

Farecards tried at Umina

Umina Beach Bowling Club is one of four venues on the Central Coast to trial the sale of pre-paid taxi fare cards.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews said the \$5, \$10 and \$20 Farecards, which were similar to phone cards, would be available from participating licensed premises, taxi depots and taxi drivers.

Government funds would allow an evaluation of the trial to assess its effectiveness in reducing the incidence of drink driving, she said.

"The State Government is providing more than \$21,000 to the pilot Farecard scheme, being run by Central Coast Taxis, as an anti

drink drive measure," Ms Andrews said.

"Following the successful trial of the Night Owl late night bus on the Central Coast during the last Christmas and New Year period, it is clear that the availability of alternative transport schemes does make a difference in encouraging people not to drive after drinking.

"The Farecards may be exchanged for travel in any of the Central Coast Taxis' 75 cabs."

"The scheme will be promoted using bumper stickers, point of sale brochures and the promotion of participating licensed venues as sales points," Ms Andrews said.

Media release, July 4



Woy Woy police station on Blackwall Rd

Lloyd calls for more general duties police at Woy Woy

Federal Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd has called on the State Government to return general duties police officers to Woy Woy Police Station.

The NSW Government had received more than \$5128 million of GST revenue "yet continues to refuse" to address the situation, he said.

He called on the NSW Government "to provide increased police numbers and resources to allow our Central Coast police officers to make an impact on the worrying increase of crime on the Central Coast".

Mr Lloyd made the statement while welcoming the Federal Government's new CrimTrac

database.

"CrimTrac will provide local police with the state-of-the-art information and investigative tools needed to make our community safer," Mr Lloyd said.

"As well as identifying the guilty, CrimTrac will assist police to exonerate the innocent and solve more crimes more quickly than ever before."

The National Automated Fingerprint Identification System introduced digital and laser technology to scan fingerprints and, for the first time, palm prints into a national searchable database.

The new system will hold about 2.5 million fingerprint records, 4.8 million palm print records and more than 180,000 prints from unsolved

crimes.

Previously palm prints, which comprise of about 20 per cent of all prints taken from crime scenes, were unidentifiable.

CrimTrac will also include a National Criminal Investigation DNA Database giving local police access to the latest advances in forensic science.

The database will hold DNA samples collected from convicted criminals and suspects that will be able to be matched nationally against evidence left behind at crime scenes such as saliva, skin, hair or semen.

"CrimTrac's new systems will give police the tools they need to take a fresh look at unsolved cases," Mr Lloyd said.

Media release, June 25



Marie Andrews (left) and a taxi company representative at the Farecard launch

Application for library extensions

Gosford Council has granted approval to lodge a building application for extensions to the Woy Woy library.

The extensions will incorporate the present council office and increase the size of the library.

Funding for the extension was allocated in the council's Financial Strategy.

Council will forgo the Building Application fees which would otherwise be paid as a result of the application.

Council agenda, June 26

Rotary donates \$6000 to Childflight

Woy Woy Rotary Club has presented Central Coast Childflight with a cheque for \$6000 to assist their operations in the new financial year.

Woy Woy Rotary past president Chris Nelson handed the cheque to Daren Roy from Childflights' Woy Woy Support Group, who told how Childflight saved his own child in a medical emergency.

"I am staggered by the size of this cheque," Mr Roy said.

"A helicopter trip from Gosford to Westmead Hospital costs \$6000.

"I'd walk over broken glass for \$6000 because it would have saved my child's life," he said.

Woy Woy Rotary has been supporting Childflight for many years mainly through sponsored car romps around NSW to raise the money.

Chris Nelson, head of the Rotary Romp Committee, said more than \$3000 had been raised on the club's last Romp.

"Last time 24 of us took a went down to the South Coast and into the hinterland visiting HMAS Cerebus, Arthur Boyd's 'Bundanon' and Mt Scanzy above the Kangaroo Valley.

"We are very grateful to many small businesses and individuals who regularly sponsor our fund raising efforts," Chris said.

Woy Woy Rotary has been raising money in the Woy Woy area for more than 50 years.

Media release, July 3

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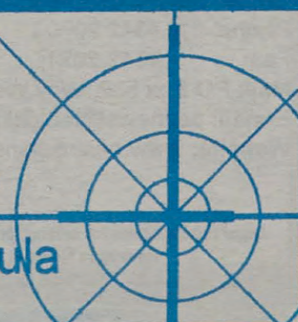
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Welcome to edition 29 of Peninsula News.

As with any evolving organisation, there have been several staff, administrative and content changes since our last edition.

It was reported last month that journalist Amanda Jackson was leaving the paper and her replacement would be announced in this issue.

We are pleased to welcome her more than able replacement, Jonathan Reichard to the position.

Jonathan hails from Queensland and has gladly moved to Woy Woy with his wife, Pamela.

He is a graduate of James Cook University and has hardly had time to see anything of the area, having had to produce this edition of the paper in his first week, with some help of course.

I hope that you will welcome him to the Central Coast and particularly the Peninsula when you meet him.

What's new?

Peninsula News has a new email address as listed below.

Please amend your records accordingly.

Prior to each edition of a newspaper, we send a bulletin to a few hundred email addresses on the Central Coast letting them know when each paper is coming out, what's in it and inviting contributions.

If you would like to be added to this list, please let us know there is no charge for this service.

We have also added a few new segments to this edition.

Firstly, on this page can be seen a new regular listing of emergency telephone numbers.

Hopefully, these will come in handy in an emergency situation.

There is a much improved "Flavours of the World come to the Peninsula" segment with many new and interesting additions designed to tempt every palate.

On the same page, we have introduced a Singles column to help people meet each other and overcome loneliness and often depression.

This could lead to some fun for participants.

We also welcome Sue Francis to our merry band of volunteers.

Sue has joined us for work experience and comes in one day a week. Her assistance has already been greatly appreciated.

Cec Bucello, Manager

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

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

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

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

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Councillor defends planning procedure

A response to the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and their media release on the appeals rate of Gosford Council:

Mathew Wales highlights the number of appeals filed against Gosford Council in the business paper of June 5.

There were seven appeals as he rightly states.

One of those was from a proponent who appealed believing we would refuse his development which appeared on the same business paper, it was subsequently approved as there were no legitimate grounds for

refusal.

All others were recommended for refusal after the proper assessment by the staff of council using the appropriate planning Instruments.

There were many and varied issues including bulkiness,

adverse impacts on amenity, the development not being a permitted use, fantastic trees being removed without the need to do so, heritage, density standards and even a company believing they did not have to comply with development conditions because they only applied to the previous owners.

I can only assume that Mathew Wales is not reading the reports property or he is an anarchist that believes we should not have any controls at all, because all the developments recommended for refusal were outside the provisions of our planning controls.

Cr Geoff Preece

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Evans addresses aged care forum

Senator Chris Evans addressed a public forum on issues relating to aged care and ageing at Woy Woy Leagues Club on Friday, 29 June.

The forum was arranged by Federal Labor candidate for Robertson, Ms Trish Moran.

"I invited Senator Evans to the Central Coast to discuss Labor's Plan for quality aged care with concerned citizens and providers and to visit our nursing homes," she said.

"By taking time to listen to the community and the aged care sector, a future Labor Government will be ready to address the real problems in aged care which are so distressing (to) our elderly and their families."

One of the Senator's first topics concerned the Central Coast's shortage of beds for aged care.

The Federal Government set a target of 90 residential beds per 1000 people aged over 70 years in a planning region.

The Central Coast currently had a shortage of 1200 residential beds against the Howard Government's target, Senator Evans told the forum.

"Under Labor's national benchmark of care, high quality care is guaranteed, with a clear set of standards and funding for

nursing homes to maintain these standards," said Senator Evans.

"Minimum staffing levels will be in place under this plan with training for nurses and carers provided

"Labor's benchmark includes more surprise inspections which will occur at all times of the day and night.

"It is intended that every nursing home and hostel will be inspected at least once a year.

"Labor also plans to appoint an aged care ombudsman whose role would be to ensure that investigation of complaints about abuse of the elderly would take place quickly and fairly."

Senator Evans said that there must be tougher penalties for sub-standard nursing homes.

Labor would have experienced teams to work with nursing homes and bring their service up to the required standards, according to the senator.

However, Liberal Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd rejected claims that the Howard Government was not addressing the nursing home shortage on the Central Coast.

Mr Lloyd told parliament: "When we (the Howard Government) took office, what Labor had left us in the aged care area was an absolute disgrace.

In its last four years in office, Labor reduced capital funding to

aged care by 75 per cent.

"That meant that 64 per cent of people in nursing homes were in what the Labor Party's own report deemed as 'inadequate care'.

"They did not even have an accreditation system. This was introduced by the Coalition Government to ensure that every aged care home would be visited and audits would be conducted to bring them up to scratch. There are spot checks, and monitored visits have been taking place since 1998.

"As well as bringing in the accreditation system, we have allocated a large number of additional nursing home beds.

"In 1999 on the Central Coast there were an additional 269 places; in 2000 an additional 487 places; and in 2001 an additional 800 nursing home places.

"While significant gains have been made for the provision of high quality nursing home care, there is still the need for further additional beds as the Central Coast population grows rapidly.

"I will continue to ensure that the Government provides the resources required by our Central Coast community," Mr Lloyd concluded.

Winsome Smith and media release, June 29



The line is out the door at the aged care forum

Old fashioned service still exists

A check of oil, water and tyres is being offered as part of a full driveway service by the new owner of the Bogas Service station on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

A Peninsula resident all his life, new owner Scott Miller was originally trained as a panel bough the radiator repair outlet on site at the service station.

When the service station became available recently, he

decided to take that on as well.

The new venture means that he is now on call 12 hours of the day, seven days a week and has very little time off while the business is growing.

80gas is a Central Coast owned petrol retailer and two of its six outlets are on the beater and spray painter.

However, for health reasons, he had to give up his trade and Peninsula.

Scott said he had no control over pricing with the retail price being set by the company on a daily basis.

His aim was to please the older residents by continuing to provide his full driveway service which he said was particularly appreciated by those who find it difficult getting in and out of their vehicles.

Cec Bucello, July 10

Traffic calming at Ettalong

Gosford Council's traffic committee has recommended a raised concrete threshold at the intersection of The Esplanade and Kourung St, Ettalong, for consideration for funding in a future Traffic Facilities Program.

The recommendation came after reconsideration of a previous resolution that traffic calming devices be placed in The Esplanade in the vicinity of Kourung St.

The council had asked the

committee give the original recommendation further consideration.

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Pearl Beach dog census explained

On June 12, a letter from Vincent Serventy was published querying the validity of the census taken of the views of Pearl Beach residents on dogs on beaches.

Following is the explanation he requests: Each and every house in Pearl Beach was door knocked.

Households were door knocked several times if the door was not answered the first time.

There were several people who volunteered to do the door knocking over a six-week period in January and February.

A response rate of 66% of

households at Pearl Beach _ was represented in the census.

This is a very high response rate given the holiday nature of the location, and given that only the householders who were owners or residents were counted.

Holiday-makers who were not owners, most of whom wanted the current policy to remain, were not counted.

Included in the submission to Gosford Council, were 413 Signed letters from Pearl Beach owners or residents, which supported the retention of the current policy on dog exercise at Pearl Beach.

These 413 letters represent 77% of all households in Pearl

Beach.

Only 23% of all householders in Pearl Beach support the proposal to ban dogs from Pearl Beach.

A doorknocker went to Vincent Serventy's house.

on two occasions.

No-one came to the door on either occasion.

The doorknocker then put a NO against this address, because they knew that Mr Serventy was opposed to dogs on the beach.

Had he been counted as an "unable to be contacted", it would have lowered the percentage of the NO vote.

In no case, did we ever a count a YES vote against any household, which did not sign a letter.

A complete account of the response from every house (yes, no, uncontactable) has been given to the Council.

Mr Serventy's point about dog waste is valid.

No-one likes dog waste anywhere and in our submission to Council, we have suggested dog waste bags and dog bins at the various entrances to the beach, as happens in many places here and abroad.

My experience differs from Mr Serventy's in terms of overseas' attitudes to dogs.

My impression is that people in France, America and England are very tolerant of dogs and make provisions for the disposal of dog waste.

In fact, my experience is that many hotels and restaurants actually cater for dogs, offering special meals and dog care.

Irene Miller, Pearl Beach

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Checks and balances in development needed

I am sure that many of our councillors are only too aware of the use of ratepayers money when they go to the Land and Environment Court.

It must be a serious matter for them to go to such lengths and surely we need such checks and balances.

Unrestrained development may lead to the slums of tomorrow and many problems for our descendants to solve.

Haven't we inherited enough of these problems already? It is very necessary that we proceed with care, for the effects of poor planning may affect the physical and mental health of us all.

History shows us that overcrowding particularly leads to many social problems such as gridlock on our roads, more pollution, higher unemployment

and more vandalism.

Flooding is inevitable with the increasing "concretisation" of our land surely it is natural for water to filter through the soil to refill the water table.

Obviously local business people want an increase in population but they don't always consider the consequences of this.

I am reminded of the Red Indian Chief who said, "It is not until the last tree is felled, the last fish is eaten and the last river polluted that man will realize that he cannot eat money." Let us work together to think clearly before we rush headlong into disaster.

Let us above all ensure that all points of view are aired publicly so that I may be assured that I do live in a democracy.

Margaret Lund, Woy Woy

Teens are not all delinquents

It's hard to be a local teenager these days when there is a type of teen group, who do undesirable things within the community.

The public therefore thinks that all teenagers who like to go out to a disco at night, or go out to a party at the beach are all rebellious and irresponsible.

The whole thing is, the group responsible is only a small portion of local teenagers.

