a minor say 12-17 years old came to the gallery (there are addicts as young as 12)?

Would the staff order him or her from the gallery to shoot up in a dirty lane, toilet or park?

Or be forced to share his or her needle with other minors?

In other words to ignore the very reason the legalized injection rooms were set up for in the first place.

There is also the problem of older addicts influencing the 'Sesame street kids' the street term for young addicts.

The shooting galleries are being promoted as a safe, or at least a safer place, for addicts to attend.

Given the reason for the very existence of shooting galleries, means a reduction in risks to the addicts.

Under a duty of care and common law, any addict who suffers any injuries or loss would have an entitlement to claim damages at law from the Government as the Administrator of the shooting gallery.

The Uniting Church would be seen as being under the auspices of the Government.

These claims for damages

could cost the community a significant amount in damages, legal costs, the provision of courts, judges, court facilities, Legal Aid and so on.

You will not be able to have drug addicts sign a consent form absolving the shooting gallery and staff from negligence.

As drug addicts may have an impaired ability to give informed consent when entering a shooting gallery in order to take their injections of heroin.

Users entering a shooting gallery would be subject to many risks. Whilst high they could for example, fall down the stairs, receive a hot shot of heroin, pass out unconscious and be robbed, or could be assaulted, molested, just to name a few.

Imagine an addict who has a large supply of personal drugs (remember they are not searched - it would be illegal) and is leaving the gallery and is followed by two or more other addicts.

Or assume an addict who has just injected an amount of drugs and walks out (staff cannot stop them, it would be illegal restraint and/or false imprisonment) walks out towards a car and drives home killing someone on the way.

Question 4: What duty of care would the shooting gallery and staff owe to the addicts and the community, as the addict leaves the gallery?

Remember a situation where a bar person continues to serve an intoxicated person knowing that person to be intoxicated and then that person drives home killing or causing serious injury to

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someone.

That person can be held responsible in a civil court for damages, loss of earnings, medical costs and so on. There have been precedents set in this case.

Question 5: What if an addict was to bring other drugs into the gallery such as cocaine, barbiturates, or ecstasy and traffics the drug in the centre?

Will the staff call the police, turn a blind eye or ask the dealer to leave?

What if an addict says to another: "For \$20 I will share my cap with you"?

How artificial would it be to say to the addict that he or she must leave the building, find a dealer buy what she or he needs then come all the way to the gallery to inject the drug?

If no drug selling will be tolerated, how will this be policed?

Many sales on the streets include drugs which have been cut with agents such as bleach, concrete powder, Ajax, talcum powder and so on.

Question 6: If there are no facilities for testing the impurity of the drugs brought into the gallery, what responsibilities, if any, would a shooting gallery have in respect of an injecting of impure drugs which may cause death?

Assume a situation where a person attends a shooting gallery

and inject say four times within a short period of time and the addict comes in for a fifth injection which causes an overdose or death.

Question 7: What restrictions, if any, would be placed on that addict from returning for a fifth and possibly fatal injection?

Shooting galleries can be set up in two alternative ways.

Firstly, cubicles may be provided for the privacy of addicts.

If this were so then a system would have to be put into place in order to keep addict under observation in order that emergency treatment could be provided. It would also be necessary to ensure that addicts do not get assaulted, molested, robbed or harassed.

It would also be important to ensure that the cubicles were not uses for drug trading, fencing of stolen property and so on.

The alternative would be to have an open area but this does not mean that the problems as mentioned would not happen.

The practical implications, which I have just raised, are real issues to think about.

I myself do not have the answers. I am not qualified to give you the answers, but I hope that Craig Munnings or someone can answer them, then you and I will know if Safe Injecting Rooms will work or not.

Richard van Wirten, Woy Woy



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Left to right, George Ferns, Gordon Clunes and Greg Ambrose

Naval gala day

The Central Coast sub-section of the Naval Association of Australia held its annual gala day at Woy Woy Leagues Club on March 18.

Over 220 people attended the event, including Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd, Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews, Labor candidate for Robertson Ms Trish Moran and the Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL sub-branch president Mr Percy Lee.

The day began with a church service by Naval Chaplain, Rev Max Sainsbury, who also gave a talk on HMAS Hawkesbury.

President of the Central Coast sub-section, Mr Gordon Clunes, welcomed other Naval Association sub-sections, including; Rooty Hill, Nirimba and Newcastle.

Other special guests included representatives of the Royal Navy Association (Wrens), and the merchant navy, as well as Naval Association state secretary Jean Munro, the Naval Association vice-president Rough Jardin, and widows of departed members.

Also attending the gala day was 100-year-old Mr Albert Flint, who served in the Royal Navy, and was a 14-year-old sailor in the Battle of Jutland, in First World War.

Guests were entertained by the Ettalong Beach Pipe Band and several members of the audience.

The Leagues Club provided lunch and afternoon tea.

Mr Horrie Young was the winner of the day's main raffle, which was a wooden clock, from "The Krait".

The Gala Day will be held again next year.

Newsletter, March 28



The current lessee of Woy Woy Olympic Pool, Mr Kevin Vickery, centre, at the World Masters Swimming Championships in Montreal, 1994. Mr Vickery has been the lessee of the pool for 32 years.

New manager for Woy Woy Pool

A new aquatics manager will be appointed by Gosford Council to take over the management of both Gosford and Woy Woy Olympic Pools.

The move by the council followed its decision not to renew the leases with the current lessees of both pools.

The aquatics manager will operate both pool complexes within a budget set by the council.

The council was told that the aquatics manager would provide a range of programs to meet the aquatic leisure needs of the community.

His objectives would include achieving both optimal economic use of the facilities and a positive financial outcome, as well as maintaining a safe, clean, friendly, customer-focussed environment.

Council has advertised the position with an allowance of \$90,000, the amount paid previously to the lessees.

Recommendations on the appointment of the new aquatics manager are expected to be considered by the council mid-May.

To ensure a smooth change over of management, temporary employment will be offered to all existing employees at both facilities.

Mr Kevin Vickery, the lessee of the Woy Woy Memorial Olympic Pool for the past 32 years, said he will be assisting the new aquatics manager through the transition period after the lease is handed over.

Mr Vickery will stay on for the first three months.

He said: "We are quite happy with this and are giving council our full cooperation."

He said swimming teachers and pool staff would remain.

"We will all be making a combined effort to ensure the transition period is as comfortable as possible."

Mr Vickery has managed the pool since it was opened on October 18, 1968, by Prime Minister Mr John Gorton.

The pool originally cost \$153,100.

Woy Woy citizens contributed \$21,000 towards this.

Plans for the pool began in 1961 when a community committee offered to raise funds for the project.

Subsequently the Shire Council agreed to match the funds raised

by the committee each year, until there were enough funds for the development to go ahead.

In 1966, the Council decided to make up the short fall for the project and build the pool on land acquired earlier for public recreation on Blackwall Rd.

In 1967, the Government provided a \$20,000 grant for the project and the following year it was available for public use.

When the pool first opened it consisted of a 50m Olympic Pool and a wading pool.

There were no lawns, said Mr Vickery.

"I established lawns, trees and shrubs over the whole area at my expense."

The 50m grandstand was built through fund raising.

Council matched these funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

Mr Vickery said the 25m pool was built at his instigation after applying for and receiving a Red Scheme grant in the 1970s.

Money gained through fund-raising was placed in a pool improvement fund and was used to complete the pool facilities when the grant ran out.

The 25m pool was later heated by a two million BTU furnace and a pool cover with a roller was installed.

It was the first 25m outdoor pool in NSW to be heated.

Funds for this project were also raised by donation, mainly by Woy

Woy Amateur Swimming Club.

Later a grant for \$24,000 from the State Government was secured to provide the 25m pool with a clubroom.

This room is now used by two clubs for club nights, carnivals and the Education Department's special swimming scheme teachers.

Mr Vickery said he paid for a pool entry, kiosk and an office costing \$52,000.

In 1988, a further lease for 10 years was granted to Mr Vickery.

In this same year Mr Vickery sought Council approval to include a 12 metre by six metre teaching pool in the complex, complete with a heating and filtration system.

Approval was granted and the pool was constructed.

Since then, the heating system for the pools has been replaced, a 25m hydrotherapy pool was installed, as was a water slide and wading pool complete with children's slippery dip and castle.

Mr Vickery said: "In consideration of my contributions, I applied for and was granted a two-year extension of my lease."

"This was to terminate at the end of December 2000 and was later extended to the end of the Easter school holidays, after an application by me to complete the summer season."

Mr Vickery's lease will terminate on April 29.

Amanda Jackson, March 27

Work for dole positions

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd has announced new "Work For The Dole" positions on the Peninsula.

"A total of 40 additional places have been made available in a wide range of career options in the latest round of funding," Mr Lloyd said.

Positions available include training in clerical support with the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

"The Work for the Dole scheme has been one of the most successful and popular initiatives

by the Federal Government and has resulted in hundreds of young unemployed Central Coast people receiving worthwhile training and job skills.

"Most of these people go on to find full time or casual employment," Mr Lloyd said.

"Not only do the participants benefit from this scheme, but the whole Central Coast community benefits from the additional facilities and services provided," Mr Lloyd said.

Media release, March 22



Gosford Mayor, Cr Chris Holstein, speaking at the Peninsula Dunecare launch and barbecue breakfast

Mayor launches Dunecare

Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein has launched the Peninsula Dunecare Group.

Mr Craig Arms from the council's natural resources section and Ms Robyn Urquhart, council's bushcare officer, also attended the barbecue breakfast on March 31.

The group's voluntary coordinator Mr Tony Whitehead said Dunecare's primary objective was to limit disturbance to the dunes and to regenerate native vegetation, with the support and guidance of the council's Bushcare program.

Volunteers joining the group would gain an insight into the local ecology and would contribute to efficient natural resource management, hopefully resulting in social and economic benefits,

he said.

The group would also record local environment information to be used in formulating reserve management plans.

Mr Whitehead said an important aim of the Peninsula Dunecare Group was to generate community environmental awareness within the area.

The group was also seeking to erect a quality structured, interpretive information sign similar to those at National Parks.

The purpose of such a sign would be to inform the community on the group's activities, local ecology and most importantly to seek long term community support, he said.

For further information, contact Tony Whitehead on 4342 7849.

Press release, April 4



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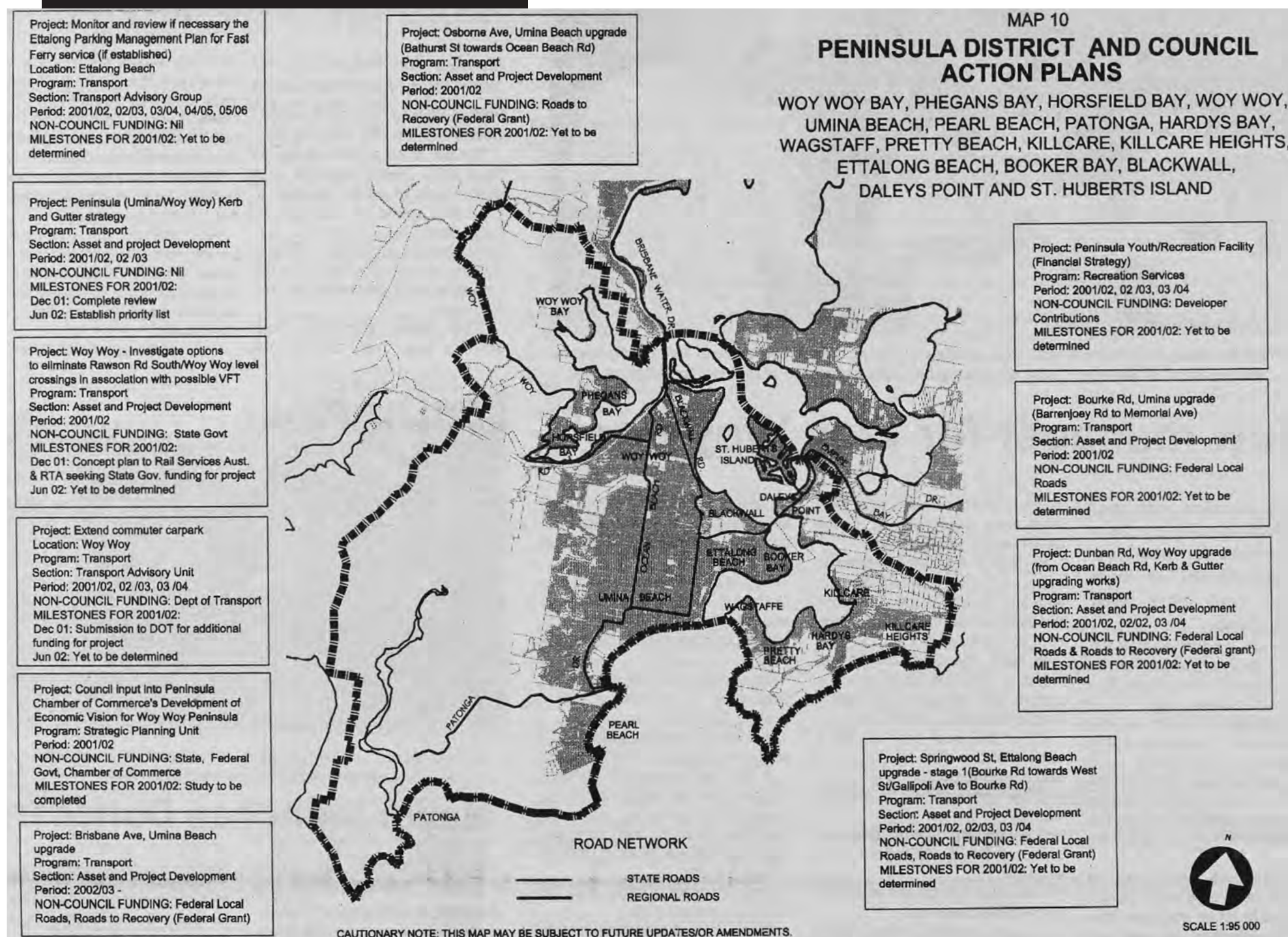
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Council's Strategic Plan



