



At the office site are from left, Mayor of Gosford Chris Holstein, Member for Peats, Marie Andrews, Federal Labor candidate Trish Moran, Transport Minister Cr Scully, Member for Wyong Paul Crittenden and Mayor of Wyong Fay Brennan

New transport office opens in Woy Woy

An office of the planning section of the Roads and Traffic Authority will be established in Woy Woy by November.

Minister for Transport and Roads, Mr Carl Scully, visited Woy Woy on August 1 to announce the establishment of the new office.

The office will be situated on two floors of the Clocktower building on Railway St and will house 30 staff.

"We expect to start the first staff here in early November and over the ensuing months that number will increase to 30," Mr Scully said.

Speaking at the office site, Mr Scully said: "The staff here will be responsible for completing a transport plan and implementing it, as well as managing various construction and traffic management issues that arise on

the Central Coast.

"We've already advertised for an F3 manager and we are well under way in terms of what we need to do with that project.

"Of the 30 staff, 19 jobs will be new.

"There are already some staff who live here but work at Newcastle. They will now be located here.

"The ground floor will be used for displays, and will be the public face of transport on the Central Coast.

"If people have concerns to do with rail, or issues to do with traffic management, they will be able to come in, speak to an officer, and see planning process displays.

The facility will also have two "hot desks" which will enable RTA and transport department

employees access to a work station if they are on the road, or away from their regular office.

It is understood a draft of the Central Coast regional transport plan is almost completed.

Consultants were engaged to draft the plan and a public consultation was held in Wyong as part of the process.

However, no announcement has been made about what happens next, although it is expected the draft will be presented to the Minister. It is not known whether the plan will be exhibited for public comment before it is adopted as policy.

It is understood a multi-agency taskforce was established to consider the draft. However, its role was unclear.

Jonathan Reichard, August 1

Funds granted for Peninsula Vision economic project

A \$110,000 economic development project designed to create local jobs in sustainable businesses will be undertaken on the Peninsula over the next six months.

The State Government last week announced it would join the Federal Government, Gosford Council and local businesses in sharing the cost of the project.

An initiative of Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, the project will create a local economic development strategy, to be known as "Peninsula Vision".

Announcing the Department of State and Regional Development grant, NSW Minister for Regional Development Mr Harry Woods said the funding would enable the Chamber to engage a consultant to prepare an economic strategy for the Peninsula business community which would incorporate research, policy development and implementation plans.

"The State Government is always looking for ways to work in partnership with communities to generate jobs and economic growth," he said.

"The Chamber welcomes the State Government's support for the economic strategy," said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

Mr Wales said the economic strategy would also establish a self-funding and sustainable economic model for the Peninsula Chamber to ensure that the new strategies could be carried forward into the future.

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

new jobs," he said.

Mr Wales said that support of the project was a credit to all levels of government as well as the local business community.

"By supporting this project, the State Government has affirmed its commitment to the Peninsula and future of the business community.

"This commitment is further enhanced by the State Government's decision to establish the new roads and transport office at the Clocktower building in Woy Woy.

"The Chamber welcomes the bipartisan approach that all agencies have taken. This is an important economic strategy that has the potential for creation of local sustainable job creation over the next five to 10 years."

Federal Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, said the \$27,500 Federal funding was provided under the Federal Government's Regional Solutions Program, which was designed to help regional and rural communities find local solutions to local challenges.

"This important area of the Central Coast has seen a rapid increase in medium density living, and it is important that local business activity is stimulated to create urgently needed local jobs," he said.

He said the funding would allow the Peninsula Chamber to engage consultants, who would provide positive ideas and direction for the future economic development of the Peninsula area.

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

Press releases, July and August 10

Council lays charges over demolition of ferry master's cottage

The Gosford City Council has voted unanimously to begin criminal proceedings against the owners of the ferry master's cottage at Wagstaffe for demolishing the historically significant structure.

The building was demolished

after council had refused an application to build a residential dwelling on the site because of the historical significance of the existing building.

The council had started procedure to have the building listed as an environmental heritage item.

Speaking at a recent council meeting, Cr Craig Doyle said: "I was dismayed to hear of the destruction of this building.

"The people who did this have taken away the right of the community, the council and the courts to decide what should happen.

"They have removed one of the council's reasons for refusal of their development application.

"Heritage items are a public asset in the hands of private citizens.

"We need to take a stand against this sort of behaviour," he said.

The cost of council prosecuting will be approximately \$40,000, with costs awarded if successful.

The maximum allowable penalty under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act is \$1.1 million.

Council agenda CS145, August 7

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When John Della Bosca launched his Moving Forward strategy two weeks ago with the 1937 travelogue “Woy Woy - Venice of Australia”, he did much to enhance the perception of the importance of the Peninsula to the Central Coast.

In the few days since, the State Government has done much to show it is willing to provide resources which would reflect this.

In that time, we have seen four major announcements concerning the Peninsula which will provide a substantial boost to our economic infrastructure.

The announcements, reported elsewhere in this newspaper, range from initiatives to allow us to enhance our skills and to allow us to plan our local economy through to jobs on the ground now.

The creation of Brisbane Water Secondary College will be a popular move, which should provide our young people with a greater range and depth of educational options.

The establishment of a specialist information technology centre should provide a skilled workforce as the basis for a growing IT business cluster.

Funding for a strategic approach to planning our local economy (and putting this into action) is accompanied by high hopes of achieving a coordinated and consistent approach to planning our future.

The involvement of Gosford Council and the Uving Centres’ team of the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning in this process holds great promise.

The establishment of the region’s transport planning team at Woy Woy not only injects more money into the local economy but underlines the importance of the Peninsula in the Government’s plans for the Central Coast.

In one short month, the Peninsula has gone from being a neglected backwater to being heralded as the flagship of the Central Coast.

The Government is to be congratulated for these initiatives.

However, the backlog of neglect will not be quickly redressed.

The community will need continued support with initiatives of a similar nature if it is to realise its potential - and this will be the basis upon which the Government will ultimately be judged.

Mark Snell, editor

Who’s new?

Peninsula News is pleased to welcome two new volunteers to the team.

Jan Abberton has come to us via ET Australia as a capable person looking to get back into the workforce and redevelop her high typing speed.

Also on board is Paula Perry.

Paula has done some creative writing and has joined us for newspaper writing experience and as an aid to the community.

At the same time, we lose Council Matters columnist John Oakley, who has moved on to other things out of the.

I would like to thank John for his efforts on behalf of the paper.

Cec Bucello, Manager

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Mobile counselling to operate for women in remote areas

A mobile counselling service is being made available to women in outlying areas of the Peninsula.

The new service aims to meet the needs of women and families in crisis situations, particularly those where lack of transport inhibits their access to counsellors.

The service has been designed

to cover crises of relationship, grief and pregnancy, which are not addressed by the existing services for domestic violence, substance and gambling addiction and for children.

The service is available through the Peninsula Women’s Health Clinic, Woy Woy, as well as through other neighbourhood and

family centres across the Coast.

Fees are charged on a sliding scale fee from \$5 to \$30, according to income.

Counselling days are Monday to Thursday.

For more information and bookings, phone Judy Melville on 0438 434 156 or 4332 7450.

Kate Bradfield, July 24

Scout Venture Unit re-opens

The Woy Woy Scout Venturer unit has started up again after a two-year recess.

The Scout Venturer unit is open to boys and girls aged between 14 and 18 years.

Activities include caving, abseiling, boating, hiking, camping and rock climbing.

Meetings are held at 6:30pm every Friday at the Scout Hall, 2 North Burge Rd, Woy Woy.

The Woy Woy Scout group is the oldest on the Peninsula, with 80th birthday celebrations planned for next year.

Bob Seat, July 2

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Specialist facilities for internet, multi-media and software development training are to be built at Woy Woy.

The \$567,000 facilities will provide TAFE information and communication technology courses to senior students at the Woy Woy campus of the new Brisbane Waters Secondary College.

The courses will be offered in partnership with the Hunter

Institute of Technology.

A Business Services Skills Centre will also provide business services training courses outside school hours.

Announcing the facilities would be built at the "Woy Woy Senior Campus", Education and Training minister Mr John Aquilina said: "In

the Government's Central Coast Moving Forward strategy, the Peninsula is identified as a focus area for industry growth.

"Students and the community will now have access to the training necessary to support this infant industry on the Central Coast."

Member for Peats, Ms Marie

Andrews, said the centre was "a wonderful acquisition for the Peninsula".