You may think that any teen you see out at night is for sure the one who does all the graffiti, or the one who burnt out that car, or even the one who broke in to that house Sunday night, but 99% of the time you are wrong.

Of course teens will be the main suspect for any crime on

the Peninsula, but I think you all forget there is a lot of adult crime and that most teenagers are from respectable families that have taught them well about how to avoid trouble.

Those quick to judge should remember that teens are our future and you should treat people how you want to be treated.

So next time you see a 15 year old girl walking down Ocean Beach Rd with a few friends, don't automatically give them a dirty look, because chances are they are not even involved with that crowd.

Some families have brought their children up like that because that's the way they were brought up to act so the children may not know any different, while others can tell

right from wrong by themselves.

Most of the time, unless these kids are really messed up, they grow out of it and become responsible citizens, like the rest of the community.

So don't stereotype the boy walking down West St at 8pm because he probably had to walk up to the fish and chip shop to get dinner.

Don't criticize the girls walking down Blackwall Rd at 11pm on a Saturday night, because they are most likely coming back from a Gosford dance party.

Stereotypically, teens are raving rat-bags, but as an insider, I have seen everything and anything happen, and I assure you we're not all delinquents.

Felicity Heath, June 20

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Bensville development opposed

Gosford Council has received a petition with 60 signatures from residents of Bensville objecting to a proposed residential and retail development at 32 and 34 Kallaroo Rd.

The residents want to retain the

current building, which they claim has historical value.

Residents also have said the development would be a departure from current building standards, as no units currently exist in the suburb.

Residents also claimed that the suburb could not support two

shops and objected to the way the parking area had been designed.

The petitioners suggested that steps should be taken to preserve existing trees and garden areas and create new garden areas at the front of the shops in Kallaroo Rd.

Council agenda, July 3



The proposed re-development site at 32 and 34 Kallaroo Rd Bensville

Stormwater drainage works for Cogra Rd

Peninsula schools and community groups plan to work together on a stormwater pollution awareness program, according to Gosford Council's stormwater project officer Ms Trish Donnelly.

Groups including the Woy Woy Environment Centre, Umina Public School and Ettalong Public School are likely to participate in a "Yellow Fish Road" campaign, she said.

The campaign was a drain-

marking concept which originated in Canada.

The program involved painting yellow fish symbols next to stormwater drains.

"This reminds people that polluting stormwater drains affects marine life by transferring pollutants to the fish habitat," she said.

"It has significantly raised community awareness on issues relating to stormwater pollution.

"The campaign has targeted

all age groups and contributed to a reduction of pollution loads, particularly litter, waste oils and garden chemicals and fertilisers being washed into creeks, rivers, lakes and the ocean."

Yellow Fish flyers will also inform residents of plans to stencil drains in their street.

Any groups interested in participating should contact Ms Donnelly on 4325 8175.

Media release, June 26

Patonga boat ramp tendered

The boat ramp reconstruction at Patonga is to go ahead with Gosford Council accepting the tender of Australian Wharf and Bridge Pty Ltd.

The ramp reconstruction is to be jointly funded by Council and the NSW Waterways Authority.

Council approved a capital works allocation in the 2001-2002 year of \$85,000 for the works.

NSW Waterways, through their Waterways Asset Development and Management Program, will contribute \$112,000.

The work involves the demolition of the existing boat ramp,

installation of 14 pre-cast concrete piles, construction of a reinforced concrete ramp, installation of pre-cast concrete planks and rock protection.

Council officers reported there was a demonstrated need for the reconstruction of the facility as it provided the only boating access to the Lower Hawkesbury from the Gosford area and the existing ramp was considered to be structurally unsound.

The estimated construction period is eight weeks and the work is scheduled to start soon.

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RSL computer upgrade

The Woy Woy Ettalong Hardys Bay Sub-branch of the RSL is to receive a Federal Government grant of \$1376 to upgrade computer facilities.

Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd announced the grant recently to help veterans and war widows make claims for pensions and other benefits.

The grant is part of the \$1.613 million in Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST) funding to be allocated during 2001/2002, with \$5.6 million

committed over four years to support ex-service organisations through improved resources and training programs.

"Ex-service organisations play a vital role in supporting veterans, war widows and widowers through the claims application and appeals process," Mr Lloyd said.

"The BEST Program offers funds to ensure these organisations have the resources to provide and maintain quality services to their members."

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Cars for councillors would cost \$47,000

Much has been said in the local press in relation to council's proposal to provide cars for councillors.

It has been stated that council would make \$2088 per vehicle if council were allowed to purchase these vehicles for councillors.

Whilst this may be true the actual costs, which the proponents of such a move do not fully disclose, gives a far different scenario.

Council's own figures have the cost of running a car at around \$8109 per annum. Council normally holds cars for two years which takes this cost to \$16,218.

From this amount we take the

so called "profit" of \$2088 on the purchase price and the figure is \$14,130 divide this by two (for the two years) and we get in round figures a cost of \$7065 per vehicle.

To be even more accurate, currently according to council figures, the total for the travel allowance for the nine councillors amounts to \$8900 per year or roughly an average of \$990 per councillor.

So from the cost of the vehicle this amount should be deducted, as it would not have to be paid if the cars were provided, so this gives a figure of \$6075 as the cost per vehicle.

There is one further cost off set to be made from this figure: currently the private contribution component from the Mayor amounts to \$15 per week or \$780 per annum. This likewise should be deducted from the cost as outline above.

This then would bring the grand total to \$5295 as the true cost to the ratepayers for each car, not a saving of \$2088 as some would have the ratepayers believe.

Multiply this cost by nine cars and the total costs come out at \$47,670.

Craig Munnings, The Bays Progress Association

Petition against cars for councillors

Gosford Council has received a petition from 109 Peninsula residents about councillors having council cars.

The petitioners strongly

objected to the supply of motor vehicles to councillors, at cost to the ratepayers, or in any form of Council funding.

Council agenda, June 26

Kerb is low priority

I wrote a letter to Gosford council the other day enquiring when kerb and guttering in Paton St.

Woy Woy, west of Rawson Rd, was going to be done.

I was told that "kerb and guttering in Paton St is presently

a low priority for funding and not expected to be undertaken for at least three years".

I would think that the residents of Paton St would be entitled to kerb and guttering sooner than that considering that rates are likely to be raised 7.5% for this reason.

Paul Olive, Woy Woy

Golden showers for new parents

Here's a great idea for young garden-loving parents and grandparents on the Peninsula: plant a golden shower tree the day your baby is born.

Watch it grow at the same rate as the child, maturing about the same time, and stunning your neighbours with its beauty.

If lots of these trees were planted in this area, we would become as well-known for our spectacular golden showers as Grafton is for its lovely jacarandas.

Many villagers in Thailand, "the .Land of Smiles," where I was born,

believe that if a family grows one of these trees in the house yard, the whole family will experience happiness, success, and good fortune.

In summer, a golden shower is covered with cascades of brilliant yellow blossom with stalks up to a metre long hanging from its branches in such profusion that hardly any leaves can be seen.

It's a large deciduous tree, with smooth, greyish-brown bark and green oval leaves, and can grow as high as 15 metres.

Originally from India, and also known as Cassia Fistula.

Indian laburnum or pudding

pipe tree, it's popular around the world in mild climates, especially for urban and park forestry.

You can see it in all its beauty in many frost-free areas of Australia, particularly on Queensland's Gold Coast.

Internet surfers can find a photograph and other details of the tree at <http://welcome-to.chiangmai-chiangrai.com/ninetree.htm#shower>, and there's a close-up photograph of a Golden Shower flower at http://www.imvs.rullIntegralYoga/Mother/Flowers/Catalogue/cl_cassiaf1.jpg Siriwan Orunart, Ettalong

Dogs are much like people

Further to Vincent Serventy's letter (Facts about Oogs, Peninsula News), it seems to me dogs share much in common with human beings.

They are hunters, scavengers and are monogamous.

Since the time dogs decided to share their lot with man for a steadier meal source, they have provided assistance with shepherding, guarding and hunting.

Man ever more resourceful, extended their duties to war, drugs,

arson, police, guidance etc.

But of course, their most vital assistance is in companionship, affection and a general rapport with man.

Not to mention the thousands of lives they have saved.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Documents should be made public

Your editorial raises a number of issues about council hiding things and I certainly understand those concerns.

I, personally, would like the Original audit report to be made available to the public.

Even so, the differences and outcomes for councils direction and community perception would be minor in my view.

There are claims about a few aspects of council operations that were deleted that had no

substantiation and no qualification, and could be easily misinterpreted.

That danger could be overcome by qualifications being added.

The whole process to get the documents out became quite rushed because council did not want the lack.

of release to lead to even more doubt and mistrust than has already occurred.

It is a difficult and time consuming road we have gone down and I hope the community can understand the difficulties, and show some patience with the

process.

I am continually pushing for the release of the Correa Bay report.

It will be released.

The concerns raised were not that there were spurious or defamatory words, but it was to be checked for these by the various departments of council and state government bodies that were relevant to the report.

As soon as that is done I hope it will be out in the public domain.

C. Geoff Preece



The Golden Shower tree in full bloom - see in colour at <http://welcome-to.chiangmai-chiangrai.com/ninetree.htm#shower>

Laneway to be closed

Gosford Council plans to permanently close the unnamed east-west laneway that services the rear of residential properties at 23

to 43 Oxford St and 46 to 66 Albion St, Umina.

The request for the closure was made by Mr B CSllingham.

Council agenda, June 26



Signs mark the alcohol free zone

Alcohol free zone extended in Patonga

The alcohol-free zone on Patonga Drive, Patonga, is to be extended to include both the general store and the fish and chip shop, after recent recommendations to Gosford Council.

The purpose of the extension was to reduce levels of alleged anti-social behavior.

The owner of the general store submitted a petition totalling 170 signatures opposing the alcohol ban, but it failed to change the

council's decision.

Reasons for those opposing the ban included major change in lifestyle to the residents of Patonga, disagreement with reported problems in the area as a result of alcohol consumption on the footpath, and claims that the majority of residents of Patonga were not in favour of the ban.

Council officers reported to council that police were in favour of the ban covering the total area and had confirmed their reports of anti-social behavior in the area.

The report also stated that claims of conflict of interest against a council officer regarding the matter had been internally investigated and found to be groundless.

It had been claimed that a council officer who recommended the zoning was married to the police officer who also recommended the zoning.

The next review on the matter was to take place in December 2001.

Council agenda WK.039, July 3

\$30,000 to defend appeal

Gosford Council has been told that it will cost the council \$30,000 to defend the appeal against its refusal to issue a construction certificate.

Council officers reported that the applicant, Bruce Kerr Pty Ltd, had appealed against Council's refusal of a construction certificate

for a property in Nagari Rd, South Woy Woy.

The application was refused by the Manager of Subdivisions under delegated authority "because the plans submitted were not in accordance with the Land and Environment Court approved development consent or Council's specifications".

Council agenda, June 26



The Patonga general store, now inside the alcohol free zone

Fundraising for rural fire brigade

The Kilicare/Wagstaff Rural Fire Brigade is wanting help in making cakes, pies, quiches, slices or jams for its monthly cake stall.

The brigade holds the cake stall at the front of the Killcare shop on the first Saturday of every month.

The brigade is willing to provide the funds if required for the purchase of the ingredients.

The stall is raising money to replace their 20-year-old

fourwheel- drive response vehicle.

"It is through continued support of local volunteer members and the support of locals that the brigade is able to provide vital services to the community," said brigade captain Stephen Biddulph.

If you are able to provide any assistance, contact Stephen on 43602483.

Pretty Beach School newsletter, June 6

Umina Beach Surf Club speeds surveyed

Low traffic speeds have been found in a traffic speed survey and volume count carried out on The Esplanade near Ocean Beach Surf Club, Umina.

The total number of vehicles surveyed was 2986, a rate of 414

vehicles per day.

The posted speed was 50km/h, with 85 per cent of vehicles averaging 31km/h.

The highest speed recorded 68km/h, but only 0.44 per cent were speeding.

Council agenda, June 2

Bus zone to stay

Gosford Council has refused a request from NSW Fire Brigades to relocate a bus zone away from the new fire station in Trafalgar Ave.

The council's traffic committee reported that the existing bus stop appeared to be satisfactorily located clear of the fire station access and positioned close to the existing pedestrian refuge and shelter from the nearby shop awning.

Council agenda, June 26

Free bus tours scheduled

Gosford Council is running free guided bus tours of Council facilities on Wednesday, July 25, and Sunday, July 29.

Departure points include Ettalong.

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News



The old sea scout hall at Bensville, set for an upgrade

Sea scouts may receive \$20,000 aid for hall

Bensville Sea Scouts would receive a \$20,000 contribution towards refurbishment or relocation of their scout hall if a property rezoning in Kallaroo Rd, Bensville, proceeds.

The contribution is part of a total of \$135,000 in contributions

required by Gosford Council in its approval of a residential rezoning application. Developer Crighton Properties has also been required to make contributions towards roadworks, "space embellishment" and community facilities. The majority of existing trees and vegetation in the area would be

retained and conditions were placed on the nature of the works to ensure long-term survival of trees in the surrounding area.

The original proposal was altered to reduce risk of flooding in some areas of the proposed subdivision.

Council agenda, June 26

Warrah St traffic surveyed

A traffic survey in Warrah St, Ettalong to determine level of usage of the road by heavy vehicles.

has found just 0.1 per cent of traffic is heavy vehicles.

Gosford Council has been told traffic speed, volume and classification surveys were carried out in the street.

Total number of vehicles recorded was 3999 at a rate of 173 vehicles per day. Posted speed of the road was 50km/h, with the average speed of 85 per cent of vehicles being 47km/h.

