

Property prices lead the Coast

Property prices on the Peninsula are increasing at almost double the rate of the rest of the Central Coast.

Real estate agent Mr Frank Serra of Century 21 Umina has released figures showing house prices to have increased by 21 per cent in the Umina-Ettalong area in the past year, compared to a Central Coast average of 11 per cent.

Unit prices in the same area have increased by 24 per cent compared to a Central Coast average of 14 per cent.

The average house price in the Umina-Ettalong area was \$278,000, while in Woy Woy it was \$268,000.

The statistics were compiled by Australian Property Monitors for the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas.

According to Mr Serra, the average first home buyer's choice on the Peninsula was a 90-100 square metre fibro home on a 520 square metre block for around \$200,000.

"The average home loan would be around \$160,000," he said.

The statistics showed Peninsula property prices to be significantly higher than the average price of a house on the Central Coast as a

whole.

The average price of a house on the Central Coast was \$220,000.

Median house prices were \$230,000 for the 2257 postcode area, \$225,000 for the 2256 area and \$199,000 for the Central Coast.

Peninsula prices have shown a greater increase than the Central Coast over the past year.

The 2257 area average price has increased by 21 per cent, while the 2256 area has increased by 17 per cent, while Central Coast increase was 11 per cent.

The average price of units in these areas shows a similar pattern.

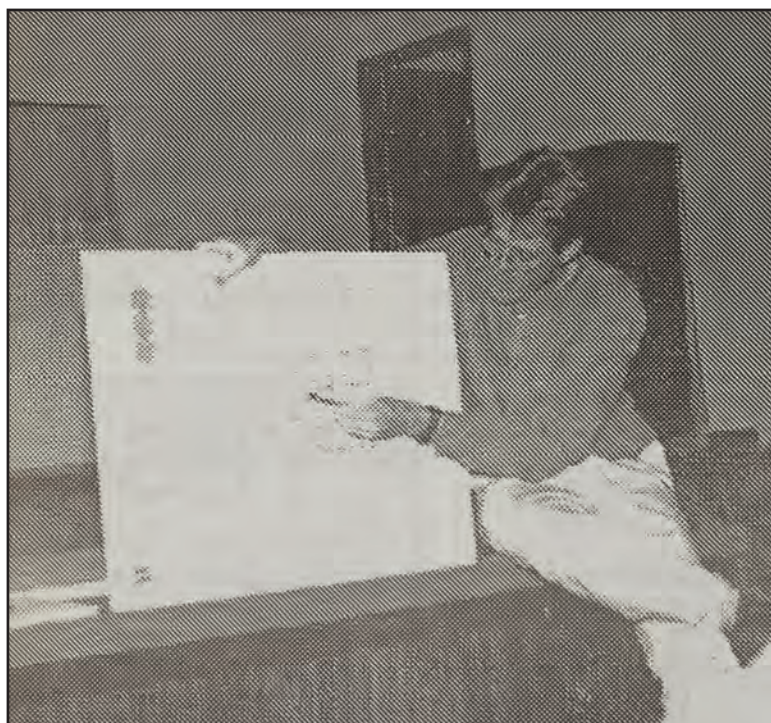
The average price of a unit in the 2257 area was \$247,000, while the average in the 2256 area was \$214,000.

The Central Coast average unit price was \$212,000.

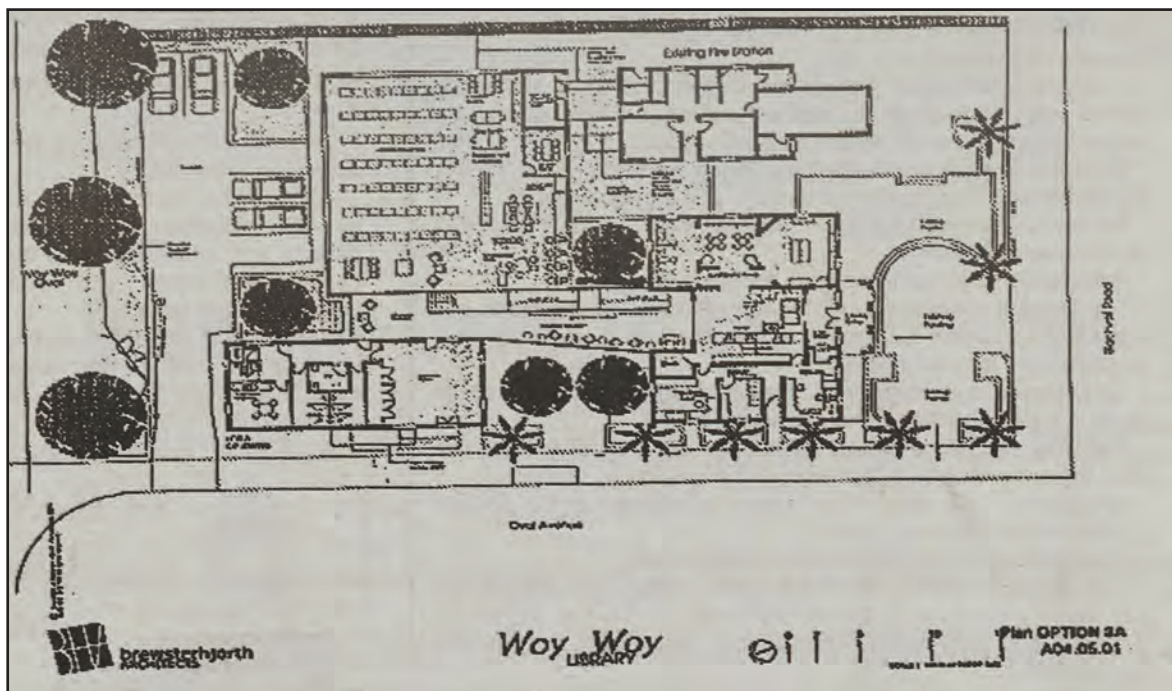
The median price for these areas is \$253,000, \$206,000 and \$193,000 respectively.

Unit prices have increased in the past year in the 2257 area by 25 per cent, in the 2256 area by 16 per cent and the Central Coast generally by 14 per cent.

Century 21 Umina Bulletin, June 7



Andrew Hjorth presenting the library plans at the public meeting on May 24.



Draft three of the Library Extension Plans

Library extension plans released

Draft plans have been released for the proposed extensions and renovations to Woy Woy library.

The extensions will join the rear of the existing library and council office buildings, leaving their external walls intact.

The plans were shown at a public meeting held on May 24 to discuss the extensions.

Heritage architects Mr Andrew Hjorth and Mr George O'Donovan attended the meeting.

Library services manager Mr Alan Flores told the meeting that the project had taken 18 months so far as was expected to take another 14 months to complete.

The present library would continue to be used until construction commences.

During the 10 weeks of construction, the library would be closed and a mobile library would

operate from the site.

The meeting was told all three buildings on the site were heritage listed and the architects were required to develop a brief to show how the three buildings could be combined without affecting their street appearance.

Two earlier options and the preferred option were shown to the meeting.

The proposed new combined structure included an information and technology area with up to eight computers, a study room, a children's area, shelves no higher than 1500mm and informal reading areas, inside and outside.

Mr Hjorth reiterated the architectural and historical importance of the buildings.

He said the buildings were originally the Woy Woy Council office and depot, with a fire station built at a later date in the same

architectural style.

The conservation plan calls for the three buildings to be "seen individually" and for the original walls and ceilings to be retained.

The new building would be constructed on the rear car park, joining the three existing buildings.

Flood plain requirements meant the new building's floor level would be 700mm above that of the existing library and 1200mm above the existing council office.

The development application was expected to go before Council in early June after which the construction contract will be put out to public tender.

Council has allocated a budget of \$1m in its financial strategy while the library services budget would cover internal works.

Cec Bucello, June 5

Facilities discussed

The development of community and recreation facilities and services on the Peninsula will be discussed at a public meeting at 7pm on Wednesday, June 13.

The meeting, convened by Gosford Council, will be held at Umina Tea Rooms, at the corner of West and Bullion Sts.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting and light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, telephone Christine Deaner on 9648 6611 or Gosford Council's recreation facilities manager Dana Spence on 4325 8426.

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The management structure audit of Gosford Council is a good document.

It reflects the shared perception of the community and many council staff of the problems that exist within the council and the nature of improvements which could be made.

Consultants Richard Lumley and Suzie Ramadan from KPMG should be congratulated for a thorough and thoughtful job.

But will we see the change in "culture" that they have identified as being so necessary?

Ratepayers have some grounds for being skeptical.

The Council is not releasing the consultants' original report but one which reportedly has replaced specifics with the general term "opportunities for improvement".

This allows an ambiguity of interpretation which could easily result in a perpetuation of the existing culture.

Certainly, no mechanism is evident for the cultural change beyond the appointment of four new staff overseen by councillors.

Ratepayers have even more reason for concern in the context of other recent issues at council.

The treatment of the Correa Bay report is one.

The unsubstantiated claims by council officers that the Correa Bay report, written by a community-based committee, contained "spurious and defamatory" material has successfully suppressed its publication.

The report's authors attempted to provide an understanding of how the Correa Bay problems came about by, among other things, chronicling memos between council officers.

While the committee's account may prove embarrassing, it is only through being specific in this fashion that mistakes can be identified and changes can be made.

The question has yet to be answered: Who has been defamed and in what respect?

At this stage, it would appear to be the report's authors rather than its subjects.

With a new council policy allowing the general manager to withhold its legal advice from the public, we may never know whether the claims had any basis.

This inclination to cover-up will frustrate any attempts to change the culture of the organisation.

Councillors may protest that it is their job to supervise the process and that we should trust them to do so.

Unfortunately, their credibility has taken a big dent with the "cars for councillors" decision, first reported in this newspaper.

How much faith can ratepayers have in councillors overseeing the process, when they do not see any impropriety in voting themselves cars?

If the council is fair dinkum about its community consultation, the community needs to know what the consultants had in mind - as reflected in their Original report - rather than a vague document that sounds good but could mean anything to anybody.

It is worrying that the action plan at this stage comprises the creation of four extra senior management positions, staff redeployment and a "marketing strategy ... to target council staff, the community and unions".

In the circumstances, ratepayers can well ask: What have they got to hide?

Mark Snell, editor

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Explanation please

The claim that residents favour dogs on Pearl Beach from the results of a census needs more explanation.

I work from home and no person came to my door.

Since many homeowners are at work in Sydney during weekdays, I am interested how the census was done and what questions were asked.

I do not dislike dogs, having had two' as pets in my earlier days, and know their value as companions.

I do dislike uncaring owners who

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do not clean up faeces deposited on beaches, parks and roadsides. That is why most of the cities around the World visited by tourists have banned dogs entirely.
Vincent Serventy, Pearl Beach.

Supports and opposes

A comment on the proposal to provide cars for councillors and the rate rise proposal: I have been opposed to the proposal for councillors receiving cars, except for the 15 minutes taken to assess the information put before me.

There is a process where recommendations can be put on public exhibition to .ascertain public views and I was happy to support the public exhibition of the proposal because of curiosity about the responses that we might receive.

Mr Oakley's report was accurate but left out this part of council procedures.

You can support public exhibition while opposing a proposal, but obviously this creates misconceptions.

The rate increase proposal was similar.

As a ratepayer, I was supportive of the increase proposed.

However, after public consultation showed the public was clearly opposed to the idea, as a councillor.

I became opposed and voted accordingly, as did all councillors.

Thank you.

Cr Geoff Preece

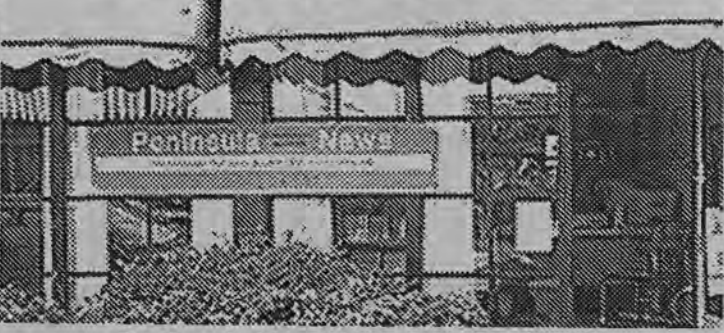
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Council adopts Management audit

Gosford Council has agreed "In principle" to adopt the Management Structure Audit prepared by KPMG.

It decided to put the plan on public exhibition to allow comment from staff, unions and the community.

However, it will not wait for a response before starting to implement the audit's recommendations.

General manager Mr Peter Wilson was given authority to proceed, assisted by Mr Terry Thirlwell as project manager.

Monthly progress reports will be made to the mayor and councillors and will include financial impact reports.

The general manager, assisted by KPMG, will formulate job descriptions for seven functional unit managers and 26 other managers.

Job descriptions will be finalised between July 1 and December 1.

The council decided to adopt a "Summary Action Plan" which described tasks to be undertaken and their timeframe.

The council resolved to follow "Workplace Change and Redundancy" provisions under the local Government (State) Award.

The council also resolved that the proposed management structure be made a public document and that all members of the Staff Consultative Committee be supplied with a copy of the report.

The only recommendation from the audit not adopted was a proposal to introduce Council Standing Committees.

See Editorial on page 2 and pages 10 and 11 for more information on the audit.

Council agenda, June 5



Member for Peats, Marie Andrews, looking at plans of proposed roadworks at the corner of Brisbane Water Drive and the Pacific Highway

Budget brings better roads

Road pavement improvement to Woy Woy Rd and Brisbane Water Drive will occur as a result of allocations in the State Budget, according to Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

The intersection of the Pacific Highway, Brisbane Water Drive and Manns Road in West Gosford will receive \$2 million for an upgrade.

Ms Andrews said the Budget

provided \$12 million for transport in her electorate.

This included \$3.4 million for road safety and traffic management projects and \$2.9 million for the maintenance of State and Regional Roads.

Gosford Council will receive \$2.3 million.

CityRail received an allocation of \$2 million for planning the construction of 40 new intercity carriages, the first of which will enter service in 2005.

"Many of these carriages will serve the Central Coast and allow increased train capacity on exciting services," Ms Andrews said.

She said the Budget's total capital works and services allocation to Peats was \$30.8 million in 2001-02, saying this would sustain about 463 jobs.

Apart from transport, key areas of local expenditure included \$13.5 million on health and \$2.6 million on public housing.

Media release, May 31

Mobile police go on-line

Residents of the Peats electorate will benefit from the completion of the Carr Government's \$7 million project to fit first response police cars with Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs), according local member Ms Marie Andrews.

Ms Andrews said this year's record \$1.6 billion police budget contained the final funding component for the last of a total of 15 MDTs to be installed in the Brisbane Water Local Area Command (LAC) throughout her electorate.

"This funding is an important part of the Government's plan to transform, through technology, operational police cars into virtual police stations," she said.

"MDTs will give officers in

police vehicles access to police intelligence anywhere, anytime.

"They can also enter data directly via their MDTs.

"This will free up computer use at police stations and help with smooth changes of shifts."

Police Minister Mr Paul Whelan made the announcement following the State Budget.

"MDTs have changed forever operational policing by greatly improving officer safety and efficiency," Mr Whelan said.

"We are providing the people of this state with a highly mobile and revitalised police frontline," he said.

The MDTs also have geographic positioning system capacity, which enables officers in another station or another place to pinpoint the exact location of a police vehicle.