"The good thing about it is that it is not just for students at school but will provide TAFE course in the evening for adults as well.

"It will be the biggest skills centre of its type located in a government

school in NSW.

"The Peninsula is becoming recognised as an IT centre.

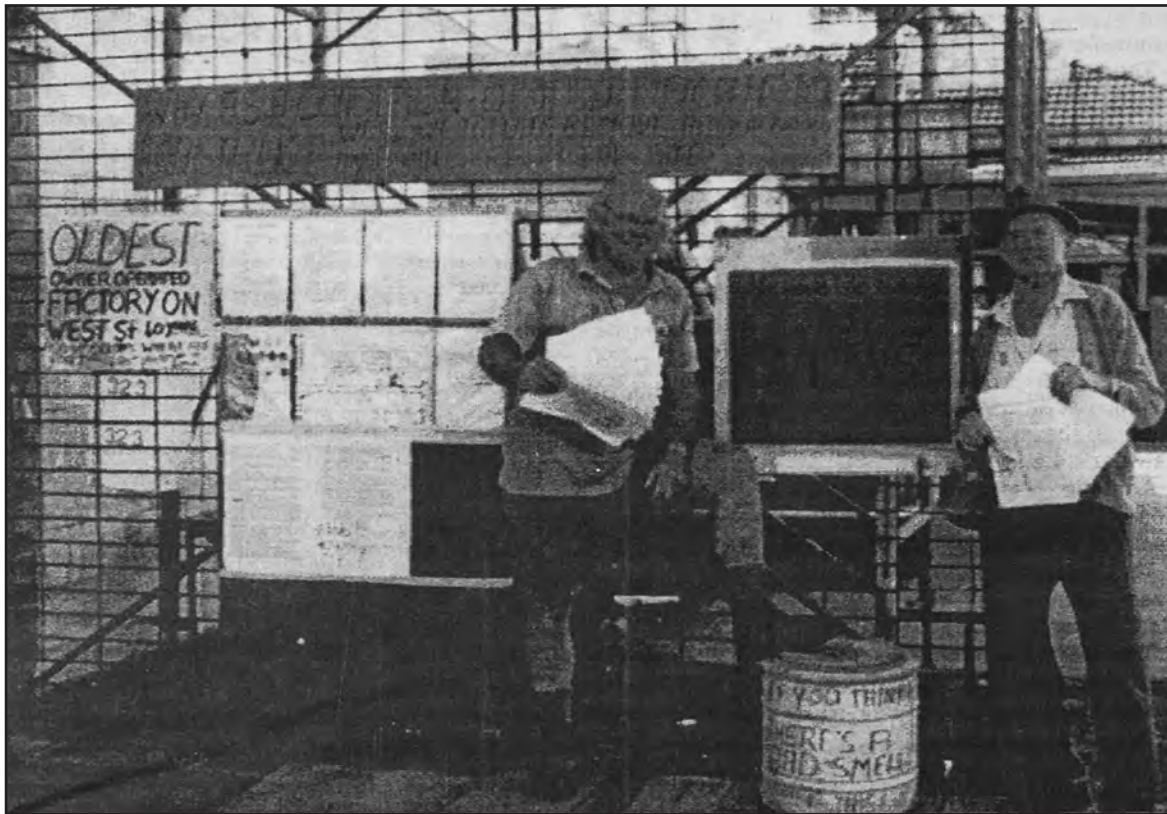
"This will further enhance that recognition.

"There has been a lot of pressure from the community for a long time to establish a TAFE on the Peninsula."

The announcement was welcomed by local IT businesses and the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

Cec Bucello, August 10

Woy Woy gets IT centre



Ed James (left) and Louis James outside their property in West Street, Umina

The James' fight council

The businessmen regarded by some as Umina's own Steptoe and Son have vowed to fight Gosford Council for rear lane access to their West St property.

Lot 34 West St, Umina, have collected more than 440 signatures in 10 days on a petition supporting their call for rear lane access.

They claim rear lane access was promised to them by previous council officers over 30 years ago.

The house on the lot was built more than 40 years ago and without rear access, the James'

say they have been forced to have their back yard at the front of the house in the middle of a busy shopping precinct for all to see.

Complaints from retailers and council officers have fallen on deaf ears as the James' feel that they have no choice.

As well as living on the property, they operate an antenna factory and a rental shop.

The James' believe that they have been discriminated against and recent threats of fines up to \$110,000 have not helped the situation.

Mr James senior said: "I have nine war service medals and served in many theatres of war and now, at my age, I find it hard to believe that after all that I still have to fight for my rights."

Ed James said: "When council gives us rear lane access, we will gladly remove our much maligned front fence across our driveway and do what we have wanted to do for many years - build a shop on the site."

"This will solve everyone's problems," he said.

Cec Bucello, August 10

Top dollar for new managers?

Gosford Council has been asked to pay well above the average salary for its new "functional managers".

The council's strategy and policy forum has recommended a base salary of \$110,000 per annum for each of the new positions, despite being told that level would put them "within the upper quartile of similar positions".

This means the Council will pay more than the amount that 75 per cent of other local authorities with similar executive managers would pay.

At the same time, the general manager's report claimed that the salary "sets a fair and market competitive remuneration level for executive managers in a local authority the size and complexity of Gosford City Council".

The report gave no other explanation of why the Council should pay above average rates. The average salary for a similar position was also not revealed.

Also under the scheme, the council's three current departmental directors are to get three of the seven new Functional Manager positions in the council's new management structure.

The Council was told that agreement had been reached in principle with the three existing directors to fill three of the new functional head positions.

Mr John Murray would fill Development and Health, Mr Chris Gallagher would fill Finance and Corporate Services and Mr Stephen Glen Engineering Operations.

The appointment periods would coincide with the terms of their current contracts and they would retain their current remuneration packages until the end of their contracts.

Mr Murray and Mr Gallagher's contracts expire on December 31, 2003, while Mr Glen's ends on February 27, 2005.

The council's strategy and policy forum recommended that job descriptions and position titles formulated by KPMG be adopted.

It also recommended the contract period for functional unit managers be four years.

The Council's review committee is expected to discuss the matter tonight, August 14.

Council agenda SF022, August 7

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Forum

Umina businessman dreads going home

I am a business owner in the Umina CBD, as I have been for the last eight years, and would like to comment on the security of the main street of Umina.

Like most of the business owners in the main street area of Umina, I really dread going home at night.

We are always awaiting a telephone call to say that our office or shop has had its windows smashed, there has been a break-in or our premises have been graffiti-sprayed.

Not a night goes past, particularly over the weekend, where we don't wait that telephone call or wait till we approach the workplace every morning.

In the last fortnight at least three

shops have had their windows smashed and only last Friday night nearly all the shops on the northern side on the main street for five blocks, had graffiti added to their shopfronts.

What has been done about this?

Nothing, except that the owners are left to clean up the mess or pay for someone to undertake the work.

There is talk that the Umina CBD is going ahead in leaps and bounds, where new businesses are waiting for vacant premises to open their enterprises.

Look around: only two new businesses have been started recently.

One of those has been burgled. The other has had its window smashed.

Police have been called but due to the workload have been unable to assist.

Why beautify Umina now? Let's look at the basics: security by proper licensed, enforcement personnel.

The businesses that are here are not just shopfronts, like our "Clayton's" police station.

They are owned and run by real people trying to make something for themselves, their families and their region.

Why spend \$1.2 million on unnecessary civil works when it could be put to good use helping the people would have battled crime and hard times, over the last five years or so?

Owen Burns, August 7

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@worldpacflc.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. Anonymous contributions will not. Submissions may be published in an edited form.

Funds raised for leukaemia

I wish to thank the following golf members for their sponsorship of my getting my hair dyed for the Leukemia Association on May 31.

Their patronage allowed me to raise \$372 which made me very proud even if the dye job did not take because of my dark hair.

It was a good day for the club and the morale of the staff members who participated.

I believe all had a good day.

Thank you, The Roosters, The Swampies, The Taxies, The Yums Yums and all the other members and guests who participated.

Michelle Francis, Woy Woy

Writing classes prove a success

The CWA Hall in Woy Woy echoed to the sound of voices from different cultures: Aussies, English, Scots, Irish, Welsh, Dutch and Norwegian.

All were gathered together to embrace a love of writing, whether fiction or non-fiction, poetry or whatever.

It is always exciting to listen to further pages of the novel being written by two of our members. After all, it may be a winner one of these days.