The percentage found speeding was 10.48% with the highest speed recorded being 97km/h. Just three vehicles were heavy vehicles.

Council agenda, June 26

Sydney Av upgrade planned

Gosford Council has endorsed plans showing a proposed upgrading of Sydney Ave, Umina.

The planned works include kerb and gutter, a roundabout at the southern end in the Umina

Surf Club carpark, indented bus bays and a raised threshold and pedestrian crossing at the northern end.

The plans were considered at the request of the manager of the council's design services unit.

Council agenda, June 26

Town improvements rates set

A "town improvement" rate has been set for business property in Woy Woy, Ettalong and Umina.

Council resolved it was "of the opinion that the provision of certain facilities, services and works will be of special benefit

to all properties categorised as Business in terms of Section 518 of the Local Government Act".

It resolved to make and levy a rate of 0.00039322 cents in the dollar calculated on the land value of all rateable land within that area categorised as Business.

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Local children painting one of the yellow fish symbols

Yellow fish symbols used to fight pollution

Peninsula schools and community groups plan to work together on a stormwater pollution awareness program, according to Gosford Council's stormwater project officer Ms Trish Donnelly.

Groups including the Woy Woy Environment Centre, Umina Public School and Ettalong Public School are likely to participate in a "Yellow Fish Road" campaign, she said.

The campaign was a drain-marking concept which originated in Canada.

The program involved painting yellow fish symbols next to stormwater drains.

"This reminds people that polluting stormwater drains affects marine life by transferring pollutants to the fish habitat," she said.

"It has significantly raised community awareness on issues relating to stormwater pollution.

"The campaign has targeted all age groups and contributed to a reduction of pollution loads, particularly litter, waste oils and garden chemicals and fertilisers being washed into creeks, rivers, lakes and the ocean." Yellow Fish flyers will also inform residents of plans to stencil drains in their street.

Any groups interested in participating should contact Ms Donnelly on 4325 8175.

Media release, June 26

Council management structure audit looks for vision based planning

The recent Gosford Council management structure audit recommends a "visionbased" corporate planning system to replace the old "issues based" approach.

A "vision-based" system would promote a focus on creating the future, rather than rely on a system that mayor may not provide a step towards the future, according to the report from auditors KPMG.

Vision, based planning was a process that firstly defined a vision for the future, then established goals and objectives for the vision to become a reality, while considering the current state of organisation Strategies were then identified and implemented to achieve the goals and objectives.

"This approach should

encourage council meetings that focus on policy, improved communication between directorates because they have a common vision, a culture that fosters ideas, and staff who are happy to discuss the future and related issues with the community," the report stated.

"This

contrasts with a process that reduces a focus on a vision and starts with a focus on 'the issues' that face an organisation." The consultants said that addressing the issues mayor may not assist in achieving the vision.

An issues-based approach led to "a reactive response".

"This sort of approach is likely to encourage council meetings that focus on decision making for issue resolution and problems

in communication between directorates because there is no common vision to agree on, only individual issues to fight for." According to the report, this approach promoted a culture that fostered the keeping of the status quo, and staff who did not want to discuss issues with the community as issue resolution was difficult.

It said that while recent council strategic plans had recognised the community need for identities for local communities, "this falls short of a full vision-based approach".

The auditors said that there was an opportunity to reconsider the fundamental approach adopted to planning and to potentially pursue a more vision driven strategic approach.

Management structure audit, May 2001

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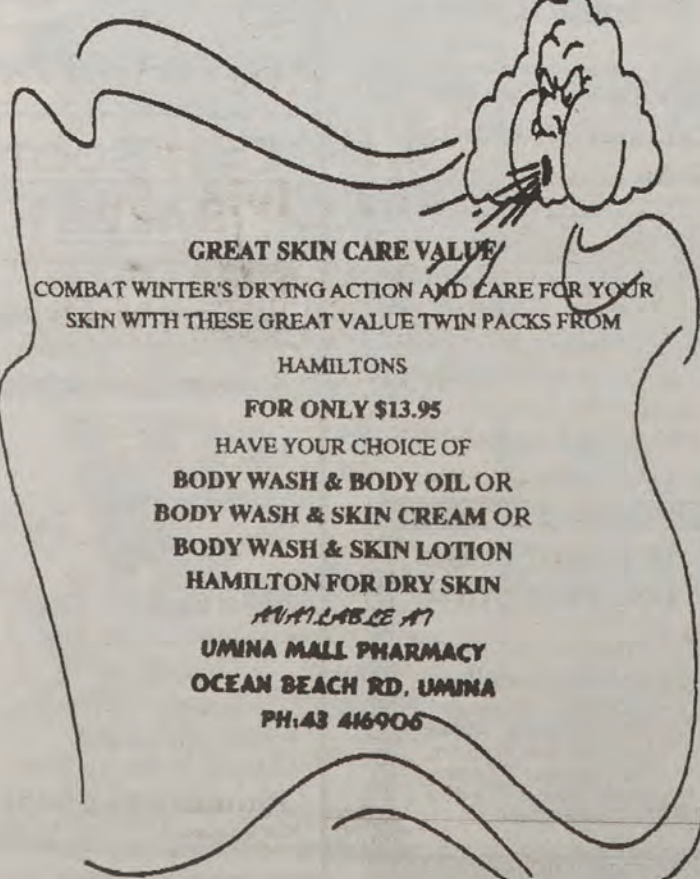
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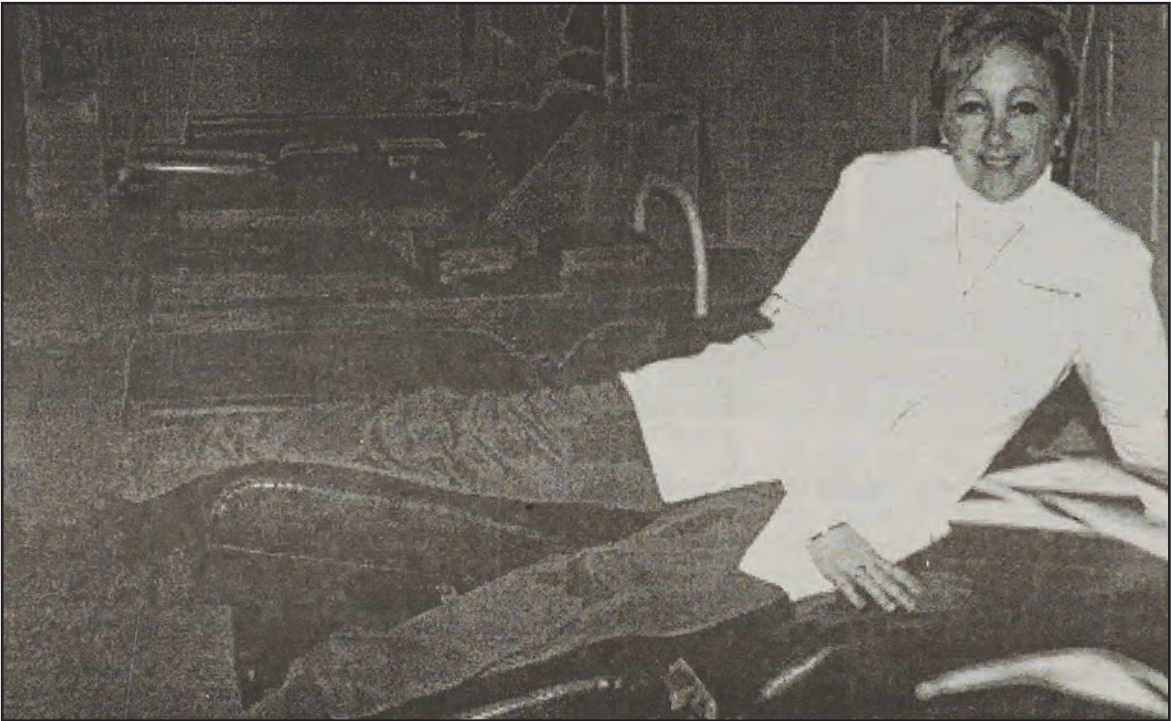
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Massage is also becoming more common with varieties such as Swedish, therapeutic, deep tissue and sports massage on offer at one outlet in Woy Woy alone.

Another relatively new beauty aid is the no sweat workout where exercise beds do all the work.

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In spite of all the new and revived beauty treatments, there still remains no doubt that hairdressing will be the largest industry sector for many years to come.

Cec Bucello, July 14

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Obituary: Pat Reynolds



Pat Reynolds 1938.- 2001

Born at Liverpool NSW 9 July 1938, Patrick Reynolds spent all of his early life in that area.

He had a great love of football and.

enjoyed watching the game at all levels from youngsters, High School football, through all grades. to State of Origin and international Test matches.

Pat played first grade for Liverpool.

Pat had a panel beating business, a skill, for which many were grateful, he still practiced even in retirement.

These were not his only trade skills.

As he developed his real estate holdings, he undertook much of the maintenance, all kinds of minor repairs, carpentry, painting, fencing, mowing.

He was doing or planning to do something almost every day of his life, if not for himself, for a friend or friend of a friend.

He had a great respect for his tenants and his real estate agent.

They in turn were grateful for having such a caring landlord.

There was always a hamper at Christmas for the tenants.

Pat's other interest was "racing".

He had a great memory for well performed horses, their breeding, owners, trainers, jockeys.

His lifelong friend Alf Peters trained his best winner, "Go to the Post".

Although he would rarely bet on the races, he would sit up at

our local TAB and watch both the football and races until closing time, great company and comfort for the staff at the TAB.

Pat and his friends, "Uncle Alf, The King", "The Dodger" (trainer of Sharply) first visited Ettalong in 1967.

He continued to be "Mr Fixit", firstly for my mother throughout 1968-69 while we were in New Guinea and then for me and other families while the men were in Vietnam.

Six years ago, Pat moved to Ettalong permanently.

Kids loved him, not just for the lollies from IGA, or the ice blocks from the family store in Booker Bay, but for his nature, a gentle giant.

His other "secret love", not known by many was "Junkastic Park".

He loved to fossick around and enjoyed the banter, dickering for a bargain.

He was a great improviser, hoarder.

That's where he died, on Sunday 10 June 2001 comforted by a stranger, no ID, no priest, no last rights.

He attended his last Mass on that Sunday morning.

We are comforted by the words of that same stranger who attended Pat that he felt no pain and by the words of another stranger that Pat was In God's care and needed no last rights.

Rest in Peace, my friend.

Marj Cleere. July 4

RSL numbers decrease

Like all sub-branches of the RSL, Woy Woy, Ettalong and Hardys Bay branch is facing the problem of diminishing membership.

The majority of members are veterans from World War II, with an average age of around 80 years.

Accordingly, branches lose a large number of active members through death and disability.

Members say there are many advantages to be gained by joining, including welfare assistance, disability pension assistance, and the mateship which develops between men and women who have served their country, be it in time of war or peace.

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Arts and Entertainment

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Woy Woy Leagues Club will hold a sportsman's dinner as a fund-raiser for the football club at Woy Woy on August 3.

The evening will be hosted by rugby league "great", Steve Mortimer, supported by special guest Alan "Robbo" Robinson from the Footy Show.

Sky Channel's Brad Handley will also be there together with top ranking boxer, Shannon Taylor, who is making a special appearance one week prior to his

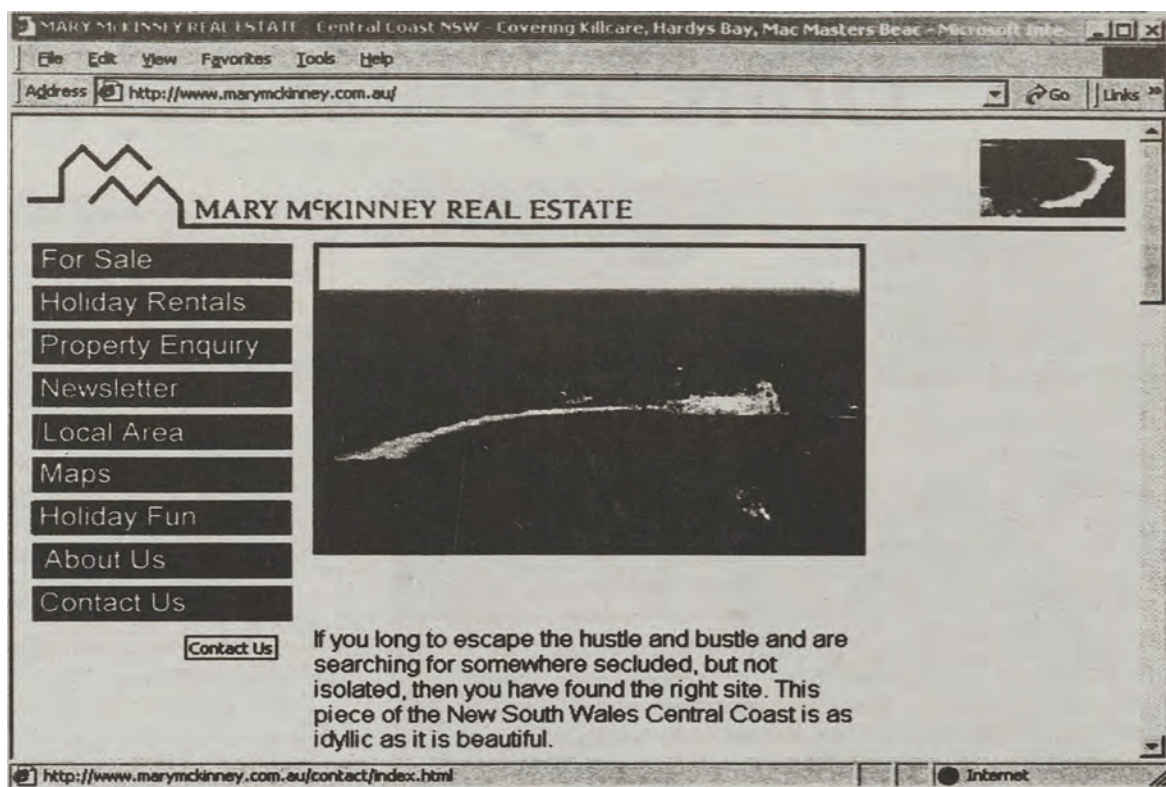
Commonwealth title bout against Julian Holland on August 17.