Media release, June 4

Project cost to be shared

The Federal Government has agreed to join with the State Government, Gosford Council and Peninsula Chamber of Commerce in sharing the cost of planning an economic development strategy for the Peninsula.

The project will cost \$110,000.

Announcing the \$27,500 Federal contribution, Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd said: "This important area of the Central Coast has seen a rapid increase in medium density living and it is important that local business activity is stimulated to create urgently needed local jobs."

Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales welcomed the Federal Government's contribution.

"This funding has already been matched by the State Government and Gosford Council in conjunction with pledges from the local

business community."

The funding under the Federal Government's Regional Solutions Program will enable the Chamber to engage a consultant to prepare an economic strategy for the Peninsula business community, which will incorporate research, policy development and implementation plans.

"The aim is to improve existing local business activities, identify and create new business opportunities at a local level, attract new investment and create new jobs," said Mr Wales.

The economic strategy, known as "Peninsula Vision" will also concentrate on establishing a self-funding and sustainable economic model for the Peninsula Chamber to ensure that the new strategies can be carried forward into the future.

Mr Wales said that support of the project was a credit to the

State and Federal Governments in partnership with Gosford City Council and the local business community.

"The Chamber welcomes the bipartisan approach that all agencies have taken," he said.

"This is an important economic strategy which has the potential for creation of local sustainable job creation over the next five to 10 years," said Mr Wales.

Mr Lloyd said: "This is an important grant, which will allow the Peninsula Chamber to employ a project officer who will provide positive ideas and direction, for the future economic development of the Peninsula."

"The project is designed to leave the Chamber and the Peninsula community with the tools to continue to take positive effective action into the future," he said.

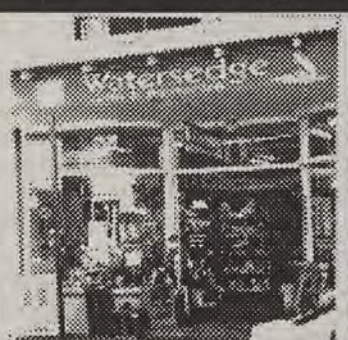
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Corrections

In an article on page 26 of the last issue of Peninsula News we incorrectly referred to Bill Balneaves as President of Everglades Country Club, he is not the president, but a director of the club. On page 10 the name used on the Obituary heading was that of the person who supplied the information where as the person referred to in the article was Jeffrey Roy Davis.

Any upsets or embarrassment caused by these errors is regretted.

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Where's the friendship and truth?

I write in reference to the decision by the board of directors of the IOOF NSW Friendly Society Ltd to attempt to sell the Ettalong Homes Centre.

As to the "why" of this decision, the Board stressed their only concern was financial.

They may have a point.

Unfortunately, progress does not always bring improvement.

It may be inevitable that the Homes Centre will go on to bigger and better things.

But my concerns are the interpretations of the "how" and the "when" of this decision to sell.

There were none.

It was so badly managed that the future of the IOOF Lodge and the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth to which all members pledge to obey, are no longer looked at in the same way.

For 175 years, the Lodge has gone along quietly, but strongly, supporting local township groups and doing good for others (particularly in aged homes).

Suddenly, a minority group of all-powerful directors (all Lodge Members) took it on their own bat to make the "why" announcement verbally to the centre residents.

The statement as read made no reference to the "how" and "when" to sell.

So those shaken residents who could still stand and speak asked questions.

Instead of saying at this time that they could not answer any questions because they were simply not prepared enough, the board answered off the top of

their heads.

The following are sections of answers.

"If a developer purchases the property, you could possibly have 14 days to move out, but then again that would depend on the developer.

"We can't say for sure."

"From July 1, we must pay extra tax. It would be good if we could sell the centre before then."

You can imagine if taken only slightly out of context, what effect these answers did have on some who are partly deaf, bewildered, aged and frail people.

Since that fateful day (February 7), absolutely no reassurance or explanation in writing has been offered.

A copy of the "statement as read" was requested but, although they said they would send one, nothing was forthcoming.

Although one Government Department has bent over backwards to explain us our rights, and help us, what is to be our fate?

So far six residents have moved, three have been hospitalised, and local chemists are doing a roaring trade in anti-depressants.

Finally, I would like to point out how several generations of Lodge Members and the community in general, gave their time and money effortlessly in the hope that this Homes Centre would give residents a roof over their heads for the remainder of their life.

Marjorie Cleere, IOOF residents' committee, Ettalong

Drug comments misconstrued

In response to Richard van Wirdum, I must take issue with his misconstruing my comments about the drug trial.

At no stage did I state that injecting rooms would be safe.

No one in the medical profession or from the Government has used terms other than "medically supervised" to describe the injecting room at Kings Cross.

So that readers may understand, the term "safe injecting room" was coined by some participants in the Drug Summit, that was held in 1999, to denote that such a place would be a "safer" injecting place than a street or a toilet.

It is patently flawed to term the Kings Cross trial as anything other than medically supervised, which is the term I used.

The questions that Richard poses are valid and unfortunately a page of space really would not allow these issues to be

adequately canvassed.

These questions will, no doubt, be addressed by government officials, during the conduct of the trial in Kings Cross.

The major point, that seems to be missed in this whole debate, is the need to examine and try to understand why people resort to such measures as drug use.

Unfortunately so many people in society seem to think that the answer is to lock up those who are seen as "drug addicts".

This is extremely popular but does not really solve anything other than removing illegal drug users from sight.

The fact is that people do take drugs, I wish that this was not the case, but unfortunately the overwhelming evidence is that some people will, the key is to try and lessen the number.

As I stated in relation to the drug issue: "It is not an easy problem to solve and people use all sorts of drugs in their daily lives, most

particularly alcohol and tobacco but as these are legal society seems not to so much concentrate on these".

I went on to say that "Society has recognised addictions are health issues. The use of illicit drugs should be dealt with in the same manner. I would not advocate that policing for the distribution of illicit drugs should cease, far from it".

We should all remember that what is occurring is a trial.

The purpose of a trial is to observe and examine then see what can be learnt.

As I said previously "Maybe then we may find a solution so that we can have drug free lifestyles and a drug free community".

It is not going to be easy or be able to be solved with the wave of a magic wand and a few platitudes, but we must try otherwise the problem will just get worse and worse.

Craig Munnings, May 8

Environmental impact was not considered

Gosford City Council's community liaison officer Vicki Brown mentions in the Peninsula News (April edition) that the removal of most of the Kahibah Creek areas native vegetation from around North Pearl Estate Umina, and the replanting of trees in appropriate locations, addresses environmental concerns in the best way.

Ms Brown, responding to concerns of increased weed invasion, then reminded residents that the placing of garden refuse within the stream areas can cause damage to the environment.

In an attempt to reduce flooding in the area, the clearing

of native vegetation may be seen as temporary relief, possibly an alternative to major engineering of flood relief drainage needed as a result of poor urban planning.

Council's mass disturbance to this natural area may contribute to severe long-term environmental damage.

More of a concern, the lack of ecological consultation as to the environmental impact on the now protected and ecologically important riparian areas of Umina, including unique native rainforest vegetation, sensitive swamp forest areas and threatened sand-plain woodland.

Not only suffering isolation and a general loss of resilience, careless local government decisions may directly threaten the entire area's

bio-diversity.

Flooding may be increased by erosion and siltation problems from the removal of native vegetation from creek banks.

The disturbance will increase rampant weed growth and the need to remove the vegetation more regularly, costing the public many thousands of dollars every year.

Native fauna populations may be reduced by herbicide use or displaced by habitat loss.

Terrestrial, aquatic and marine native fauna and many unique migratory birds that seek refuge in these ecologically important areas, particularly in drought periods, may also disappear.

Tony Whitehead, Woy Woy Peninsula Community Environmental Committee

Editor to speak

Peninsula News editor Mr Mark Snell has been invited to address a regional economic development forum about the success of this newspaper.

He will speak at the Newcastle and Hunter Community Economic Development Forum at Motto Farm, near Raymond Terrace, on June 28.

Mr Snell will speak about the aims and objectives, challenges and achievements of Peninsula

News.

The forum is organised by the Department of State and Regional Development.

The Department's community economic development manager Mr Ian Mackey said the Peninsula News presentation would be one of a series of case studies of communities working together to achieve their aim.

For further information about the forum, telephone Mr Mackey in Newcastle on 4908 7341.

June 6

Koalas killed by chihuahuas?

I happened to see a letter "facts about dogs" in your April edition.

This stated that 10-20 children are blinded a year in Australia by rubbing dog faeces in their eyes.

This statement is false and the incidence of dog-associated blindness would equal the number of koalas killed by Chihuahuas.

The truth is that Toxocara Canis

may cause infestation in humans, as it is ingested and the larvae migrate through the blood stream and most often settle in the liver.

Very rarely in an eye, very very rarely causing loss of vision in that eye.

Infections are usually acquired in the home by infants crawling on the floor and in fact in identified cases there is usually a history of

pica, that is, faeces eating.

The disease is prevented by recurrent deworming of dogs.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica states "with the exception of rabies, most diseases of dogs are not transmissible to human beings".

I trust that you will correct the errors.

John Harrison, MBB Chir; MRCP: DTM&H, Ettalong

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Peninsula Chamber highlights appeals rate

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has raised concerns over the number of Land and Environment Court Appeals filed against Gosford Council in recent months.

"Considering the recent criticism over the Council's Management Structure Audit, the blow out in the number of appeals that have been filed against Gosford Council over the last few months is a serious problem," said Peninsula Chamber president Matthew Wales.

"Council can ill afford to have valuable professional staff tied

up in expensive court cases and not attending to the processing of development and building applications as is rightfully expected by Council's customers".

"No fewer than seven appeals appear on the current business paper which this Chamber estimates will cost the ratepayer nearly \$250,000 to defend. "Add this to the litigation list for this year and we are heading for a million dollar legal bill".

"Many of these appeals are as a result of deemed refusals by Council for developments that are for permissible uses within the subject zones".

Mr Wales said that the consumer and ratepayer were the ultimate loser as these costs were ultimately passed on by the developer to future purchasers.

"The Chamber sees this litigating cycle as one of the impediments to the efficient management of Gosford Council.

"The money and resources spent on defending appeals, that for the most part should never have ended up in the Court, only serves to distract the organisation from properly administering the affairs of the City".

Media release, April 20

Rate rise abandoned

Gosford Council's proposal for a 7.2 per cent rate increase has been rejected by the community and as a result will not go ahead.

"The people have spoken and council has listened," said Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein.

"Gosford Council was happy to talk to the community and hear what they had to say," he said.

Cr Holstein said there was still a backlog of work, which needed to take place.

"We'll look at other sources of funding as rates account for just 28 per cent of council's income.

"Our rates need to cover the costs incurred with the basic running of our organisation and the operations maintenance of all our services and facilities.

"This includes our libraries, child care services, senior citizens

centres, youth centres and even our annual street lighting bill, which costs more than \$1.2 million each year," said Cr Holstein.

He said these ongoing costs left little for the backlog of works aimed at improving basic infrastructure and urban centres.

"We'll continue to seek funding from State and Federal Government, which is often linked to specific projects, but we will pursue these government grants," said Cr Holstein.

"Extra funds are required to ensure we further improve the roads, kerb and guttering, footpaths, water safety and life saving facilities.

"I now seek community support in council's endeavours to maximise funding from other levels of government," Cr Holstein said.

Media release, May 24

Woy Woy Police staffing criticised

Central Coast-based Liberal MLC Mr Mike Gallacher has criticised the State Government for its continuing failure to recognise the growing unrest on the Peninsula over staffing at Woy Woy Police Station.

Commenting on the State Budget, Mr Gallacher said: "The issue of extra police resources for

the Woy Woy Peninsula fails to rate a mention.

"This is very disappointing.

"In the past few months, I have been raising in the Parliament, on virtually a daily basis, the issue of insufficient policing resources based by Woy Woy Police Station," Mr Gallacher said.

"So far over 8000 local residents have signed a petition calling for the return of their police to Woy Woy and all we have is the local

Member, Marie Andrews, and the State Government in denial.

"I have no doubt that their attitude is one of simply ignoring the issue and hoping it will go away.

"I can assure them that it will not go away and the NSW Opposition will not let this matter slip into the too hard basket," Mr Gallacher said.

Media release, May 29

Drug expo theme is experiment with life

"Experiment with life - not drugs" is the theme of a Youth and Family Drug Expo to be held at Umina PCYC on June 24.

The expo is being organised by the Peninsula Community Drug Action Team as part of Drug Action Week.

Team chairman Pastor John McCaskie said the aim was to increase awareness and educate communities about issues related

to drug and alcohol use and abuse.

The expo to be held at the Umina PCYC from 10 am to 2 pm on Sunday, June 24, and will include a range of activities including bands, skateboard demonstrations and other activities.

The team has also arranged for the movie "Traffic" to be screened at the Cinema Paradiso on Monday, June 25, at 7.30pm with entry being a gold coin donation.

At the conclusion of the movie, a specialist in the field of Drug and Alcohol will answer questions from the audience.

Community drug action teams (CDATs) are being established across NSW as a result of a key

recommendation of the NSW Drug Summit held in May 1999.

Pastor McCaskie said CDAT activities will aim to bring communities together to deal with the causes and effects of drug use, to support families and individuals and to bring communities together.

"The community of the Peninsula has clearly indicated its willingness to embrace a more cohesive, understanding and supportive community," he said.

"The Peninsula CDAT is an initiative that everyone can participate in."

Media release, June 6

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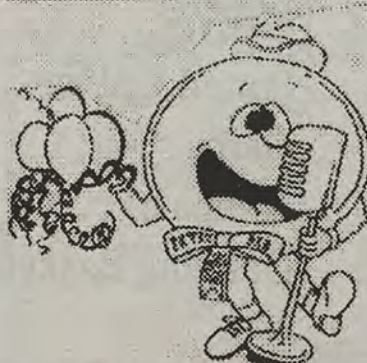
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Cec Bucello, June 9



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One Nation chooses Peninsula's Errol Baker

Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party has endorsed Peninsula resident Errol Baker as the official candidate in the Robertson Electorate for the coming Federal Election.

"I am not going to make any promises that I can't keep, but I do promise that I will listen to what people have to say to me," said Mr Baker.

"And I promise that I will act responsibly."

Mr Baker said there were many things that had to be fixed in "our great country".

"For too long politicians have believed that we, the people, are their servants, whereas in reality, they are the servants of the people."

Mr Baker said he was "really concerned about what happens in the electorate, to both the people and the surroundings".

"The Central Coast has always

been my home," he said.

"My business is here and with my wife, Eileen, I am raising my family here."

Mr Baker said a great deal of care had to be taken with the Central Coast.

"We are expanding, yet we must retain and improve our unique quality of life."

A seat in Federal Parliament brought with it a responsibility for the whole of Australia, he said.

"I will represent and fight for the Central Coast community, and the citizens of greater Australia."

"Our civic responsibility is a huge responsibility, and we must not be afraid to take that responsibility."

"As a party, One Nation has not been isolated from the true wants and needs of middle Australia, and that is a vast majority of us."

"Like Pauline Hanson, I run a small business, and my customers talk to me."

"We know what peoples'

concerns are, and we want to know more."

"It can be difficult for the average young family to keep afloat."

"I know, I have a second job as well as running my own shop."

Mr Baker said his party had a "finger on the pulse of the people".