The mentor, being of Welsh origin, added to the flavour of this enthusiastic group.

His wisdom and help plus his sense of humour plays a big part in the creative writing course.

The CWA Hall makes a thought-provoking background: the piano of early 1920's vintage has displayed on the already closed lid: "Please close the lid after use."

A young Queen is prominently placed on the well-polished top, along with many photographs accredited to the CWA.

Tables and chairs are always quickly readied for the class amid much fun and laughter.

The tea break takes priority: electric jug, cups and saucers are all left on standby.

Kitchen is strictly CWA standard and every effort is made to preserve this atmosphere.

Various modes of transport are available apart from private cars.

The railway station is some five minutes walk away, plus a good bus service is available.

Joy of joys is the local ferry service that ties up almost outside the CWA Hall.

The boat has on numerous occasions turned back to collect our teacher who gets engrossed with his students.

Many thanks to the Captain who puts up with all the shouting, waving and signalling as we cheer our teacher aboard the ferry bound for Davistown.

Woy Woy is such a picturesque part of the Central Coast and still manages to hold on to that old-world charm so lacking in this modern age.

On one occasion, our illustrious teacher forgot the CWA Hall keys.

A note left on the door stated: "We are holding the class at Ye Olde Woy Woy Hotel, two minutes from here."

That day our class was a resounding success, what the locals thought is another matter.

The coffee and snacks served at the hotel were second to none, plus no washing up.

Our 10-minute writing topic that day was exciting. We had plenty of material to work on.

Over 50 architectural students from the university swarmed around this quaint part of Woy Woy.

One student was patiently counting the bricks on the hotel wall.

On being questioned about the use of this painstaking task, his answer was that it was essential to the eventual drawing of the building.

Makes sense! Or does it?

You can phone 4369 1187 for further information.

Helen Ross, August 1

Congratulations on Pearl Beach dog census

I must apologise to Irene Miller.

Obviously the dog census was carried out with great care.

I take a walk each morning and that is why I missed the caller.

Since the census, I have heard

that an elderly lady was injured by a friendly dog which swam out to her while she was swimming and the Council have been informed of this sad incident.

Having had dogs both as a boy and later as an adult, I know how

valuable they are as companions.

However with urban life changing, we must take a hard look at all pets and their impact.

Again my apologies to Irene Miller and my congratulations on the care she took with the census.

Vincent Serventy, July 18

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Libraries have free internet

Cr Lynne Bockholt is urging residents to take advantage of free internet access at the two Peninsula libraries run by Gosford Council.

The service has been free of charge since July 1, following a council decision to remove access charges.

"This has proved to be a very popular move with more and more people using the free facilities and we want everyone to be aware that this service is available," said Cr Lynne Bockholt.

"Councillors have pushed very hard for free access as there are a great many people who can not afford to install expensive IT equipment in their homes and these people should not be disadvantaged by being locked out of the new information age.

"Council should be about offering services to ratepayers and it is a pleasure to see that this new service is so well used and so

popular.

"At the moment Umina Library has two PCs and Woy Woy has one.

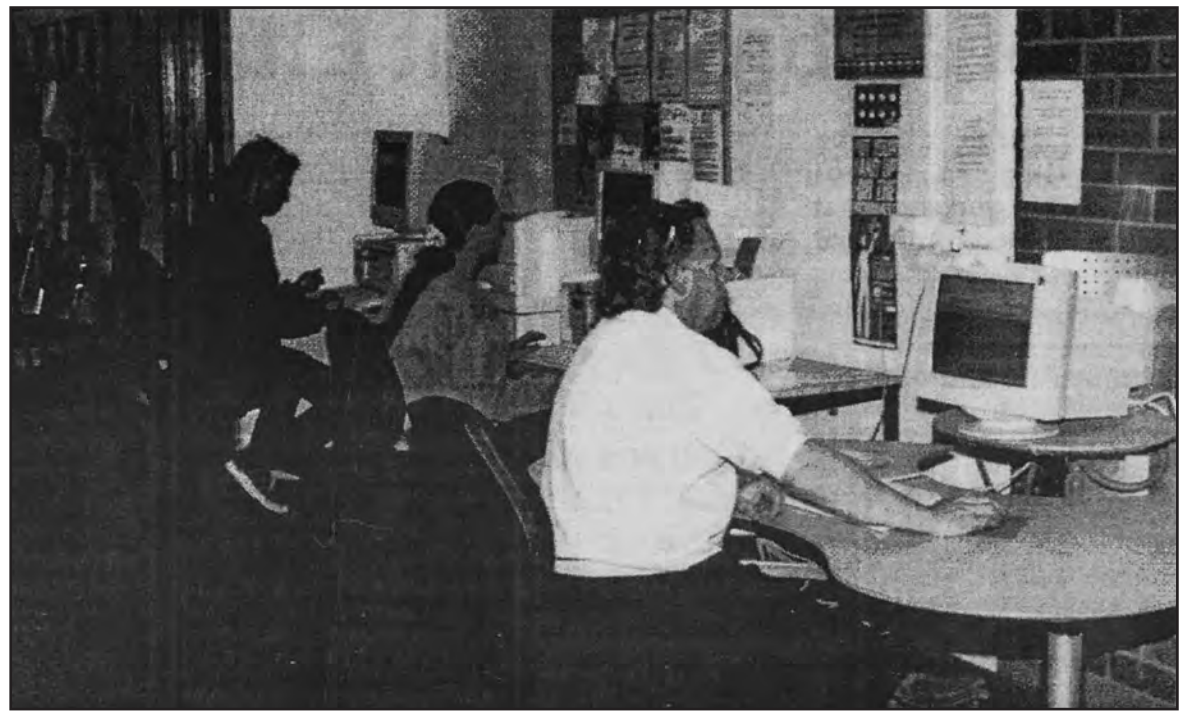
"Because of high demand, access is restricted to 30 minutes at a time but councillors are committed to increasing the number of PCs publicly available as quickly as possible.

"The new Woy Woy library extension, which has just been approved by Council, will have an increased number of PCs and other information technology available for use by the general public.

"The older libraries, like Umina, will need to be progressively rewired so they can offer the latest IT services to the public.

"The service is accessed by seniors, students and other young people, and overseas and other visitors keeping in touch with home by email.

"The good thing is that the libraries are open on Saturdays



Library patrons use computers with free internet access

and Sundays so are accessible seven days a week so residents can get information from all around the world at the touch of a button at no cost.

"I urge all residents to make use of this information technology as often as possible," she said.

Media release, July 23

Neville Wran opens Labor campaign office in Woy Woy

Former NSW Premier Neville Wran was the special guest at the official opening of the campaign office of Labor candidate for Robertson, Trish Moran, last Friday.

Ms Moran said that she considered it an honour that Mr Wran offered his time to officiate at the opening of her information office.

"I am delighted at having such a distinguished figure as Mr Wran officially opening my office," Ms Moran said.

"Neville Wran is both a Labor icon and one of the State's most eminent political statesmen."

"His record speaks for itself.

"Mr Wran served as NSW Premier from 1976 until retiring undefeated in 1986, a record term for a State Labor leader."

Ms Moran said she had established her campaign office in Woy Woy because "Woy Woy is Labor's heartland and the hub of the electorate".

"It is very central and just as close to Kincumber as it is to Gosford.

"It has the railway, other

transport, post office, banks and everything else that we could need.

"Many of our volunteers live in the area and we needed to be handy for them."

Robertson had about 83,000 voters of which 16500 were pensioners over 65, many of whom lived on the Peninsula, said Ms Moran.

"The Peninsula is good for older people because it is flat, safe, has a local hospital and good transport facilities.

The information office is located

at 23 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, and it is open to the public between 9am and 5pm.

"The people of Robertson will be able to visit my office at Woy Woy and ask me questions, as well as find out about Kim Beazley and Labor's plans for Australia," Ms Moran said.

"If people can't make it to the office, they could ring 4344 1511 and speak to one of the volunteers staffing it."

Cec Bucello, August 10

Want a good read?



Central Coast resident Gary Blinco's book, *Down a Country Lane to War*, is an autobiographical work covering an impoverished upbringing in the 1950s, through to national service in Vietnam, painting graphic pictures of bush and wartime military life.



Gary Blinco's second work, *The Wounds of War*, follows an Australian Sergeant through multi-national operations into Cambodia and Laos during the Vietnam war. It shows the hardship of war for those at home, as well as for soldiers.