A variety of unique sporting memorabilia will be auctioned including boxing gloves signed by Shannon Taylor and Jeff Fenech, as well as signed rugby league jumpers.

Other entertainment on the night will be provided by comedian Ray Seagar and The Lamore Duo will provide the music.

Dress is semi-formal and the evening includes a three-course dinner and drinks.

Cec Bucello, July 10



Cafe Siri a new arrival

Ettalong's Cafe Select has had a new owner since early June and will be sporting a new name, Cafe Sin before the end of July.

Formerly owned by Lee and Hugh Finlay, the cafe has been taken over by Ms Sirivan Grunert of Lake Haven.

Ms Grunert said that she loved the area as a visitor and when she saw the business advertised, she jumped at the opportunity to become the new owner.

"It is a good size for me to manage and the area seems quite busy," she said.

The cafe's light menu will remain unchanged, but Ms Grunert has also added meals from many different countries as a lunch option.

Ms Grunert has had three years' experience in restaurants and five years' catering experience in Switzerland, but this is the first food outlet of her own.

The shop is currently open from 9am to 5pm Tuesday to Friday and from 9am to 3pm on Saturdays.

However, she plans to extend this in summer to include weekends and public holidays.

Cec Bucello, July 12

Site has a pleasant web design

Mary McKinney Real Estate has a homepage on the Internet that provides information for viewers about many aspects of the area including the traditional activities of the business.

The site can be viewed at <http://www.marymckinney.com.au>

The home page has a pleasant web design with the soft colours while some graphics take a tad too long to download.

At least nine main internal links were found at the entry point but returning back to the home page and finding the other links when navigating the site requires the

user to continually scroll to the bottom of the page to find the missing links.

The internal links allow the prospective real estate buyer to get a feel for pricing on many properties that have recently sold, search for that dream home or even view get excited about some holiday rentals.

The site also provides information to the visitor on attractions in the area, some maps of the local area and an interesting history page that include some information about Killcare and Pretty Beach just to name a few.

External links could not be located when the site was visited.

The pages appear to have been updated as recently as July 7, according to date stamp on the newsletter page.

The site rates seven out of a possible 10 and is worth a visit.

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 4342 2071 Stephen is a web consultant for All In One Business Service and has no affiliation with the 18-viewed Organisation.

Stephen McNamara, July 11

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July 26

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For the info of members and their guests

STEVEN SPELLMASTER
JULY 27

As seen on:

The Footy Show

NBN Telethon

The Denise Drysdale Show

Family fun day for school computers

The Hardys Bay RSL and the Pretty Beach Public School will host the Hardys Bay family fun day on Saturday, August 11.

Starting at noon, the afternoon will include live entertainment, a children's jumping castle and a mechanical bucking bun in the dub grounds.

A trivia quiz show will start at 7pm in the dub lounge with \$400 in prizes to the winner.

This win be followed by an

auction of sporting memorabilia, furniture and a selection of Penfolds Grange Hermitage wine.

A percentage of funds raised will go to the Pretty Beach Public School computer room.

The dub bus will operate throughout the day.

It is hoped the fun day will become an annual event.

Further information may be obtained from the Hardys Bay RSL on 4360 1072.

Press release, July 3

Crossing not to go ahead

A pedestrian crossing will not be built near the intersection of Charlton St and Victoria Rd, Woy Woy, at this stage.

Gosford Council was told that pedestrian surveys had been carried out and had indicated "extremely low pedestrian activity

in this area".

While recommending no pedestrian crossing, the council's traffic committee suggested that any "future proposal to provide a roundabout at this intersection include suitable pedestrian facilities".

Council agenda, June 26

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Two For Company



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Don't be lonely, act now, it's free, it's fun and all information will be kept in strict confidence.

Ladies looking for company

Damsel in distress with a good sense of humour and her dragon (dog called Honey) looking for knight in shining armour - 40s to 50s, with no ties and nice castle (without a moat) or a dragon-in-law.

Reply to Damsel F1372

"Love is just around the corner" as the song goes - but where is that darn corner? If you know where it is, and you are 55 - 65 years young, write to me now!

I'm into good music, dining out, movies and good conversation.

Write or send phone number to Capricorn Blonde F1373.

Fun-loving, outgoing, independent, sincere 50 year old lady who enjoys dining out, dancing, live theatre, travel and just walking along the beach, would like to meet man with similar interests who is a non smoking, fun loving, tertiary educated, a good conversationalist and emotionally secure for friendship with a view to a

relationship.

Reply: twinkletoes F1371

Men looking for company

Well spoken presentable gentleman seeking intelligent, happy lady, 40s to 50s. My interests include photography, computers, cooking, picnics and BBQs - also pets. I also enjoy riding motor bikes.

Reply: Gent M1371

Romantic Italian gentleman seeks attractive lady, non smoker, 40 - 55 yrs.

I like dancing, dining out, swimming and holidays overseas.

Reply: romantic M1372

Australian business man would like to meet well groomed lady to late 40s with a good sense of humour and no ties. Able to travel extensively overseas also weekends away.

Reply: Business M1373

If you would like to reply to any of these advertisements, simply send your letter addressed to the advertised name and number shown and seal it inside an outer envelope addressed to us (details on page 2).

The outer envelope needs to have your contact details if you have not included them in your letter and a payment of \$8 per letter to cover our costs.

We will pass on your inside sealed letter unopened to the person of your choice.

Replies from advertisers may be direct to writers or through us if no address was supplied.

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What's on in and around the Peninsula

Compiled by Winsome Smith

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY FRIDAY

Woy Woy Leagues Club, free entertainment, Players Lounge 5.30pm.

Men's 18 hole Golf event, Everglades Country Club.

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

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

Peninsula Pastimes Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd. 10 am, (in school terms), \$1 .50 incl. Morning tea. Creche Enq 4323 2493

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

Brisbane Water Bridge Club Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30 pm Enq. 4341 0721

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 Spm, Live band plus OJ, Woy Woy Leagues Club

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

Old Time & New Vogue Dancing; 1 pm, 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

Bridge, 12.30pm Ocean Beach Surf Club Enq: 43410721

EVERY SUNDAY

Children's entertainment Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club 1.30am 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-1pm; 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 RfICOvery 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: 43411166 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 lpm Enq: 4341 3222.

Boxinglfrtness training, 3.45pmU14, 5.30pm-14yrs+,Taebox 6.45pm PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851

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

Bridge Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30 pm Enq 43410721

EVERY TUESDAY

Boxinglfrtness 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: 43601220

Ladies golf, 18 hole stableford, 8am; Ladies outdoor bowls, 9.30am; Everglades Country Club.

Active over 50s classes, Gentle Exercise, Ettalong Fitness City, 8.00am, Enq: 4341 3370.

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

Have-a-hat 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

Bridge Ocean Beach Surf Club. 9.30 am and 7.30 pm Enq 4341 0721

Social Bingo Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd at 1200pm.

Peninsula Choir rehearse 7.30pm St Andrews Hall Umina.

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

Brisbane Waters Scrabble Club, CWA Hall, Woy Woy.Enq: 4341 8734 Men's 18 hole golf event; Men's triples bowls, lpm. Everglades Country Club

Active over 50s classes, Gentle Exercise, Ettalong Fitness City, 8.00am, Enq: 4341 3370, Ettalong Progress Hall, 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- 12 noon. Enq: 4341 3222.

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

Oil Painting, 9am Multicraft 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.

Boxinglfitness training, 3.45pmU14, 5.30pm-14yrs+, PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851 Mega Raffle, Ettalong Memotial Club, 2.30pm, Enq: 4341 1166

EVERY THURSDAY

Scrabble Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd 12.30pm. Old Time Dance Umina Community Han, 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 goff event;

Everglades Country Club.

Active over 50s classes, Ballroom Dancing, 10.00am. Ettalong Beach Bowling Club Enq: 4340 1057, 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-gam; Cams- 12noon. Enq: 4341 3222

Australiana, 10.30am, School for seniors, Peninsula Community Centre, Enq: 4341 9333, Judo seniors/women \$3, 6.30pm, Enq: 4342 4121

Female Boxfit class, 9.30am:Kindy Gym 10.30am: Tae Kwon Do, 6pm: Circuit Boxing 6.45pm PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851

Game Show, 10.30am, Ettalong memorial Club, Enq: 4341 1166

Bridge Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30 pm Enq 4341 0721

EVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday July 17

Arthritis Foundation 10am (3rd Tues), Meals On Wheels Hall Enq: 4342 1790.

Library Bookmobile, Killcare Heights cnr Scenic Rd & Beach Dr. 10.35am; Wagstaffe Community HaH 11.00am.

Wednesday July 18

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

Thursday July 19

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

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

Friday July 20

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

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

Aboriginal Art in the Park, 1.20pm, Staples Lookout, Enq: 4320 4205

Sunday July 22

National Parks Discovery Walk. Winter Walking. Peart Beach, Hawkesbury River, Broken Bay 9.25 am - 4 pm \$6 Adult. \$4. Child. Enq 4320 4205

Ballroom Dancers 50/50 Social Dance All ages welcome Ettalong Senio Citizens Club Ettalong. 5.00pm 4340 1057

Ettyalong Creek Landcare group (4th Sun) for bush regeneration. 8am Masonic Lodge, Woy Woy 381 Umina Community Han, 11am (4th Sun)

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

Monday 23 July

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

Carers Support Group, 10am, (40 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: 4344 4106

Tuesday July 24

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters 7.30pm (4th Tues). Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club. Enq: 4344 1124

Wednesday July 25

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

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

Umlna Progress Association Umina Community Hall. 1.30pm Last Wed)

Thursday July 26

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



School holiday bingo at Ettalong Beach Memorial Club

Friday July 27

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

Saturday July 28

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

avail. (4th Sat) Enq: 4344 5432

Jive & Jitterbug Club, 8pm, Ettalong Memorial Club, (last Sat) Enq: 43411166

National Parks talk on Bush ReQeneration; Maitland bay Carpark, Killcare Heights Enq: 4320 4205

Monday July 30

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

Tuesday July 31

Library Bookmobile, Killcare Heights cnr Scenic Rd & Beach Dr. 10.35am; Wagstaffe Community Hall 11.00am.

Wednesday August 1

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

National Parks Association Walk Medium difficulty. Around waterfront to Daleys Point via BlackwaA Mtn. Enq: 4341 2482

Thursday August 2

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

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

Friday August 3

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: 43431079

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

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

Saturday August 4

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)

Woy Woy Penln&ula Dune Care Group; 9am, (1st Sat), Enq: 4342 7849

Sunday August 5

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

Monday August 6

Deepwater View Club. Hand made jewellery and bags. 11 am. \$6.00. Enquiries: 4342 2046

Wednesday August 8

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

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

Friday August 10

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

Woy Woy Ettalong Hardys Bay RSL Sub-branch meeting, (2nd Fri), Ettalong War Memorial Club, 2.30pm

Satuniay August 11

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

Ballroom supper dances, 7.30 pm, Ettalong, 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 Enq: 4343 1967

Sunday August 12

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

Hardys Bay Branch Labor Party, 10am (2nd Sun) Empire Bay Progress Assoc. Hall.

Monday August 13

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

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

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

Tuesday August 14

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

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters 7.30pm (2nd Tues). Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club. Enq: 4344 1124.

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

Stroke Recovery Group, 11.30am, (2nd Tues), Meals on Wheels Auditorium.

Wednesday August 15

Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank Umlna Public School, Sydney Ave., Umina 9 am - 2 pm.

Ettyalong Bushcare Umlna Enq:4342 2251

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

Sunday August 19

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

Monday August 20

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

Arts and Entertainment



Arts and crafts centre takes registrations

Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre is now taking registrations for third term.

Classes begin on July 23 and run for nine weeks.

Courses offered in third term will be: Patchwork and Quilting, Pottery, Folk Art, Creative Writing, Drawing, Pastels, Contemporary Oils, Acrylics, Multicrafts, Children's Pottery, and Sculpture.

Christine Burge runs classes at the Centre each Friday during term in Multicrafts.

Her classes are for both beginners and the more experienced.

Her participants are encouraged to select from a wide range of media as she is well experienced to mentor participants in the arts of glass etching, lead lighting, decoupage, mosaics, doh dolls and contemporary ceramic plates.

Students choose their subject matter from examples, photographs or the tutor's suggestions, allowing students to produce what they wish rather than a specific class piece.

For further information on Multicrafts or any of the other courses conducted at the centre, contact Penny Riley on 4360 1673.

Press release, June 26

Café hosts local artwork

Peninsula artists can now show their work at the Gnostic Mana internet cafe.

The cafe in Woy Woy offers each artist a venue to hang their works for one month and feature their particular style of art.

A wide variety of artists will be shown to complement the theme of unity with all people and all belief systems.

This month, Sabine Parge is

showing two examples of her textile art and Bernard Craft is showing five watercolours.

Both have exhibited regularly on the Central Coast and their work is "off from the mainstream".

Bernard paints realistic portraits of selected moments and feelings within our everyday life.

Seating 60, the cafe offers the public access to the internet as well as featuring spiritual sites to

explore.