11.45 Community Input to Council's Strategic Plan - Received September/October 2000 (See also Appendix A)

LOCAL AREA PROFILE FOR: **PENINSULA** (Woy Woy Bay, Phegans Bay, Horsfield Bay, Woy Woy, Umina, Pearl Beach, Patonga, Wagstaffe, Pretty Beach, Hardys Bay, Killcare, Killcare Heights, Ettalong Beach, Booker Bay, Blackwall, Daleys Point, St Huberts Is) *Note: Comments in italics reflect new issues submitted*

City Vision: An excellent quality of life based upon minimum population growth, ecologically sustainable development, the provision & maintenance of effective services & the creation of new employment opportunities.

LOCAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY		COMMUNITY LIFE & SPIRIT		NATURAL ENVIRONMENT	
Strengths - Current & Future District Level issues *Good local facilities, clean industries/businesses, shopping (& car parking), library, road network, telecommunications *Good local stores in the more isolated areas & close to Peninsula facilities *Increasing professional services, Woy Woy CBD renewal *Large, local, low-skilled workforce Pearl B, Patonga, Wagstaffe, Pretty B, Hardys Bay, Killcare *Ecotourism, holiday rentals, guest houses, Bed and Breakfasts		Strengths - Current & Future District Level issues *Diverse population - age and incomes *Community groups & Progress Association, spirit/participation, regular local events, festivals, Mainstreet Program, newsletter *Safe beach/pool & recreation facilities & good schools, ovals Pearl B, Patonga, Wagstaffe, Pretty B, Hardys Bay, Killcare *Distinct village precincts provide community identity *Strong support Progress Association - a close-knit community *Local events		Strengths - Current & Future District Level issues *Safe clean beaches, lagoon, swimming areas, bushwalks, COSS *Woy Woy Environment Centre - information and resource centre Pearl B, Patonga, Wagstaffe, Pretty B, Hardys Bay, Killcare *Resident input - maintaining dunes, tree cover, creeks & development guidelines (Pearl Beach) *Community facilities well maintained, dog leash free areas, cycling *Absence of kerbing, guttering, Waterfront pool, views, unique atmosphere *The arboretum	
Weaknesses - Current & Future District Level issues *Need for greater variety in retail outlets *Increasing traffic pressure on road network - speed threat *Vacant shops & business offices, bank closures *Tasteless over-development will jeopardise tourist potential *Lack of integrated transport network & inadequate transport links Pearl B, Patonga, Wagstaffe, Pretty B, Hardys Bay, Killcare *Traffic/parking problem in high season, Poor public transport and narrow roads *Increased tourism would endanger environment/ambience *Dependence on ecotourism, no ferry link to Woy Woy *Large local low-skilled workforce		Weaknesses - Current & Future District Level issues *Lack of local work - opportunities for youth *Aged, youth & low income require facilities & services *Zoning issues (medium density) - proposed over-population *Lack of good roads, drainage, kerb & gutters (Umina/Woy Woy area of Peninsula) Pearl B, Patonga, Wagstaffe, Pretty B, Hardys Bay, Killcare *Lack of police numbers & resources *No civic centre, insufficient open-space & playgrounds *Infrastructure not keeping up with demand *Traffic pressures/need for speed and parking controls *Lack of evening community activities (especially outdoor) *Lack of access for pedestrians, cyclists, bus services (weekends) *Increasing crime, drug use		Weaknesses - Current & Future District Level issues *Flooding and bushfire risks, environmental pressure - increased visitors *Subdivision, rezoning, inadequate tree planting, sedimentation *Pollution monitoring, not enough drain filtration/filtration traps *Quality of management of lagoons & foreshores *Unsympathetic development affects vegetation/fauna *No residential green waste mulching and/or collection *Untidy entrance to the Peninsula via Woy Woy Road *Woy Woy Environment Centre - depends entirely on volunteers Pearl B, Patonga, Wagstaffe, Pretty B, Hardys Bay, Killcare *Pressure through over-promotion of area	
Opportunities for Council District Level issues *Resist inappropriate & over-development *Financial incentives for green businesses *Promote communication between Council & community groups		Opportunities for Council District Level issues *Assist planning for crime prevention *Upgrading & regular maintenance of laneways *Railway underpass at Rawson Road crossing *Support Rapid Rail *Security measures in parks and community premises *Additional Rangers *Encourage youth employment/skills training		Opportunities for Council District Level issues *Maintain parks, beaches, more tree planting & environmental balance *Resources for Woy Woy Environment Centre *Peninsula kerb & gutter strategy (Umina/Woy Woy) Pearl B, Patonga, Wagstaffe, Pretty B, Hardys Bay, Killcare *Maintain present zonings & restrict waterfront development *Encourage community to report environmental infringements *Bull's Hill Quarry rehabilitation - Woy Woy Creek/Everglades Drain, Correa Bay rehabilitation *Silt traps and general protection of waterways	
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Strategic Planning

Gosford Council plans to extend commuter car parking in Woy Woy in a project which would run until the middle of 2004.

A submission will be made to the Department of Transport by the end of this year to undertake the work.

The proposal is one of 25 major projects for the Peninsula listed in the draft Gosford Strategic Plan for action over the next five years.

The projects include monitoring and reviewing the "Ettalong Parking Management Plan for the Fast Ferry service (if established)".

A Peninsula kerb and gutter strategy review will be completed by the end of this year with a priority list established by the middle of next year.

The possibility of closing the Rawson Rd level crossing is still being pursued with plans to be forwarded to Rail Services Australia and the Roads and Traffic Authority by the end of the year seeking State Government funding for the project.

Road upgrades are being programmed for Brisbane Ave,

Osborne Ave, Bourke Rd, Dunbar Rd, Springwood St, Ryans Rd and Memorial Ave, Ettalong.

The provision of a one-lane roundabout at the corner of Charlton St and Victoria Rd, Woy Woy, is listed without a specific implementation period.

Among the projects are those funded under the council's Financial Strategy including the Way.

Woy library extensions, CBD upgrades, Little Theatre and community centre construction, and the youth and recreation facility at the Woy Woy pool site.

Other projects listed include planning for the closure of the Woy Woy tip, upgrading access to Blackwall Mountain, resealing access to Mt Ettymalong and reviewing sewerage loadings within the Woy Woy catchment.

Renovation of the Patonga Fire Boat shed, flood mitigation works at Pearl Beach and trunk drainage works are also listed, along with Council input into the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce's development of an economic vision for the Peninsula.

Strategy plan, April 4

Councillors to provide themselves with cars

Gosford councillors have voted to provide themselves with council cars.

The cars would be "comparable to those provided to Council managers for the discharge of their functions of civic office providing the maximum profit to Council", according to the resolution put as a notice of motion by Cr Malcolm Brooks.

Councillors will be asked to reimburse the council for "any expenses incurred in private pursuits".

The council's policies will be changed to include details of what activities are considered to be those required for councillors to discharge their functions of civic office and will be advertised in accordance with the Local Government Act.

In the background to his notice of motion, Cr Brooks said: "My proposition at minimal cost to Council provides some recognition and compensation of the work and hours councillors spend in trying to administer the 1029 sq km of our city.

"Another reason for my proposal is to ensure that members of the community are encouraged and not inhibited from standing for election to Council.

"Councillors are called upon by the demands of their office to an ever increasing role of community consultation in an endeavour to provide a high quality service to their electors as well as being available when those electors have issues to address."

He said Gosford Council was one of the biggest in NSW with an annual budget of about \$200 million.

Urban design meeting

A "second-round" Urban Design Framework public meeting will be held at Pearl Beach Progress Hall on Saturday, April 21, at 2pm.

Draft character statements for Pearl Beach and Patonga, prepared by consultant Brett Newbold, will be displayed and explained on the day.

Comments will be sought from

those attending the meeting before recommendations are framed to be put to Gosford Council.

The second-round meeting for Woy Woy, Umina and Ettalong was held at Ettalong last week.

Each area was divided into about 15 localities, each of which had its present character described and its desired character proposed.

Residential areas were

characterised in terms including density, building age and vegetation.

The term "parkland" was used for areas dominated by exotic species and "woodland" for areas with predominantly native vegetation.

The statements of desired character generally proposed that the existing character be retained.

The statements for highly visible areas, such as waterfronts, included the suggestion that future large buildings be designed as a series of smaller structures, "pavilions and wings" with varying roof lines, rather than as monolithic structures.

For further information, contact the council's project officer Ms Peta James on 4325 8871.

Mark Snell, April 4

Ettalong village retained

Gosford Council has decided to retain ownership of the Ettalong Beach Village relocatable home park which is leased to a private operator.

The lessee had approached Council offering to buy the land.

Cr Lynne Bockholt welcomed the council decision saying it was important that the site be retained in Council ownership to ensure lower cost housing options for senior citizens and low income earners on the Peninsula.

She said that if the land was sold any future owner could seek Council's approval to rezone it to allow medium density or other residential use, which would preclude low income earners and pensioners being able to afford decent housing on the site.

"This is a large site and houses a great many people who may not be able to access housing elsewhere if the use of the site changed.

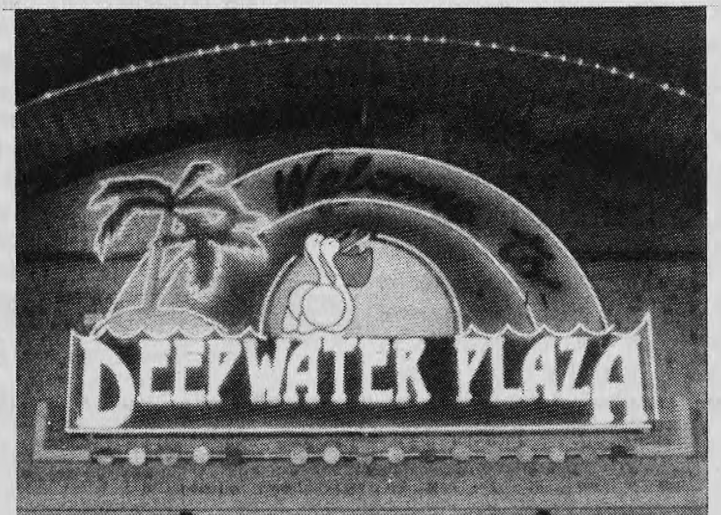
"This is such a valuable site as it is close to the shops and doctors, to clubs and to buses, to the markets and the cinemas at Ettalong it is essential it be kept for lower income earners."

Cr Bockholt said the council expressed strong support for the current lessee who had turned the site from a dilapidated caravan park into a stylish place to live

"Councillors conducted an on-site inspection, had a walk around the site and were very impressed with what they saw."

She said the Village was

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Health and Welfare

Funds needed for cancer

The Central Coast Cancer and Palliative Fund Inc is calling for donations to meet patient needs as the incidence of cancer increases on the Central Coast.

The fund helps meet a variety of needs, providing equipment such as wheelchairs, stretcher lift trolleys, pressure relieving mattresses and push-chair commodes.