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Wool embroidery at Ettalong

Carolyn Ford will be conducting a wool embroidery workshop at Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre on Saturday, August 18, from 9am to 3pm. The workshop will be "hands

on" and makes use of silk ribbon, satin ribbon and wool. Carolyn is a resident of the Central Coast and a retired school teacher. Register for the workshop with Robina Mealey on 4341 3427.

Third term classes began July 23 and run for nine weeks. Classes are available in patchwork and quilting, folk art, creative writing, drawing, pastels, contemporary oils, acrylics, multicrafts, children's pottery, sculpture.

Pastel, drawing, contemporary oils and acrylic classes are conducted by Ann Parker each Wednesday.

Ann's classes at the Centre are suitable for beginners and more experienced artists.

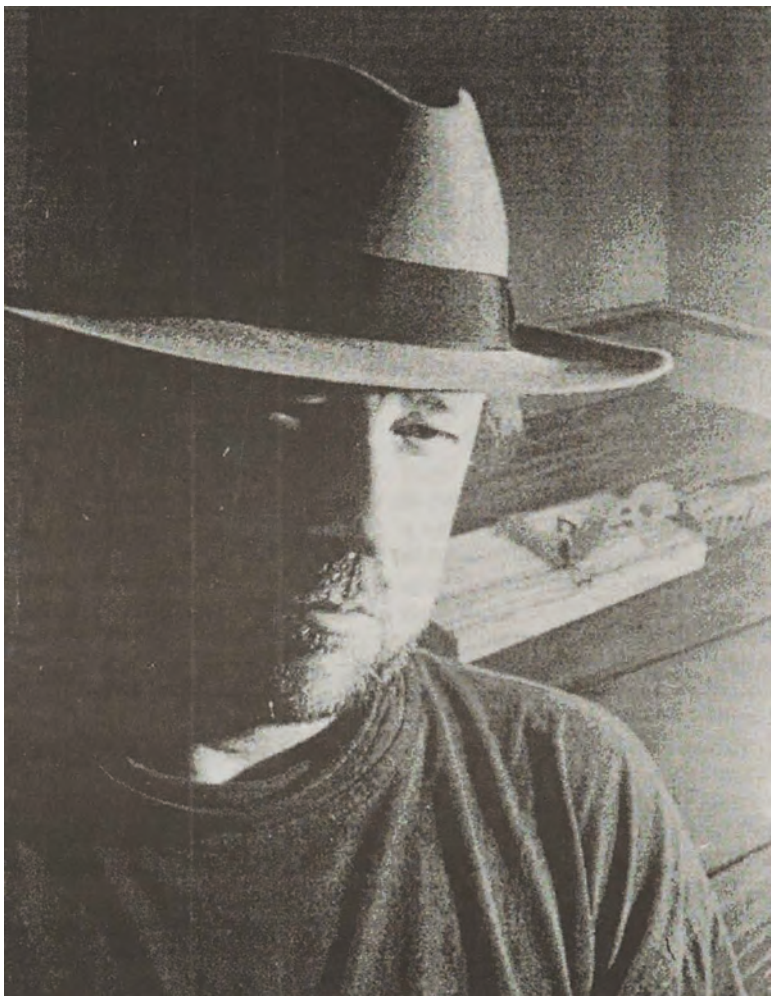
During class, Ann allows students to explore a variety of techniques including hatching, blending, pointillism and crosshatching as well as the use of mixed media.

Ann helps students to work creatively from life and photographs, and has the objectives of developing students to their potential in working creatively and confidently.

The centre is located at Kitchener Park at the corner of Picnic Pde and Maitland Bay Dr, Ettalong Beach.

Phone 4341 8344 or 4360 1673 for further information.

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Ian Davis

Bensville artist recreates history

Ian is a surrealist, conceptual, three-dimensional sculptural formic, selective portraiture, ichthyological illustrative (draws fish), digital imaging and animation artist.

His decision to engage in a fine arts degree was taken as a means to explore the future direction he would take as a professional practising artist.

Little did he know that he would exit the university working in the entirely different field of computer graphics, compared to the painting skills with which he entered.

So far his bread and butter work is in photo retouching and repair.

"This is highly satisfying as you can salvage for people the visual memories that previously may have been close to unrecognisable due to age and damage," he said.

As well electronic digital work, Ian is also working on a large canvas describing an event from World War 1.

"It's a simple depiction of the institutionalised resistance to change that cost so many lives and opportunities for a rapid conclusion to hostilities, not unlike current corporate structure," he said.

Ian has exhibited at the Ourimbah Open Exhibition 1997, "?" Group Show Terrigal 1998, "Paradigm" University of Newcastle graduate exhibition 1999, and "Four Friends" group show at Avoca Fine Arts Gallery 2000.

Ian lives at Daleys Point and has his studio at Bensville. He can be contacted 4368 2624.

Margaret Hardy, July 1

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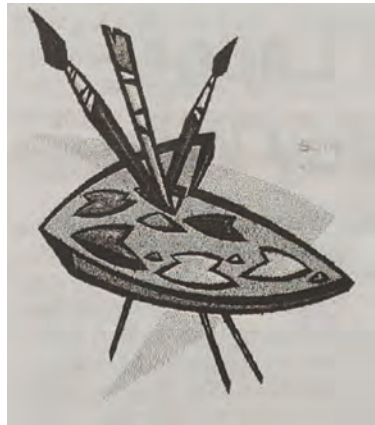
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Future of remnant bush to be determined

The future of remnant pockets of "Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland" on the Peninsula may soon be determined.

The NSW Scientific Committee is expected to decide soon whether to list the vegetation as an "endangered ecological community" under the Threatened Species Conservation Act.

The Committee's executive officer, Ms Sue Chate, confirmed last week that a preliminary determination to do so was made in July last year, but that a "final determination" had not been made.

She said the committee had asked for further information and would make a determination once this was received.

The Act required the committee to make a final determination within six months of a nomination, except where further information had been requested by the committee.

Only one other preliminary determination made prior to the Umina Sandplain Woodland nomination still remains outstanding.

Manager of the National Parks and Wildlife Service's (NPWS) threatened species unit, Mr Robert Humphries, confirmed that the service had been asked for more information.

He said this would be provided within the next week.

He said it was possible others had also been asked for further information.

Mr Humphries said that, since the preliminary determination was made, a broader vegetation mapping project had been undertaken as part of the Lower Hunter and Central Coast Regional Environmental Management Study.

It had found similar habitats existed further up the Coast and that fact may affect the committee's determination.

However, the committee rarely changed its preliminary determination when making its final determination and a Council should "think cautiously" about ignoring a preliminary determination.

Mr Humphries said that a preliminary determination held no 'legal force until it was confirmed

or listing by a final determination.

Even then, he said that a Council was only under a obligation to consider the listing in its deliberations.

He said that, once a listing was made, the NPWS was meant to draft a "recovery plan" within three years.

At present staffing levels, this was more likely to take 10 years.

The preliminary determination identified three small pockets totalling about one and a half hectares: at Umina Oval, at McEvoy Oval and at Umina High School.

A fourth area which has had understorey vegetation removed was also identified at Pearl Beach.

Umina Coastal Sand Plain Woodland was originally an area behind the beech dominated by Eucalyptus and Angophora trees, with a low shrub understorey the! extended up to two kilometres from the beach.

This environment has been extensively cleared for suburban development and the surviving remnants are not within conservation reserves, the preliminary determination stated.

The remaining area was threatened by mowing and slashing, weed invasion, sand extraction and modified fire regimes.

"In view of the small size of existing remnants, and the threat of further disturbance, the Scientific Committee is of the opinion that Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland in the Sydney Basin Bioregion is likely to become extinct in nature unless factors threatening its survival or evolutionary development cease to operate and that listing as an endangered ecological community is warranted," the preliminary determination stated.

An illustrated species list is available on thePeninsular.Net community website at www.thePeninsular.net/lists/flora.html.

The full text of the preliminary determination is available at www.npws.nsw.gov.au/news/scdets/p000728a.htm.

Mark Snell and Jonathan Reichard, August 8



The newly fenced off foreshore at ettalong

Foreshore fenced off at Ettalong Beach

Erosion behind the seawall at Ettalong has prompted Gosford Council to fence off the foreshore, while remedial action is planned.

Local residents have spoken out about the decision, saying the fence prevents access to the water and detracts from their enjoyment of the seafront.

"It's outrageous," said local resident Jean-Pierre Zacjag.

"You go to places like Airlie Beach and they are trying to open

up the shoreline to tourists, as they do everywhere else in Australia."