Local musicians are invited to join the Gnostic Mana with the first Friday of each month seeing the Troubadour Folk Club play their own unique style of acoustic music.

Gnostic Mana is currently also discussing the possibility of hosting rock and roll group dance nights.

Bernard Craft, July 9

Woy Woy boys put on dance performance

Woy Woy Public School boys' dance group performed at the Laycock Street Theatre in June.

School principal, Mr Warwick Hannon, reported that the students' performances were "fabulous".

"Made up from Year 2 to Year 6 students, the boys really strutted their stuff," said Mr Hannon.

"Having been involved in the

Central Coast Dance Festival for a number of years, I have seen many boys' dance groups which have over-simple choreography with lot of martial arts type movements.

Not our boys.

"They truly danced and showed both our school and Laycock audiences that the words 'boys' and 'dance' go together."

School newsletter, June 20

Picture frame workshop

Multicrafts tutor Christine Burge will be conducting a Colourful Contemporary 3D Picture Frame workshop on Wednesday, July 18, at Ettalong Beach Arts and

Crafts Centre from 12.30 to 2.30pm The cost is \$15 which includes materials.

For bookings, contact Christine Burge after 7pm on 4341 3019

Press release, June 24

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History

Federation - one hundred years on the Peninsula

In recognition of the Centenary of Federation, 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 July 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/libraryspeciallocal.htm

(No publication for July 1911)

July 7, 1921, Gosford Times

After submitting a request for a train station at South Woy Woy, the shire council received a letter from the office of the railway commissioners in Sydney.

The letter stated that the issue was under consideration by the commissioners.

"I am to say that the estimated cost of providing a standard length island platform with a footbridge to give access from either side is 6637 pound," said the commissioner.

"In view of the heavy cost involved and the extreme shortage of funds, which precludes any but the most urgent works necessary for the actual maintenance of traffic being carried out, the commissioners regret they are unable to see their way to heed to

the request at the current time."

It was found that seaweed, which was plentiful in the vicinity of Woy Woy and the beaches in this area, formed cheap and valuable manure.

July 2, 1931, Gosford Times

The Woy Woy Tennis Club held a social at the Masonic Hall,

Woy Woy, in a'la of Warratah Tennis Club funds.

It attracted a large attendance by local residents.

The inter-club race between the Gosford and Woy Woy cycle clubs took place at Woy Woy.

It was a 12-mile ride, with 24 competing cyclists.

It was said that the large crowd of people who gathered to see the event witnessed some good racing.

R. Brown of Woy Woy rode the fastest time of 34.40 minutes.

July 18, 1931, Gosford Times

Mrs J. Parks of Woy Woy left her house armed with a fishing net after a storm, which had flooded Woy Woy.

She returned home later with a presentable catch of garfish of edible size.

The fish had been left stranded in pools at the side of the road, between the crown of the thoroughfare and the Memorial Park entrance, after the floodwaters had receded.

(No publication for July 1941)

July 3, 1951, Gosford Times

The Brisbane Water (NSW) Legacy Club (BWLC) was inaugurated and its foundation

Members and office bearers initiated and installed after a dinner at the BWD Club.

Charged with the responsibility of caring for the welfare of the widows and children of fallen sailors, soldiers and airmen the BWLC was the 40th in the Commonwealth.

July 10, 1951, Gosford Times

It was announced that the 83 pupils at Pretty Beach Public School would go on strike on July 23, 1951, unless the Minister for Education at the time, Mr Heffon, met a deputation from the Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association before that date.

The decision was made unanimously by the schools P&C, who wished to discuss conditions at the school with the Minister.

Mr W.M Carter, secretary of the association, said: "We are not kidding.

We will police the school to see that no children attend."

Gosford Shire Council at a special meeting appointed a committee to go into the question of money available to the end of 1951, for works and the question of remitting part of the rates payable by old age and invalid pensioners. Cr Tarrant stated that he, Cr Uoyd and Cr Lamont had made an election pledge that there would be a remission of pensioner rates that year.

They had believed that the State Government would pay half but had since found the Government would only pay a quarter.

I do not know one pensioner who is living as decent people should live," said Cr Tarrant.

"Remission of rates will mean

a terrible lot to these people, but it will not mean much to this council.

"The position of these old people is desperate as the present cost of living makes it almost impossible for them to carry on," Cr Tarrant said.

Cr Lamont said council was not in a financial position to remit the rates to pensioners, some of which he said were property and car owners.

The President, Cr Grahame, said that whilst councillors were prepared to 'take the buck', the government would continue to pass it onto them.

"Some pensioners are better off then you and me," said Cr Grahame.

Councillors Tarrant, Chambers and Lloyd eventually voted against the motion to refer the question to a committee.

July 14, 1961, Gosford Times

In an almost unanimous decision Gosford Council moved that they would not change the policy of holding council meetings during the day.

"I am willing to approach the Chamber of Commerce with the request that employers give their employees time off to attend council day meetings," said Cr Lamont.

The Progress Association Assembly (PAA) requested council hold the meetings at night so to attract a wider field of candidates for council election.

The PAA thought this would also create greater public interest and therefore be beneficial to the entire shire.

All councillors with the exception of Cr R.Whitehom, spoke against the suggestion.

We had night meetings, councillors would have to come here at 8pm and would not leave until 4am the next morning," said Cr Spencer.

"I won't be in it. It would be ridiculous.

The motion not to hold the meetings at night was passed with only one vote against the motion, by Cr Whitehorn.

July 7, 1971, The Woy Woy Herald

It was announced that Miss New South Wales, Janet Hayes, would be Hostess at a Lodge Ball at Ettalong.

Proceeds from the ball were to be presented to the NSW Spastic Centre.

Miss Hayes was to judge the Belle of the Ball and the Matron of the Ball.

Members of the Ocean Beach Hotel Spastic Group (OBHSG), led by Mrs Dawn Tasker, were to attend the ball together with the then current candidate in the Miss Australia Quest, Miss Astride Ozols of Umina.

The OBHSG had sponsored three Miss NSW Charity Queens in the quest.

It was said that for the first six months of the year Gosford Shire Council approved building applications to the value of more than \$12 million.

Approvals for Woy Woy held precedence with one of the major issues discussed at the council meeting being the clear way for the vast housing commission scheme for South Woy Woy.

It was freely tipped that a new railway station would be built at South Woy Woy to cope with the new housing area.

It was also said that a shopping complex was another possibility for the district.

Council approved the construction of a service station at the corner of Railway St and Chariton St at Woy Woy.

July 1, 1981, The Gosford Star

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce announced concerns for safety of children tiding bicycles on the road at night, many without any form of lighting.

The Chamber president subsequently said he would write to the police and other relevant authorities drawing their attention to the danger these children were being exposed to.

He said he would also contact local service clubs in the hope of starting up an awareness campaign, aimed at safe bicycle riding.

July 9, 1991, Gosford Star

A World War, General Store was receiving much publicity after it employed topless sales assistants.

It was a move sparked by the desire to increase business.

The move caused much controversy and saw a number of letters flow into the Gosford Star and even a street poll with local residents offering their opinion on the issue.

Gosford Library, Local Studies Section



Rebekah Lodge founder Sister Helen Mortimer and her great granddaughter

IOOF on the Peninsula

The Independent Order of Oddfellows (IOOF) has had a lodge on the Peninsula for more than 40 years.

Here IOOF village resident Marj Cieere relates some of its history: The Independent Order of Oddfellows (IOOF) was founded in Australia way back in 1836 and in 1980 the IOOF was established in 20 other countries.

The movement has always been strong and is known world wide for its fraternal pledge to help those in less fortunate circumstances.

On the Peninsula, the WO'J Woy- Ettalong Lodge No 246 has been operating over 40 years.

The Rebekah Lodge No 96 was started by present day secretary Sister Helen Mortimer 27 years ago who still, at the grand age of 87, never stops coming up with ideas to keep her Sister Members entertained.

Sister Mortimer also finds time to fund raise for various organisations such as Cobalt Machine, IOOF Nursing Home, Woy Woy Nursing Home as well as Woy Woy's Rebekah Lodge.

In the past few years, some \$15,000 has been spread around and, in August this year, a cheque

will be presented at the annual birthday party to care Flight.

Another activity started some years ago is a children's Christmas party to which families at the women's refuge are always invited.

Each year a Mother of the Year is nominated and it seemed fitting that for 2001 it should be Sister Helen who had been ill.

On the day sitting solemnly in her chair at the Mothers Day function Sister Helen was taken wholly by surprise when 19 family members walked in.

Sister Helen swiftly became revitalized and once again has taken up her secretarial duties and function arrangements with a vengeance.

The Rebekah Lodge is most anxious to welcome new members so that the principals of the order can carry on with their community work.

The Lodge is non-political and non-sectarian, offering low-key entertainment and the opportunity for companionship at the same time as doing things for others.

For more information, ring 4341 4417.

Marj Cieere, July 4

Woy Woy - The Venice of Australia

Five weeks after the first fleet sailed into Port Jackson, Captain Arthur Phillip and a party of officers and men made a voyage of discovery in small boats to what is now known as Brisbane Water.

This first British exploration in March 1788 was followed by another in June 1789.

On both trips, the boats either passed near to, or landed at, modern-day Pearl Beach, Umina, Ettalong, Booker Bay, Blackwall-Orange Grove, Woy Woy and St Huberts Island.

Governor Phillip considered the land he saw unsuitable for farming, so it was not until 35 years later, in 1823, that the first land grant was made on the Peninsula.

The grant was made to James Webb, and the land was described as being at the "North East Arm of Broken Bay".

Known as "Mulbong", the grant was of 100 acres.

Webb was a soldier who arrived in the colony in 1790 on the "Scarborough" and his grant was in the area of Blackwall-Orange Grove.

Webb later purchased two more parcels of land on the northern part of the Peninsula.

This area became known as Webb's Flat, but was also referred to as "Wye Wye".

In the 1828 census, the population of the Peninsula was three: James Webb "farmer", and Michael Kirk and Patrick Sheridan, two ex-convicts living at Webb's.

Kirk and Sheridan were described as "labourers".

Webb had cleared 30 of his 100 acres, was farming on 20 acres, and had over 100 head of cattle.

In an 1840 map, the farm at "Mulbong" was still the only area on the Peninsula that was inhabited by white settlers.

In the 1841 census, there were six males and one female at the Webb farm.

Gradually, other settlers purchased land on the Peninsula.

Edward Coulter, a former worker for Webb, settled on land near the present township.

In 1855, the Reverend Alfred Glennie recorded in his journal that he paid a visit to Coulter's family at "Wye Wye Bay".

Apart from farming and cattle raising, early settlers were engaged in boat building, timber-getting, and shell gathering.

The busy Blackwall area grew, but the uninviting flats to the north were virtually ignored.

It was not until the coming of the railway in the late 1880s that the northern part of the Peninsula and the surrounding districts became settled areas.

Woy Woy was the closest point

to Sydney on the Great Northern Railway, and was a popular choice for holiday-makers.

The area was advertised as "The Venice of Australia", offering fishing, bathing and shooting.

Guest houses were built near the railway station, and those wishing to visit nearby areas were conveyed by horse and cart or small ferries.

Residential development was hampered by a lack of roads, both within the Peninsula, and connecting to other areas of Brisbane Water.

Building activity was mainly involved with providing amenities and small cottages suitable for holiday-makers.

With the provision of better internal roads and an access road to Gosford in the 1920s, the area boomed with new subdivisions attracting purchasers of home sites predominantly for holiday homes.

The first official post office building was erected in Blackwall Rd in 1922.

Also in 1922, a cinema capable of seating 1100 was built in Blackwall Rd.

There was a police presence at Woy Woy from 1883, when it was found necessary to station two foot constables here.

In 1888, the police station closed and was not re-opened until 1907, when a constable was sent

from Gosford police station.

Various buildings were leased for police accommodation until 1946, when a permanent brick police station was finally built at 49 Blackwall Rd. The site had been resumed for a police station in 1911.

Electricity came to Woy Woy in 1929 and was connected to about 100 consumers.

The Shire of Woy Woy was formally constituted on August 1, 1928.

Cr C.J. Staples was the first Shire President.

In 1931, Woy Woy Shire Council erected a building to accommodate the Shire officers and records and

to be used as Council Chambers.

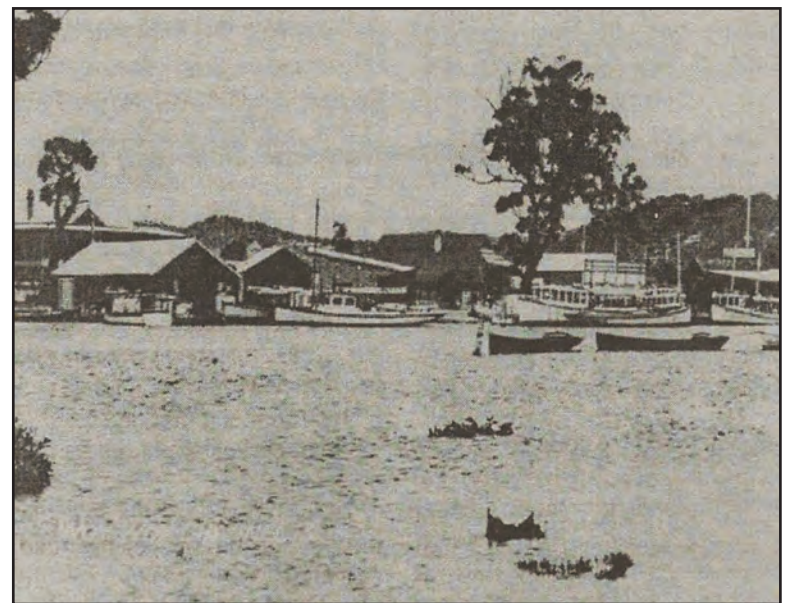
On December 31, 1946, Woy Woy Shire Council was dissolved.