In the past, the Fund has donated substantial sums of money to assist with the building and equipping of the Hospice

Palliative Care Foundation Day Care facility at Woy Woy, which was officially opened in May 1998.

The Fund has also provided equipment and "comfort" items for in-patients in the oncology ward at Woy Woy Hospital.

The Fund is a non-profit organisation and donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.

Anyone able to assist the Fund with a donation, either monetary or a gift which could be used in a raffle, or with practical help should telephone 4344 3141.

Media release, March 27

New pap smear procedure

A recently-developed "more comfortable" Pap smear procedure has been introduced in Woy Woy.

Dr Janette Royal at Woy Woy General Practice Centre is one of the first doctors on the Central Coast to be trained in using the new system.

The system increases patient comfort by using gentle filtered airflow rather than sharp blades to gain internal expansion and access to the cervix, said Dr Royal.

It also provided internal illumination and magnification to improve a doctor's visual capabilities when taking smears and conducting gynaecological examinations.

"Unlike the traditional method of using a 'duckbill' speculum, the (new) speculum, which is inserted into the body, is only about an inch

in length and is not as invasive," said Dr Royal.

"Every day an Australian woman dies of cervical cancer so lets hope the advantages provided by this system will encourage more women to participate in the national cervical cancer screening program."

One third of Australian women remain unscreened for cervical cancer.

The new procedure has been rated "more comfortable" by 94 per cent of women trialled in research conducted by the Sydney Centre for Reproductive Health Research of the Family Planning Association of NSW.

The new system, marketed as the Veda system; has been developed by the Australian medical device company, SSH Medical.

Press release, February 27



Veteran partnering status for hospital

Brisbane Water Private Hospital at Woy Woy has been given "veteran partnering" status under new Federal funding arrangements, according to Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd.

Mr Lloyd said veterans would now have greater access to quality hospital care and treatment.

Mr Lloyd said the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Bruce Scott, had advised that "veteran partnering" contracts had been signed with 46 hospitals in NSW and the ACT.

This was part of the Federal Government's plan to provide an additional \$750 million funding over five years for direct purchasing of

hospital care for entitled veterans across Australia.

The 46 private hospital; joined two other private hospitals, Lady Davidson Private Hospital in Sydney and Albury-Wodonga Private Hospital, which were already operating as veteran partnering facilities.

"Veteran partnering gives veterans streamlined access to quality hospital services, Mr Lloyd said.

"The veteran partnering contracts give doctors increased flexibility in obtaining the best possible care for their veteran patients, by allowing them to admit entitled veteran and war widow .

and widower patients without obtaining prior approval from the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

"Importantly, it means that veterans and war widows and widowers can access high quality services at locations convenient to them," Mr Lloyd said.

"Each of the hospitals has entered into a four-year contract, which came into effect from February 12.

"Veterans can continue to access care through private hospitals that do not have Tier One status, under Tier Two arrangements, provided prior approval is obtained."

Media release, March 1

Grow returns to Peninsula

Australia's International Community Mental Health Movement, Grow, has reopened in Woy Woy on Monday, March 26.

A meeting will be held at the hall on the corner of Blackwall and Victoria Rds at 7pm every Monday evening.

Grow fieldworker Mr David McLoughlin said: "There has been a great need expressed by the local members of the Peninsula

area for a Grow group in their community and we are pleased to have the opportunity to finally reopen in Woy Woy."

He said: "In the past we had two Grow groups in Woy Woy and reopening this group is the first step in re-establishing this important link in community support and development."

Grow was a community mental health movement for self-help and mutual help, using a 12-step program of personal growth.

The method helped people recover their mental health or to recover from other types of emotional and social breakdown.

No introductions or fees were necessary.

Anyone in need of help with personal growth and support in recovery is invited to "just come along".

For further information, telephone David McLoughlin on 4369 1998

Media release, March 23

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Brisbane Waters Private Hospital Feature

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital in Woy Woy is the Coast's prime critical care centre, according to its chief executive officer Mr Graham McGuinness.

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available.

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"A catheterisation laboratory provides cardiac and vascular angiography.

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"Our hospital is only five years

old, so we have state-of-the-art medical equipment for our 24-hour resident medical cover and our outstanding nursing team," Mr McGuinness said.

The hospital has 100 beds and offers a wide range of surgical, medical, intensive care, cardiac and ancillary services.

It has an on-site radiology complex incorporating CAT scanning and nuclear medicine, a separate physiotherapy centre,

an on-site pathology service and a visiting pharmacy service.

"Patients are provided with free television and daily in house movies, free local telephone calls, meals under the direction of a dietitian, a kiosk with daily trolley services to each bed and visiting hairdressers and a chaplaincy service.

"We are proud of our facility and the service that we provide to our patients", Mr McGuinness said.

"We invite everyone to come and see for themselves what we have to offer."

Cec Bucello. April 5



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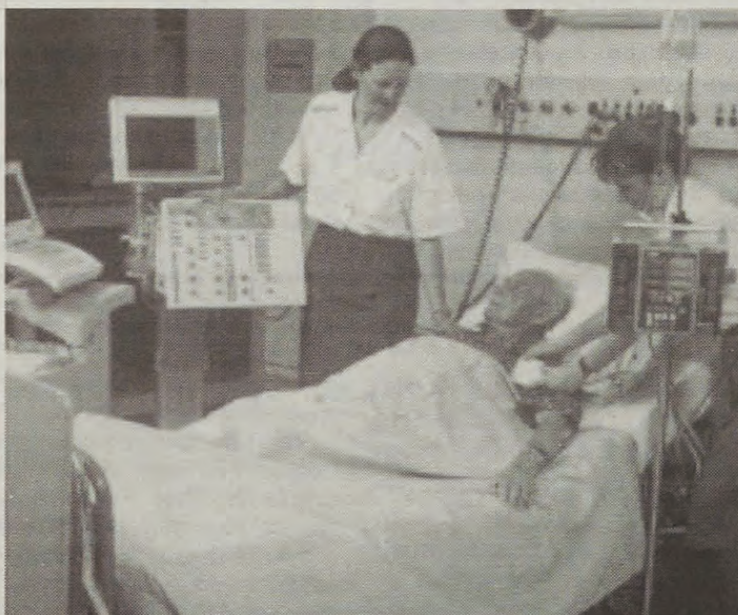
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Forum

Houseboat holiday raffle

Ripples Houseboats on the Hawkesbury have announced that they will offer Ocean Beach Surf Club a houseboat holiday for the club to raffle.

The club went to the rescue of a Ripples Houseboat that was caught in heavy seas last year.

This raffle will be held in conjunction with the Syd Summons Memorial IRB Carnival

scheduled

for May this year.

Ripples joins a long list of local companies that are showing support for Ocean Beach, the Central Coast Surf Club of the Year.

If you would like more information about the Carnival, please contact Mark Davis on 4344 3372.

Media release, April 3.

Community Forum

Letters to the editor are welcomed and should be addressed to Peninsula News, PO Box 532, Woy Woy 2256.

Contributions in

Word format sent via e-mail topennews@worldpacific.com.au or on disk save us having to retype them.

Injured campaign

I'm wondering if you know of the campaign being conducted Australia wide, by ever growing groups of those who are Totally and Permanently Injured (TPIs).

The main objective of this group is to get a better deal for all TPIs, with a flow onto Department of Veterans Affairs recipients.

The TPI payment from 1917 to 1972 averaged about 95% of the basic adult weekly wage.

It has depleted in value and is now an average of 43-44% of the Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE).

Some disabled ex-servicemen and women are living in poverty as a result.

Please check out the web sites listed below, you will be shocked at what you read.

You'll be shocked at the inaction and neglect by senior officials of the organisation whose job it is to represent TPIs and how the Government is responding to this.

If you wish to join a newly formed political party which has been formed to further the

veteran's cause, please join The Army Museum of Fremantle Party.

This party is the forerunner of a Federal political party, whose intent is to represent service and ex-service people.

For far too many years, we have been pretty much ignored politically.

The time has come to change that.

You are invited to join.

You do not have to be a service or ex-service person, but simply have the welfare of those people at heart and wish to help.

If you have access to a computer, I can be e-mailed at bigwebby45@aol.com.

If you don't have access to a computer, please send a self-addressed envelope to 17 Green St, Woy Woy, NSW 2256.

After reading the web pages listed below please feel free to call your local Federal politician and voice your opinion.

Web sites:

<http://www.tpivot.com>

<http://www.ipswitchtppi.org.au>

<http://www.tpivot.com/amf>

Brian Webster, Woy Woy

Trapped in a lift for 40 minutes

Umina Beach Country Women's Association (CWA) president Mrs Beryl Finch and publicity officer Mrs Clare Wren were to receive the Premier's Awards in The Year of The Volunteers.

Some of our group moved to the auditorium.

Seven of us decided to take the lift.

This however was a bad choice.

Together with eight other guests, we were trapped in the lift for 40 minutes, between the ground and the first floor.

First there was laughter and much pushing of buttons.

Finally the alarm button was given a try.

But nothing happened. There was only complete silence from outside.

A finger was then placed on the alarm button and kept there.

After what seemed like hours, frantic signals came from outside the glass windows: "Take your finger off the alarm bell".

Great, action at last.

But no, complete silence again.

Margaret, our Umina Beach Treasurer, then used her mobile to call the clubs office.

The answer she received was that they were trying to get someone.

Very reassuring.

A gentleman suffering from Parkinson's problems was shaking badly, leaning bravely on his cane.

Margaret, who was just getting over a severe illness, was showing signs of gracefully sliding to the floor.

A third lady was in need of more air when more signals came from outside,

I must say this was after about 20 minutes or so.

Ten fingers were raised, which we presumed meant another 10 minutes.

Not good!

Judy, one of our CWA ladies, a very resourceful "Chick with Attitude" moved to the window, patted her heart, raised three fingers and gave a great imitation of slumping to the floor.

This seemed to produce action.

We could hear male voices and much hammering.

Finally, two trusty crowbars could be seen in the door jam.

Brute force was used to force the doors apart.

In jumped a strong man.

Margaret, looking like a beloved limp rag doll, was handed down to an ambulance officer.

The doors closed again!

There were groans from all of us, but all was well.

The doors were forced open again.

A plank of wood was wedged between the doors and one by one we were lifted out.

Glasses of water were passed around - a brandy would have been more appreciated!

Meanwhile, the concert had gone merrily on its way without

us.

The Bell's group of singers and dancers were just finishing off their Irish number, happily unaware of the outside drama, when we entered.

The 15 of us were found seats here and there and, as they say, "The band played on".

When the luncheon was over, the day's official program began.

Ms Trish Moran, the newly chosen Labour Candidate for Robertson, opened the proceedings.

The Minister for Agriculture, Land and Water Conservation, Mr Richard Amory, was introduced and spoke a few well-chosen words.

Then our lovely hostess, Marie Andrews, welcomed us in her usual charming and gracious manner.

In turn we were called to the stage and presented with a very fine framed certificate, signed by the Premier, Mr Bob Carr.

We also received a very distinctive medal featuring the Australian Coat of Arms.

The ordeal of the time in the lift was forgotten.

I know I, and I'm sure Beryl, felt very proud to have been chosen as a member of the CWA to receive this Volunteer Award.

I shall wear my medal with gratitude and humility.

I accept it on behalf of hundreds of "unsung" volunteers out there in the community, who do so much without any recognition.

Clare Wren, Umina Beach CWA

Article 100 per cent correct

On page 13 of the March 13 edition (lucky 13) of the Peninsula News, you printed a 100 per cent correct item for the 25th annual Easter Saturday Book Fair, 10am to noon, here at Pearl Beach.

I have never been able to understand how an article correctly

submitted to a publication could be printed with the wrong date, time or venue.

Yours was perfect! As an added reason for joining in the event and spending the day, books and sale items are regularly added to the tables.

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home for nourishment.

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Dorothy Hart, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Nature Industry Forum

Coastal Eco Tours of Koolewong has been invited to represent the Central Coast and Newcastle-Hunter regions for a major Nature Industry Forum scheduled for March.

The Tourism NSW initiative will focus on the development and marketing of nature-based products and services to the international and domestic markets.

This opportunity allows Coastal Ecotours to promote the natural beauty of the Central Coast and Hunter regions to a broader domestic and international tourism audience.

EcoTours director Mr Wayne Peters said: "The recognition by Gosford Council of our company's quality environmental based

tourism services has been one we have taken seriously and apparently so have others.

"The significant opportunity to Coastal EcoTours of the Tourism NSW State Forum is the chance to promote, grow and contribute greatly to the future of nature-based tourism here on the Central Coast.