A Gosford Council officer said: "The fence was erected due to erosion behind the seawall.

"There are large holes and some areas are badly undermined so it has become a risk management issue.

"Signs are about to be erected indicating the risk and council is currently determining the best way to repair the problem."

Jonathan Reichard, August 9

New play for Little Theatre

"A Dark and Stormy Night" is the next production to be played by performers of the Woy Woy Little Theatre at the Woy Woy Public School.

Shows will be held on September 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29 at 8pm with matinees at 2pm on Saturdays, September 23 and 29, and Sunday, September 16.

The play is a black comedy making fun of creepy plays.

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Forum

Future planning is of high importance

Margaret Lund's letter (Peninsula News July 17) reflects an increasing awareness of the hazards of an unplanned future.

also points to the need to take responsibility for our own destiny, if the Peninsula is to be a pleasant place to live in the future.

The Peninsula has suffered from a lack of a strategic approach to its development over the years, without any regard being shown to our future quality of life.

Increasingly, this situation is being recognised within our community as well as at regional and State levels, and now is a good time to speak about it.

The key, as Margaret suggests, is for the community to work together to make sure that poor planning is not allowed to continue.

However, Margaret may be surprised to learn that local business people do not necessarily want an increase in population, although in the right circumstances some may not object.

Many business people would agree with the points she has made.

Indeed, the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has written submissions to local and State authorities making points similar to her own:

- That current planning

provisions are likely to lead to the creation of a ghetto on the Peninsula

- That the Peninsula's quality of life should be protected
 - That the physical infrastructure is inadequate for our current population
 - That social planning and social infrastructure are as important as physical planning and physical infrastructure, and
 - That the proportion of hard surface area should be reduced and stormwater infiltration should be encouraged
- The views of local business people and residents are similar for several reasons.

Peninsula business people predominantly live on the Peninsula or close by.

They are involved in and value this community and share common community aspirations.

For many, the primary motivation is lifestyle, not money.

Indeed, they would be substantially better off financially as employees in Sydney.

But by having a business here, they can work close to home and be their own boss.

For others, having their own business allows them to pursue their hobbies and interests and develop their skills.

Increasingly, they include retrenched employees aged over

40 who are finding they have to have their own business to "buy themselves a job".

I am thankful that, so far, the Peninsula has mostly avoided the attention of the corporate world whose raison d'être is profit and which would take as much from us as they can and not put back.

We are seeing it here. With the large chain stores and the banks, but we do not yet have the large exploitative national and transnational developers active here.

The vast majority of development on the Peninsula so far has happened within rules laid down by Government and Council.

If we succeed in improving the quality of life here, our community will be more attractive to them.

We will then be under increased pressure and Margaret's vigilance will be even more necessary.

I agree with Margaret that encouraging the expression of a diversity of ideas and opinions is helpful in addressing these problems.

Identifying and promoting common ground is another very effective strategy, whereas stereotyping (eg business people are only interested in money) is not.

Mark Snell, Secretary Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Native plants a priority for gardens

I applaud Siriwan Grunert's call to Peninsula residents to plant more trees.

I also appreciate the desire to share the celebratory customs of Thailand with us.

The Peninsula however is an ecologically sensitive area, with few remnants of native vegetation.

Many of our native plant and wildlife species have become extinct as a result of human behaviour since white settlement.

This includes our introduction of exotic animals, birds and plants such as fox, Indian Mynah and lantana.

It seems a better idea then to

encourage the growing of plants native to the Peninsula, rather than exotics, in order to preserve the remaining plant and wildlife species.

We have many plant species to choose from, displayed in their beauty in the nearby national parks.

For example over 40 plants are in flower this month in the Warrah Trig heathland area of Brisbane Water National Park.

These flowering plants can also be viewed on the website www.thePeninsular.net/lists/floral.asp.

They include the pinpleflowering hardenbergia vine, and the golden-coned banksia ericifolia shrub.

Such plants are ideal for the home garden, attractive to native birds, and readily available at nurseries.

And, although too large for most gardens, specimens of the magnificent angophora costata tree can be found easily in local reserves, streets and parks as well as in the surrounding bushland.

Protecting and growing plants native to this area benefits all species.

It acknowledges our interdependence with other species and preserves our natural heritage for future generations to enjoy.

Shirley Hotchkiss, Umina

ABC should be independent

For the last 16 years, the ABC's independence has steadily lost ground.

However, the severe funding cuts since 1996, the appointment of four cronies of the Prime Minister to its Board, and the appointment of a former Liberal Party staffer without public broadcasting experience as managing director, has certainly accelerated this development.

Scores of quality staff have either been forced out of the ABC in recent months or have left voluntarily.

Our ABC, a public broadcaster of top quality by world standards, the custodian of much of the nation's best cultural and artistic achievements, a great technological innovator, an incubator of talent often recruited by commercial stations to their

advantage and, in particular, the voice of real and informed political scrutiny, is being disembowelled.

There is no clear indication that the ALP would turn the tide.

We have not heard any definitive statement from Mr. Beazley that a huge recovery plan for the ABC is in place should the ALP win the election.

What else can Australians expect from the two-party tyranny? For the last 15 years, the nation has been subjected to their economic rationalist policies and compliance with globalisation.

This has meant widespread privatisation, the introduction of Competition Policy, and the commercialisation of a host of government services, including universities.

It has also meant a staggering

growth in inequality of incomes, the emergence of an underclass, and a widening divide between country and city.

An independent ABC, free to fearlessly question such unAustralian trends, does not accord with global corporate designs.

In contrast, the private sector media have generally gone along with economic rationalist policies and globalisation, their editorial attitudes reflect such values.

Compliance is mostly justified by the claimed "necessity" of this development.

Inevitable? Not at all.

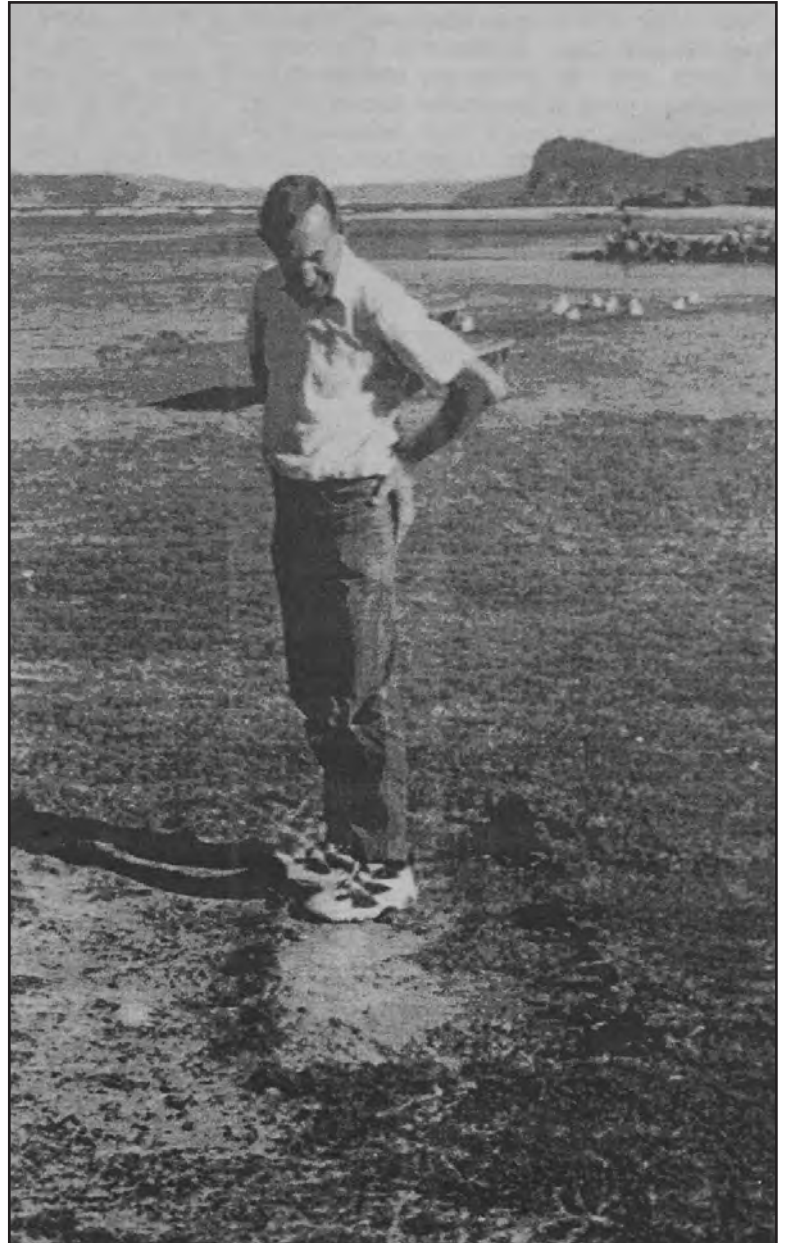
We need the Independent ABC, in all its dimensions, more than ever to counter the snow job.