The former Shire building continued to serve as a community facility, housing Gosford Shire Council offices and in 1948, the first library in Gosford Shire was officially opened, accommodated in two rooms of the building.

Space in the Shire building was used as a bank and, for many years, the main part of the building was used as a court house.

The Woy Woy branch of Gosford City Library now wholly occupies the building.

Joan Fenton, Woy Woy



Woy Woy Channel during the 1920s

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Education

Pam Ayre retires

Mrs Pam Ayre retired recently, after 25 years as teacher and librarian at Ettalong Public School, and after a teaching career that has spanned over 40 years.

School staff presented Mrs Ayre with a hand-made quilt that depicted many aspects of her teaching and personal life, as a memento of those 25 years at Ettalong and as a sign of the esteem in which she was held.

Every member of the staff contributed to making the quilt over many months.

Principal Bruce Donaldson said Mrs Ayre had always been committed to meeting the needs of Ettalong students and had guided them on a journey of gaining the

life-long learning skills of reading, listening and researching.

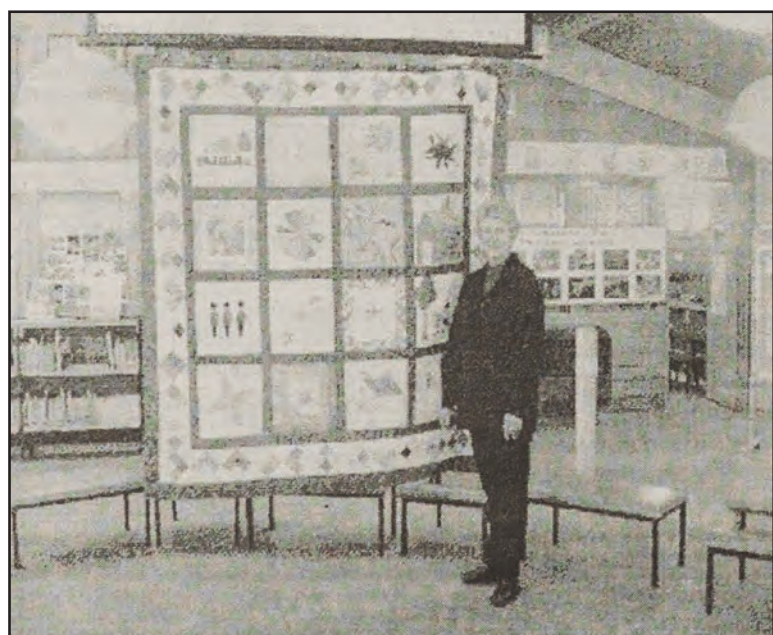
He said Mrs Ayre was a dedicated teacher who had contributed greatly to Ettalong School and was much loved by the staff, parents and students.

At a farewell in the school library, Mrs Ayre said she has seen many changes over the 40 years, particularly in the field of information technology.

She said she felt privileged to have had the opportunity to touch the lives of so many children, and had "thoroughly enjoyed it all".

Mrs Ayre then presented the students of the school with a "Friendship Seat" as a parting gift and thanked the students, staff, and parents for their good wishes.

Liz McMinn, July 11



Pam Ayre with the quilt presented to her as a retirement gift

Year 10 students in dance competition

Five Year 10 students from Umina High School were selected to participate in the Metropolitan North Talented Dance Camp from June 5 to 8.

Held at the Sydney Dance Company Studios, in Wattle Bay, the students were put through intensive workshops in jazz, ballet and contemporary dance by leading NSW teachers and Sydney

choreographers.

Students were Zuleika Duckers, Mel Hemers, Jodie White, Kayla Kennedy and Stephen Unsworth.

The Central Coast Dance Festival was held from Tuesday, June 19, to Friday, June 29, at the Laycock St Theatre.

Umina High was represented in Show A and Show C with three acts.

School newsletter, June 14

Business studies students open "virtual" practice firms

Year 11 business studies students of Woy Woy school have opened a virtual firm in the virtual market of practice firms under the mentoring of John Moore at Ettalong Beach Club Fitness Centre

The gym operates on Fridays from 1pm to 3pm and students give up their lunchtime to work in the practice firm.

The firm is structured with CEO Michael Milano and six directors of departments.

A comprehensive memo and newsletter keeps all departments in touch with each other.

The regular board meetings ensure that the firm reacts quickly to any economic or market pressure.

Introductory offers have seen the majority of staff at Woy Woy High join up with the fitness centre.

Local virtual businesses have been targeted to include the gym membership in any staff entitlement.

Directors are taking advantage of other practice firm offers such as a residential in-service for company directors in Melbourne on starting a new business.

The practice firm network is an international teaching strategy for students from

TAFE schools and universities, with the major focus being the fact that practice firms are student directed.

Cathy Gray, business studies teacher

Business week program for Umina student

Umina High School student Justin O'Donoghue of Year 12 has been chosen to participate in the 2001 State Australian Business Week Program which is being organised by the Faculty of Economics and Business at the University of Sydney.

Justin is one of 80 students chosen from all schools in NSW to attend a residential program for six days in the July school holidays.

The week was planned so that the students would work in teams of 10 with a business and teacher mentor, as the students make decisions for the operation

of a million-dollar company over a simulated two years.

The exercise included designing and launching a new product.

Students would be taken through a series of activities to develop their team and leadership skills.

School newsletter, June 14

Primary students sit writing test

All Year 3 and Year 5 students from Woy Woy Public School will be doing the Primary Writing Assessment on Tuesday, August 14.

The writing assessment is produced by the School Assessment and Reporting Directorate of the Department of Education and Training.

The program consists of two writing tasks which will be marked against criteria which assess structure, grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Students complete a factual writing task and a literacy task in

the space of about an hour.

"Writing" in this case is not to be confused with handwriting.

Students are requested to provide their name, gender, date of birth and to state whether they are from a non-English speaking background or are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

This information will be used for assessing and reporting student achievements in writing.

The information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy for all students is maintained.

The results of the test will

provide information about what a child can do and will indicate where they may need help.

Reports will be sent to the school in term four and will be used to support teaching and learning programs which will improve the literacy achievement of students.

A report will be provided to parents giving the results each child achieved.

For more information about the Primary Writing Assessment, contact the School Assessment and Reporting Directorate on 9886 7469.

School newsletter, June 26

Three-way conferences replace parent-teacher interviews

Woy Woy Public School has decided to replace regular parent-teacher interviews with three-way conferencing, following a successful trial last year.

The school decided to try conferencing because parentteacher interviews left out the focus of the interview - the student.

"Three-way conferencing provides the opportunity for students to evaluate their own progress in the form of a written report and then communicate directly to parents in an interview situation," said school principal Mr Warwick Hannon.

"In doing so the students are able to become responsible for

reporting how well they are doing at school, learn to communicate effectively.

become accountable for their work and behaviour, and develop organisational and leadership skills.

"On a confirmed date, students will greet their parents at the classroom and following a set agenda, present their selfassessment report which will highlight achievements and identify any areas of weakness.

"Students will also explain work samples and perhaps take parents for a viewing of the classroom including their displayed work.

"The students will provide their parents with an evaluation form for the conference which can be

completed later and sent to school.

"The students and parents then join the teacher who will present each child with a student progress report and discuss its contents.

"This is an opportunity for parents to display a positive interest in their child's progress and accept the child's evaluation of their own accomplishments and areas for improvements.

"By participating in the conference, parents will not only be assisting their child to develop communication skills, but also be showing their support for the child's education and the importance they place upon it."

The opportunity for a private parent-teacher interview was still available if necessary.

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Zone cross country

Umina High School took part in Zone Cross Country competition recently.

The school's team was: 12 years - Jessica Gehrels, Sally Whatnall, Kristy Waren, Kelly Jackson, Danielle Mair, Karleah Wood, Emma Waugh, Jackie Steward, Terry Penman, Brendan Buhagair, Max Osborne, Kacper Kurpiewski, Tom Reid.

13 years - Vanessa Cairns, Stephanie Kearns, Lisa Magnall, Yolanda Veltmeyer, Samantha Hinton, Daniel Smith, Joel Weeks, James O'Sullivan, Martin Jeffrey, David Coultas, Steven Little, Dale Booth.

14 years - Keira Pride, Kailee Church, Jessica King, Farrah Cameron, Sam Phipps, Michael Payne, Zane Keuning, Chris Hyde, Cameron Matthews, Owen Sillars, Craig Harrison, Daniel Jackson.

15 years - Taryn Tiko, Alisha Smith, Alison Hooper, Natasha

Dudzinski, Ashley Trewin, Krystal McLeod, Chris Paterson, Michael Campbell, Ben Howell, Chris Kennaway, Myles Burgess, Jarrad Madden, Michael Milton.

16 years - Sally Beer, Michelle Darmody, Jacqui Miller, Kellie Archibald, Jordana Chelton, Scott Stephen, Adam Turner, Matt Mitchell, Chris Wood, Glen Ngaheu, Brendan Sheean.

17 years - Katherine Peksis, Kristy Stephen, Heid Wooden, Gemma Nucifora, Per Mortenson, Matt Taylor.

The following students went on to become Brisbane Waters Regional Representatives: Jessica Gehrels, Sally Whatnall, James O'Sullivan, Keira Pride, Chris Paterson, Ben Howell (Reserve), Scott Stephen (Reserve), Katherine Peksis and Per Mortensen.

School Newsletter, June 6

Environmental studies for year 2s

Year 2 students from Woy Woy Public School visited the waterfront at Woy Woy on Thursday, June 28, to view the pelicans and their habitat.

This was an exercise to reinforce schoolwork that had already been completed, while studying "The Need for Shelter".

Students took their own lunches to have at the waterfront.

All rubbish was taken back to school to ensure the environment was kept clean.

School Newsletter, July 6

Teacher set to retire

Woy Woy High School teacher, Mr Peterson has announced he will retire after taking long service leave.

Mr Peterson joined the school's social science staff in tenn 2, 1998, after running his own business for some years.

"He has been valuable member of staff and highly respected by

his students," said principal Ms carolyn Carter.

"His students have achieved some excellent results in HSC over the past three years and he has been largely responsible for the success of Retail Studies, a vocational education course."

School newsletter June 22

Schools wait for collegiate

Peninsula schools are still waiting on the Minster of Education or his department to make an announcement about the collegiate to be formed between Woy Woy and Umina high schools.

Woy Woy High School principal Ms Carolyn Carter said the delay was in contrast to a quick recent decision was made on the future for schools in the inner city.

"Our collegiate was proposed by our district, rather than imposed upon us as was the experience of the inner city," said Ms Carter.

"Maybe our department can't cope unless they are doing all of the planning and coming up with all of the ideas.

'In the meantime, the parents from the combined P&C group have asked that we survey parents, staff and students for a name for the collegiate." Ideas for the name were requested at the end of Term 1.

The most popular names were: Brisbane Water College, Peninsula College, Central Coast, Mingaletta College and Deepwater College.

"Mingaletta is the local Aboriginal word for people meeting together." Staff and students could now register their preference on survey sheets which would be passed on to the P&C, said Ms Carter.

School Newsletter, June 29

Students excel in science competition

Three of Woy Woy Public School's entrants in the Australia-wide Science Competition have received distinctions.

Others have received credit and achievement awards.

This year more than 450,000 students from 849 schools across Australia and neighbouring countries took part in the competition Award winners were: Distinction: Joshua Newans, -sen

Tancred, Carleigh Dunn Credit: Adam Macvean, Julian Oldham-Green, Philip Ryan, Hayley Hughes, Kane StuartTatham, Ashley Thrussell, Kristy Vanezi.

Achievement: Callum Macvean, Amber Miller Participation: Renee Hart, Amy Vanezi, Zach Fell, Jessika Baillie, Keiralie Braasch, Melinda Minns, Luke Brittliff, Natalie Hart, Jesseca Lee, Luke Randall, Craig SaLouie

School Newsletter, June 26

Development Day details explained

The first day of next tenn Monday, July 23, is School Development Day at Woy Woy High School.

This will be a student-free day. "Parents are welcome to attend on the day and work with staff on the areas that we have targeted for development," said principal Ms Carolyn Carter.

"The areas we will be working on are student welfare procedures and education strategies for boys, year 7 quality teaching and learning project, and teaching assessing and reporting to outcomes in year

11 and 12." Guest speakers will be Mr Chris Bonner and Ms Amanda McLoughlin.

Ex-principal of Asquith Boys High School, Mr Bonner, will be talking about boys' education strategies.

He is currently the project officer for the NSW Secondary Principals' Council's Future Project.

Ms McLoughlin is the Board of Studies liaison officer.

She will talking and leading a work shop on teaching assessing and reporting on outcomes in the senior school.

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Work units would be evaluated to help teachers prepare for the next unit of work.

An emphasis would be placed on "what the student can do" rather than looking at a mark out of 100.

For example, it was important that students studying industrial arts and history subjects in 2000 indicated that students perceived that teachers collaborated with them more than year 11 students had indicated in 1998, said Ms Carter.

The new HSC has been a great stress on teachers and the department did not properly resource government schools for its implementation, she said.

"However, it is most definitely a more positive method of teaching and learning.

"The school management plan for 2001 is much more closely linked to the format of the annual School Report 'The outcomes have been developed so that we can work at achieving our targets and measure how close we are to them at the end of the year."

School Newsletter, June 22

Dental clinic moves

Woy Woy School Dental Clinic, situated across the road from the school, is finishing and will move to East Gosford School until new premises are built at Woy Woy Hospital.