Mr Peters said the latest statistics showed half of all international visitors to Australia had visited at least one National Park during their stay.

He said: "Nature-based tourism rates among the top three things enjoyed by international visitors.

"It is amazing so little is done regionally to support ecotourism services when it is the fastest growing sector in most recent tourism industry surveys."

Media release, March 29

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From left to right, Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Land and Water Conservation, Mr Richard Amery, award recipient Clare Wren and Member for Peats Marie Andrews.

Community service awards

During the recent celebrations for Senior Citizens Week, Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews once again held her annual free barbecue and concert at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Cluwb.

Following a show compered by Chris King, several awards were presented in recognition of outstanding service to the community and to New South

Wales.

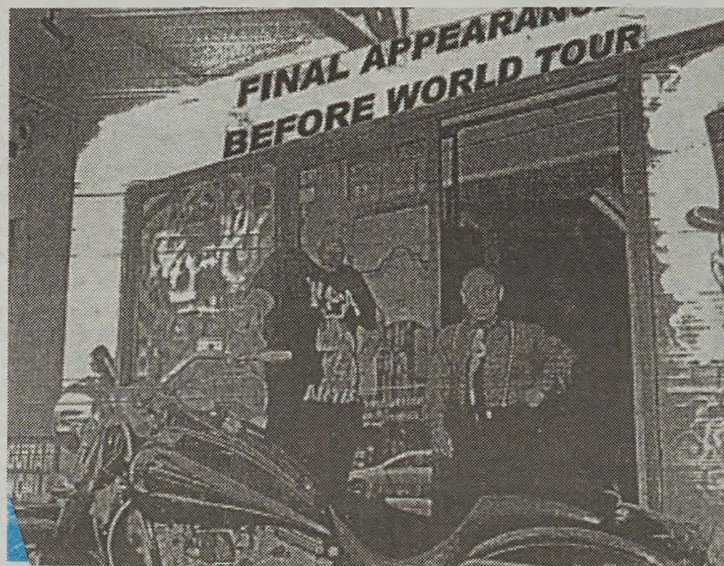
The awards were signed by the Premier, Mr Bob Carr, and presented by Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Land and Water Conservation, Mr Richard Amery, and Ms Andrews.

Recipients of awards were: Eleanor Allan, John Byfield, Elsie Cashman, Gwen Gorick, Beryl Finch, Patricia Molin, Robert Molin, Kathleen Player, Leonard Player and Clare Wren.

Press release, April 2

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Centenary of Federation

Electricity ban for business use

Gosford Times, April 7,1921 A fancy dress ball was held in Woy Woy at Piper's Hall, to raise funds for the Church of England.

The function was organised by Mr J Pascoe and Mr Arthur White who acted as master of ceremonies on the night.

The floor was carefully prepared for dancing and a Hornsby jazz band provided the entertainment.

The decorations and catering were provided by the Committee of Ladies The following week a children's fancy dress ball was held at the same venue.

There were prizes handed out for the best costumes.

A Woy Woy man was charged in Gosford Court for saying "insulting words" to another gentleman.

The man was fined 20/- and had to pay all court costs, which amounted to 8/-.

"Woy Woy's greatest want" was described in the paper.

In "the age of the motor", it was felt a road was needed to allow motor car access in and out of Woy Woy and to travel to Sydney.

It was said the district would advance at a phenomenal rate with



A picture of Ettalong in 1950.

Ocean Beach Surf Club held a "Gymkhana" with a clash for medals on Easter Saturday.

The club competed against The Freshwater, Queenscliff and Kilcare clubs.

Gosford Times, April 3,1951

Brisbane Water County Council used a zone system to implement electricity restrictions.

The Brisbane Water area was divided into five zones.

In each zone, business use of electricity was banned one day a week between 7am and 9pm.

Ettalong Beach, Ocean Beach, Patonga, Woy Woy and Pearl Beach were listed under Zone E,

formed Pearl Beach Surf Club's demonstration of a 1907 rescue.

The highlight of the act was when one of the members of the act lost his costume.

The surf club members pretended to play a game of poker, while the Ladies Auxiliary staged a drowning.

The Lifesavers then went to the rescue.

Woy Woy Herald, April 7, 1971

The historic Ettalong Hall, which was purchased by the Gosford Shire Council in 1969 for \$90,000, was demolished to make way for the southern approaches to the Rip Bridge.

Most of the arches and other materials from the hall were purchased by local people for their own homes.

You could rent a television from the local radio rentals store for less than \$2 a week.

Gosford Star, April 1, 1981

Ettalong Pelicans Adult Swim Club reaffirmed its rating as one of the strongest in senior swimming.

The club sent a team of 20 to the National Championships in Perth.

They returned with three age division champions, one of whom was Kevin Vickery for the 55 to 59 year age group.

Mr Vickery was also in the freestyle and medley winning teams.

A 450kg, four-meter shark was caught off Kilcare Beach.

Fisherman Don Radford, snared the shark with assistance from Alan Osborne and Clive Norton.

When the three slit the shark's belly 10 one-metre baby sharks were found, "ready to drop".

Gosford Star, April 3, 1991

Jack Dibley of Orange Grove hooked a jewfish only to have it snap his line after a 40-minute tussle.

Later that week when he was buying his usual bait at Blackwall Seafood, he told the proprietor his story.

The proprietor asked him to wait a moment.

He disappeared and returned with a seven-kilogram jewfish.

He then produced a lead shot, hook and line which Mr Dibley identified as his own.

The man had found the fish almost dead floating on the surface of the water in Booker Bay after returning from a night's trawling.

He gave the fish to Jack and returned also his hook, line and sinker.

Gosford Library, Local history section

Centenary of Federation

In recognition of Centenary of Federation, Peninsula News has taken the opportunity to look back on the past 100 years on the Peninsula.

Each month Journalist Amanda Jackson selects some of our local history, recorded by local newspapers over the Century.

The month selected is the same as the publication.

For anyone wanting further information Gosford City Library has a policy of collecting and making accessible any information concerned with the geography, history and development of the Gosford Local Area.

This can be accessed on the following website.

[Http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/speciallocal.htm](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/speciallocal.htm)

such a road.

The greatest obstacle to consider though was the Hawkesbury River.

It was resolved that the issue needed much thought and planning.

Gosford Times, April 7, 1931

An Ettalong resident made an application to council to stop people playing cricket on Ettalong Beach.

The resident said it was causing danger and inconvenience to residents and visitors and was posing a threat to the beach environment.

The resident asked for signs to be erected prohibiting the activity.

Council rejected the application.

Council was commended highly for the soldiers' monument in Woy Woy.

The monument was proclaimed as "one of the finest" in the way it was guarded and the tasteful way in which the garden plots were shaped and cared for.

with a ban applying on alternate days each week.

More than 2000 people attended the two-day Brisbane Water Motor Yacht Club Regatta.

Seven events were held on day one and eight events were held the following day.

Over the course of the event an excess of 240 cars lined the Brisbane Water foreshore.

Events included a skiing exhibition by Cliff Mann, who had just won the Australian Water Skiing championships.

Gosford Times, April 6, 1961

An audience of over 500 people from throughout the district attended the Umina Theatre for a performance by famous ballet stars from the Borovansky Ballet Company.

It was described as 'beauty, dignity, remoteness, artistic integrity and superb technique, a joyful experience'.

A crowd of 400 people gathered on Pearl Beach to watch the newly

Does Prayer Heal?

A free public talk by Mr Mark Swinney will discuss the impact of prayer on physical and mental health, on: Sunday April 15th at 2pm, at the

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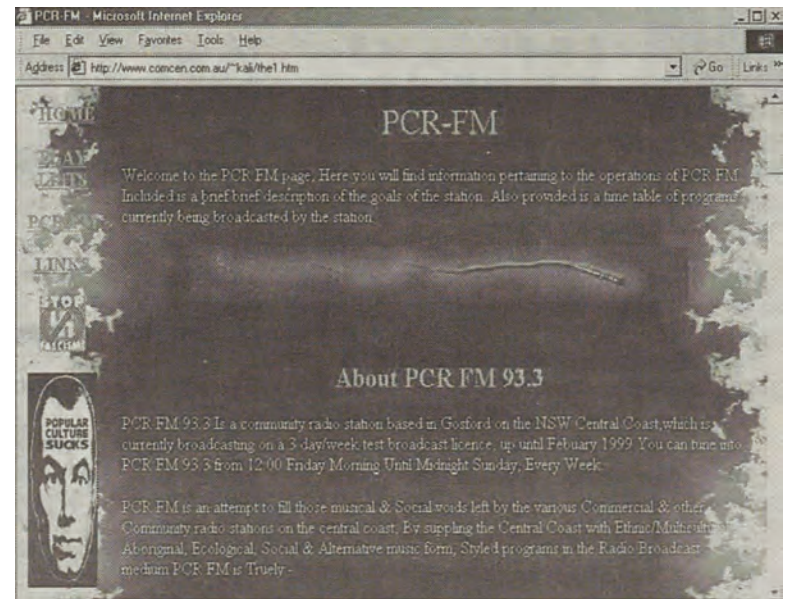
Membership drive

The Woy Woy Leagues Club has chosen a novel method of gaining new members.

All members of the club now have a chance to win a new Mazda. The club will have a public draw for 10 keys, one of which will

open the door to the new car.

The club is also using its new car park for markets every



PCR-FM is a community based radio station that delivers multicultural music, alternative culture and community based information in the Gosford area on the FM band.

The station can be heard at 93.3 MHz 24 hours a day.

PCR-FM also has several pages on the internet that can be viewed after a considerable download of graphics at Error! Bookmark not defined.

While some of the online format may have changed, many of the PCR-FM internet pages are fairly old and show information about playlists from 1998 and 1999.

The site relies heavily on graphics and is typical of site design and construction from that time.

The home page provides contact details for the station which no longer seem to apply.

The telephone numbers were not answered and the email address no longer exists.

The site has many external links to alternative underground music

sites.

Some links are successful while many others bring the dreaded HTTP 404 error - the page cannot be found.

Unfortunately the site struggles to rate 5/10.

The need to update the site reflects the problems that often trouble groups relying on community involvement.

Many stations struggle to get community involvement, yet provide a valued service on a shoestring budget with underpowered equipment.

Hopefully the presenters of this terrific 'community-based' radio station can obtain community support to continue broadcasting.

If your community organisation is on the internet and would like its site reviewed, send information including contact details by email to stephenmcnamara@start.com.au, by post to PO Box 532 Woy Woy 2256 or by fax to 4342 2071 Stephen McNamara, April 3 Stephen is a web consultant for All In One Business Service and has no affiliation with the reviewed organisation.

Christmas party

Club Umina has announced it was negotiating with Gosford Council to hold this year's children's Christmas party on Umina Oval.

This will be held on one day instead of over two.

A family-orientated day is

planned, including a marquee, jumping castles and slides.

The day is planned for December 16.

For further details, contact the club's entertainment director David Lowe on 4341 2618.

Club bulletin, March 2001

Pool comp

Jessica Brown and Alan Waugh from The Web youth group have taken places in a Central Coast youth services pool tournament.

Jessica Brown won the female section when she defeated Kylie Talbot from Long Jetty Youth and Kelly Lenston from the Firehouse, Chittaway.

Alan Waugh was a semifinalist in the male section.

Wyoming Youth Centre hosted the tournament as part of National Youth Work Week.

\$10,000 lottery win

A 35-year old hospitality worker is \$10,000 richer after winning second prize in a recent \$2 Jackpot Lottery draw.

"Oh you're kidding! That's lovely!" said the delighted winner when told of her good fortune by a NSW Lotteries official.

The winner said she knew exactly how she would spend the

money.

"I can buy a new car now - my old one's just about had it."

The Central Coast mum said she had bought tickets weekly for years and had picked up a small \$50 win just a few weeks earlier.

The winning ticket was bought at Ettalong Beach Newsagency on Ocean View Rd, Ettalong Beach.

Media Release, March 22

World class bowler at Umina

Umina Beach Bowling Club has held the \$7000 Peninsula Prestige Pairs, sponsored by Club Umina.

The event attracted high profile bowlers from throughout the State.

They included world class bowler and champion Brett Duperz, current Australian representative Sam Laguzza, State bowler and son, Anthony and Barry Salter and past and current State representatives Wayne Lamboume, Brian Morton, and Wayne Turley.

Central Coast representation and zone included John Roberts, Dave Amoult, Graham Maier, Ray Beazley and John Packham.