He said limited funds, pensions and self-funding retiree programs were a concern to him and to his party.

"Banks must be made to accept their community responsibilities."

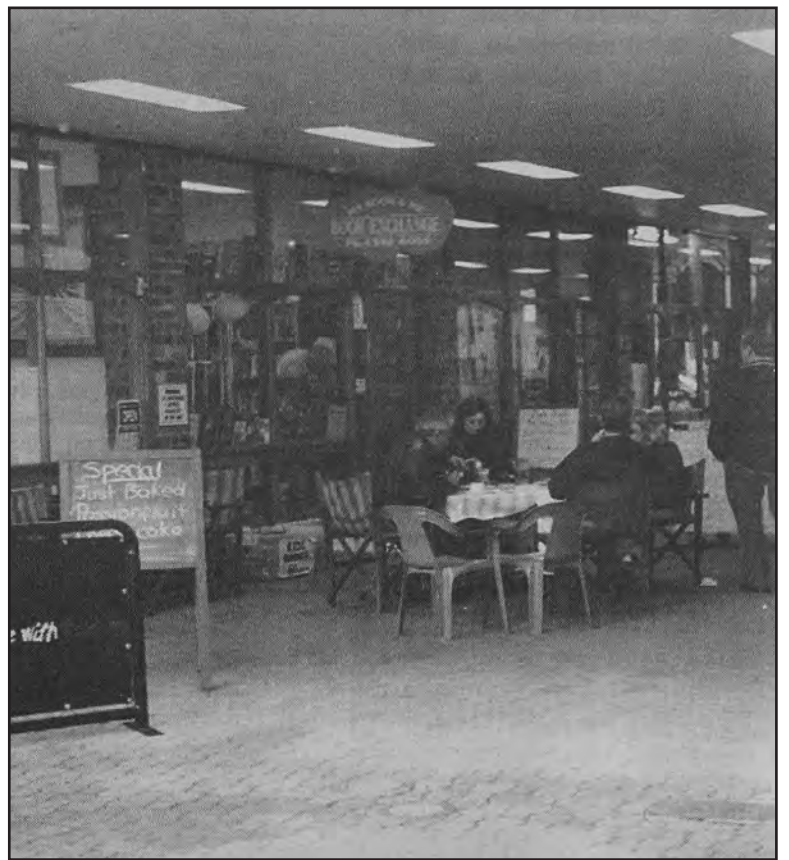
"Local manufacturers must be nurtured to re-establish viable business."

"Customs must be enlarged to increase the fight against drugs - I stand for 'zero tolerance' - law and order must be returned to the streets of our cities and towns."

"These are Australia-wide issues as well as being local issues."

Media release, June 1

ETTALONG ARCADE AND SURROUNDS



Non-smoker's poker machine area

Woy Woy Leagues Club is claiming to have opened the first non-smoking poker machine area on the Peninsula.

The idea was introduced following requests from members and visitors for such an area.

The club's secretary manager Mr Michael Crieghton said there were existing non-smoking areas within the club, but the new area would provide a non-smoking lounge area, bar service and poker machine facilities.

"The area will be created through the reconfiguration of the air conditioning and the installation of smoke extractors," said Mr Crieghton.

"We are reacting to members' requests and submissions to cater for both smokers and non-smokers within our club."

Mr Crieghton said the smoking and non-smoking sections would not be separated using physical barriers.

"Smokers will not feel ostracised. We are simply catering for both smokers and non-smokers," Mr Crieghton said.

"We welcome any input and feedback from members and guests regarding the new area."

"The club sees it as a step forward," said Mr Crieghton.

Amanda Jackson, June 1



A view of the arcade from the northern end looking towards the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club

Ettalong Arcade and surrounds features a variety of retailers that often work together to promote their area.

Located on Memorial Ave opposite the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, they feature a number of food outlets and a book shop aimed at helping visitors and local residents alike relax.

Seen as a central business district for one of the main holiday destinations on the Coast for many years, the arcade area acts as a hub for the shopping precinct and links it to the Memorial Club.

A recent hit with the locals has been the new patisserie whose French chef has introduced a range of food not available elsewhere on the Peninsula.

Not as recent but relatively new, is the Ice Cream Parlour where once again a new range of items has been introduced to the Peninsula.

Both of these organisations

are in friendly competition with the popular and well established, Def's Let Do Lunch, to where many people make a special trip just for a special gourmet sandwich.

Also new to the arcade is the new manager of the book exchange who has such a love of books that she can't understand why anybody would want to do anything else but read, almost anything anyway.

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News

Wires to hold gala

The wildlife rescue service Wires Central Coast will hold a fund-raising gala concert on June 24 at the Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club.

Around a fifth of Wires' rescues occur in the Peninsula area and currently seven volunteer rescuers live on the Peninsula.

The service is dependent on public donations and fundraising to finance the feeding and care of injured animals.

The gala day will feature a band claiming to be "Australia's only all-female brass band", The Belles of Brass.

The band has representatives of more than 10 NSW bands and numbers around 30 women and

girls with the aim of supporting charities and groups such as Wires Central Coast.

The band is self-funded, donating time and resources.

Tickets are \$15 adult and \$10 concession and pensioners with afternoon tea included.

Bookings can be made through the Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club on 4332 339 or Pam Strykowski from Wires on 4360 2897.

The service's work includes monitoring threatened species in this area include koalas, the yellow-bellied glider, quoll, bush stone curlew, superb fruit dove and the regent honeyeater.

Newsletter, June 5



Gnostic Mana in Woy Woy, formerly Crafts cafe

Food for thought cafe and internet opens

Gnostic Forest principal Mary Holstein has joined with two partners to reopen Crafts Cafe as Gnostic Manager 'food for thought' cafe and Internet The cafe sets out to serve holistic food with atmosphere.

Mary Holstein said: "The internet is there to give people access to spiritual sites as well as sites such as Greenpeace and Amnesty International so that users will have access to information from around the world." Partner Anthony Rushby is responsible for the Internet operation having provided five personal computers with 42cm monitors and the latest telecommunications connection to provide high speed access and

downloads.

The other partner, Robyn Brown, is responsible for the day to day running of the cafe.

She said that her aim was to attract like-minded people to open a spiritual internet cafe.

She said that the opportunity presented itself through a set of unusual circumstances that has all the Partners believing that it was meant to be".

Robyn is also keen to attract the corporate world to the site to provide some where for them to wind down and relax.

Trading as Gnostic Mana, the official aim of the partners is to nourish patrons on both the physical and spiritual level".

Cec Buccello, June 8



The Woy Woy Peninsula Neighbourhood Service located in the old fire station next to Woy Woy Ubl8ry.

Only completely voluntary service' of its type in Australia

Woy Woy Peninsula Neighbourhood Service, located in the old fire station next to Woy Woy Library, is the only completely voluntary service of its type in Australia.

The service has more than 600 clients who are all Peninsula residents.

The services include private car transport, shopping for the housebound, haircuts, bus hire, low level home maintenance and a washing service.

It also provides a house cleaning service, a respite care bus run, a lawn mowing and light gardening service and a shopping bus run.

All of these services are provided for a small fee, which contributes to the operating costs of the service.

The service also supports

advocacy, advisory and referral services.

It enlists 76 volunteers who provide their services to the Peninsula on a varying basis.

Some volunteers such as Colleen Garland, who has contributed to the service for the past 10 years volunteer five days a week.

Other volunteers help the service anywhere from five days a week to half an hour a fortnight.

Ms Garland said every volunteer contributed significantly to the service whether they helped three days a week, once a fortnight or once month.

"Every little bit helps and we are always in need of more volunteers, especially bus drivers to drive one of our three buses," said Ms Garland.

Audrey Somner and Betty Johnson are volunteers who have

also contributed to the service for a long time.

Ms Somner has volunteered with the service for 14 years and Ms Johnson for 26 years, since it was established.

The service is jointly funded by the State and Federal Government which provide \$24,000 a year towards the service.

Ms Garland said the funds pay for the fuel needed to run the cars of the 16 drivers who volunteer and for the maintenance of the three buses and one car which is owned by the service.

The money also pays for the cleaning products, equipment and other products used by the service.

For details about the services or to volunteer, contact Woy Woy Peninsula Neighbourhood Service on 4341 8837.

Amanda Jackson, May 28

Everglades presidents attend ceremony

Everglades Bowling Club's president Kevin Phelps and immediate past president Stan Martin attended a commemorative ceremony held at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra on May 29.

National Remembrance Day commemorates the deaths of 1786 Australians in Sandakan and Ranau and the infamous death marches between these two sites.

Mr Phelps' father died at Ranau

on April 12, 1945.

Only six Australians managed to escape, one of which is still alive today.

His name is Owen Campbell and he lives in Queensland. Lt. Gen. Peter Cosgrove gave the commemorative address.

The National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association, which has a branch on the Peninsula, supports the continuation of the annual service.

The remembrance day will have its 60th anniversary in 2005, where

a monument will be erected.

A book written by Lynette Ramsay Silver, "Sandakan the Conspiracy", offers a comprehensive account of this part of our history.

Bruce McDonald, Everglades Man's Bowls, June CS

Request to Retain trees

Gosford Council has requested a report giving options to retain the maximum trees along Kahlbah Creek following a site inspection on May 22.

The council asked for detail on the ramifications of each option as well as a staged approach to the actual project.

Council decided to seek independent environmental and hydrology assessments, which would outline the impacts of this work.

Council agenda, June CS

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Hans still owns the property as well as others nearby but sold the business 24 years ago to his apprentice watchmaker, Stan Teasdel.

Both men continued to work in the business even after it was sold to the current proprietor, Jan McInnes, who has been the owner for 13 years.

"There have been many changes over the years," said Jan.

"Not only in the business but the community that we deal with as well.

"Where the majority of our clientele was predominantly aged pensioners and self funded retirees, we now see a much larger proportion of younger working women and many single women looking for a much larger variety of items." The demand for gift items other than traditional jewellery became so great that Mrs McInnes opened a gift shop across the road.

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Cec Bucello, June 8



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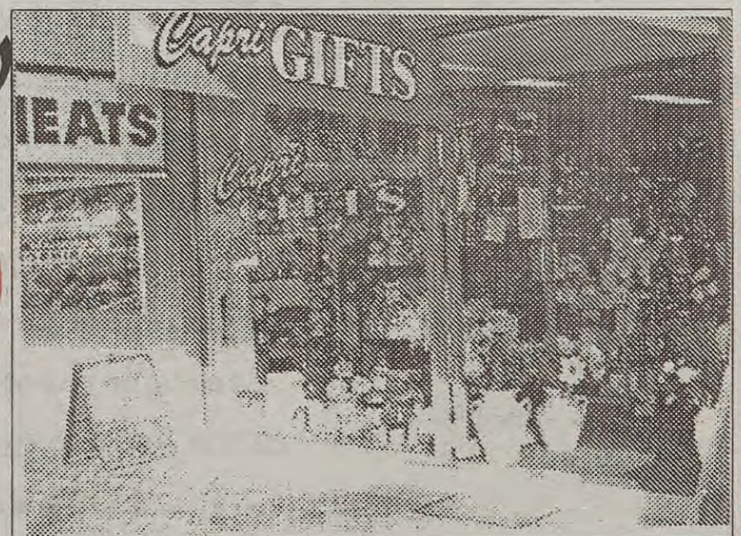
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Council Audit

Changes recommended

KPMG's management audit has recommended substantial changes to Gosford Council's organisation structure, its strategic planning, its financial management and its information technology strategy.

Other recommendations covered the committee structure, performance management, quality management, delegation and communication. Some community suggestions for service delivery were canvassed and formal councillor induction was proposed.

"Strategic change will be the outcome from the proposed recommendations to Council's management structure and systems," the auditors claimed.

"Change to the organisation's culture is required and should result from improvements to Council's leadership.

"Leadership sets direction and vision, ensures that the organisation has the right people, structures and systems in place to achieve the vision and provides succession planning." With organisation structure, KPMG recommended "increasing the executive's capacity for strategic leadership through an increase in the number of functional units" or directorates, from three to seven.

The heads of each unit would have a clearer focus on the function of their unit.

At the same time, the number of management layers and overall number of managers would be

reduced.

A detailed review of each functional unit would "ensure that all activities in the unit align with the functional role of the unit and that staffing is appropriate". With strategic planning, KPMG recommended a "more strategically focussed document reflecting vision-based planning" followed by a management plan that "links more effectively" to the council budgets.

A document and planning process similar to that of Wollongong or Sutherland was suggested.

It was recommended that councillors organise and attend half yearly sessions "off site" to develop and review the strategic plan.

With financial management, KPMG recommended the finance functional unit be headed by a qualified financial manager operating as a "business partner" with an emphasis on management reporting and control.

Changes to the three-stage budget process were also recommended.

KPMG recommended that the council's information technology strategy be reviewed.

"The current IT strategy is no longer adequate to guide council over the next three years." Additional resources were needed in the council's information

management and technology unit and its position within the organisation raised "to allow it to assume a more strategic focus".

Management structure audit, May 15

Management auditors emphasis improvement

Gosford Council's management auditors KPMG have placed emphasis on the fact that they were not assessing how well the council performed but ways in which its services could be improved.

They also praised the council for having the courage to ask the question: "How can we improve?" "Critical self-analysis is not an easy task for any individual or organisation to undertake," the auditors said.

"It shows maturity to acknowledge that there may be a better way to operate and it demonstrates strength to move forward.

"Gosford City Council has now signalled to its community that it is ready to take the plunge." The

audit report stated: "Council does many things well.

"Generally, the average resident is satisfied with the level of service Council is providing.

"In particular, staff are regarded as the organisation's key asset especially Council's front line staff in the libraries, in parks and gardens, on the beaches, at the counters or in community facilities.

"The community have signalled already to Council that they are largely satisfied with the service provided by Council.

"This is demonstrated by the results of the annual survey carried out by Council.

"It is important to realise that the focus of this report is on how to improve the services to the Gosford Council community," the auditors said.

"The review was instigated

by Gosford Council to explore opportunities to improve customer focus and to enable services to be more responsive and better geared to satisfying community needs.

"It had the full co-operation of Council's general manager, in particular, as well as councillors and directors.

"The manager organisation development and Council's OPT facilitators provided enormous support and assistance.

"Consultation with the community, staff and with other councils was the major means of gaining an appreciation of Council's performance.

"Staff and the community were keen and enthusiastic to participate in the process and to provide critical and constructive comment."

Management structure audit, May 15

Audit proposes new management structure

Gosford Council will get a new management structure with seven "functional units" and a total of 34 senior management positions; The seven units are corporate development, environmental planning, community services, development and health, engineering operations, water and sewerage, and finance and

corporate services.

The units would each have a director or "head" and between three and five other management positions each.

KPMG spelt out the purpose of each unit and the management positions in each.

The corporate development unit would be "working with the community to shape the long-term direction of Council while involving staff in continuously improving the organisation's management practices.

Four management positions would be available: strategic planning, corporate relations, organisation development and internal auditor.

The environmental planning unit would "provide planning frameworks and policies that protect and enhance the natural, physical and social environments of Gosford City, balancing the needs of the community with the principles of sustainable development".

Four management positions would cover environmental policy and promotion, environmental planning, environmental protection and natural resources.

The community services unit would "provide services and facilities which meet the social, cultural and recreational needs of the community and contribute to enhancing the community's quality of life".

With five positions, the unit would have the greatest number of managers.