The clinic has been in its

present for many years looking after the teeth of school students form a wide area.

The school dental program has shrunk in recent years and a much smaller number of students are eligible for free treatment..

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Development control is an issue

Matthew Wales for the Chamber of Commerce highlights seven appeals by developers against refusal of their proposals by Gosford Council.

Mr Wales state that many of these are for "developments that are permissible uses within the subject zones".

Most people know that anything is permissible "within the subject zones" around here.

Take the Taj Mahal or the "club" extension at Ettalong: Nine storeys high, the same as Peppers at Terrigal, in a quiet location where the height limitation is three storeys.

It is interesting to look at the reasons that these "permissible" ventures were refused.

Four of them were refused because they "did not conform to design requirements of state government acts", "will have an adverse impact on privacy of

neighbours", "not permissible use on land zoned 7(a) Conservation", "the proposal does not comply with the density standards of the Gosford Planning Scheme Ordinance".

The fourth involves a development that had conditions placed on its consent but before these conditions could be fulfilled the property changed hands and the new owners are arguing that they are not responsible for the conditions imposed on the first owner.

That leaves three.

One wants to knock down substantial trees at Pearl Beach.

One wants to knock down a heritage building, the Ferrymaster's Cottage at Wagstaff.

The last one Council decided not to defend because it involved moving a liquor licence one block up the street and was unlikely to be opposed by the Land and Environment Court.

So from the information provided, we can read that the Chamber of Commerce is in favour of developments that will have an adverse impact on the privacy of neighbours, are built on land zoned for Conservation and don't comply to the density standards - developments that knock down every tree on the block in leafy suburbs and that require the bulldozing of Heritage Buildings are supported by the Chamber.

This attitude is the reason most residents are fed up with the way the Peninsula is being over-developed and many are doing something about it.

Save Our Suburbs is active in ensuring that adequate development controls are in place on the Peninsula.

Our next meeting is on July 22 at Woy Woy South Hall, corner Woy Woy Rd and Pier St, at 3.30 pm. Enquiries 4342 2251

Bryan Ellis, Umina

Conservation concerns for Ettalong

The Central Coast Branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation would like to convey our concerns for the future of Ettalong.

We start on the dunes that are being hacked apart for getting in the way of someone's view or are overridden with weeds and rubbish.

While applauding local residents for forming a dunecare group to start the rehabilitation process this public and prominent space requires some serious attention from our City Council.

The dunes have seen no serious effort at dune management for years.

This will be the gateway to the Peninsula if we are about to get the Fast Ferry.

What has happened to the Fast Ferry?

The Foundation is interested

to know how a fast ship is going to avoid collision with marine mammals.

The damage that a propeller can do to a cruising whale was well documented last week.

What kind of damage will a high speed ferry, shaped like a knife, do to a whale?

We do hope that a better whale detection device can be found than that recommended in the applicants' first submission - that volunteers stand on the bow and keep watch for whales.

And the Ettalong Club Resort: Surely now that the club has stalled and the Carr Government Minister Refshauge has been "charged with defending the NSW coastline from ugly developments", this project must be reviewed and the comments of the NSW Coastal Council urgently requested.

The recent Urban Design

Framework (UDF) undertaken by council and consultant Brett Newbold for Ettalong indicated what residents saw as a livable suburb while retaining some of the existing atmosphere of the seaside village.

Nobody taking part in the UDF process contemplated a building that was higher than the Peppers building at Terrigal but, at nine storeys high, the Ettalong Club will be.

And this is an area where there are not even three storey buildings at present.

I hope that this letter will stimulate some debate about what is sustainable development.

Can Ettalong sustain the pressure of more and more people both in the villas and units in the side streets and in high-rise on the foreshore?

John Wiggan, ACF Central Coast, Woy Woy

Community Forum

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

Contributions in Word format sent via e-mail to pennews@worldpacfflc.com.au or on disk save us having to retype them. Forum contributors are reminded that full contact details, including phone number, must accompany submissions. Name and suburb will be published.

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Bottled LP gas costly

With the winter chills well and truly upon us, it has come to light that the gas companies who are supplying bottled LPG gas to the residents have a distinct monopoly in some areas where natural gas is not available.

Since last year, the cost of a bottle of LPG gas has risen considerably, over \$10 per bottle, and the pensioner discount has been removed.

Rental per year for two bottles is \$61.60 and \$74 refill per bottle, including delivery.

This is over the cost of some households' natural gas bills for six months - cold comfort for those on fixed incomes (pensioners) and battling young families.

Would you believe that natural gas is available at a considerable saving, namely approximately 20

cents per hour?

This does not equate to the charges that the LPG companies are levying.

We all need to ask why.

It seems ridiculous that the natural gas pipeline is located in Nambucca Ave, Woy Woy, less than a kilometre away and is in the newer estates in Hillview St, and AGL at this time will not add to the lines to connect any further residents.

Therefore the LPG companies have the advantage and the ability to charge what they like, as gas for heating is a necessity in some homes.

If any residents are in agreement with this letter, I would be pleased if they would lobby their local members and also complain to their gas supplier regarding the high cost of bottled gas.

F Hall, Umina Beach

Writing for newspapers workshop to be held

A workshop about "Writing for newspapers" will be held at the offices of Peninsula News at 6pm on Wednesday, July 25.

Led by Peninsula News editor Mark Snell, the workshop will examine newspaper writing style and the ways in which contributions are edited for publication.

"The workshop is open to the

public and will be particularly relevant to anyone wanting to contribute to Peninsula News," said Mr Snell.

Those attending are invited to bring samples of their own work for editing.

The workshop will be free to Peninsula Newspaper association members and \$15 to non-members.

July 12

Versatile fours will be regular

Everglades Bowls Club has reintroduced the Versatility Fours events as a regular part of its bowls program.

Seventy two bowlers with some from Avoca and Terrigal graced our greens on Monday, June 25.

Prize money of \$500 was offered. Fast and true greens added to the success of the day.

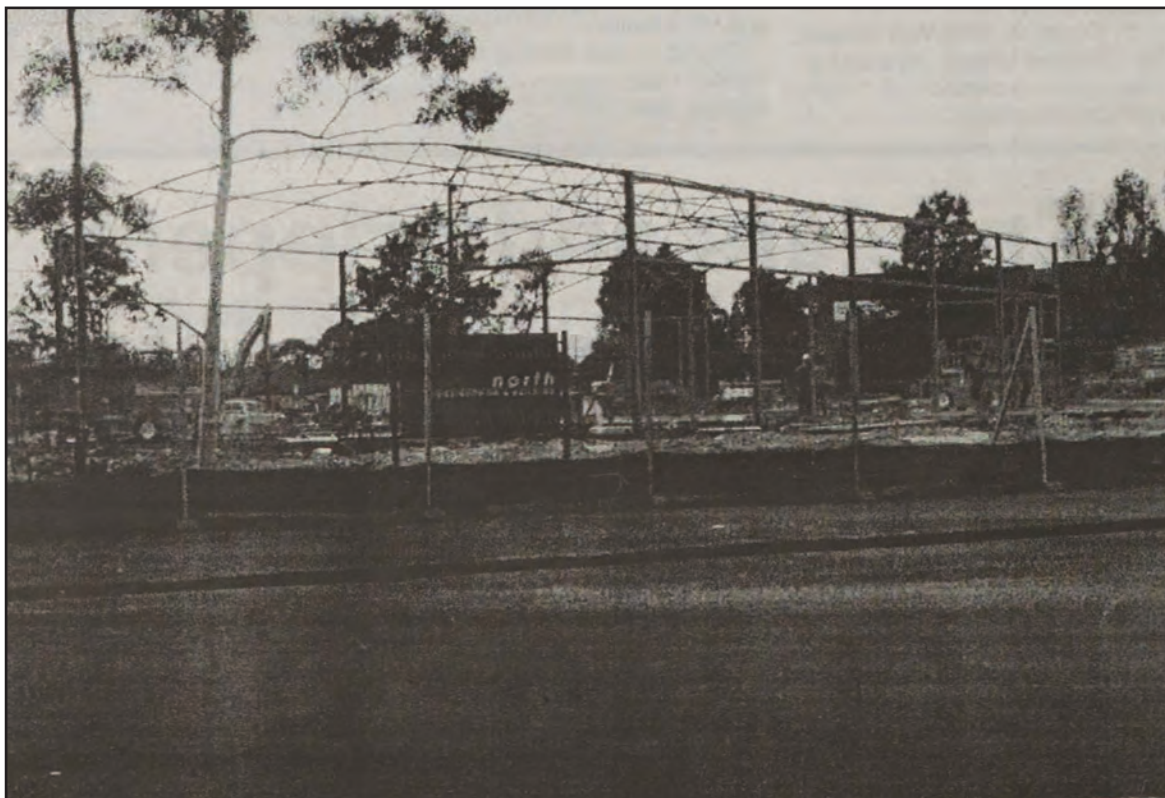
So popular was the reintroduced event, it will be on again each fourth Monday of each month.

Everglades and Woy Woy Bowls Clubs attracted more than 250 bowlers to their joint Queen's Birthday carnival.

It was held at the greens of both clubs over two days, with friendly yet strong competition.

Ted Martin and Ian O'rielly of Woy Woy worked with their committee are now planning another carnival for the bank holiday weekend in October.

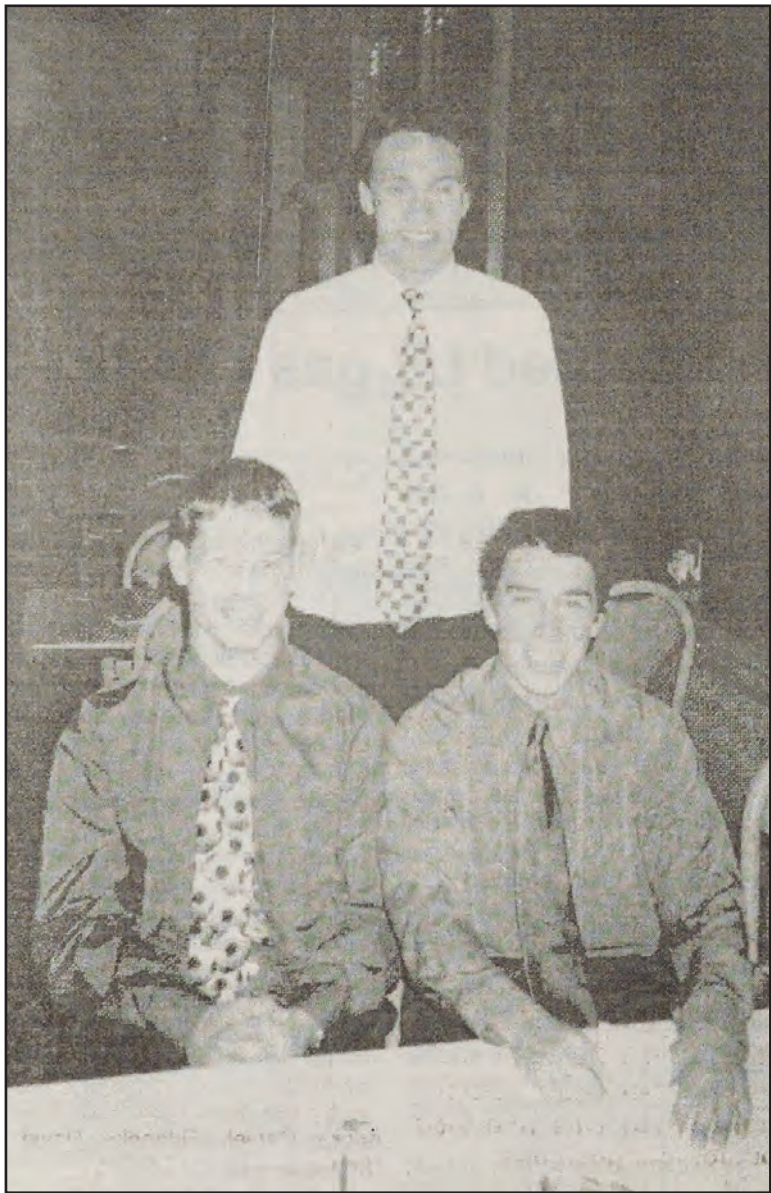
Bruce McDonald, June 26



The new Peninsula Community centre taking shape

Sport

Umina soccer player Germany bound



Marc Falzon, front right, set to attend soccer academy in Germany

Marc Falzon of Umina is one of four Central Coast soccer players who have been chosen to fly to Germany for three weeks of intensive training and evaluation at the famous Torschuss Football Academy (TFA) near Stuttgart.

The four 19 year olds will live and breathe soccer and attend Bundesliga (German First Division) matches.

Juergen Kantenwein, coaching director at the Torschuss Academy, will put the young Aussies through their paces and assess their potential.

Juergen, who has an A Level coaching licence from the German

football association will refer players deemed suitable for trials at German clubs.

This trip of a lifetime was arranged by the boys' local management company, Reusch Australia.

Managing director Martin Reusch said: "Germany can be the ideal starting point for young players wanting a career in Europe.

"By stopping off on the way at the Academy, they are sure to be in top shape for any trials that might follow.

"With Juergen's help, they will also be guided to clubs that suit their playing style and importantly, that suit their stage of development."

Bruce Glen, July 12

Junior Rugby League team news

Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club's under- 10/2's team has lost only one match this season, with players from a mixture of 1's 2's and 3's teams from last year.

Alex Baxter, Lyle Hurley and Steven Bleakley crash into the defence at every opportunity, while Trent Sinderberry, Chris Stevens, Craig Williams and D.J.

Markham tackle everything that moves around them.