Dr Klass Woldring, Pearl Beach

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@worldpacflc.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. Anonymous contributions will not. Submissions may be published in an edited form.



David White inspects the spot where one of the seats used to be

Seats removed from foreshore at Ettalong

Gosford Council workers removed two reasonably good seats from the grassed foreshore reserve at Ettalong Beach on Tuesday, August 7.

The two seats were the only ones of their type on the reserve, and were used by the public every day of the year, especially by elderly people, as the seats had backs for support, and also by people who come here to fish, as the seats were close to the water.

A coat of paint and the replacement of one slat would have restored both seats to brand new condition.

Their removal was not warranted.

Both seats along with the concrete slabs they standing on, were taken to the tip.

This is a complete waste of

ratepayers' money.

Repairing the seats to new condition would have cost no more than \$10.

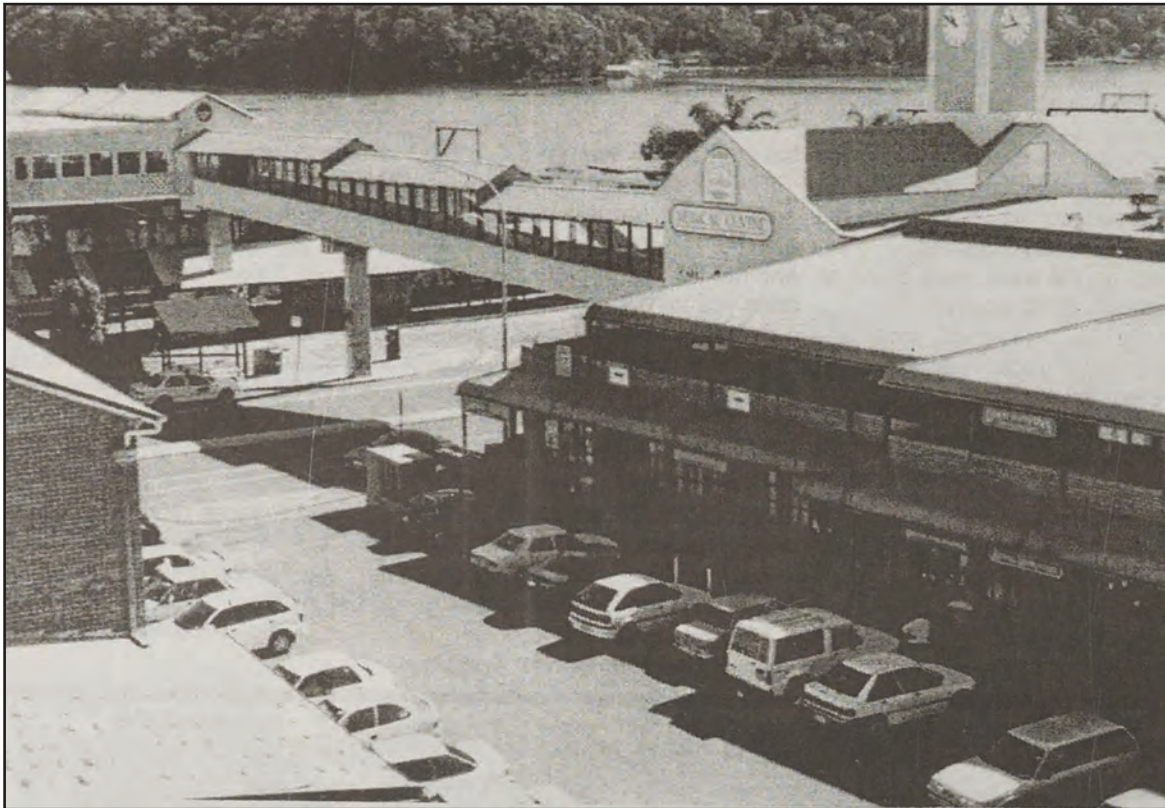
Two new seats on concrete slabs will probably cost several hundred dollars.

The seats that were removed need to be replaced as soon as possible for the benefit of the community.

A seat with back, in reasonable condition, but with one slat missing, which was used extensively by people in the barbecue area on the Ettalong Beach foreshore reserve, was also removed by Gosford Council workers and taken to the tip.

This seat could have been restored too at very little cost.

David White, Ettalong Beach



Woy Woy railway station - the sort of view sought for webcams

Web cameras proposed

The Peninsula's community internet site, thePenInsular.net, is looking for people on the Peninsula to host "web cams".

The idea of the "web cams" is to display up-to-the-minute pictures on the site, showing the life of the Peninsula, according to coordinator Marie Snell.

These might be pictures of activity in the street, in shopping centres or views of the Peninsula, Brisbane Water or the surf.

"Hosts are asked to pay for the camera and interface card (if

necessary) - a total of less than \$200.

In return, as well as the camera, they get their name and vantage point displayed on the web site.

The camera can be set up free of charge.

Anyone wishing to be host would need to have a computer with an internet connection turned on for most of the day, situated close to a window for the view to be shown.

The web cam runs as a "background" task so should not interfere with other use of the

computer.

The web site is designed to be a reference point for all things Peninsular - for and by the people of the Peninsula.

It has Peninsula News on-line, a comprehensive community diary, links to all known Peninsula web sites, a comprehensive Peninsula business directory and a statistical profile of the Peninsula.

For further information, contact Mark Snell by email at admin@thePeninsulaR.net or on 4342 5333.

Media release, July19

Volunteer award nominations called

Peninsula residents are being asked to nominate volunteers for the Premier's Awards for Active Citizenship, being made as part of the International Year of Volunteers 2001.

Gosford Council's community development worker Shirley Hotchkiss said: "Much voluntary work is done by Peninsula residents to assist the community to work well.

"The Premier's Awards are an opportunity to acknowledge and highlight the significance of this work.

"In particular, these awards provide us with the chance to demonstrate to the wider community the contribution made by Peninsula volunteers."

She said the diversity of voluntary work done on the Peninsula in caring for people, the environment, and wildlife vastly improves our quality of life.

"Volunteers coach netball, collect rubbish, shop for housebound people, share their

expertise with government bodies, advocate for the disabled and listen to those in trauma."

Premier's Awards recipients will be selected according to whether they have made an innovative or outstanding contribution to their community, or set an example that inspires, motivates or involves others in voluntary community activity.

A maximum of two awards will be made in each NSW Local Government Area.

Nominations close Friday, August 17.

Nominations should include the name and contact details of both sender and nominee.

They should include a statement of less than 500 words on why the person is being nominated, use a separate page if nominating more than one person.

Phone Shirley Hotchkiss with enquiries on 4325 8904, or send written nominations to her at Community Development, Gosford City Council, PO Box 21, Gosford NSW 2250 or fax 4325 8870.

Media release, August 3

Problem gambling service

Problem gamblers can receive free specialist counselling at the Central Coast Problem Gambling Service.

The service is a project of the Peninsula Community Centre and provides practical strategies for

money and time management.

The service has been operating for three years with funds from the Casino Community Benefit Fund as well as support from Central Coast clubs.

Appointments are available at Woy Woy by phoning 4344 7992.

Media release, July 26

Library Book Express to continue commuter lending

Gosford Council has decided to continue its library's Book Express service to Woy Woy rail commuters.

Mayor Cr Chris Holstein said the Book Express had previously been on trial but Council had resolved to make the service permanent for four days per week.

"The Book Express has been a great success and very well

patronised," said Cr Holstein.

To thank commuters for their support, pre-packed biscuits and thank you notes were distributed from the Book Express on Thursday, July 26, at Woy Woy station from 5.30am to 8am.

"The Book Express is the first of its kind anywhere in the country, possibly the world, and it regularly lends up to 100 items each day.

"Approximately 10,000 people

commute to Sydney by train each day, departing mainly from Gosford and Woy Woy stations.

"We introduced this service as commuters often have difficulty getting to a branch library due to their work hours and travel commitments.