The 23-year old "sensation" from Tamworth Joel Burke, who is now representing Umina Beach Bowling Club, also took part.

After five days of competition, four teams were left to fight out the semi finals in front of a large crowd.

In the first semi-final, State rep Wayne Lamboume and brother Greg from Maitland City played against local high profile and zone 15 reps Dave Amoult and John Packham from The Entrance with victory going to The Entrance pair 11-9.

In the second semi-final, State champions Dennis Harmer and Shane Garvey from Merrylands defeated the Newcastle and Zone reps from the Kahibah Bowling Club, John Roach and Tony Czermak, 10-8, after rain interrupted play and reduced the number of ends played.

The final was a dose event with ends changing with each bowl shot for shot and saw a great win for the pair from The Entrance 12-11.

Umina was well represented by teams of John Menzies and Tom Hobbs, Noel Barron and Col Passfield each winning their respected section.

Charlie Robinson, Club bulletin,

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Mothers Day Luncheon May 13
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For the information of members and their



What's on in and around the Peninsula

Compiled by Winsome Smith Following is a comprehensive listing of events planned for the Peninsula over the next five weekds.

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.

DAILY EVENTS

Visitor Information Centre, Watersedge Gifts and Souvenirs, 18-22 The Boulevarde, Woy Woy.

Enq: 4341 2888 Woy Woy Pelican Feeding, 3pm Pelican Park., Fishermans Wharf.

Brisbane Water Bridge Club Monday & Wednesday 7.30am, and Friday at 12.30pm at Ocean Beach Surf Club, Umina. Also on Saturday 12.30pm, Woy Woy Leagues Club. Enq: 4341 0721

Free lunches & dinners and free entertainment, Ettalong Memorial Club Enq: 4341 1166

WEEKLY EVENTS EVERY FRIDAY

Woy Woy Leagues Club, free entertainment, Players Lounge 5.30pm. Men's 18 hole Golf event, Everglades Country Club.

Active over 50s classes, Aquafitness, Woy Woy Pool, 10.00am. Enq: 4349 4800

Ettalong Senior Citizens Club activities: Linedancing- 9am; Bridge-12 noon; Painting- 9am- Enq: 4341 3222.

Peninsula Pastimes Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd. 10 am, (in school terms), \$1.50 incl. Morning tea. Creche Enq 4323 2493

Grocery Grab Game Show, Ettalong Memorial Club, 1.30pm, Enq: 4341 1166

EVERY SATURDAY

Free bike tours every Saturday. 2pm Ettalong Bike Shop, your bike or hire a bike. All fitness levels catered for. Enq:4341 3906

Cash Housie St Mary's Hall,Ocean View Rd Ettalong 7.30pm. Free Tea and Coffee. Cash Prizes. Enq: 4369 0626.

Social Bingo Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd at 12 noon Cabaret dance & floor show, 8pm free, Everglades Country Club, Dunban Road, Woy Woy Evolution Nightclub, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club 10pm.

Classic Night Spot - over 30's, free 8pm, Live band plus OJ, Woy Woy Leagues Club

Men's 18 hole golf event; Men's triples bowls 1 pm; Everglades Country Club.

Old Time & New Vogue Dancing; 1pm, Pat Walsh organist, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club Enq: 4341 2156

Country Line Dancing beginners, 10am, \$5 Peninsula Community Centre, Enq: 4965 7800

Dancing, 2pm, Ettalong Senior Citizens Club, Enq: 4341 3222

EVERY SUNDAY

Children's entertainment Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club 11.30am

Clowns, jumping castle, disco, \$2. Children must be chaperoned.

Free Jazz or duos 4pm, Players Lounge, Woy Woy Leagues Club.

Mixed and men's 18 hole golf; men's bowls pairs-9.30am; mixed triples bowls-1 pm; Everglades Country Club.

Champagne Breakfast, 9am, Game Show 10am, Ettalong Memorial Club, Enq: 4341 1166

EVERY MONDAY

Ettalong/Umina Lions Bingo 10.30am Ettalong Memorial Club, Cash Prizes. Enq: 4342 1352.

Outreach Crisis Recovery Group 7.30pm Rear Hall, Anglican Church 151 Blackwan Rd Woy Woy. Addiction, dependency & crisis help. Enq: 4368 357.

Fairhaven Services Cash Housie 7.30pm Umina Bowling Club. Enq:

4325 3608

Free Punters Choice Race Game, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, 12.30pm, Enq: 4341 1166

Free bingo Woy Woy Leagues Club. 11am. Mah Jong Pearl Beach Progress Hall, 3pm Enq: 4341 1243

Active over 50s classes, Aquafitness, Woy Woy Pool, 1.30pm. Enq: 4349 4800 Gentle Exercise, Ettalong

Fitness City, 10.30am & 11.30am, Enq: 4341 3370; Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, 1pm, Enq: 4341 3222.

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre activities; Dancing-9am; Indoor Bowls-9am Mahjong-1pm; Enq: 4341 3222.

Boxinglfitness training, 3.45pm U14, 5.30pm-14yrs+, PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851

Child and Parents Support Service (CAPS), coffee and chat, 10am, 50 Neera Rd, Umina 24 hour Enq: 4343 1911

EVERY TUESDAY

Boxinglfitness training U/14 yrs 4.30 pm PCYC Circuit Boxing 7.00 - 8.00pm PCYC Enq 4344 7851

Free bingo, Woy Woy Leagues Club. 11am. Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming Club Woy Woy Indoor Heated Pool, 7.45pm Enq: 4360 1220

Ladies golf, 18 hole stableford, 8am; Ladies outdoor bowls, 9.30am; Everglades Country Club. Active over 50s classes, Gentle Exercise, Ettalong Fitness City, 8.00am, Enq: 4341 3370.

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre activities; Ladies Indoor Bowls-9am; Handicraft-9am; Cards-12.30pm; Tai Chi-9am. Enq: 4341 3222.

Have-a-chat meeting 10am, Discussion Group, 11 am, Rumikin or cards, 1 pm, School for Seniors, Peninsula Community Centre. Enq: 4341 9333, Judo, Seniors/Women, 6.30pm \$3 Enq: 4342 4121

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

Peninsula Choir rehearse 7.30pm St Andrews Hall Umina.

Pearl Beach Play Group 10am Pearl Beach Progress Hall Enq: 4342 7182

Brisbane Waters Scrabble Club, CWA Hall, Woy Woy. Enq: 43418734

Men's 18 hole golf event; Men's triples bowls, 1pm. Everglades Country Club.

Active over 50s classes, Gentle Exercise, Ettalong Fitness City, 8.00am, Enq: 4341 3370, Ettalong Progress Han, 9am, Enq: 4385 2080; Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, 1pm. Enq: 4341 3222; Woy Woy Bowling Club, 10am, Enq: 4341 7598.

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre activities; Indoor Bowls-9am; Leatherwork- 9am; Table Tennis-9am; Bridge- 12noon. Enq: 4341 3222.

Darts competition, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, 7pm Enq: 4341 0087

Oil Painting, 9am Multi-craft needlework 10am, School for Seniors, Peninsula Community Centre, Enq: 4341 9333

Ladies BJP School of Physical Culture, 8.30pm, \$3.50, Peninsula Community Centre, Enq: 4342 3747.

Boxing fitness training, 3.45pm U14, 5.30 14yrs+, PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851

Mega Raffle, Ettalong Memotial Club, 2.30pm, Enq: 4341 1166

EVERY THURSDAY

Scrabble Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd 12.30pm.

Old Time Dance Umina Community Hall, 1.30pm \$2 Enq: 4341 3604

Gala Day Everglades Country Club, Dunban Rd Woy Woy

Tai Chi, Pearl Beach Progress hall, 9.30am Enq: 4341 1243

Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swiming Club. Woy Woy Indoor Heated Pool, 7.45pm Enq: 4360 1220 Free morning brunch, 11am, Woy Woy Leagues Club.

Ladies 18 hole golf event; Everglades Country Club. Active

over 50s classes, Ballroom Dancing, 10.00am. Ettalong Beach Bowling Club Enq: 4340 1057, Gentle Exercise, Ettalong Fitness City, 10.30am &12 noon, Enq: 4341 3370.

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre Activities; Dancing-9am; Indoor Bowls-9am; Table Tennis-12.30pm; Fabric Painting-9am; Cards-12noon. Enq: 4341 3222 Australiana, 10.30am, School for seniors, Peninsula Community Centre, Enq: 4341 9333, Judo seniors/women \$3, 6.30pm, Enq: 4342 4121

Female Boxfit class, 9.30am:Kindy Gym 10.30am: Tae Kwon Do, 6pm: PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851 Game Show, 10.30am, Ettalong memorial Club, Enq: 43411166

EVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday April 10

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters 7.30pm (2nd Tues). Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club. Enq: 4341 6842.

Madness & Melodies, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 10.30am. (2nd Tues)

Pearl Beach Craft Group, 1.30pm, Progress Halt (2nd Tues) Enq: 4342 1459

Stroke Recovery Group, 11 .30am, (2nd Tues) , Meals on Wheels Auditorium.

Library Bookmobile, Kilcare Heights cnr Scenic Rd & Beach Dr. 10.35 am. Wagstaffe Comminuty Hall 11.00am.

Wednesday April 11

Endeavour View Club Woy Woy Leagues Club, 10.30am (2nd Wed).

National Parks Assoc Bush walk Bouddi National Park. Box Head via Tallow Beach, 6.25am. Enq 4320 4205

Thursday April 12

Library Bookmobile, Daleys Point, Peridon Village, 10.15am; Empire Bay Post Office, 11 am; Bensville local shop, 11.30am Qigong, 9.30am, Women's Health Centre, Enq: 4342 5905.

Friday April 13

Bowts, White mufti pairs, Men, ladies & mixed, open draw, 1 pm, Everglades Country Club, Enq: 4341 8866

Saturday April 14

Easter Saturday Book Fair, Community Halt, Diamond Rd, Peart Beach, all day, fine arts, white elephant, plants, raffle, cafe Enq: 4341 5053

Umina Garden Society 1.30pm (2nd Sat), Community Hall, Sydney St, Umina. \$2 incl afternoon tea. Enq: 4341 8842

Ballroom supper dances, 7.30 pm, Ettalong, au ages. Professional teachers avail. (2nd Sat) Enq: 4344 5432 Naval Association of Australia, Central Coast Sub Branch (2nd Sat) Woy Woy Leagues Club 9.30am. New members welcome Enq: 4343 1967

Bowts, mens jackpot triples, 1 pm, Everglades Country Club

Sunday April 15

National Parks Assoc Bush Walk Bouddi National Park Easy to medium Enq: 43601947

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

Rugby League Premiership. Round 1 Umina v The Entrance Bowls, Mixed triples, open draw, 1pm, prizemoney, Everglades Country Club

Monday April 16

NSW Transport Auth. Retired & Former Employees Assoc, Brisbane Water Branch, Ettalong Bowling Club, 2.30 pm (3rd Mon) Enq: 4344 4617

Bowls, versatility fours, 3 games, 9am, prize money, Everglades Country Club.

Tuesday April 17

Childrens Pantomime, Snow White, 2pm, Ettalong Memorial Club , \$6 Arthritis Foundation, Woy Woy Branch 10am (3rd Tues), Meals On Wheels Had, Enq: 4342 1790.

Wednesday April 18

Library Bookmobile, Patonga Community Hall 9.45 am; Pearl Beach Community Hall 10.55am; Umina Nursing Home, Arras Ave. 11.40 am

Ettalong Umina Lions Club 6.30pm

Woy Woy Leagues Club (3rd Wed). Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts market, Ettalong 9am (3rd Wed). Bays Progress Assoc., Bays HaD, Woy Woy Bay Rd. 7.30pm (3rd Wed) Enq: 4341 1070

Kids' Bingo Ettalong Beach Club, 10.30 am. Free entry. Prizes Enq 43411166 Kids' Disco, forowing Bingo. Entry free.

National Parks Assoc Bush Walk Brisbane Water National Park Easy to medium. Enq 4341 2482

Thursday April 19

Clinic, (3rd Thur) Women's Health Centre, Area Health service, Enq: 4320 3741

Junior talent quest, under 12, heat 11 am, free, Ettalong Memorial Club, Enq: 4385 2307

Friday April 20

Ballroom Supper dances. 7.30pm, Ettalong, all ages. Professional teachers available. (3rd Fri) Enq: 4344 5432

Free movie, 8pm (3rd Fri), Everglades Country Club.