On the back line, Daniel Blair, Brendan Neal, Sam Brown and Chris Bainbridge combine well to see Billy James, Jarron White and Luke Willet scoring the tries out wide.

"These boys have a very good future as a side and all the support that we are getting from parents and friends is very encouraging for the team," said manager Billy James.

Meanwhile, the under-1113's team has had three wins and two losses.

With a hard run in the middle, a couple more losses can be expected.

The main contributor to the losses so far has been the boys' lack of attendance and attention at training, according to coach Shane Wilson.

"Both factors are starting to improve now and hopefully they will continue to improve to show the results on the field." In Round 7, the team played the competition leaders in atrocious conditions.

Although suffering a 7-0 loss to a blgger Wyong side, the boys were unlucky to have let the -try in.

"With the team not being fish, we found it hard to swim through the mud, which made our attack veri -shallow," the coach said.

Dylan Smith and Mitch Bolton kept taking the boys forward all day and tried their best in defence.

Shawn Nelson again had another strong game all over the park and showed he is an important part of the team.

In Round 8, Woy Woy played the second-placed Kincumber side who seemed to "outenthuse" Woy Woy.

With a brilliant start, the little Roosters showed they were premiership contenders in the first half.

Tthe second half was a different game.

The boys had shallow attack and sloppy defence.

Shawn Nelson played bril- liantly for the team and Corey Wright was the best of the forwards. Final score was a 18-11 loss.

Tries went to Corey Wright, Shawn Nelson and Mitch 80lton, who also kicked the goals.

Round 9 was the game against an equal-placed Umina Bunny side.

Woy Woy- knocked them off with a win of 27-20.

Again the team's second half was disappointing, although the defence led for a nail biting finish.

The match saw the quieter players Kurt Pride and Jesse Troughton standing up and having a "blinder".

"It pleases me to watch these players shine," said coach Shane Wilson.

Tries went to Max Perkins 2, Shawn Nelson, Kurt Pride and Dylan Smith one each.

Goals also to Shawn Nelson, Kurt Pride, Mitch Bolton and Corey Wright.

The Round 3 replay of a washed out game was against an improving Ourimbah.

Al though shallow in attack and not moving up in defence, the boys got themselves a 16-8 win.

"With all that, they still tried hard and are hopefully enjoying their football," said Shane Wilson.

Dylan Smith was unstoppable in attack and solid in defence.

Riley Vanderpoel had a very solid game all over.

Mitch Bolton took the ball forward all day and Jolin Richardson showed he had potential to be a great footballer.

Tries went to Jolin Richardson, Max Perkins, Shawn Nelson and Dylan Smith.

Goals went to Shawn Nelson and Mitch Bolton.

Round 10 saw another win 18-13 to a much-improved GosfordKariong side.

The game went from one end of the field to the other, with both teams just missing out on scoring.

An 8-8 score at half time showed the closeness between the two teams.

At the start of the second half, Gosford-Kariong scored a converted try which put Woy Woy 13-8 down but a great try to Dylan Smith and conversion to Riley Vanderpoel brought the scores to 13-13.

Two seconds before the hooter, Mitch Bolton took the ball on the last tackle, dived over with a hand-popping out from under three players to place the ball over the line.

"It was great to see the support from the sideline by parents as I know it lifts the players," said coach Shane Wilson.

Kurt Wilkins played his best game this season, with an outstanding attacking raid.

Dylan Smith created chaos for the defence and Mitch 80lton tried hard.

Shawn Nelson also controlled the backs well, as well as making some try-saving tackles.

Cale Fennel is improving every week.

Tries went to Kurt Wilkins 2, Dylan Smith and Mitch Bolton.

Goal- went to Shawn Nelson, Riley Vanderpoel and Mitch Bolton.

Players' Player Award for rounds 4, 5 and 6 was Corey Wright after a few promising games.

Runner-up was Shawn Nelson who is playing consistently well every week.

"Overall the boys seem to be enjoying their football and hopefully understand that winning makes football even more enjoyable," said Shane Wilson.

The winners of the Mother's Day Competition were: first prize E.

Murphy and second prize Ms McPharlane The Kids' Disco will be held at Woy Woy leagues Club on Saturday, July 21, from 5pm to 8pm.

A gold coin donation will be asked for entry with all money raised go backing to the team.

Club newsletter, July 10

Kneelers and grippers charity day rescheduled

Ocean Beach watchtower

Ocean Beach will get a water safety observation tower, following approval by Gosford Council.

The tower will be designed to provide a wide range view of the patrol area while protecting water safety personnel from the elements and ensuring minimal visual impact to beach-side residents.

The tower will be used by employed lifeguards during the week and volunteer lifesavers during the weekend and public holidays.

The cost of installing the tower was about \$5000 and would be funded by Council's Water Safety Levy.

Council agenda June 26

The annual Kneelers and Grippers Charity Bowls Day was cancelled last month due to bad weather.

It has been rescheduled to be held at Woy Woy Bowling Club on Sunday, July 22, at 1pm.

This charity bowls day is organised by the St Vincent De Paul Society

and Masonic Lodge Morning Star of Woy Woy and sponsored

by the Woy Woy Bowling Club.

It has been an annual event for over 20 years, in which time donations of more than \$60.000 have been given to charity.

Any bowler who wishes to play may register with the bowls secretary of

Woy Woy Bowling Club.

Those who are not bowlers but wish to support the day are invited to the club and take advantage of

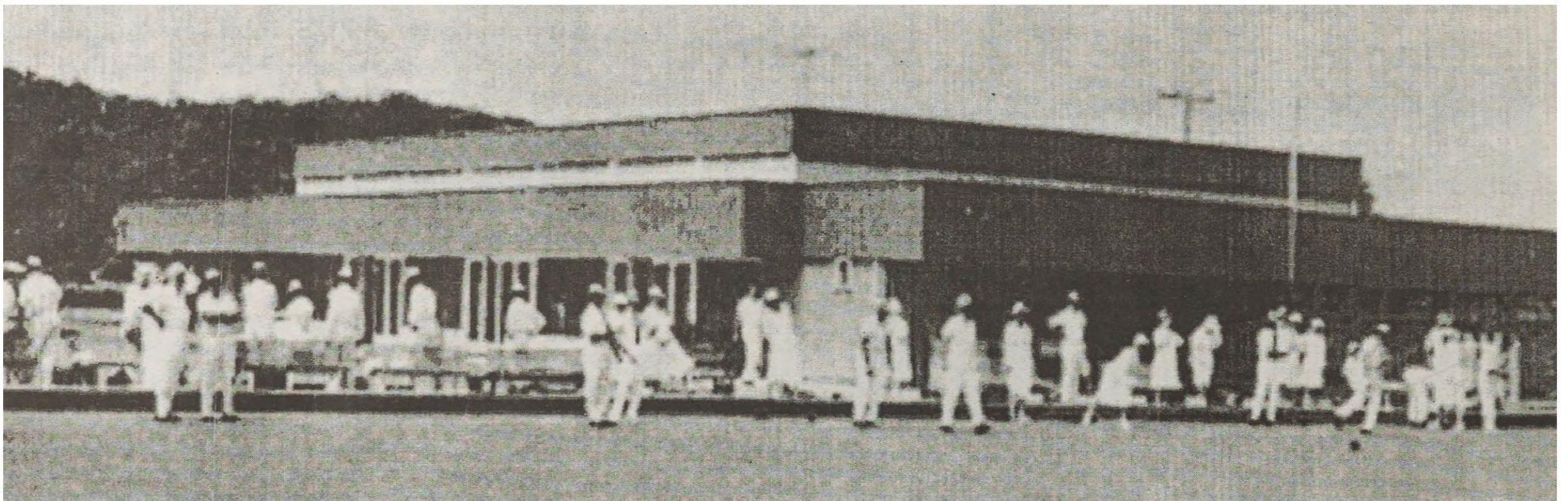
all that the club has to offer.

Over \$1000 in prizes are to be won, donated by many Woy Woy businesses.

Money raised is equally divided between these two organisations and distributed to a worthy cause.

Last year \$2200 was equally divided between St Judes Hostel for Men and Woy Woy District Hospital.

Alex Gilroy, July 3



Woy Woy Bowls Club in 1970

Andrews officially opens new-look Woy Woy bowls club

Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, has officially opened the \$2.5 million renovations to the Woy Woy Bowling Club.

"Woy Woy Bowling Club now has a synthetic green which allows bowls to be played even in inclement weather," she said.

"This makes the club the first

bowling club on the Peninsula to have a synthetic green." The interior of the club was renovated to include more spacious and pleasant eating areas and an improved bar area.

"Sunday, June 10, was a proud day for the director of the board, Mr John Gardner, for his fellow directors, for the current secretary

manager, Mr Warwick Smith, and the past secretary manager, Mr Trevor Haynes, who had travelled from Port Macquarie to be at the opening," Ms Andrews said.

Life members of the club present at the opening included Kevin O'Brien, Jack Parkinson, Albert Heartland, Bill Goodwin, Edna Browne, Lal Wright and

Eileen Ryan.

"Woy Woy Bowling Club is a very community-minded club and is supportive of many local organisations including The Central Coast Naval Association, the Lions Clubs of the Woy Woy Peninsula, the Pelicans Fishing Club, Marine Watch and the RSPCA."

Speaking in State Parliament,

Ms Andrews said: "All the people who were involved in the renovations should be congratulated on a job well done."

"The work carried out has greatly enhanced the club, while simultaneously retaining the club's reputation as the friendly club by the water."

Media release, July 3



Andrew Hollinworth in action

BMX racers gain places

Patrick White and Andrew Hollinworth of Umina have competed in the central region zones for BMX racing over the past four months.

They have travelled as far as Taree, Port Stephens, Maitland, Lake Macquarie and to their home track at Terrigal to race against others in their age groups.

After competing in all five zones, Andrew Hollinworth placed second in a hotly-contested 15 years boys group.

Patrick White placed first in a competitive 10 years boys group.

The boys had to compete at all five tracks in order to qualify for the NSW State titles to be held at Tamworth in September.

Both boys are sponsored.

Sarah Hollinworth, July 9

Table tennis played

Umina High School's table tennis team was selected from 65 students who tried out for four positions.

The team selected was Mitchell Fiddock, Daniel Fiddock, David Brewer and Simon Laming, with reserves of Daniel Leahy and Scott Baker.

Round 1 vs The Entrance High at the Entrance High: Umina High team won 4-0, the team being David Fiddock, David Brewer, Simon Laming and Scott Baker.

Round 2 vs Terrigal High at

Umina High on the school's new table tennis tables: Umina had a 4-0 win.

The team was Mitchell Fiddock, Daniel Fiddock, David Brewer and Simon Laming.

Round 3 vs Asquith Boys at Asquith Boys High: Umina lost 4-1.

The team was Mitchell Fiddock, Daniel Fiddock, David Brewer and Simon Laming.

Although Simon Laming won the only rubber, all the others took the opposition to the limit in both the singles and doubles matches.

School newsletter, June

Umina Eagles are champions

The Umina United Eagles under-7 boys team was crowned undefeated champion at the Wyoming soccer gala day on Sunday, June 17.

Not only did the team go through without losing a match but it did so without a goal being scored against it.

There were 28 teams playing in four groups.

The games were all played at a high standard.

Umina Eagles played six matches to make it to the semi-finals which had the four top teams left after a long but rewarding day.

Just when the team looked as though they had given their all, they rose to the occasion and defeated Mountains 2-0.

After only a five-minute rest and some inspiring words from coach Brian McMichael, the young gladiators took the field in what would be the highlight of the day.

"With skill, determination and teamwork, these young eagles defeated a very talented Gosford 3-0," he said.

"Not only did boys perform on the field but behavior between games was excellent."

Woy Woy came fourth in the competition.

Press release, June 25

Woy Woy Roosters meet Umina Bunnies

Round 10 of the Central Coast VB rugby league premierships saw the Woy Woy Roosters meet the Umina Bunnies in front of a good Peninsula crowd at Woy Woy Oval on Sunday, July 1.

With the Bunnies clinging grimly to their semi-final aspirations, Tony Clarke's Roosters met a determined Umina side which made them earn the vital competition points to stay at the top of the table.

Hooker Elton Connors was at his best causing the Bunnies

defence plenty of headaches, with his interchanging with winger Brent Byrne paying dividends for the team.

Full back Evan Cochrane returned to his best, absorbing pressure from the Bunnies and in turn making many metres from some great kick returns.

Skipper Jason Carpenter continued his solid comeback from injury, scoring a try and getting plenty of field time.

Roosters Under-17s, after stringing together some solid wins

over the past month or so, started well with a good opening try.

However, they could not match the intensity of competition leaders, the Toukley Hawks, eventually going down by 36 points to eight.

Dean McDonald's Reserve Grade side needed a win over the Bunnies to keep their finals campaign going.

In a tight game, half back Jarrod Brennan scooted over late in the game to seal a fine 26 points to 18 victory.

Roosters newsletter, July 11

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Bingo for the young

Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club held Kids bingo during the school holidays on 11 and 18 July.

Entry was free and winners received children's prizes.

The event was well attended with the entire top floor area of the club taken over for the event. Following the bingo, and kids disco was held.

Other children's activities at the club during the holidays included the ABC for Kids Cavalcade and the arrival of the Star Girls from Planet Groove on July 17.

The ABC for Kids Cavalcade was held on July 13 and was a live show featuring many characters including Postman Pat and his cat Jess; Pingu Pinga; Blinky Bill and Flap; Paddington Bear; Bob the Builder; and, Spot and Maisy: 1 The Star Girls arrived with a starship full of new songs for their fans.

Children were able to meet Angel Star, Smiley, Cheeky Star, Dream Star and, DJ The Funky Koala:

Cec Bucello, July 15