Their responsibilities would be library services, performing and visual arts, community services, recreation services and customer services.

The purpose of the development and health unit would be to "ensure that the City's development conforms to established standards and occurs within a sustained planning framework and that Gosford continues to maintain a

high standard of public health".

Three managers would be responsible for health, for planning and development and for the development assessment unit.

The engineering operations unit would "ensure well constructed, maintained and functional roads, drains, public buildings and associated engineering structures".

Three managers would be assigned, one each to maintenance, construction operations and "asset maintenance advisory".

Mechanical workshops and design services would come within this unit, but without management positions.

The water and sewerage unit would "provide the community with high quality water and sewerage services which reflect recognised standards and are delivered in an environmentally sustainable manner".

Three management positions would cover asset provision, regulatory services and plant.

A finance strategy reporting function would also be provided in this unit.

The plant section would be divided into sewerage treatment, water and sewerage, electrical and mechanical, and bulk water.

The role of the financial and corporate services unit would be to "support the effective and efficient management of Council in the delivery of services to the community by providing systems, processes management services and information to enable sound financial decision making and to promote accountability".

Management positions would be provided for finance, fleet stores and supply, and information management and technology.

Legal, contract management, property, the grants officer and the secretariat would also come within this unit.

Council document, May 15

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Council Audit

Management audit 'reflects community view'

Cr Lynne Bockholt has welcomed the KPMG management audit of Gosford Council, saying it accurately reflected the views of the general community.

"There are no surprises in the recommendations for me," she said.

"I hear exactly the same thing from residents everyday of the week and I congratulate councillors for doing something about it.

"I believe the ratepayers expect nothing less than the recommendations be implemented in full as quickly as possible." Cr Bockholt said she had long.

wanted Council and its officers to become more focused on customer service and to give the very best service to the ratepayer rather than remaining inwardlooking and process-focused.

"I believe the management audit recommendations show the way to begin to achieve this goal.

"I believe the present structure is not working well.

"The three directors have too many areas of responsibility therefore they are unable to concentrate their attention on one area and do that very well.

"For instance, we have a terrific new director of works.

"He is responsive to customer needs and calls out to see ratepayers all the time, but his areas of responsibility are enormous.

"He has responsibility for all

engineering works in the city, including all roads, footpaths and associated drainage.

"He is in charge of Council's water and sewerage which is a big job on its own and on top of this he has full responsibility for maintenance of all Council reserves, beaches and parks.

"It is just not possible for him to offer excellent service to the ratepayer under these conditions.

"Therefore I believe that the audit recommendation that this department be broken into three, each with its own head, is a better solution.

"I believe the same applies to the other two directorates - the directorate of finance, admini.

stration and community services and the directorate of development and environment.

"Each director has far too much on his plate and this needs to be reduced to allow greater concentration to each sector.

"I believe that smaller units of responsibility make for greater accountability.

"At present councillors are aware that directors are so overburdened with too many areas of responsibility that, when things go wrong, not much happens.

"This has allowed some higher up in the organisation to continue unacceptable behaviour and attitudes which alienate the staff and the community.

"The report recommends that the number of managerial positions be

significantly reduced and, this can be achieved if the number of directorates is increased.

"With seven unit heads each concentrating on a small area, excellence can be achieved without the need for many of the management positions which currently exist.

"This will allow all members of staff, no matter how lowly they believe their position to be to make decisions on the spot without having to refer constantly to managers, some of whom frankly, have acted as blockages in the system.

"Every staff member was given the opportunity to talk to KPMG and approximately 300 staff members took this opportunity.

"I am very grateful to those staff members who took the time to participate and I want to repay their faith in the Council by ensuring that the recommendations flowing from their involvement are implemented in full.

"KPMG also conducted indepth interviews with many members of the local community as well as undertaking random face to face and phone interviews and surveys to gauge the community's attitude to Council.

"Each councillor, each director and senior managers also had the opportunity to talk to the auditors about Council.

"There were public meetings held so that everyone had the opportunity to put their point of view."

Lynne Bockholt, June 6

Audit welcomed

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales has welcomed Gosford Council's Management Structure Audit produced by consultants KPMG.

He welcomed findings that the organisation needed to be more pro-active rather than reactionary.

"On issues such as commercial development, the council spends a great amount of time just trying to keep up with the pace of development without taking a long term Strategic view of the needs of our business centres." Mr Wales said that this would require a cultural change in the way that the council thought and did business.

"It will be pointless if council merely shuffles a few departments around unless it makes serious attempts to encourage a change in attitude of the management in control of those departments.

"The challenge for council is to put in place the right set of conditions to allow its management to take a longer term view of the city's needs.

"It must have a vision that is beyond just a few words at the beginning of promotional material.

"The comments that have been received by the consultants employed by council during the public consultation process clearly indicate that the general

population expect a lot more from the organisation than is currently being delivered.

"The Chamber of Commerce met with the consultants KPMG on several occasions during the public consultation process to express its concerns regarding the current culture within the organisation," Mr Wales said.

"The business and development community are one of the council's most important customers and therefore demand a high level of service from the organisation.

"Unfortunately, the level of service and the difficulties in gaining information and development approvals has fallen well short of what is needed to expedite sustainable growth in our business community," he said.

"Gosford Council has hundreds of highly qualified and dedicated staff.

"On the whole, they do an excellent job under very difficult circumstances.

"It is a real challenge to keep a population of 165,000 people happy all at once.

"The unfortunate reality is that Gosford Council has grown from a small regional council to a large city organisation and the management structures have struggled to keep up," he said.

Media release, June 6

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Health and Welfare

Hospital accredited

Federal Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, presented the Brisbane Water Private Hospital with a certificate of accreditation on May 18.

The accreditation covers the next four years and was also presented by Brian Johnson from

the accrediting authority, ACHS Mr Lloyd said the hospital benefited the area by providing a high quality of care and services not available elsewhere.

As a private hospital, it also took pressure off the public hospital system, he said.

Cec Bucello, June 5

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Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews with the team of staff at Radford's Pharmacy at Umina

Pharmacy accredited for care

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has presented Mr Ian Radford of Radford's Pharmacy at Umina with a Pharmacy Guild of Australia's "Quality Care" accreditation certificate on May 17.

"This accreditation is a major achievement by Radford's Pharmacy and all credit is due to Mr Radford and his dedicated staff," said Ms Andrews.

"The program is a Guild initiative, which demonstrates that the public is receiving the best possible quality of pharmacy services and health care advice.

"It also demonstrates the public

benefit of the current pharmacy ownership arrangements at a time when legislation governing community pharmacy is being reviewed," she said.

Radford's Pharmacy have their own registered nurse who specialises in home health care, home visits to measure and fit surgical stockings and demonstrating the use of health care equipment.

They also have three registered pharmacists for advice, qualified cosmetic consultants, photo lab operators, a large natural health care section and three qualified beauty therapists and beauty

rooms.

Speaking at a morning tea hosted by Mr Radford, Marie Andrews said: "It is very reassuring to me as the Local Member to know that we have Radford's Amcal Pharmacy within our community offering such a high standard of service.

"I wish to congratulate Mr Radford and his staff on receiving this accreditation."

Ms Andrews followed the presentation by having morning tea with local residents.

Media release, May 17

Resident helps secure cardiac services

A Peninsula resident has been instrumental in helping secure cardiac services at Gosford Hospital, according to Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews.

Minister for Health, Mr Craig Knowles, has announced that for the first time Gosford Hospital will be providing major cardiac services, she said.

"Some time ago, a Woy Woy

Peninsula resident, who has been travelling to the Royal North Shore for treatment of a heart condition, enlisted my support in requesting a similar service be provided at Gosford Hospital," said Ms Andrews.

"The appropriate representations were made to the Minister for Health.

"I was very pleased to be later informed that plans for the redevelopment of Gosford Hospital will include the provision of a cardiac catheterisation unit," Ms Andrews said.

The new service would save many local residents from travelling long distances to either Sydney or Newcastle to receive essential treatment, she said.

Other services to be made available at Gosford Hospital include magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and bone marrow transplants.

Major networked services, including neurosurgery, stroke and gynaecological oncology will also be operating out of Gosford Hospital under the new health plan, the Minister announced in State Parliament last Tuesday, June 5.

Media release, June 6

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Leagues club raises \$3000

Woy Woy Leagues Club staff, members and guests raised \$3035.55 in the Leukaemia Foundation's "World's Greatest Shave for a Cure".

Mick Curtain got the ball rolling by saying that he would have his beard and head shaved if the club organised the event.

Narelle Commons contacted the Leukaemia Foundation and organised the hair dressers from Cactus Hair Design in Ettalong.

Fishing club secretary Amanda Hucker raised \$800 by giving up

her locks while her daughter Kasy raised \$121 through her school

Samanther Curtain also raised her sponsorship of \$145 at her school.

Other amounts raised were \$170 by Ladies Auxiliary president Wendy Sharman, \$318 by Denis Lowry; \$280 by Chris Lowry; \$128 by Chris Hall; \$150 by Mick Curtain; \$50 by Tony Stoker; and, \$300 by Alan Smith.

An additional \$573.55 was raised on the night.

Cec Bucello, June 1



(L to R) Wendy Sharman and Amanda Hucker being shaved by Angela and Keiran Ball from cactus Hair Design

Opened for business

Financial planner Sandra Heavey has opened for business at the corner of Blackwall Rd and Victoria St, Woy Woy.

She said financial planning was an umbrella term that encompassed many different disciplines including investment, insurance, superannuation, retirement planning, taxation and the use of legal structures to meet the requirements of individuals.

"Financial planning is highly regulated and, to remain in practice, planners need to keep up their knowledge and undertake continual training," she said.

Sandra has lived on the Peninsula for 22 years but her business, until now, has been located at East Gosford.

She said that she looked at relocating to Erina or Gosford but eventually decided on Woy Woy.

Cec Bucello, June

Printer opens in Woy Woy

After the demise of Woy Woy Printers in Mutu St, Woy Woy late last year, The Entrance Printing Co from Long Jetty has stepped in to fill the gap.

Trading as Woy Woy Printing and Copy Services, proprietor Peter Moss said: "We have expanded to provide a service to the people of the Peninsula and fill a gap left last year when the former Woy Woy printer ceased trading."

They have taken over two offices on the corner of Blackwall Rd and Victoria St, (on St John's corner), one of which was previously occupied by Peninsula News.

They do any type of general printing, not necessarily all on site and employ local staff.

Cec Bucello, June 8

Hospital sponsors veteran

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital has decided to sponsor one of its Veteran patients to Gallipoli each year for the Anzac Day service.

The idea came from hospital chief executive Mr Graham McGuinness, a Vietnam Veteran, following his son's attendance at this year's Gallipoli dawn service.

"Jason was surprised with a miniature set of my campaign medals from his mother and, when he rang me from Gallipoli on Anzac Day, he was quite overwhelmed by the emotional experience," Mr

McGuinness said.

He said the hospital's board "readily agreed" with his sponsorship proposal.

All Veterans admitted to the hospital each year will be entered into a draw, with the winner receiving two return airfares to Gallipoli plus accommodation.

"Attending the Gallipoli dawn service is something I plan to do within the next few years and the hospital is delighted that it can provide this wonderful opportunity to a member of our Veteran community," he said.

Press release, June 6

Koori awards

Peninsula residents may nominate Aboriginal people for the Central Coast Koori Community Awards.

Nominations close on June 22.

Presentations will be made during NAIDOC Week which is being celebrated this year from July 8-15.

Awards will be made in the categories of community services and humanities, as well as for achievements in work, in art and culture, and in sport.

Local nominations resulted in several members of the Peninsula aboriginal community receiving awards last year.

Contact Shirley Hotchkiss at Gosford Council on 4325 8904 for information and nomination forms.

Press release, May 30



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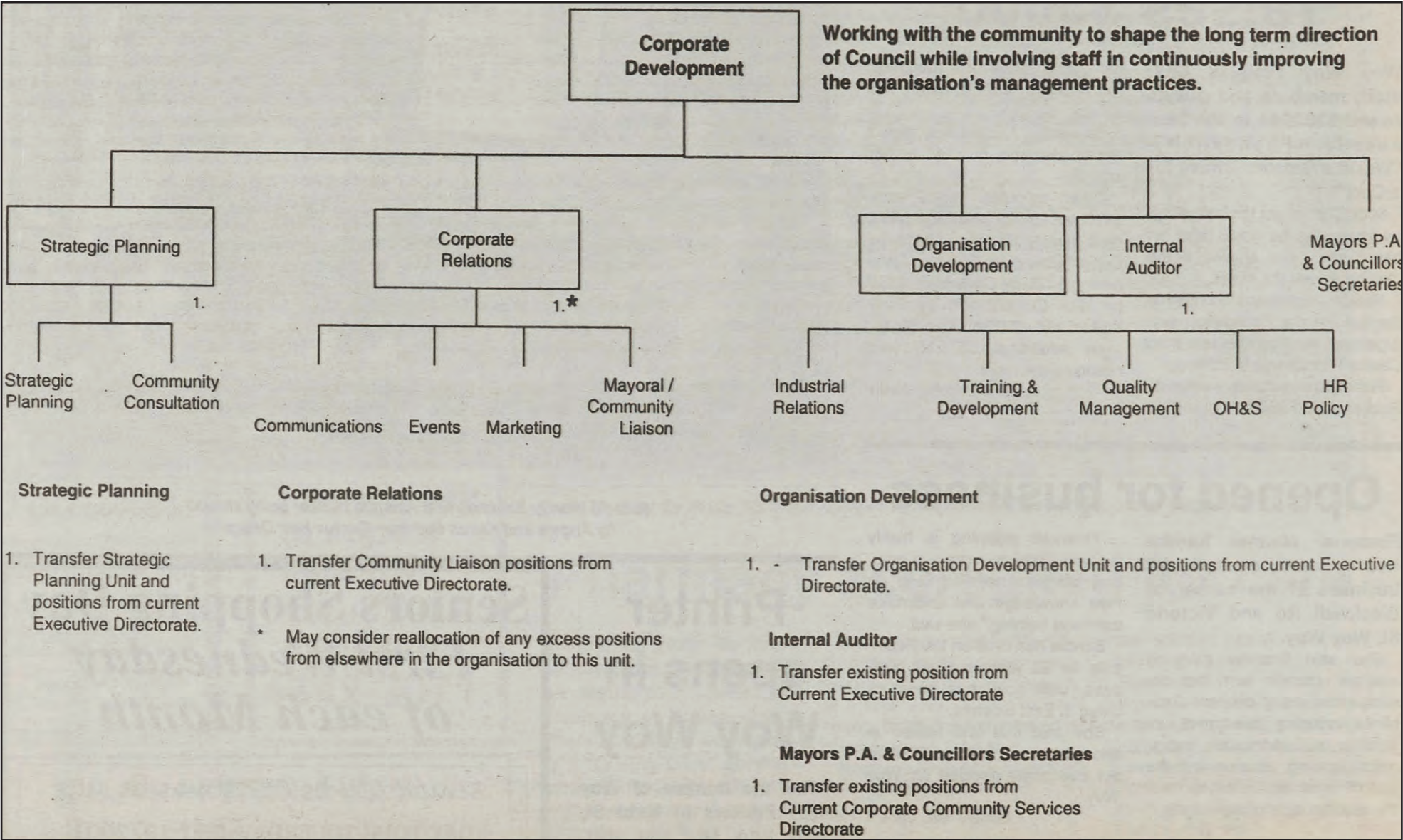
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New council management structure



An example of the proposed structure of one of Gosford Council's new 'Functional Units' - is this case Corporate Development

Staff and community share perceptions

Many council staff shared common perceptions with the community about the way council's services might be improved, according to Gosford Council's management structure audit.