Saturday April 21

Sunset over the Shifting Sea bush walk, Nat Parks Discovery, 3.45pm, \$6, Maitland Bay. Enq: 4320 4205

Sunday April 22

Rugby league Premiership Round 2. Woy Woy v Erina Ettymalong Creek Landcare group (4th Sun) for bush regeneration. 8am Masonic Lodge, Woy Woy 381 Umina Community Halt, 11am (4th Sun)

Dancing-Old Time/New Vogue, 1pm, (4th Sun) Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre. Enq: 4341 3222.

Monday April 23

Labor Party Peninsula Day Branch, 1pm, (4th Mon) CWA Hall, Woy Woy.

Carer's Support Group, 10am, (4th Mon) Group room, Health Services Building, Woy Woy Hospital. Enq: 4344 8427

Deepwater View Club Luncheon Meeting, Woy Woy Leagues Club 11 am. (4th Mon) Visitors welcome Enq: 4341 0272

Tuesday April 24

Kids' Bingo Ettaloog Beach Club, 10.30 am. Free entry. Prizes Enq 4341 1166

Kids' Disco, foUowing Bingo. Entry free. Library Bookmobile, Kiltare Heights enr Scenic Rd & Beach Dr. 10.35 am.

Wagstaffe Comminuty Hall 1.00am.

Wednesday April 25

Anzac Day, see elsewhere in this paper for complete details of events.

Umina Progress Association Umina Community Hall. 1.30pm (last Wed)

Thursday April 26 .

Library Bookmobile, Daleys Point, Peridon Village, 10.15am; Empire Bay Post Office, 11am; Bensville local shop, 11.30am.

Meditation and Reiki, Women's Health Centre, (4th Thur), \$5, Tai Chi 10am Enq: 4342 5905

Junior talent quest, 12 16 year olds, heat 1, 11 am, free, Ettalong Memorial Club, Enq: 4385 2307

Friday April 27

Woy Woy Civilian Widows 1pm Ettalong Senior Citizens Club (last Fri) Netball Clinics, 9am, Lemon Grove reserve, Ettalong, \$25, Sport & Rec Enq: 131302

Aboriginal Art in the Park, Nat .Parks Discovery, 1 .20pm, 5-12 years, \$4, meet Staples Lookout, Enq: 4320 4205

Saturday April 28

Ballroom supper dances, 7.30 pm, Ettalong, all ages. Professional teachers avail. (4th Sat) Enq: 4344 5432

Jive & Jitterbug Club, 8pm, Ettalong Memorial Club, (last Sat) Enq: 4341 1166

Sunday April 29

Junior talent quest, grand final, Ettalong Memorial Club Enq: 4385 2307

Craft Fair 10am - 3.pm. The Bays Progress Association Hall, Woy Woy Bay Rd, Woy Woy Bay Enq: 4344 7586

Rugby League Premiership Round .

3. Umina v Woy Woy.

Monday April 30

Woy Woy Branch Business & Professional Womens'-dinner meeting (Last Mon) Enq: 4341 1844

Tuesday May 1

Auras, 10am, Women's Health Centre, Enq: 4342 5905

Wednesday May 2

Seniors' shopping day, Deepwater Plaza (1st Wed).

Library Bookmobile, Patonga Community Hall 9.45 am; Peart Beach Community Hall 10.55am; Umina Nursing Home, Arras Ave. 11.40 am.

Reflexology, 10am, Women's Health Centre, Enq: 4342 5905

Thursday May 3

South Woy Woy Progress Assoc. (1st Thur) 7pm. Progress Hall, Woy Woy Road.

Friday May 4

Free first release movie, 8pm (1st Fri) Everglades Country Club

Woy Woy Older Women's Network 10.15 am (1st Fri) Woy Woy Leagues Club. Enq: 4343 1079

Ballroom supper dances, 7.30 pm, Ettalong, all ages. Professional teachers available. (1st Fri) Enq: 4344 5432

Bus trip, (1st Fri), School for Seniors, Peninsula Community Centre Enq: 4341 9333.

Saturday May 5

National Malaysia Borneo Veterans Association 2.30pm Ettalong Beach Memorial Club (1st Sat) Enq 43421216

Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Markets, Ettalong 9am (1st Sat) Peninsula Safety House Meeting, 2pm Umina, Enq: 4344 2467

Sunday May 6

Blackwall Mountain Bushcare Group. 9am banner at base of mountain. (1st Sun). Enq: 4342 7849.

Kneelers and grippers charity bowls day, Woy Woy Bowling Club, 1pm Enq: 4341 3304

Monday May 7

Deepwater View Club Bargain Price Avon and White Elephant Sale 11 am. Enq 4342 2046

Tuesday May 8

Library Bookmobile, Kittcare, Cnr Scenic Rd & Beach Dr, 10.35am; Wagstaffe Hall, 11am.

Intro to Feldenkrais , 10am, Women's Health Centre Enq: 4342 5905

Thursday May 10

Library Bookmobile, Daleys Point, Peridon Village, 10.15am; Empire Bay Post Office, 11 am; Bensville local shop, 11.30am.

Friday May 11

Troubadour Folk Club (2nd Fri) CWA Hall, opposite Fisherman's Wharf, Woy Woy Graeme Johnson Enq 4341 4060

Saturday May 12

Umina Garden Society 1.30pm (2nd Sat), Community Hall, Sydney St, Umina. \$2 inel afternoon tea. Enq: 4341 8842

Ballroom supper dances, 7.30 pm, Ettalong, all ages. Professional teachers avail. (2nd Sat) Enq: 4344 5432

Naval Association of Australia, Central Coast Sub Branch (2nd Sat) Woy Woy Leagues Club 9.30am. New members welcome Enq: 4343 1967

Sunday May 13

Mothers Day Masonic Lodge, Woy Woy 381 Umina Community Hall, 11am (2nd Sun).

Hardys Bay Branch Labor Party, 10am (2nd Sun) Empire Bay Progress Assoc. Hall. Rugby League Premiership Round 4. Umina v Erina.

Monday May 14

Peart Beach Women's Club 12pm, Progress Halt, (2nd Mon) Enq: 4341 8817

Woy Woy Branch Labor Party (2nd Mon) 7.30pm, Everglades Country Club.

Sole Mothers, 10.30am, (2nd Mon) Smalt Hall, Cnr. Victoria & Blackwall Rds, Woy Woy Enq: 4342 8764



Greg Hall and Leah Hobson, both of Umina, married on March 3 of this year. The ceremony took place at the St John the Baptist Church in Woy Woy. The reception was held in the Admiral's Quarters room at Central Coast Leagues Club, Gosford

Troubadour folk music club

Graeme Johnson will play at the Troubadour Folk and Music Club at its next meeting at the Woy Woy CWA Hall at 8pm on May 11.

The club usually meets on the second Friday of the month, at the CWA Hall, opposite Fisherman's Wharf.

During these meetings, local performers as well as guest artists entertain those who attend.

The club invites people to be entertained or to take along an instrument and contribute to the entertainment.

A charge of \$7 applies.

"The Troubadour also performs at local restaurants on the

Peninsula where you can come along for a meal while listening to the talents of club members and guests," said organiser Frank Russell.

The next restaurant night will be at 304 on West on Thursday, May 3.

"As well as performance nights, membership of the folk club also opens opportunities to attend session nights and get together where members can exchange ideas, play music and build their confidence for performance.

"Separate sessions are held for bush dance music, singer-guitarist and general sessions throughout the month and

members are encouraged to participate in organisation as well as participation.

"The Troubadour members entertain at nursing homes, fetes and other performance opportunities as they arise from time to time."

Membership of the club provides membership of the Central Coast Bush Dance and Music Association which runs bush dances at the East Gosford Progress Hall.

The next dance will be held on Saturday, April 28.

For more information about the folk club, phone Frank or Marilyn on 4341 4060.

Brochure, April 4



Trent Minet of Woy Woy and Kelly -Anne Harris of Umina, married on March 31 of this year. The ceremony was held at the Gosford Regional Gallery and Art Centre. Photo courtesy of Bowens Photographics

Make your own monster

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre will hold school holiday craft classes in Kitchener Park opposite Ettalong Oval.

The "Make Your Own Monster" classes will be held for children aged eight to 13 years on Saturdays, April 21 and 28, from 10am until 12.30pm.

The cost is \$10 a day with all

materials supplied.

For further information or registration contact Robina Mealey on 43-41 3-427.

A special Folk Art Craft Workshop will be conducted for children on Wednesday, April 18, from 1pm to 3pm.

The cost of this workshop is \$15, and for further information or registration contact Christine on 4341 3019.

Kneelers and Grippers charity clash

The Woy Woy Bowling Club will again sponsor the annual Kneelers and Grippers Charity Bowls Day on May 6

The bowls clash sees the Catholics challenge the Freemasons in an action-packed game.

The event has been going for 10 years.

In this time, those involved in the event have raised more than \$30,000, which has been donated primarily to causes on the Central Coast.

Recipients in the past have included Woy Woy Hospital, the Coastal Patrol and the Sea Cadets. The day is organised by the St Vincent De Paul Society and the King Star Lodge of Woy Woy.

All proceeds are divided equally between the two organisations and distributed to worthy charities within the district.

There will be a raffle on the day prizes donated by Peninsula

businesses.

For further information or to register to play, phone the club on 4341 3304.

Registration can also be done on the morning for mixed, single or pairs bowls.

Everyone is welcome to play or to enjoy the amenities of the club.

Dress is mufti, flat rubber shoes must be worn.

Last year's proceeds of \$1100 went to St Jude's Home for Homeless Men and \$1100 to the Woy Woy District Hospital.

Alex Gilroy, April 4

Musical teaser

The cast of Gosford Musical Society will perform a teaser from their show "A Funny Thing happened on the Way to the Forum" at Woy Woy next Saturday, April 14.

Four shows will be held at Deepwater Plaza between 2pm and 4pm.

The Woy Woy promotion follows a showcase performance at the recent Entrance Spirit Festival, where the cast members performed Comedy Tonight, the signature song from "Forum".

The teaser will also be performed at several other shopping centres around the Central Coast.

The show will have a three-week season with a Sunday matinee and family tickets available.

For further information, contact Brett Page on 4333 4311, mobile 0406 222 626 or Wayne Pina Roozemond on 4333 4311 mobile 0415 800 888.

Press release, April 6

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Education

School facelift



Part of the tile roof at Ettalong Public School

A number of schools on the Peninsula will benefit from supplementary funding to the Department of Education and Training capital works and maintenance program, according to Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

The \$20 million funding program is part of the State Government's

commitment to improving facilities in the public school system, she said.

Ettalong Public School will receive \$4684 to replace a damaged tile roof with colorbond.

Umina High School will receive \$95,000 and Woy Woy High School \$81,000 to prepare and paint the entire interior of the school.

Media release, April 3

Free computer training

A series of free training courses in computers will commence shortly for people in the Peninsula area who previously were unable to take up training due to carer responsibilities.

Training organisation WorkWise together with Wesley Mission will conduct courses each Friday at its Ettalong training centre.

Training will be spread over five weeks and depending on client training needs, will include a combination of keyboarding, word processing, spreadsheets,

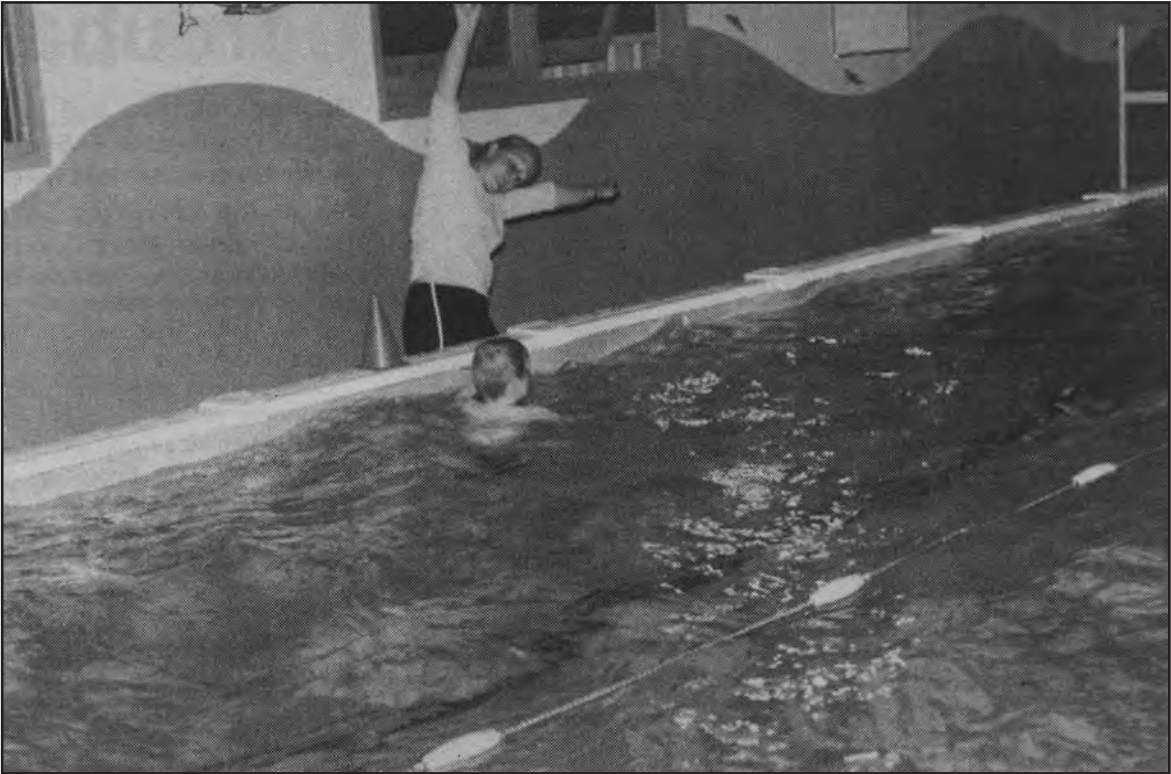
internet, e-mail and MYOB.