"Borrowers can select from a range of popular fiction paperbacks covering genres such as mystery,

general, romance, science fiction and western.

"The library is now investigating expanding the range of books to include some non-fiction items and classics," said Cr Holstein.

The Book Express operates from 5.30am to 8am at Woy Woy Station Tuesday and Thursdays, and at Gosford Station Wednesdays and Fridays.

For more information, contact the Library Services Manager Mr Alan Flores on 4325 8801.

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Bushwalking is a healthy alternative

At this time of year, cooler temperatures make bushwalking a healthy alternative to sitting in front of the heater.

There are many interesting short walks around Woy Woy with great scenery that are well within the fitness range of most people.

One of these starts at the entrance to the old Bull's Hill Quarry on Woy Woy Rd.

Perk near the speed camera, then walk about 50 metres down the gravel road and take the first turn-off on the left.

This track was once a popular dumping ground and has been quite badly eroded by four-wheel drives and trail bikes, but it is recovering slowly.

At first, the track leads through shady bloodwood and scribbly gum trees mixed with lots of bright orange banksias, then the tree canopy disappears and heath vegetation takes over.

This is a good place to see native flowers, especially at this time of year.

Most people can identify the better known flowers like banksias

and boronias, but it is worth while investing in a flower identification book as it adds interest to the walk.

The path is quite sandy in some parts and it is a good place to look for animal tracks, as there are swamp wallabies and bandicoots in this area.

The small cone-shaped diggings in the earth are made by bandicoots foraging for grubs and shoots.

The path becomes a little rocky further on, and there could be tadpoles in the small hollows if conditions are right.

The hill that can be seen on the right is Mt Wondabyne.

Just before the track starts to descend, there is a telegraph pole (it has numbers 83 and seven in black on a yellow background) up on the rocks on the left hand side.

If you are fit enough, do the short climb to the top where there is a rock overhang that forms a small cave and climb up past the pole to the rock platform above.

Once there, after admiring the view, walk along the right hand edge until you can see a hole at your feet.

This hole forms a natural

chimney in the roof of the cave.

If you go down and look into the cave, the words 'E.

Davies.

1862', are carved on the rock on the left hand side of the entrance.

Back on the track, keep going as it begins to climb again.

At the top, on the left, there is a wind-eroded rock like a stone honeycomb.

On the right there is another telegraph pole (number 84 in metal numbers) on top of some low rocks.

Climb these rocks and look for the carving of a kangaroo or a wallaby on top.

It is in a shallow depression that sometimes fish with rain, just near the pole's anchor wire.

The trail lies outside the pool.

Return to the path and go tight at the T junction ahead and another 10 minutes of walking will bring you to two lookouts.

National Parks and Wildlife Service have done a hazard reduction burn-off here recently, but the undergrowth is only moderately burnt and it has revealed naturally sculpted sandstone boulders that are usually hidden.

By now, there will be glimpses of the view on the left hand side.

The two lookouts are not far

apart but each does offer a slightly different view out over Brisbane Water and it is worth the few extra steps to the second.

On the way back, take the same track or follow the path straight past the T junction.

This leads back to Woy Woy Rd, and comes out just a few metres short of Bull's Hill quarry car Park.

The time taken for this walk will depend on fitness level and how long is spent taking in views, admiring flowers and scrambling up rocks, however the walk can be accomplished easily in under an hour.

Paula Perry, August 2



Viewing Aboriginal carvings at Da'eys Point all from left: Anne Bentley of Booker Bay, Shirley Drake of Woy Woy, Bill Macks of Booker Bay, Mel Fleming of Woy Woy and Iris Quanchie of Umina

Wildflower walk planned

Starting this month, free wildflower walks of one to two hours are available every weekend through the Woy Woy visitor information centre.

The walks from Warrah Trig in Brisbane Water National Park are held Saturday or Sunday afternoons throughout the year.

Up to 50 different species are in bloom at this time of year, with at least 20 different species in flower in any other month of the year.

The walks are held in

conjunction with a regular floral survey conducted privately by a local resident, separately to activities organised by the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Those interested in joining the walk are encouraged to bring their camera.

Participants are shown how to do their own floral survey and are given some pointers on plant identification.

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Leaflet, August 8

Peninsula residents walk from Woy Woy to Daleys Point

The recent National Parks Association walk from Woy Woy to Daleys Point and Blackwall Mountain attracted 14 members, led by Iris

Quanchie.

After meeting at the Memorial Park, Woy Woy, they walked along the Woy Woy waterfront past the pelican rookery and the swamp mahoganies, the feed trees of the endangered swift parrot and regent honeyeater.

Then the walk took them up Orange Grove Rd and under the Rip Bridge to Governor Phillip Memorial Park, then across to Daleys Point Recreational Reserve, where they saw aboriginal engravings on the flat rocks and had extensive views of Brisbane Water to Gosford.

They returned over the Rip Bridge and climbed up Blackwall

Mountain where they lunched at the lookout with views to Pittwater and the Hawkesbury River.

There were sacred ibis and an eastern curlew feeding on the low tide flats on their return via the waterfront.

The 16 kilometre walk at a comfortable pace took five hours.

On Saturday, August 25, the association will walk in Brisbane Water National Park, from Karington to Kooilewong Ridge, with great views and wildflowers expected.

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Shirley Drake August 7

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Patonga amenities block plans to be finalised

Moves have been made to retain Federal Government funding of renovations to the amenities building at Eve Williams Memorial Park, Patonga.

At a recent council meeting, it was resolved to finalise the renovation plans in order to bring to an end more than a year of delays to the project.

Delays have caused the Federal

Government to recall \$20,000 in funding.

However the meeting was told that a formal request for retention of the funding was likely to be accepted.

If the plans can be finalised to the council's satisfaction, the project will soon go ahead with a total of \$30,000 in funding for the renovations.

Council agenda DE127, August 7

Urban character DCP prepared

Gosford Council has resolved to prepare and exhibit a Character Development Control Plan (DCP) with "character statements" for the Peninsula Precinct included the schedule.

The DCP arises from the recent

Urban Design Framework study undertaken on the Peninsula.

Council was told that recommendations arising from the studies of the Peninsula precinct would be reported to Council at a later date.

Council agenda SF032, July 24



A surf viewing platform has been recently installed overlooking Umina Beach as part of an upgrade to Umina Regional Park in Sydney Avenue, Umina

Jetty proposed for Taj Mahal

Consideration of an application to build a 25-metre jetty at the Taj Mahal at Koolewong has been delayed for councillors to inspect the site.

Gosford Council officers have recommended refusal of the application, saying the proposed development was not permissible under the provisions of DCP 119 (Wharves & Jetties).

In a report to council, they said it

was also not permissible under the provisions of the Brisbane Water Plan of Management, which has statutory significance by reason of the provision of Clause 49 1(A) of the Gosford Planning Scheme Ordinance.

The report started that the proposed development, if approved, would establish an undesirable precedent for the area and was contrary to the public interest.

Council agenda DE 120, August 7

Councillor joins employment service

Gosford Councillor Craig Doyle has taken up the position of Senior Employment Consultant at Mission Employment Ettalong.

Cr Doyle said: "Mission Ettalong has always been a very successful office, success ranked on people being placed, helped or assisted."

"Mission is successful because it is so broad.

"There are job-matching

facilities, referrals, working with the homeless, Work for the Dole and refuge facilities for violent situations."

Centrelink statistics have shown that the Peninsula has disproportionate levels of unemployment, compared with the rest of the State, Cr Doyle said.

"At one end, we have disproportionate numbers of mature work-ready people who have trouble getting jobs, often due

to the up-skilling of the workforce.

"At the other end, there's the youth, which for one reason or another, have no vocational opportunity.

"My role as an Intensive Assistance Marketer is to go out into the business community, market our clients to employers and establish what is keeping these people out of a job, then give assistance accordingly," Cr. Doyle said.

Jonathan Reichard, August 6

Chamber of Commerce welcomes transport office

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has welcomed the announcement of the new roads and transport office at Woy Woy.

"This is a major demonstration of confidence by the State Government that Woy Woy can act as base for public service operations," said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"The new Transport and Roads Headquarters also confirms the State Government's commitment in seeing the F3 Freeway upgrading progressing as quickly as possible.

"With the Federal Government providing the construction funds, the Chamber is delighted to see the State Government acting quickly to establish a working team right here on the Peninsula."

Mr Wales said that the establishment of the new office fitted well with the Central Coast Moving Forward Strategy and the Peninsula Chamber's own economic development project.