Consultants KPMG based their recommendations substantially on consultations with council staff and the community.

The consultants said staff and the community identified opportunities for improvement starting with Councils culture.

or the way things were done.

"The organisation needs to become more customer oriented and to manage customer relationships better," the auditors said in the executive summary of their report.

"Council needs to provide stronger leadership to give a greater sense of direction for the longer ten and to clearly articulate what it wishes to achieve and how this will be done.

"It needs to effectively involve the community in shaping future directions and should generally communicate more with its community about the services it delivers.

"Council needs to ensure that it has the structures.

the management and the staff in place to enable it to be customer responsive, to operate

effectively with a greater focus on accountability team work.

co-operation and resource sharing across the organisation .

"The organisation structure needs to be arranged to reflect community priorities.

particularly in the areas of the environment and community development.

"The organisation needs to ensure it is adequately resource at the customer interface rather than process level.

"Management systems like finance.

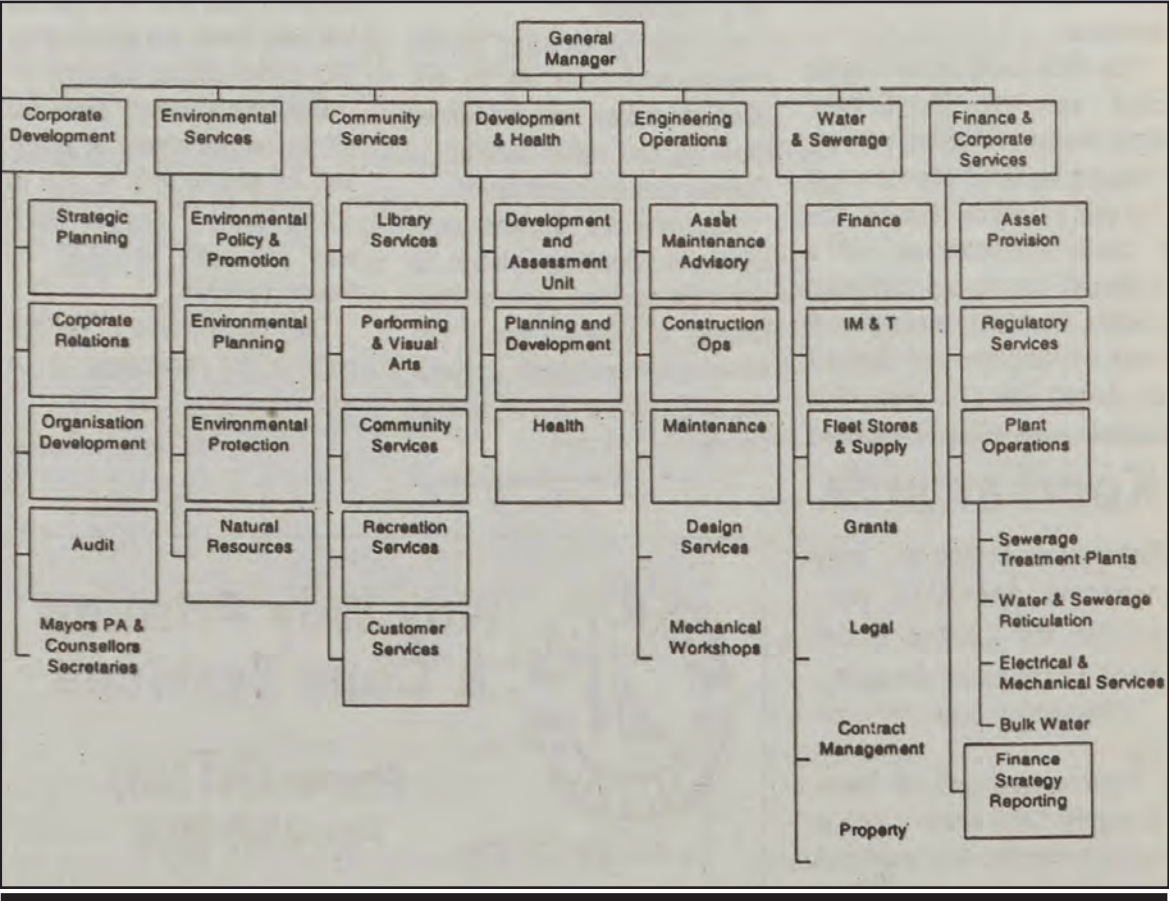
information technology and management of assets need to assist Council in effectively and efficiently delivering services to the community by providing accurate and timely information for decision making.

"Council should continue to apply quality management principles within an overall customer service framework to ensure that improvements to systems become accepted work practice across the organisation .

"We are confident that the improvements suggested in this report will assist Council in building a culture that is responsive to customers and inclusive of the community to better serve the people of Gosford the auditors said.

Management structure audit, May 15

Below is an overview of councils proposed structure for management and senior positions. The titles included in the boxes are the potential management positions, those not in boxes are other senior positions.



Strategy plan to be printed

Gosford Council has resolved to print 500 copies of its 2001-2006 Strategic Plan, at a cost of \$2800.

A mini plan. providing highlights

of the strategic plan, would also be produced in time to be distributed with the rates notices in July. costing \$3000.

Council further resolved to

have 250 copies of a -roller-plan" produced by the Land and Property Information NSW as double-sided poster size at a cost of \$4150.

Council agenda, June 5

Kids Camelot Advertising Feature

Castle a dream come true

Kids Camelot in Woy Woy is the culmination of a long time dream of brothers Craig and Wayne Sneddon.

With the help of their wives, Sharon and Coral, they have

turned a disused squash court in Trafalgar Av into a castle that can accommodate large numbers of children.

"I've always wanted a castle for children to play in but we couldn't

find a building big enough and it was too expensive to start from scratch, said Craig.

It took the family nine months to totally renovate the squash courts.

They had to knock down most of the internal walls and replace the floors, maintaining the two levels internally.

The castle has its own dungeon that forms one of the three themed party rooms.

The other two rooms are a fantasy fairy and a Camelot room.

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Plans are also in place for an outdoor BBQ area to further enhance the play centre,

Cec Bucello, June 8



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What's on in and around the Peninsula

Compiled by David Howe

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

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

Contact details and deadline date are shown on page two.

DAILY EVENTS

Visitor Information Centre, Watersedge Gifts and Souvenirs, 18-22 The Boulevard, 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 even1, 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. 1 O am, (in school terms), \$1.50 incl. Morning tea. Creche Enq 4323 2493 Grocery Grab Game Show, Ettalong Memorial Club, 1.30pm, Enq: 43411166

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 Dj, Woy Woy Leagues Club

Men's 18 hole golf event; Men's triples bowls 1pm; 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 Blackwall Rd Woy Woy. Addiction, dependency & crisis help. Enq: 4368 357.

Fairhaven Services Cash Housie 7 .30pm Umlna 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.

Mahjong 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;Fitness 1pm Enq: 4341 3222.

Boxing/fitness training, 3.45pm U14, 5.30pm-14yrs+,Taebox 6.45pm 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

Boxing/fitness 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, Etta long 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, 1pm, School for Seniors, Peninsula Community Centre. Enq: 4341 9333, Judo, Seniors/Women, 6.30pm \$3 Enq: 4342 4121

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Social Bingo Progress Han, 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 Evening, Woy Woy. Enq: 4341 8734

Men's 18 hole golf event; Men's triples bowls, 1 pm. 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;Fitness 1pm 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, 3.45pmU14, 5.30pm-14yrs+, PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851

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

EVERY THURSDAY

Scrabble Progress Han, 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, Peart Beach Progress hall, 9.30am Enq: 4341 1243

Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming 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

Australians, 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: Circuit Boxing 6.45pm PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851 Game Show, 10.30am, Ettalong memorial Club, Enq: 4341 1166

EVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday June 12

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) Peart Beach Craft Group, 1.30pm, Progress Hall (2nd Tues). Enq: 4342 1459

Troubadour Folk Club-Singer/ Guitarist Night Enq:4341 4060

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

Wednesday June 13

Endeavour, View Club 13th B'Day Luncheon Woy Woy Leagues Club (2nd Wed)Enq: 4344 4163

Peninsula Women's Health Centre Intro to Yoga Enq:4342 5905

Library BookmobHe, Patonga Community Hall 9.45 am; Pearl Beach Community Hall 10.55am; Umina Nursing Home, Arras Ave. 11 .40 am.

Thursday June 14

Peninsula Womens Health Centre - 'Holistic Pulsing' 10-12 noon Enq:4342 5905

Troubadour Folk Club performance at 304 on West restauran17.30pm Enq: 4341 4060

Friday June 15

Ballroom Supper dances, 7.30pm, Ettalong, all ages. Professional teachers

available. (3rd Fri) Enq: 4344 5432 Free movie, 8pm (3rd Fri), Everglades Country Club.

'Explosive Hits' Umlna Beach Bowling Club-Free

Saturday June 16

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School 'Car Boot Sale' 9am-12noon Enq: 4341 0884

Troubadour Folk Club BBQ & Music night Enq: 4341 4060

Sunday June 17

'Hymns that Live' Ettalong Baptist Church 2.30pm Enq: 4332 8965

Rugby League Premiership Round Woy Woy Vs Wyong

Ettymalong Bushcare Umina

Enq:4342 2251

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

Monday June 18

NSW Transport Auth. Retired & Former Employees Assoc, Brisbane Water Branch, Ettalong Bowllng Club, 2.30 pm (3rd Mon) Enq: 4344 4817

Tuesday June 19

Library Bookmobile, Killcare Heights

cnr Scenic Rd & Beach Dr. 10.35 am.

Wagstaff Community Han 11 .00am. Arthritis Foundation, Woy Woy Branch 10am (3rd Tues), Meals On Wheels HaH, Enq: 4342 1790.

Wednesday June 20

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 Hall, Woy Woy Bay Rd. 7.30pm (3rd Wed) Enq: 4341 1070 Careers Night for girls PCYC Enq:4344 7851

Thursday June 21

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

Library BookmobUe, Daleys Point, Pendon ViUage, 10.15am; Empire Bay Post Office, 11am; Bensville local shop, 11.30am

Friday June 22

'Rebel Rousers'- Umina Beach Bowling Club- Free

U18yrs Dance Party PCYC 7-10pm Enq: 4344 7851

Saturday June 23

Endeavour View Club Knit & Natter Enq: 4344 4163

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

Troubadour Folk Club -Bush Dance 8pm Enq:4341 4060

Sunday June 24

Ettymalong Creek Landcare group (4th Sun) for bush regeneration. 8am

Masonic Lodge, Woy Woy 381 Umina Community Hall, 11 am (4th Sun) Dancing-Old Time/New Vogue, 1 pm, (4th Sun) Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre. Enq: 4341 3222.

Monday June 25

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

Labor Party Peninsula Day Branch, 1 pm, (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 June 26

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters 7.30pm (4th Tues). Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club. Enq: 4341 6842.

Wednesday June 27

CC Cancer & Palliative Care Meeting (4th Wed) 1.30pm Enq:4341 6309

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

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

Thursday June 28

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

Peninsula Women's Health Centre' Sacred Dance' Enq:4342 5905

Friday June 29

Karaoke - Umina Beach Bowtlng Club-Free

Woy Woy Civilian Widows 1 pm Ettalong Senior Citizens Club (last Fri)

Saturday June 30

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

Sunday July 1

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

Tuesday July 3

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

Wednesday July 4

Seniors' shopping day, Deepwater Plaza (1st Wed). Woy Woy Community Aged Care Auxiliary meeting (1st Wed) Enq: 4341 4206

Thursday July 5

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

Library Bookmobile, Daleys Poin1, Peridon Village, 10.15am; Empire Bay Post Office, 11 am; Bensville local shop, 11.30am.

Friday July 6

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 July 7

Woy Woy Peninsula Dunecare Group (1st Sat) 9am Enq: 4342 7849

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

Enq 4342 1216

Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Markets, Ettalong 9am (1st Sat)

Sunday July 8

Masonic Lodge, Woy Woy 381 Umina Community Haff, 11 am (2nd Sun).

Hardys Bay Branch Labor Party, 1 Oam (2nd Sun) Empire Bay Progress Assoc. Hall.

Monday July 9

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

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

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

Friday July 13

Woy Woy/Ettalong/Hardys Bay RSL Sub Branch meeting 2.30pm at Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club (2nd Fri) New & Old members welcome Troubadour Folk Club (2nd Fri) CWA Hall, opposite Fisherman's Wharf, Woy Woy Carri Myriad Enq 4341 4060

Saturday July 14

Umina Garden Society 1.30pm (2nd Sat), Community Han, Sydney St, Umina. \$2 inct afternoon tea.

Enq: 4341 8842

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

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

Tuesday July 17

Library Bookmobile, Killcare Heights cnr Scenic Rd & Beach Dr. 10.35 am.

Wagstaff Community Hall 11.00am.

Thursday July 19

Library Bookmobile, Daleys Point, Peridon Village, 10.15am; Empire Bay Post Office, 11am; BensviHe local shop, 11 .30am.

Watercolour workshop

Local artist and art teacher, Catherine Turner, is scheduled to conduct a watercolour workshop at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre on Saturday, June 23, from 9.30am to 3pm.

The workshop will focus on watercolour techniques and will range from discussions and texture painting exercises to landscape painting.

The cost of the workshop is \$50 for non-members and \$40 for

members.

Catherine has been painting for over 20 years and teaching watercolour for 10 years.

She describes her techniques and her work as having a non-traditional and creative approach.

Catherine recently had one of her paintings presented to the Prince and Princess of Belgium at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.

For further information, contact Robina Mealey on 4341 3427.

Media release, May 28

PCYC holds fashion parade

The Umina PCYC hosted a fashion parade on May 18 as a culmination of a six-week program to promote positive self-image to the girls involved.

PCYC manager Mr Tony Johnson said the main organiser and driving force behind the program was Umina resident Lyn Whyte.

"It was her idea to do something along these lines," said Mr Johnson.

"We both sat down and put together a full workshop program, the fashion parade being the combination of these workshops," he said.

The six-week program involved

workshops on hair, make-up and beauty tips, diet and nutrition, movement, modelling and catwalk skins.

"The workshops promoted a focus on a positive self-image," said Mr Johnson.

"Professional business people who live on the Peninsula and surrounding areas donated their time to go along to the workshops to make sure the girls got some positive values."

The girls paraded clothes supplied by local businesses, each changing clothes up to six times during the event.

The program involved 25 girls, both behind the scenes and on stage.

Alison Hooper, a model in the

parade, said she really enjoyed the workshops.

"People showed us how to look after our skin and walk properly, U she said.

"Then we started walking up and down the cat walk.

Another PCYC regular, Krystal Mcleod, went along to the workshops and worked behind the scenes on the night.

"The program has been really good," said Krystal.

Both girls said they enjoyed going to the PCYC and even worked there sometimes as volunteers to help out.

"It's a good place for us to come and hang out," said Alison.

Amanda Jackson, June 7

Creative writing at Ettalong

Creative writing classes will be conducted by Des Theodore at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre each Tuesday during term from 1.30 to 3.30pm.