WorkWise manager Mr Mike Burnett said the courses would provide an ideal opportunity for carers, who had not been in permanent full-time paid employment, to gain the skills necessary to return to the workforce with accredited qualifications.

The training program will be tailored to fit within school hours.

Information session, eligibility details and course commencement dates are available by telephoning WorkWise on 4323 9172 during normal office hours.

Media release, March 8



Keen students at the new swim school/

New swim school for intermediates

After four years of coaching swimmers at home and at Woy Woy Pool, Bob Gordon has established a swim school in Mutu St, Woy Woy.

Located in the premises previously occupied by AV LP Gas Installations, the building has been totally refurbished and a two-lane 15-metre pool has been installed.

Principal Bob Gordon has current coaching and water safety qualifications and is also a qualified assessor of new Swimming teachers.

He is also a Surf Life Saving Australia bronze medallion instructor.

"I swam competitively when I was young and stayed involved

with the sport ever since," Bob said.

"I only started teaching after first teaching my own children at home and all the neighbours wanted lessons.

"This was followed by neighbours' friends and relatives until I eventually left my day job and built up the teaching business progressively as demand increased.

"I found that it is a big jump for many students from a 10 metre home pool to a 25 metre half Olympic size pool and have now established a transitional 15 metre length pool to fill the gap," he said.

There are six Austswim accredited teachers based at the

new swim centre and a structured lesson plan has been es-tablished.

"Only students of the same ability are taught together and each student progresses to the next level only when they are able to do so.

"In this way they can progress through five learn-to-swim levels and go on to three coaching levels if they wish." Bob's success can be measured by the fact that, at recent school swimming carnivals, at least one of his students featured as an age champion in every Peninsula public school.

At the Umina Surf Club, Bob coached at least one place-getter in every age championship event.

Cec Bucello, April 2



The scene of Jack's triumph

Jack wins against odds

Seven-year-old Jack Jones has won the under-eight's beach sprint in the recent regional surf championships.

Jack has finished first in the last

six surf club carnival competitions that he has entered.

He was also awarded player of the season for Woy Woy Roosters Rugby League under-eight's team.

Jack's sporting achievements

are even more remarkable in the light of being diagnosed at the age of six with osteomyelitis and had to spend six weeks in hospital recovering.

Henry Pfister, March 30.

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The historic train carriage being loaded on to a prime mover and jinker

New home for historic carriage

The train carriage at Woy Woy Public School has been removed.

The carriage was removed by crane on April 4 to journey to its new home at the Transport Signal and Communication Museum at Kurrajong in the Blue Mountains.

The school acquired the carriage in 1984 to mark 100 years

of public education.

Since then, both the students and the community have used it in many ways.

It has been seen as a symbol of the school for the past 17 years.

The carriage, which dated back to the 1800s, fell into disrepair when Education Department maintenance funds were unable

to support its upkeep and the school's budget was insufficient to repair and maintain the carriage.

After community consultation, it was decided to find the carriage a new home.

The museum at Kurrajong hopes to restore the carriage and use it as a bed and breakfast cabin.

Warrick Hannon, April 3.



Part of the mega fun on the day

Children organise their own fun

Woy Woy Public School held its Mega Fun Day on March 29.

The day was organised by teacher Martine Lang, and children from years five and six, to raise money for their school camps.

Year five students will have to pay about \$170 to go to Milson Island, while year six students will need \$200 to go to Canberra.

The children from every class in both years were brought together and organised into groups.

Each group of children then decided which stall they would like to run.

The year six students who were involved in the organisation of Mega Fun Day last year helped the year five students.

The children worked together in allocated times to design and create posters and signs for their stall and to develop the activity they were to host.

All the school's students were able to participate in the activities and purchase goodies from the cake stall by purchasing tokens.

Children were able to bring in money and purchase tokens on the day and prior to it.

The class teachers then held these until Mega Fun Day when they were issued to the children.

Teacher Mr McGrath said the money raised from the day would reduce the cost to students by about \$10.

"By organising and conducting

the Mega Fun Day, students learn valuable fund-raising skills.

"It also teaches them the value of money."

The children ran a number of stalls including a Chocolate Wheel, Pick-a-Number, Knock-em-Down, Sponge Throwing, Footy Passing, Putt Putt Golf, Buried Treasure, Paddle-Pop sticks, Tennis Ball in the Bin, Face Painting and Coloured Hairspray.

All stall prizes were donated by a number of sponsors including Cambell's Hardware, Baker's Delight, Go Vita Health Food Store and the NRL.

The children running the stores did so in shifts so they could take turns to join in other activities.

Amanda Jackson, April 3

P & C endorses collegiate

A combined parents and citizens group meeting has endorsed the need for a "collegiate" school on the Peninsula.

P&C representatives attending a meeting on March 22 came from Empire Bay., Ettalong, Pretty Beach, Umina, Woy Woy and Woy Woy South public schools and from Umina High.

A further meeting was held which included Woy Woy High

representatives.

It is proposed that Woy Woy and Umina High Schools will be restructured to form a collegiate school with junior and senior campuses, being phased in from next year.

A three-month consultation stage is currently in progress, with opinions being sought from schools, teachers, parent bodies and community members.

Letter, April 5

Norm and Cheryl win awards

Norm Eves and Cheryl Lynch are the first of Ettalong School's volunteer workers to receive an award for their contribution to the school.

Volunteers will be recognised

each week with the presentation of awards during assembly by the School Captains.

In this way the school will thank the many people who volunteer to help their students.

Year 10 on tour

Year 10 Geography students from Woy Woy High School are taking a trip around Australia as part of their learning about the diversity of Australian communities and what makes Australians unique.

Traditional research techniques complemented by the use of information technology is helping to broaden the student's appreciation of the diversity of Australian communities even though they may not have travelled extensively themselves.

School newsletter, March 22

Teddy Bears at Woy Woy

Woy Woy Public School's recent Teddy Bears Picnic was held on Public Education Day.

Many parents and family members joined in with the various

teddy bear activities.

Fun bear parades, classroom activities and line dancing were just some of the highlights of the day.

School newsletter, March 28

Champion Harts

Woy Woy Public School's Natalie and Renee Hart have represented the school at the Sydney North District Swimming Carnival.

Renee came second in the nine years girls 50 metre freestyle race.

Natalie was named equal

11 years girls' champion after she came first in the 11 years backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and the open medley and second in the 50 metre freestyle.

Natalie also took third place in the 100 metre open freestyle event.

Amanda Jackson, March 20.



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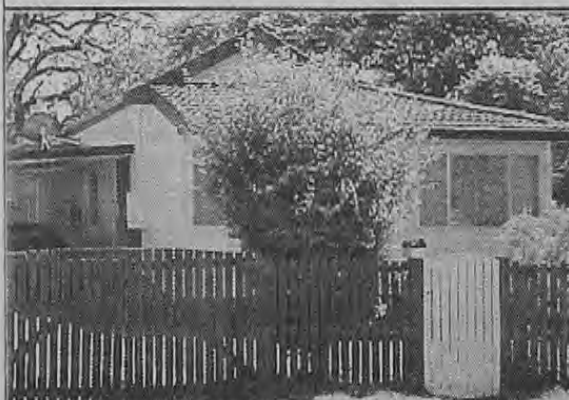
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Sport



Sharon Harper, NSW junior representative

Sharon to bowl for NSW

Sharon Harper, a 16 year old student from Umina High School, has been selected to represent NSW in a junior women's bowls side against Victoria in January of 2002.

Sharon says it is the first state game she will compete in without her sister, and also her first time on an aeroplane.

The game will be played in Victoria against a Victorian State side.

This is not the first time Sharon has been selected in a State side.

She has collected a long list of achievements since she began playing bowls in 1992.

Both Sharon and her sister Kristy began playing bowls when their parents ran the Central Coast Junior Bowls.

They then joined Everglades Country Club as members of the Ladies Bowls Association.

Sharon says although she is yet to win a district championship, she has placed runner-up in the Fours in 1998,1999 and 2000 as well as this year.

Sharon said: "I was also runner-up in the Pairs with my sister Kristy in 2000."

Last year Sharon travelled to Mudgee, where she was selected to compete with 11 other girls in the State Academy Side.

The team travelled NSW and played various clubs and top pennant sides, including St

Johns Park, Bateau Bay and The Entrance.

Also in 2000, both Sharon and Kristy were selected to play in the Junior Girls Test Series.

In this tournament six girls were selected from NSW to compete against a Queensland team at North Haven Bowling Club.

In the past, Sharon has also competed in the Combined High Schools team and in 2000 along with Kristy and Darren Morrisen, of Umina High received the School's Sports Team of the Year Award.

This year Sharon will travel to places such as Mudgee, Batemans Bay, Dubbo, Coffs Harbour and Ballina, where she will compete in Academy Tournaments.

She will also receive a certificate in this year from the NSW Premiers Department for representing NSW.

Sharon said: "This year I'm aiming to make the NSW Girls Side (three girls only) to play in the Australian Championships in October. My sister has played in the last three and achieved two silver medals in the pairs and triples."

Sharon says she loves the game because she has travelled to so many places and made so many friends, who she keeps in contact with all the time.

"I believe it's a great sport for juniors. It teaches them respect and involves a lot of concentration."

Amanda Jackson, April 3

Corbett provides basketball power

Umina's Ross Corbett starred for The Central Coast Power, when the Australian Basketball Association teams had their first hit out on Saturday, March 24.

The women played against the talented NSW Metro U18 Women's side and the men played against the Japanese National Young Men's team who are in Australia preparing for the Youth

Championships.

Both teams were victorious, the women winning 79-72 and the men 105-93.

The women's game was a tight struggle, with the best for the Power being Julie Mitchell with 24 points and Michelle Byrne with 15, and some good inside work by Kristy Rankin.

The men's game was fast, open and played in great spirit.

The Power repeatedly opened

up a double figure lead but the tenacious Japanese kept coming back.

Ross Corbett of Umina, starred for the Power, coming off the bench to score 28 points; Scott Barnes, Tim Hudson, Levi McFadden and Dwayne Hinkley were also double figure contributors.

Both coaches Scott Balsar and Mark Pittman were pleased with their teams' performances.

Media release, March 29

Bowls competition over Easter

The Easter break brings on a weekend of bowling at The Everglades Country Club, with games on all four days of the holiday.

Good Friday's white top mufti pairs for men, women and mixed teams begin at 1pm.

On Easter Saturday, the Men's Jackpot Triples will start at 1pm

and at the same time on Easter Sunday the Mixed Triples Open draw will be contested with prize money totalling \$300.

The Versatility Fours will be played on Easter Monday at 9am with a prize of \$600.

Bowlers can call the club if they would like to have a game.

Easter has also brought on a break in progress for the Club

Singles and Pairs Championships.

The singles has reached the quarter final stage and some matches this far have produced some interesting results.

Still in the battle for the quarters are Justin Kinross, Alan Maier, Roger Ford, John Warton, Bill Ross, Glen Hewson, Ray Mason and Laurie Powell.

Bruce McDonald, April 2

Pretoria on the Peninsula

The Peninsula has played host to the South African provincial rugby union side, Pretoria.