Des Theodore has experience as a full-time writer of advertising material, including sales material, training material, brochures and commercials as well as travel books, "how-to" manuals and cookbooks.

Now retired on the Central Coast, he has also written a number of novels and short stories.

His poems have been published in literary magazines.

The course conducted at the Ettalong Arts and Crafts Centre is designed to assist anybody with

a yen to write, whether it be short stories, a novel, family history, newsletter, children's stories, poetry or any other type of writing.

Each session covers a major aspect of successful writing beginning with "Where Do You Get Your Ideas", then progressing to provide tips on developing believable characters, plot development, story openings and endings, motivation, style, effective use of dialogue and the value of well-established conflict.

Some time is spent on the topic of how to get published, as well as with a "brush-up" on grammar and the use of similes and metaphors.

Students complete exercises during many of the sessions and homework is set each week.

Kirsten wins model quest heat

Nine-year-old Kirsten-Brooke Beverley, from Ettalong, has won the 7-9 years age group in the Central Coast's heat of Model Quest 2001.

Model Quest is an annual event organised by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children to raise money for deaf, blind and multi-handicapped children.

The catwalk competition was open to aspiring models in five age groups: 3-6 years, 7-9 years, 10-12 years, 13-15 years and 16 years and over.

Entrants in the heat held at the Central Coast leagues Club were judged on deportment, catwalk technique, presentation and style.

Appropriateness of dress for age was also considered.

The Model Quest provided the young models with the opportunity to experience modelling in front of an audience, with music, lights, a compere and the bustle and excitement of backstage.

Thirty eight heats of the Model Quest will be held throughout NSW and the ACT until September giving

city, regional and country children the opportunity to participate.

At the grand final, a winner and runner-up will be selected in each age group.

Entrants are currently being accepted for Model Quest heats around NSW.

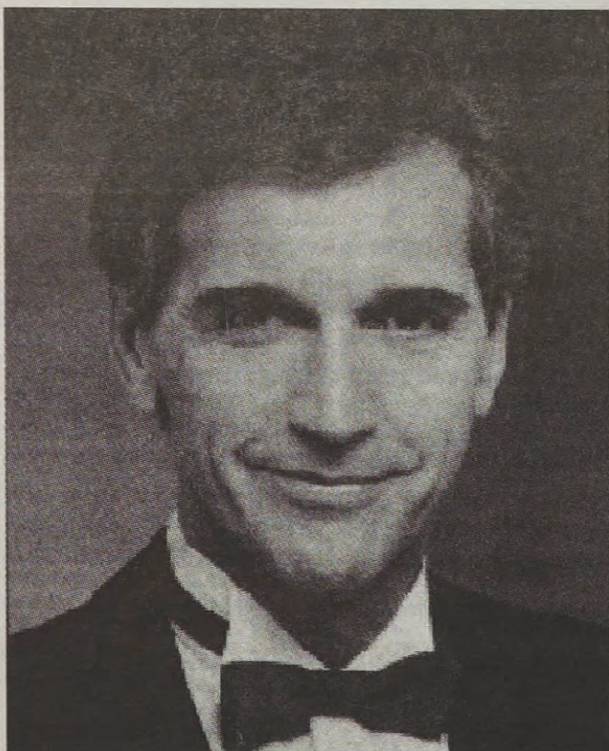
Model Quest will be held in North Sydney, Newcastle and Castle Hill during the coming months.

For entry forms, telephone 9872 0351 or download forms from the website www.ridbc.org.au.

Media release, June 1

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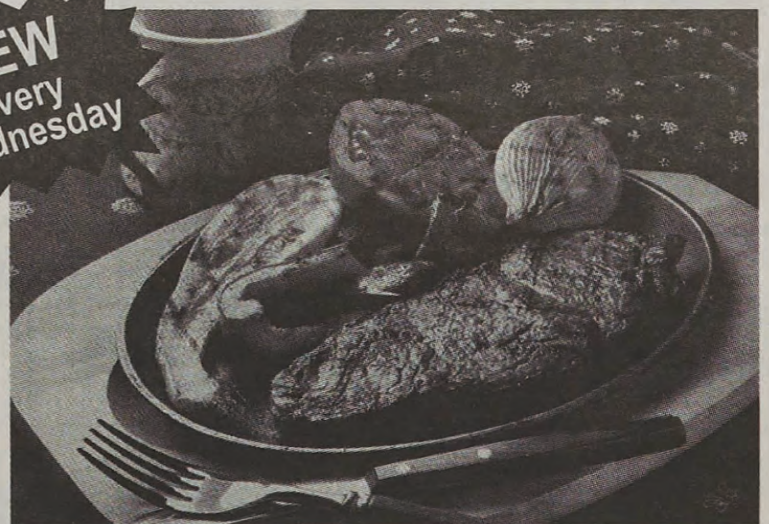
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History

Peninsula residents make a quick run to

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

This month Amanda selected events that took place on the Peninsula during June in the first year of every decade, as recorded by local newspapers over the century.

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 Gosford local government area.

More information is available at Gosford Council's website: www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/special/local.html

said there was always some element of danger associated with 'surf-bathing'.

The association asked council therefore to provide lifesaving appliances at suitable intervals on the mile-long beach.

June 4, 1931 - Gosford Times

The Woy Woy Shire Council adopted a proposal by its works committee to replace three piles at the bridge at South Woy Woy on the Mountain Rd and to erect protective railing at an estimated total cost of 19 pounds.

It was reported that two residents of Woy Woy made a quick run by car to Sydney, probably a record, to attend the funeral of their daughter and sister.

They left Woy Woy and arrived at Woronora cemetery on the southern side of the Georges River in two hours and 10 minutes.

At times their speed reached a rate of between 60 and 70 miles per hour.

June 11, 1941 - Gosford Times

The Woy Woy Scouts held a social evening in their clubhouse called a 'pound night'.

The boys entertained their guests with their antics and entertainment.

The most favoured was the boys' display of "blind boxing".

June 1, 1951 - Gosford Times

In the Central Coast Rugby Leagues table, Woy Woy was



Hadleys Woy Woy Hotel before the Versndahlbancany was constructed

ranked at fifth place in A grade and third place in both Band C grade.

Other teams included Ourimbah, Gosford, The Entrance, Wyong and Erina, on a five to three vote, Gosford Shire Council adopted a recommendation by its town planning committee to proceed with a scheme submitted by J P Tate and Associates for the planning of the whole of the council's area.

The committee considered a letter from the Under-Secretary for the Local Government.

"The council is reminded that in any case it is already under statutory obligation to prepare a town planning scheme in respect of so much of its area as comprises the former shire of Woy Woy and

that time allowed for preparation of the scheme is long overdue."

June 6, 1961 - Gosford Times

Thieves broke into the Everglades Bowling Club.

They removed all poker machines from the building.

They rifled them in the yard and then attempted to blow open the safe with gelignite.

They also stole a quantity of liquor, mainly scotch whisky, and some tobacco.

After stealing these, they ransacked the secretary's office and the clubhouse itself, leaving both strewn with papers, documents and furnishings.

Ettalong Rate Payers and Citizens Progress Association drew council's attention to the "filthy condition" of toilets at Ettalong Beach.

Council advised that water and sewerage had not been provided and the expenditure involved was not considered warranted bearing in mind that new buildings were being considered for the location

June 2, 1971 - Woy Woy Herald

Council considered work required on converting the old EH Theatre, which council purchased from the Riley brothers for \$28,000 in 1969 to a community Hal/.

Council estimated it would cost \$30,000 on the renovations plus \$5000 for new seating and other contract extras.

A group of former Apexians met at the Everglades Country Club to for the Woy Woy OASIS (Old Apexians Steeped in Service).

The club was formed for former Apexians who had retired at the age of 40.

The club was started with 27 foundation members.

The members included Mr Ted Poulton of Woy Woy, Apex Club's first president and other past Apex presidents Keith Gear and Dick Burford.

The annual meeting of Woy Woy Legacy Widows Club attracted 150 members.

The Woy Woy Chamber of

commerce annual dinner dance at Everglades Country Club attracted 100 people.

June 3, 1981 - The Gosford Star

More than 200 drums containing toxic chemical residue were reported as lost on the Hawkesbury River following the sinking of a natural gas pipeline on the riverbed.

The NSW Health Commissioner warned people on the river against using the drums for any purpose.

Some 200 of the 1000 drums used during the sinking operation had previously contained Tolciene Diisocyanate (TOI).

The chemical was a respiratory toxin, which when inhaled could cause irritation, digestive upsets and irritation to the skin and eyes.

The chemical was reported to give off toxic fumes and become solid when mixed with water.

A full investigation was ordered into the drum recycling business.

Anyone who found a drum was urged to contact the Environmental Health sections of the Health Commission.

A Woy Woy Butchery came up with a novel method of clearing its left overs.

Murray, Kevin and George of Key Bay Butchery reported it was not unusual to have 70D-800 seagulls is a neighbouring empty land lot, waiting for their 7 am feed of the butchers left overs.

Their morning scavange attracted the attention of residents in the area and entertained large numbers of children in the school holidays.

June 11, 1991 - Gosford Star

At a public meeting held at Empire Bay on June 1, residents protested about council "notations" stating there were aboriginal relics on their allotments.

Mayor Alderman Pat Harrison said council was legally obliged to make the notation.

The relics included shells.

Local studies collection.
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WHAT LIES BENEATH

Friday June 29

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June 16 TRACEY ELLIS

June 23 SUSIE JAY

June 30 REG NORTON

EVERGLADES
COUNTRY CLUB

Information for Members and Their Guests
Dunban Road, Woy Woy, Phone 4341 1866

Sydney 'probably a record'



(Top Left) Riley Bros. Buses waiting outside Ettalong Theatre, to escort community residents home.

(Center Left) Hadleys Woy Woy Hotel following the extensions to add a balcony Verandah on the top level of the building.

(Bottom Left) A horse grazing in the Boulevard, Woy Woy

Iris leads walk through park

Iris Quanchie led 11 members of the Central Coast National Parks Association on a walk from the parking area outside the Woy Woy tip gates.

They entered the Brisbane Water National Park via a break in the fence for bushwalkers.

After two kilometres along a fire trail, a sign showed the track to Rocky Ponds to the right.

The fire trail became a track as it dropped down to Rocky Ponds where there were cascades and waterfalls and clear rocky ponds.

A narrow track beside Rocky Ponds led to the lunch spot on a ridge overlooking views of Oangar Island and the Hawkesbury River.

The walk, including return, involved about four hours walking and a distance of 16.7kms.

Shirley Drake, June



(L to R) Mel Fleming, Bill Macks, Iris Quanchie, Shirly Drake and Daphne Markus, embarking on their walk through the Brisbane Water National Park.

Woy Woy Bowling Club

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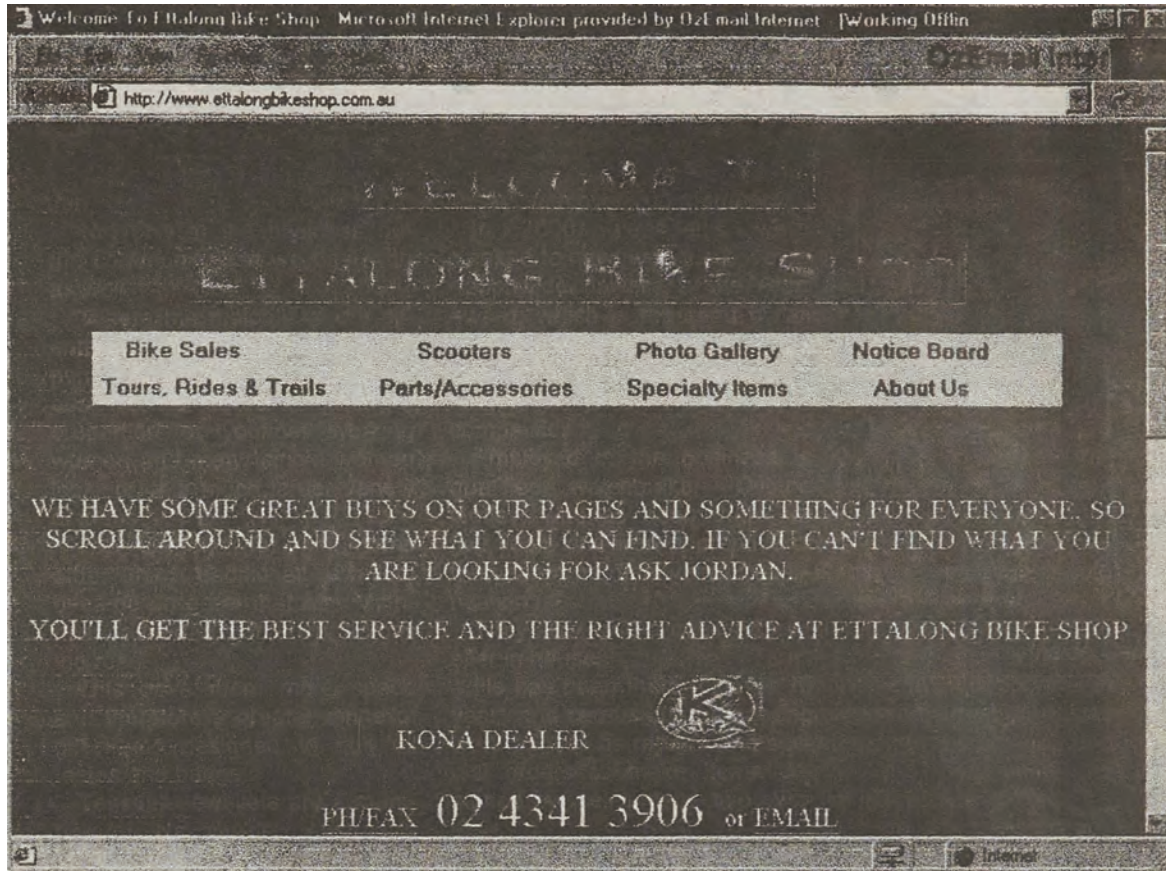
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North Burge Rd, Woy Woy Ph 4341 7598

Arts and Entertainment



Jody Vial and Nathan Turner of Woy Woy were married on April 21. The wedding took place at St Lukes Church in Woy Woy and the reception was held in the Waterfront Restaurant at Umina. Photo supplied by Bowens Photographics, Woy Woy



Bike shop web site rates well

Ettalong Bike Shop has a homepage on the Internet that offers details about the activities of the bricks.

and mortar store for those who are unable to pay a personal visit.

The site provides information to web surfers and can be viewed at <http://www.ettalongbikeshop.com.au>.

The home page is a simple web design with graphics that generally download quickly.

At least eight main internal links were found at the home page but navigating the site could be daunting for a fleeting visitor.

Internal links allow the

prospective tour rider to eventually look at a map of tours and rides that the shop conducts regularly.

There are plenty of action pictures showing previous tours.

Specifications on bicycle products and spare parts with nifty images are pleasant to view.

External links are located in text or images and sometimes the coding appeared incorrect, but the experienced web surfer could decipher the correct location.

One link allows the viewer to visit the Bicycles Network Australia site.

The pages appear to have been updated as recently as May 2001 with many special deals current till

the end of the month.

The site rates six and a half out of a possible 10 and is worth a look.

If your community organisation is on the Internet and would like your site reviewed, send the information including contact details to stephenmcnamara@start.com.au or mail to PO Box 532, Woy Woy 2256 or fax 43422071. Stephen is a web consultant for All In One Business Service and has no affiliation with the reviewed organisation.

Stephen McNamara, June 6

THE HOTSHOTS

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For the info of members and their guests

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SATURDAY NIGHTS June 16 – Mark Ellis June 23 – Adam Gilbert June 30 – Richard Matthews	

Local art on display

Artists attending' the Seniors' Art Classes at the Peninsula Community Centre and the Ettalong Senior Citizens' Centre are exhibiting their paintings at the Umina Tea

Rooms from 108m to 3pm throughout June.

All the paintings are for sale. Refreshments are available at the Tea Rooms.

Media release, May 21

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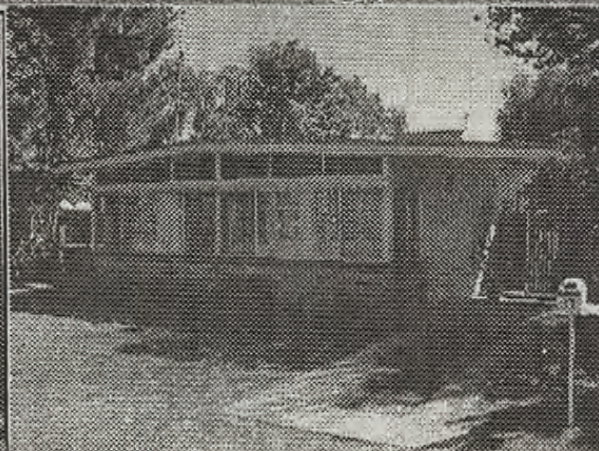
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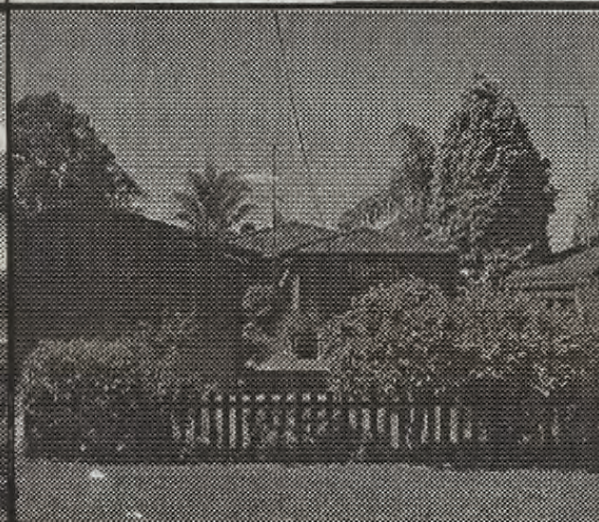
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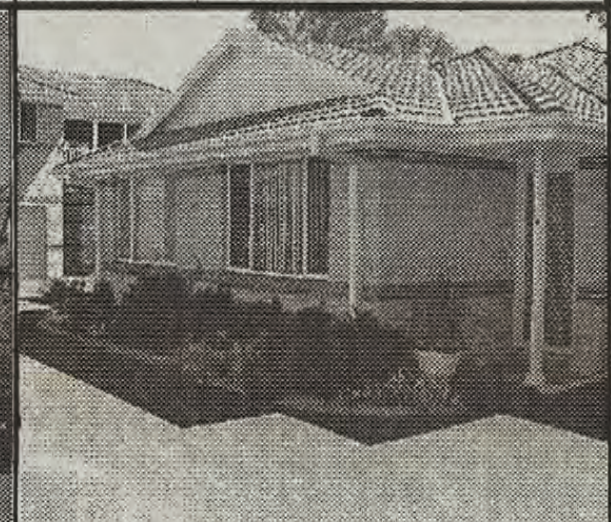
WOY WOY \$199,000
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Only a few years old and well positioned close to schools and transport, this 3 bedroom brick and Hardiplank house will suit those seeking a villa style home, but not wanting Strata Title. A low maintenance yard, large timber deck and garage with remote control are just the start. Details from Larry Nelson.



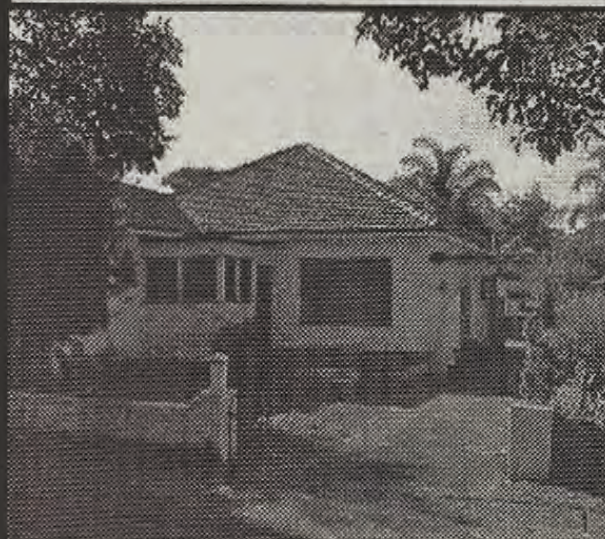
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Mr Smith having his head shaved in front of the school assembly

Hair loss for a good cause

Woy Woy Public School's computer teacher Mr Smith had his head shaved for the Leukaemia Foundation's "World's Greatest Shave for a Cure" on May 24.

Celeste Carlson, an ex student and manager of Celestial

Hair, Body and Beauty Studio, volunteered to cut Mr Smith's hair.

Students, parents, family and friends who went and watched the event were each asked to donate \$2 to the school's fund-raising effort.

The schools target was \$1000.
Emma Herring, May 24

Empire Bay chess success

Empire Bay Public School's rookie chess team went to Copacabana Public School on Wednesday, May 9.

The first win went to Michael Koole with a good checkmate.

The second match was a close one with Shawn Lenard making a stalemate to ensure a draw.

Ben Crain and Simon Koole both won their games easily.

Mr Fraser transported the team to the competition.

School Newsletter, May 23

AECG TO MEET

The next meeting of the Umina-Woy Woy Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday, June 29.

The meeting will be held in the staff room in the administration building at Woy Woy South Public School.

Parents, guardians and family members are welcome.

Topics for discussion will include Koorana Aboriginal Homework Centre, NAIDOC Week, Reconciliation Week and T AFE courses.

For more information, call Loretta on 4342 2695 or 0402 296 407.

School Newsletter, May 23

Woy Woy overall winners

Several local schools competed in the State Netball Knockout Gala Day recently.

Woy Woy played against Point Clare, Umina and Woy Woy South teams, winning all three matches.

Woy Woy was the overall winner of the day and went on to play the winner of the Empire Bay-Kariong match.

School newsletter, May 25

New computers for Pretty Beach

Pretty Beach Public School has recently taken delivery of eight new computers as part of the State Government's "Computers in Schools" program.

They will replace four older MacIntosh computers in the upper grades and provide a bank of four computers in the school's resource room.

Already students from several grades have been making good use of these when classroom computers are in use.

It is the school's intention to link these computers to a scanner and colour printer and to have the capacity to share access with classroom and library computers.

This is planned to be set up by the end of this school term.

The school is also planning a web page to be activated later in the year

Newsletter, May 17

Drug information and expo

The Peninsula Community Drug Action Team is organising a Drug Information and Awareness Expo on Sunday, June 24, at the Umina Skate Park.

The expo, held as part of Drug Awareness Week, includes a number of events such as BMX riding demonstrations, bands, giveaways and community access to professional drug awareness

information.

Various agencies will provide information at stalls from 10am to 2pm.

The Peninsula Drug Action Team is an initiative of the NSW Premier's Department Drug Action Strategy.

The week is being promoted by the Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia to raise awareness of harm associated

with the misuse of drugs, promote the work of alcohol and other drug prevention and treatment agencies and promote public debate about good practice strategies for reducing drug related harm.

For more information, call Sally Anderson-Day at Gosford Council on 4325 8374 or Anjali Boronowskis at the Premier's Department on 4337 2300.

School newsletter, May 28

Woy Woy High promotes email

Parents of Woy Woy High school students can now send email messages to the school.

The school has had an email address for some time but it has mainly been used to send internal information.

The email address is: woywoy-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au One of

the school's teachers is currently working with some students to set up a school web-site.

School principal Ms Carolyn Carter said: " We hope to have information about every faculty on the web-site plus up-to-date information about students' achievements and other school news."

School newsletter, May 21

Pretty Beach debating team remain undefeated

Pretty Beach Public School's Year 6 debating team, consisting of Keelin Woulfe, Khan Porter-Witt, Anne Robson and Kathryn Norris, participated in the first round of the Peninsula Debating Competition.

Unfortunately, the opposing team pulled out at the last minute, leaving the Pretty Beach team as

winners by default.

The school's speakers were given the opportunity to present their arguments in front of the audience and they did a great job, according to school principal Ms Jill Godwin.

Ms Godwin said she has no doubt that the team would have won if the debate had gone ahead.

Newsletter, May 17

Woy Woy High peer mediation training successful

Year 10 students from Woy Woy High School were recently involved in peer mediation training.

The peer mediation program was designed to show students, especially those in the junior school, how to sit down and work out their problems with trained mediators.

The mediators were impartial and attempted to resolve conflicts before they got out of hand.

Training took place over two days at the Peninsula Christian Life Centre.

The students involved were Emma Williams, Nicole Dunn, Andrea Fauvette, Debbie Field, Susan Sobcazk, Jamey Lee Irwin, Paul Daley, Stuart McMinn and Stephen Forbes.

School newsletter, May 22



Empire Bay Public School senior choir performing at the Central Coast Leagues Club whilst the Prime Minister Mr John Howard; Mayor Mr Holstein; MP for Gosford, Mr Hartcher and Senator Tierney look on.

School choir entertains Prime Minister

Empire Bay Public School's senior choir performed at the Central Coast Leagues Club when Prime Minister John Howard visited the Central Coast on May 17.

The students performed five renditions of popular songs.

The school principal said he was proud and thanked Jean Irvine and Helena Brunner for the effort they put into the choir and to all the

parents who were able to attend and see them perform.

The choir has been invited to perform again at a local church function to raise money for cancer research.

School newsletter, May 23

School restructuring unanimously supported by local community

A recent meeting of local school parents' and citizens' associations has unanimously supported the collegiate restructuring of Woy Woy and Umina High Schools to form one school with two campuses.

"Parents believe that this restructuring will bring about the best educational opportunities possible to students, and furthermore, will make these opportunities available to all students on the Peninsula," said Ettalong representative Ms Liz McMinn.

The meeting also unanimously supported the appointment of Mr Pat Lewis to oversee the restructuring process of the Peninsula schools.

"The decision of parents to support the restructuring means it is incumbent upon the Department of Education to provide the necessary funding for both capital works and staff retraining," said Ms McMinn.

Present at the meeting were representatives from Woy Woy High School, Umina High School, Empire Bay, Pretty Beach, Ettalong, Umina, Woy Woy South and Woy Woy Primary Schools.

"It has long been acknowledged by educators that the present system of education is outdated and no longer fully meets the needs of students."

Following a 30-month consultation period, the community was invited to make submissions for a new approach to education based on a "collegiate" system.

Of the 11 submissions entered by the Peninsula community, eight of them favoured a middle-school approach: a separation of the junior high school years from the senior years by way of separate campuses.

Mr Pat Lewis relinquished his position as principal of Umina High School to become project officer to oversee the final three-month period of consultation.

"At the invitation of the P&C Associations, Mr Lewis has attended parent meetings to provide information and to listen to the concerns of parents," said Ms McMinn.

"After parents voted on their preferred model, representatives from each P&C were elected to meet as a combined group in order to present the recommendations and concerns of parents from each school.

"Mr Lewis has also met with principals and teachers as well as parents, in order to present a well-balanced recommendation that will represent the best educational interests of all students.

"The final consultation period has come to an end and Mr Lewis will now forward the recommendations from principals, teachers and parents to District Superintendent of Education Mr Bill Low and Education Minister Mr Aquilina for their decision."

The Minister was expected to make his decision within the next four weeks, said Ms McMinn.

"It will then be full steam ahead to get ready in time for the 2002 school year."

Media release, June 4



Empire Bay student Tom Haber is first cab off the rank, in front of the entire school assembly with Shauna McNeal completing the first 'shave of the day', with other anxious volunteers fooking on.

The 'Big Event Shave Off'

The "Big Event Shave Off" took place on May 28 at Empire Bay Public School with pupils and teachers raising over \$1800 to assist the Leukaemia Research Foundation.

A further \$400 in pledges were received.

A number of teachers, parents and students were shaved, one by one, in front of the school

assembly.

Participating were assistant principal Garry Standen, grade 3-4 teacher Irmgard Halliday, P&C president Megan Pendrick, canteen supervisor Christine Holland and students Tom Haber, Ian Limm and Andrew Clark.

Garry Standen had his moustache of 27 years shaven off.

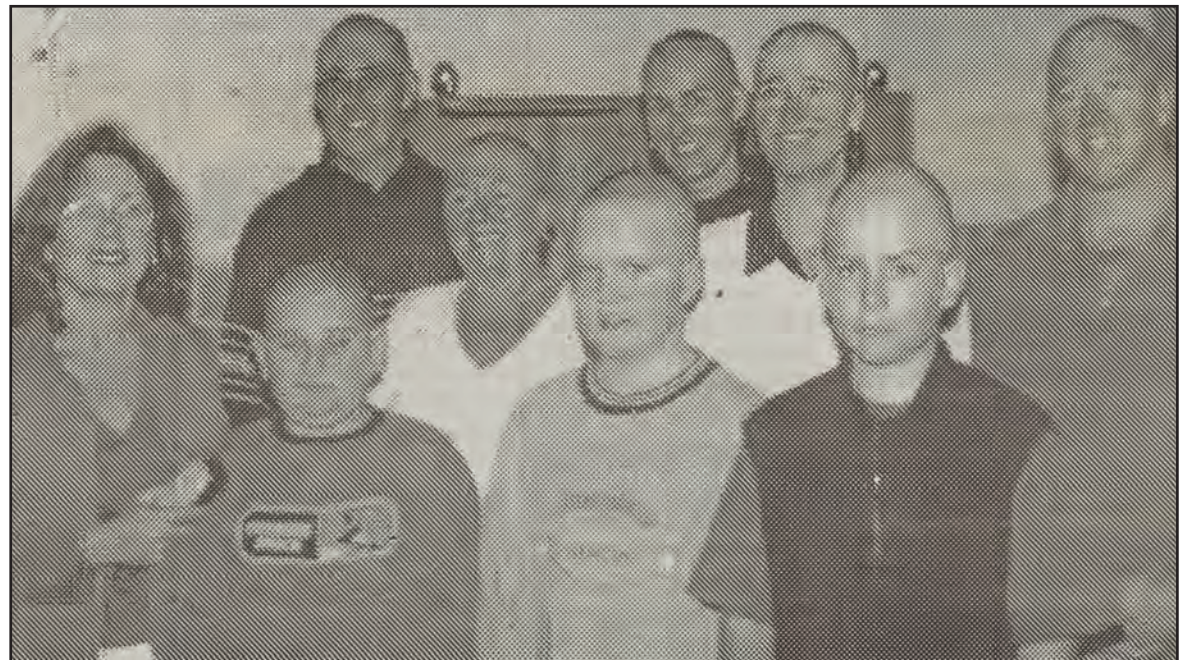
Pretty Beach resident Craig McGarrity was also shaved at the school.