This follows visits earlier this year from international sides Argentina Club Regattas and Club Mariano Moreno.

The boys from South Africa were here to play rugby.

From the moment they stepped off the bus, it was obvious they were a class outfit.

When they took the field dressed in white, with yellow and black hoops, the Central Coast under-19s team had already lost round one in the "Fashion Stakes", with the locals not even having matching shorts and socks.

From the kick-off, the speed of the South African backs was shown.

Every attacking raid was swift and well rehearsed with only some desperate defense stopping any early scoring.

The Coasties never stopped trying but it was obvious the boys

were in for a hard day's night of football.

The visitor's forward slowly got on top of their opposition.

This gave their backs room to move and move they did.

Their left winger was big, fast, always elusive and came up with two tries.

But it was his speed in running down the Coast's winger - preventing what seemed like a certain try, that made the crowd look on in disbelief.

His turn of speed would have made Matt Shirvington envious.

The visitors eventually ran out easy winners over the gallant Central Coast side, which late in the second stanza showed it could also score tries, but by this time it was a case of too little too late.

The Coast team contained seven players from Woy Woy Rugby Club, most of whom were local juniors.

They were: Abraham Buatava, Marlon Counsol. Aaron Gorrel, Danny May, Mat Metcalf, King Powell and Matt Smith.

The strength of this grade of rugby at Woy Woy was clear as three of the four Man of the Match awards given during the trial went to Woy Woy players: Matt "Talltimber" Smith, Marlon "The Phantom" Counsol and the big fella Aaron "Gozza" Gorrel.

This Central Coast team is soon to contest the country championships.

On the local scene, trials have been held with the senior side travelling to Tamworth to take on the Tamworth Pirates.

Head coach John Stoked is pleased with the abundance of talent at his disposal.

The juniors are up and running with the under-11, under-13, and under-17 players in training. Trial games for these grades will be held soon.

Anyone who would like to have a game of rugby union and "have fun, get fit and make new friends" should ring Ray Gorrel on 4342 5358.

Ray Gorrel, April 4



National Bronze for Donna

After the outstanding success of Ocean Beach's juniors at the recent New South Wales State Surf Life Saving titles, Ocean Beach has continued to produce champions.

Donna Hannell a long-standing member at Ocean Beach Surf Club, has won a bronze medal at the Australian Surf Life Saving titles

in the Masters flag competition.

This follows Donna's excellent results at Branch and State competitions.

Donna, who was also one of the club's excellent coaches, said she was dedicated to seeing Ocean Beach become one of the premier Surf Clubs for competition on the Central Coast.

Media release, April 3.

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Date		High	Ettaalong & Pearl Beach			Low	High	Woy Woy	Low
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Winners Night Maestro Triples 2001: L to R: Richard Kerr, Roselands BC; Barry Jones, Ramsgate RSL BC; Michael Zanarrdo, St George BC

Local maestros beaten in final

The Woy Woy Men's Bowling Club's Night Maestro Triples Tournament concluded after what was described as "eight glorious nights of quality bowls".

The event carried \$4800 in prize money and 64 teams competed.

Tournament director Paul Smith was delighted with both the weather and the acceptance of all teams for their understanding of the difficulties presented while the club is under going extensions.

Semi-finals were played on March 7, with wins to Ron Sainty from Ettalong Beach Bowling Club's composite team, Justin Kinross also from Ettalong

and Brian White a member of Everglades Country Club.

The other semi-final was won by Barry Jones from Ramsgate R.S.L's composite team, which consisted of Micheal Zanarrdo, from St George Bowling Club and Richard Kerr from Roseland's Bowling Club.

The final played on Friday, March 9, kept the large crowd of interested spectators on their toes.

Barry Jones' side edged away to a 21-13 win over Ron Sainty's local Peninsula team.

The consolation tournament provided for all first round losers.

It was won by Steve Farrelly, Ron Menier and Rob Lowe, all from Wamberal Bowling Club.

The team defeated Laurie Powell, Frank Pengelly and Barry O'Connor all from Everglades Bowling Club.

The score was 23-21.

The club four championships were recently concluded, after a number of entries were received.

The semi-finals resulted in a win to the team of Bruce Lobb, Jim Cook, Neil Williams and Jamie Cook.

The final resulted in a win to Neal Jefferson's team 28-8 over Jamie Cook's side.

Mufti bowls are played on both Sunday and Wednesday mornings at 9am.

Ray Wright, April 3

Everglades host past presidents association

Everglades bowlers played host to the Central Coast District Bowls Association Past Presidents Association (CCDBAPPA) at Everglades Country Club.

Great weather and fast greens greeted the visitors for an afternoon of social bowling.

CCDBAPPA president Wal Salkilld said he was delighted with the way his party had been received and the manner in which the day had progressed.

The Everglades president thanked his bowlers for their support on the day.

"Days like these are the very

fibre of the social calendar at Everglades," he said.

A membership drive is planned for the near future but anyone can join the club now.

Simply call the club and ask to speak with the appropriate club secretary.

Bruce McDonald, April 2

Three out of nine teams reach finals

The final leg of the cricket season has seen the Umina Juniors put in some more strong performances, with three teams reaching the semi finals and two in finals

Round 8 saw strong batting performances from Mitchell Fiddock (16B) with 67 not out and Daniel Friend (11A) 42 not out, as well as a dynamic 51 from Andrew Trinder (14B). However the undoubted highlight of this round were some incredible results with the ball. Michael Payne (13B) had the remarkable figures of 7/12, Matt Mitchell had 4/31 and Jeff Tomlin (16B) had the figures of 4/11 with a match winning hat trick.

Round 9 brought more solid

knocks with the bat.

Ben Howell (15B) had scores of 66 and 14 (both not out), Harry Jones (14B) had 27 and 63 not out, and Daniel Friend 40 not out and 23.

With the ball, stars were Chris Lloyd (13B) a devastating 5/7, Adam Smith (14B) 3/6, Josh Wakeham (11B) 3/13 and Daniel Bryant (11A) 2/5.

Round 10 had batting highlights from Ben Brooks (11B) 40n.o, a stylish 44 from Matthew Jones (11A), a solid 47 from Ryan Matthews (16B) and 53 well deserved runs to Myles Burgess (15B).

In the bowling department, great performances came from Ben Kalnins (U16B) with 2/3, Tim

Bell (15B) 3/8 and a fantastic all round effort from Myles Burgess with bowling figures of 4/2.

While several teams had managed to place themselves in semi-final contention, rain frustrated potential candidates.

Three teams made it through 16B, 14B and 12Cs - with the 14s and 12s proceeding to the finals.

Although neither team brought a premiership home for the Red and Greens, the achievement of three semi final berths from a nine-competition club side still satisfied club members.

Umina Juniors will mark the end of season with a presentation day to be held at Umina oval on Sunday, May 6, at 12.30pm.

Kerrie Friend, April 4

Surf club champions

At the recent State surf titles, the first ever Masters Ladies boat race event was held with Umina Surf Life Saving Club coming third.

This crew consisted of Phil Welch sweep and Joane Upton, Darien Mills, Karen Paull and Sandra Goldard the rowers.

Our under-19s men's crew made the quarter finals.

At the Australian titles, held at Karrawa in Queensland, Hayden Emery came a credible 11th in the board section.

In the Masters section, two Umina male boat crews competed in what was the biggest Masters event ever.

The Masters "B" crew made the semi-finals and the Masters "A" crew made the final, coming fourth.

The crew was Mich Coffey, Alan Griffins, John Giddey, Brian Paull and Phil Welch.

In the senior boat event, the women's crew and the under-21s crew both made it through to the second day's rowing despite having to battle huge seas.

The icing on the cake was Umina's under-19s crew consisting of Mich Coffey sweep, Nathan Godfrey, James Irwin, Wes Cable and Jason Lavis who made it to the semi-finals and were unlucky not to make it through to the final.

These young men are experiencing their first year as boat

rowers and were all Umina surf club juniors.

Their sweep; Mich Coffey, who is a little older than his rowers was also a junior of Umina Surf Club.

Mich not only got the under-19s through to the semi-finals but took the Masters "A" crew to the final.

This achievement must cement Mich Coffey as one of the top sweeps in Australia, as the commentator on the beach said about Mich: "This is great skill by the Umina sweep and this is brilliant sweeping by the Umina sweep and those who witnessed it must agree."

On Good Friday, the surf club will host novelty events followed by a fish fry. Any member who turns up will get a start in a team and all are welcome.

Presentation night will be held at the surf club on Saturday, May 5.

Tickets must be pre booked. Telephone Karen Paull on 4343 1452 for details.

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, May 6, from 1 to 1.30pm at the surf club.

Anyone interested in rowing surf boats, paddling boards or skis, swimming or running with the Umina Surf Club, from five to 100 years old, should ring the president Brian Paull on 4343 1452 or secretary on 4342 3327.

Brian Paull, April 4



Skateboard clinics on again

Gosford Council will hold skateboard clinics for "intermediates" at Umina on Wednesday 18 April at 10am.

The clinic, costing \$8.80 a person, aims to "take intermediate skaters to a higher standard".

"The classes represent an ideal opportunity for young people aged six and over to visit the skate parks and become comfortable mixing with other users," said the council's coordinator Mr John Ferguson.

The skate parks were designed to be used by all standards of skaters.

"Each participant must wear a safety helmet and knee and elbow pads and requires their own skateboard.

"Some safety gear will be available for hire on the day."

Experienced skate instructors will conduct one-hour classes with a maximum of four people per class.

There will be a competition after the clinic with prizes awarded.

Registrations will be accepted at the council's Woy Woy offices.

For more information, contact John Ferguson on 4325 8430.

Press release, April 4

Judo success at St Marys

Woy Woy Judo Club has had a string of successes while competing at St Marys RSL Youth Club recently.

Players put in every effort especially Sean Cole Daniel Simmons and Steven Arnold who entered the Young Men's division as a trial to their official entry when they turn 16 this year.

Training is under way for 10 Woy Woy players who are preparing to compete at the Friendly Games in Okayama, Japan, July 2001.

The club has been invited to make a return cultural visit to Okayama Judo Renmei in the first

week of the July school holidays.

Woy Woy members will stay in Japanese homes, just as the 30 Japanese judo students who visited the Central Coast stayed in local homes in August 1999.

They will attend general training sessions before competing in the games and be guests at the All Japan Women's Judo Championships.

The club is asking for support from the local community with fundraising for the trip.

Anyone wishing to help can contact Lindy Simmons on 4342 4121.

Press release, April 4

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ANZAC Day services and entertainment

The annual Anzac Day dawn service will again be organised at Woy Woy Ettalong-Hardys Bay RSL sub-branch.

Assembly will be at 5.20am at Woy Woy bus terminal.

The service will start at 5.30am at Woy Woy Memorial Park

Transport is available from 4.40am with a bus departing from McMasters Rd, via Ocean Beach Rd to Cowper Rd.

At 4.55am, the bus leaves Cowper Rd via Kalaroo, Kahibah, West St, Broken Bay Rd to the Memorial Club, leaving at 5.10am via Ocean View Rd, Booker Bay Rd to Woy Woy bus terminal and on to Memorial Park by 5.20am.

After the service, the bus returns to the Memorial Club.

Entry to the gunfire breakfast is by stamped program only.

Assembly for the Anzac Day March is 9.30am at Deepwater Plaza

A service will follow at 10.30am at Woy Woy Memorial Park

Seating will be provided for VIPs only.

A bus will depart at 9am from Cowper Rd and travel via Kalaroo, Kahibah, West St, Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd to Deepwater Plaza and on to Woy Woy Memorial Park.

It leaves the club at about 9.15am.

After the service, the bus returns to the Memorial Club for Anzac Day "smoko" luncheon for Woy Woy Ettalong-Hardys Bay RSL sub-branch.

Those wishing to take part in the wreath-laying ceremony, or who require further information, should contact the



sub branch on 4341 2594 as soon as possible.

In case of rain, the main service will be held in the Centre, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

A four-hour Anzac Day show will be held at the Memorial Club featuring Lucky Star, award winning act The Allysons, comedian Greg Hayes and vocalist Karen Beckett.

The performers have been specially selected for the day to pay tribute to our country's brave men and women.

Tickets are \$7 each.

Newsletter, April 6

The Masonic lodge, Morning Star, will host an Anzac ceremony on April 23 at Woy Woy.

The evening will begin at 7.30pm and is open to the general public.

The highlight of the ceremony will be a demonstration of a Colour Party mounting a guard around the cenotaph.

Those attending are welcome to wear service ribbons.

Alex Gilroy, April 4

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