He gained sponsorship from the Pretty Beach School community, following the recent death from leukaemia of 12-year-old Ashley Thornleigh of Pretty Beach.

Shauna McNeal was the hairdresser.

Children wore mufti with "crazy" hairstyles on the day and brought a gold coin as a donation for the Leukaemia Foundation.

David Howe, May 28



After- As pictured (from left to right): Shauna Mc Neal, Tom Haber, Garry Standen, Christine Holland, Andrew Clark, Meg Pendrick, Irmgard Halliday, Ian Limm, and Craig McGarrity

Aboriginal art classes

Peninsula residents will have the chance to learn Aboriginal Art at a class being offered in Woy Woy next term by Hunter Institute of Technology.

This class is for budding artists, those who want to learn more about Aboriginal culture, meet new people, try new ideas, or explore their creativity.

The high quality of these Aboriginal Art classes

was demonstrated during Reconciliation Week when several students won prizes in the Fair Trading Art Competition.

The class will be run from six to nine on weekday evenings.

Two hours of the class will be painting and the remaining hour will be jewellery-making.

Contact Denise Markham at TAFE on 4348 2286 for more information.

Media release, June 6

Fabric books

Woy Woy High School Year 9 textiles and design students have made children's books from fabric, as part of a project to teach basic skills.

The skills included straight and curved sewing, applique, fancy stitches and button holes.

Teachers said the results were commendable with many creative ideas and some high quality work.

The students included Jessica Walkley, Katrina McNaught, Jaime-Lee Albury, Amy Hanks, Cassie Makey, Keira Swain, Rebecca Dawes, Shannyn Payne and Amelia Wilkinson.

The next project for the students is to make denim skirts.

School newsletter, June 1

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Capital assistance grants to close soon

The application period for the State Government's sporting Capital Assistance Program has now opened and will close on July 25. Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, has called upon sporting groups and councils to apply for funds from this program to build sport and recreational facilities in their local area.

"These grants are to help not-for-profit sport and recreational groups and local councils develop sporting facilities in their area," said Ms Andrews.

"This is one of the most important funding programs for sport right across the State," she

said.

Ms Andrews said this year the State Government would allocate a total of \$4 million to the program.

Last year, the Peninsula had four of the 467 projects funded across a wide range of sporting activities.

"I urge communities to submit an application for funds to help improve local sporting facilities," Ms Andrews said.

Application packs are available from NSW Sport and Recreation, local councils and Ms Andrews' office.

"Alternatively you can visit the department's website at www.dsr.nsw.gov.au to download an application pack," said Ms Andrews.

Media Release, May 28

School team in State knock-out

Empire Bay Public School's Year 6 softball team played recently in the NSW Softball Knockout Competition at Kincumber.

The team's first game was a win as the opposition forfeited. In round two, the team lost 21-4 against Kincumber.

According to the school

newsletter, Thomas Crocker batted well, Daniel Brown's pitching was great and overall the boys did a great job.

"Sam Richardson was terrific at short stop and My/les MacQuillan was excellent on first base, Cheryne Hall was a good all rounder," it reported.

School newsletter, May 24

Local derby in Buckley Shield

Woy woy High played Umina High School in the second round of the under-14 Buckley Shield knockout.

"As a Maths teacher, I can confidently say it was a game of two halves," said coach Mr Marker.

The first half was a bruising affair.

"The forwards were led by Aaron Bull and Anthony Refalo, who both crossed the line for clever individual tries.

Dean Robertson also threatened the defence every time he was called upon.

The backs were led well by the captain Alex Brown.

The coach said the team put in a good effort, particularly being the first time the boys had played together.

Mr Marker said the commitment of the team could not be questioned.

Woy Woy High went into the break looking the better team although behind two tries to three on the score board.

The second half was dominated by Umina, resulting in Umina winning the game and proceeding to the next round.

Highlights from the second half included Adam Sankey catching a high bomb on his own try line and the discovery of Michael Smith.

Michael managed to demonstrate his excellent ball handling skills, agility and kicking skills, said Mr Marker.

Mr Marker said Woy Woy High School should be proud of the under-14 Rugby League team's first effort together as a team.

"I'm sure, with a little more training together, the boys will be very competitive in the upcoming Rugby League Gala day," Mr Marker said.

School newsletter, May 25

School out of Westmont

Woy Woy Public School's rugby league team recently played Avoca Beach in the Westmont Shield narrowly going down by two points.

The second game was a much more co-operative effort between Woy Woy players with the school beating Killamey Vale.

Unfortunately, Woy Woy were knocked out of the competition but the school looks forward to the All Schools Carnival at the end of term.

Parents who drove the team included Mr Paget, Mr Campbell and Mr Maskill.

School newsletter, June 1



Inter Diocesan Cross Country school representatives Alana Ireland, James Stratton, Jasmine Golby, Dean Mackey and Kerry Swan

St John's cross country success

A late start to cross country running at St John The Baptist School at Woy Woy has not hindered five students who were selected for the inter-diocesan event last week.

Trials for the Broken Bay Diocese Catholic Schools Cross Country planned for first term had been postponed due to the weather and were finally run at the start of second term.

From these trials, 20 children were chosen to go to Fagan Park at Galston, with some children running two kilometres and others three kilometres.

The school had five children chosen to go to Eastern Creek on Friday, June 8, to attend the Inter Diocesan Cross Country.

The children were Alana Ireland, James Stratton, Jasmine Golby, Dean Mackey and Kerry Swan.

The school celebrated Pentecost Sunday on June 3.

After mass, the parents organised a talent quest for the children.

There were 32 acts which included drama, poetry, dancing and singing.

All acts were put together by the children themselves.

The first act was a taste of things to come.

Year 6 student James Witchard performed Jake the Peg with an extra leg, much to the amusement of the students.

The three judges said they had a difficult time deciding on the winners because of the high standard and the variety of the acts.

The awards were given out in three sections.

The winner of the solo act was Year 6 student Simone Menenti who sang "A Castle in the Clouds" from Les Miserables.

Joint winners were declared in the duo section, a drama duo and a dance duo.

They were D Pendelton and G Rochester, and L Robertson and K Russell.

The winners in the group section were Year 6 boys who performed a well-liked hit by the Wiggles.

All winners received a trophy and every act received encouragement awards from McDonalds and Civic Video.

Media release, June 6



High jump action at Woy Woy High sports carnival

The Woy Woy Roosters kick off in fine fashion

The Carlton Premiership for 2001 kicked off in fine fashion for the Woy Woy Roosters with the First Grade, Reserve Grade, under 19s and under-17s all performing well.

Following their win in the inaugural Country Challenge, the Roosters "J&B Meats" First Grade remain undefeated in their quest for the Premiership.

In the first round, the Roosters backed up to face the Wyong Kangaroos, with the Roosters winning by 46 points to 16.

In following weeks, wins over Erina and Umina were not pretty, with the pre-season efforts starting to take a toll on the players.

A bit of life was breathed into the team with a good win over Berkeley Vale, in which Dave Maryska equalled the club record of seven tries in one game, and a solid close win over Ourimbah in Round Five.

A couple of weekends rest has also given some breathing space to help those niggling injuries heal up.

Skipper Jason Carpenter was once again named as captain of the Central Coast representative side and was joined in the squad by other Roosters Brent Byrne, Hayden Berry, Andrew Jackson, .

Duncan Smith and Grant Stuart. Unfortunately, Jason suffered a serious knee injury against Umina which will keep him off the field, and out of the representative program.

Duncan Smith and Grant Stuart also had to pull out with injury, however Jade Mason and Dave Maryska were added to the squad and did well, despite the big loss against eventual Divisional Champions Northern Rivers.

Former First Grade Premiership captain Dean McDonald has returned to Woy Woy to coach the Roosters Reserve Grade side.

The Reserves are starting to move up the ladder following a couple of surprise early losses to last year's grand finalists Wyong, and Erina.

In recent games, the return of players of the calibre of Craig Halden, Brett Rodgers and Jarrod Brennan has also provided a return to form for the side as a whole.

The team's recent victory over Ourimbah has put the team into fourth spot and well on the way to a semi final berth.

Following the resignation of Steve Napier as coach, First Grade hooker Mick Jenkins has taken over the reins as coach of the "Aliton Excavations" Under- 19s.

Mick's injury problems have been well documented, so when the opportunity to coach came about he was quick to take up the opportunity.

While Mick still has plans of playing again, his long-term goal is to be a successful coach.

This role will help him with

his goal while helping in the development of some very talented players.

Mick has taken over a talented squad, but one short on numbers.

Despite this, and with some back up from the club's Under-17 players, the team has overcome a couple of big losses against Wyong and Umina to be well in place for a semi-final position after Round Five of the competition.

Fullback Troy McLellan continues to impress with his skills and is among the leaders of the Division Best and Fairest players in the Under-19s.

Centre Scott Wilesmith is playing some great footy and contributed to the First-Grade victory over Umina when called upon to play First Grade.

Other lesser-known players such as Brett Abbott, Rob Quitadamo, Matt O'Neill, Adrian Overton and Lee Brown are starting to make their presence felt, coinciding with the team's recent string of good performances.

Under-17s coach Matt Sharman has had a long successful career with Terrigal and Erina.

Matt also represented the Central Coast and Southern Division and represented NSW Country Under-18s.

The young Roosters got the season underway poorly, suffering a large defeat against Wyong.

On this day, however, a lack of players made the task against a red-hot Wyong side nearly impossible.

The boys soon re-grouped, welcoming Stephen De Fries, Mitch Finnigan and Shannon Stuart back following their duties with the North Sydney Bears.

Shannon was named as the Bears Best and Fairest SG Ball Cup player, which is a great credit to him.

Two Asquith boys Ciaran Williamson and Brad Ward decide to play with the team, which has made the squad all that stronger.

Following the defeat by Wyong a win over Erina got things on the right track.

A close loss to competition favourites Umina saw the side re-address its discipline and respect of the football.

This has paid huge dividends with strong victories over Toukley and Northern Lakes putting the young Roosters into fourth spot on the table.

Thankfully, the club has a great talent pool of Under 16 players, who are this season playing with the combined Woy Woy-Erina side.

Chris Wood, Aaron Hamstra, Scott Wilson and Don Sutherland have all played a role in the Under-17s campaign to date and will continue to be in coach Sharman's and the clubs plans for the rest of the season.

Peter Read, June 6



(L to R) Roger Ford, Kevin Phelps and Alan Maier.
The Men's Singles Championship was won by Alan 31120

Alan is singles champion

Alan Maher became the new singles champion of Everglades Bowling Club when he defeated Roger Ford in a hard fought match on Sunday, May 27.

Alan twice drew clear only to be caught up each time.

At 14-all, Alan played well to surge ahead 23-14.

Roger proved his tenacity with a strong effort to draw within four shots before Alan called on his experience to claim the match and win 31-20.

This was Alan's first Singles title

win at Everglades which emulates the effort of his brother Graham, who won the event in 2000 and is now a premier league bowler at Ettalong.

The Frank Kemp Memorial triples are to be staged from July 4-6 at Everglades.

Prize money of \$4590 is on offer.

Some spots are still available.

The cost is \$20 a player.

Lunch will be provided on all three days.

The annual Mother's Day event brought two full greens, with lunch

provided and gifts for each lady attending.

President Kevin Phelps said it was delightful to see so many ladies and attentive partners on the day.

The weather was kind and greens ran truly and well.

He said he was grateful for the support he received in organising the event and was sure the Ladies Club would "reciprocate with interest" as they usually did when Father's Day comes around.

Bruce McDonald, Everglades Men's Bowls, June 11



(L to R) Uz Gordon, President of Women's Golf, Judy Andrews, Jackie Crawford, Trish Melnik, Mary Kelsey, Bev Crowther, Lyn Kunze and Captain of Women's Golf, Jan Henry

Kunze wins women's championship

The winner of the Women's Golf Championship at Everglades Country Club for 2001 was Lyn Kunze.

This is a first championship win for Lyn and caps off four good rounds of golf.

The title was well contested with Bev Crowther being the runner-up in a competition which also saw good rounds from Patsy Elliott, Lorna Turner and Hien McManus, who was Champion in 2000.

"If I never win it again, I will always be proud of this moment," said Lyn Kunze.

"It is the ultimate in women's golf at this club, and I will be doing my best to hang on to the title." Second Division Champion is Mary Kelsey who, with a handicap of 23, secured her place with a brilliant round on day two of the event with 82 off the stick.

Runner up was Trish Melnik. Jackie Crawford took time

out from her job as Gala Day hostess to win the Third Division Championship.

Runner up was new member Liz Gordon.

The net event winners were: First Division Tatiana Rickit, Second Division Beryl Callingham, and Third Division Marj Cadman.

All four rounds of the championships were played in perfect weather.

Course superintendent Phil Imber was congratulated on his magnificent presentation of the course.

The presentation and cocktail party was held on Thursday, May 24, and was followed by a celebratory dinner in the club restaurant with the usual and rather noisy frivolities.

The second series of Women's Golf Clinics has started, with Darren conducting lessons on Mondays and Tuesdays.

There is still a long waiting list

for these clinics, reflecting their popularity.

Applications for membership continue with numbers of female members expected to be known by the end of June.

In Pennant, the club's Grade 4 team was leading until Monday May 28.

The team came close to winning the pennant but were narrowly beaten by a stronger Gosford team which is now in a play off with Toukley to determine the winner of that grade.

The women who made up the team were Narelle Szeldid, Ev Field, Coral Walker, Joyce Jacobson, Edna Johnston, Jan Livingstone, Jackie Crawford, Elaine Clemesha, Anne Woods and Jan Johnson.

Away from golf, member Mella Rickit has just announced her engagement to Paul Weatherstone.

Judy Andrews, Everglades Country Club

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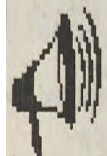
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Peninsula embraces shave for a cure

The Peninsula fully embraced the Leukaemia Foundation's "World's Greatest Shave for a Cure" promotion during the month of June.

At least three schools and two clubs held fund raising events and public shaves to raise funds for the cause.

Both Woy Woy Leagues Club and Everglades Country Club were involved, with the former having raised \$3000.

Woy Woy High School and both Empire Bay and Woy Woy Public Schools also held related events with further monies going to the cause.

Full details of three of these activities are reported inside while the other two will appear in our next edition.

"It is acts of this nature that make the Peninsula such a great community to be part of", said Woy Woy Leagues Club marketing manager, Ms Di Hawkins.

"Donations of both hair and money were made with very little fanfare and many people went out of their way to become involved", she said.

Woy Woy High School spokesperson Ms Lawler said that at her school, in a twist to the usual arrangement, students bid large amounts of money to shave their teachers.

At Empire Bay Public School, a parent from Pretty Beach, Mr Craig McGarity, was so moved by the death of a child in his area that he undertook a personal campaign to raise funds.

At Woy Woy Public School, the entire school assembly cheered as whiskers carefully nurtured for many years came off to public applause.

Cec Bucello, June 10



Everglades Country Club staff and members give up their hair for a good cause
Front: Patsy Elliott; Back- l to r: Golfer, Arthur Dabron & staff member Matt Hughes



Woy Woy High School teachers having their heads shaved by students
L to r: Mr Frost, religion; tMr Faulds, Industrial Arts; and Mr Cowling, Yr 8 advisor