"We hope that this move by the Minister will see other Government departments relocating to the Peninsula.

"Woy Woy is ideally suited being a transport hub and having a

range of commercial and IT service providers already established.

"As a result of the establishment of the transport team, the Chamber will be strongly urging the State Government to accelerate its review of the Peninsula planning controls and infrastructure so that public transport issues can be addressed quickly.

"We would assume that this move by the Government dovetails with the recent creation of the Living Centres Team at Gosford.

"This is obviously all good news and will see the business community actively supporting the Government's approach," he said.

Media release, August 1

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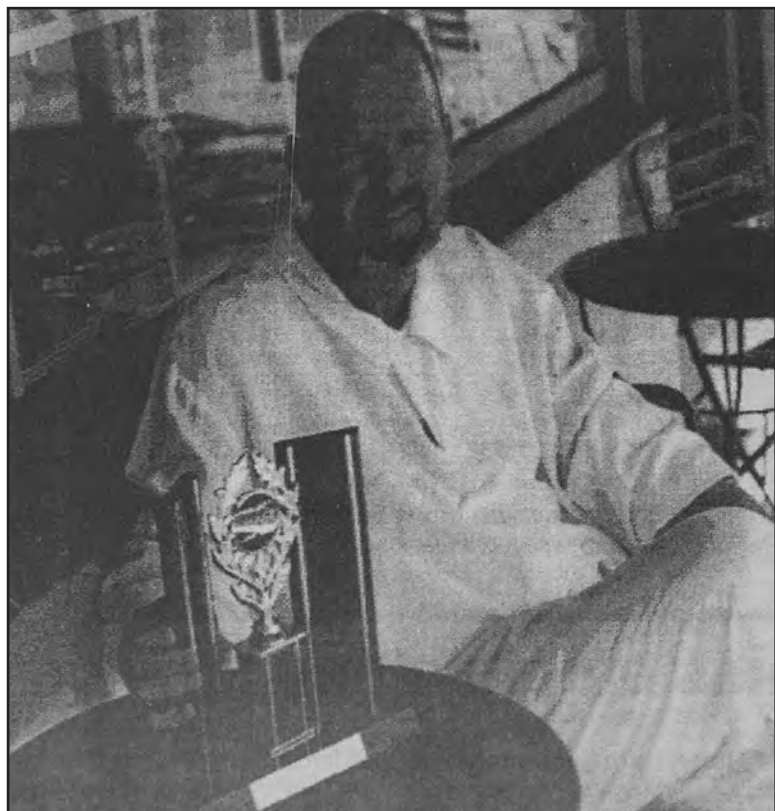
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Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Business Awards

Like winning the Logies



Ron Bruns of Bremen Patisserie with his best promotion award

The best promotion award went to Bremen Patisserie.

Proprietor Ron Bruns had won several medals in national meat pie competitions and the Easter Show as well as other competitions, but this was his first Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Award and follows a win in this year's Central Coast Business Awards.

Ron said: "All the awards and medals that we have won are important as they represent recognition from our peers.

"However, this award means a great deal because it means acceptance from the local community.

"We have worked very hard to gain this acceptance and are proud to be part of the Peninsula business community." The best presentation award was given to two businesses, The Bedman and Rose-Len Flowers, both of Umina.

Bedman proprietor, Bob Gow, won the overall award at the inaugural Chamber awards three years ago.

He was pleased to have won the presentation award but missed all the excitement of the presentation as he was interstate at the time.

He has been in business in Umina for seven years and, although he advertises widely, he receives most of his business from the Peninsula.

Rose-Len Flowers won their award for a floral window display.

The business has been going for 15 years and is owned by Peninsula resident, Julie Fleming.

They were runners-up in the inaugural awards and were pleased to have won this time.

The business employs three people full time.

Category A award for businesses with one to three



Bromby's, winners of category C with their award on display

people was won by Dan Cleary's Peninsula Cycle Centre.

This is the first time that they have won an award, and they believe that it is a result of many activities that they have undertaken over the past year.

These include having reestablished themselves in new premises, promoting a state series competition that brings in clients from outside the area, having a new web site and picking up brands which are difficult to get in a highly brand oriented industry.

The business has been established for 25 years and proprietor, Dan Cleary, has managed it for the past three years, Winner of Category C for

businesses with 10 to 20 staff members was Brumby's bakery at Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy.

The bakery won the same category at the inaugural awards and were finalists last year, beaten coincidentally by this year's Category D and overall winner, Ettalong Fitness Centre.

Proprietor Phill Smith was particularly pleased to win the category this time as he was not the owner the first time they won.

"We have maintained the same standard of service to our customers and the same high level of presentation and quality of product," he said.

"We are now much more involved with the community by supporting sports clubs and doing things such as providing morning tea to the Woy Woy Blood bank twice a week.

"The staff were over the moon to have won it again.

"They are so proud of their achievement and have already set their sights on doing it again next year."

Category D for businesses with over 20 employees was won by Ettalong Fitness Centre.

They won Category C last year but as the business has grown, they have employed more staff which placed them in the largest business category.

They believe that they won their award for their work with people with disabilities, with seniors and their rehabilitation activities.

They also believe in their customer service and their contribution to the community.

"We didn't expect to win our category as we were up against some stiff competition, said an excited Kerrie Moore.

Keme is the daughter of proprietor.

John Moore, and works at the centre full time.

"We had only just gotten over the shock of winning Category D when to all our surprise, we were called out again as the overall winner.

"It was like winning the logies," she said.

Cec Bucello, August 10



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Cash Housie has started at Woy Woy Leagues Club, with all money raised, after the prizes are paid, going to Yamin Early Intervention Centre.

The Yarran Centre is an educational support service for

young children with disabilities and their families.

"Early intervention means that children with development delays and disabilities receive educational support to assist them in reaching their full potential," said Leagues Club organiser Ms Dianne Hawkins.

"Research has shown that the first five years of life is the most critical period for the development of certain skills.

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"Any child that has either a mild, moderate or severe delay or disability in any development area can use Yan:an Services.

To find out more, please contact Dianne Hawkins at Woy Woy Leagues Club.

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Dianne Hawkins August 2

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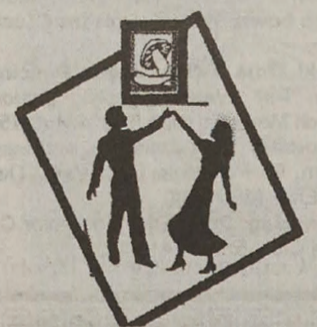
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Schools merge to form secondary college

Umina and Woy Woy High Schools will merge from term one next year, becoming Brisbane Waters Secondary College.

The Minister for Education and Training, Mr John Aquilina, made the announcement last Thursday, August 9.

Umina High School, the larger of the two schools, was selected as the "middle school" campus for years 7 to 9 inclusive.

Woy Woy High School will be the senior school campus catering for years 10 to 12.

Both campuses expect to be able to offer a wider range of courses as a result of the new arrangement.

The Department of Education has been looking at the introduction of a new collegiate system throughout the Central Coast for over 12 months.

Umina High School principal,

Mr Pat Lewis, was seconded to the regional office of the department as a project officer to examine all the issues involved and make a final recommendation to the regional superintendent, Mr Bill Low.

The Parents and Citizens Associations of all primary and secondary schools on the Peninsula were asked to look at the proposal, take it to the parents and to provide feedback to the Department.

They were also asked to undertake a survey for the most popular name for the proposed college if approved.

There was unanimous support from the eight P&C Associations for a collegiate arrangement.

Mr Aquilina said that the decision came after intensive consultation with the school community and feedback from parents.

"The middle school campus will concentrate on the needs of young

adolescents," he said.

"Research shows that this is a critical period in students' educational development."

"The senior campus will focus on the specific needs of Year 11 and 12 students, offering more HSC courses and the opportunity to study vocational and university courses through the Hunter Institute of Technology and the University of Newcastle," he said.

The Minister said that the implementation of the new college system "means that students will stay at school longer, learn more and increase their employment options."

On hearing of the announcement, students at both high schools showed their displeasure by staging a sit-in at one school and a walk out at the other, according to combined P&C spokesperson Mr Bruce Graf.

He said this was to be expected,

as many students had loyalties to their own school and their own teachers and would find the change difficult initially.

"We hope that, by term one of next year, they will have settled down."

"The combined P&C Associations will meet next week and issue a statement towards the end of the week," he said.

Mr Aquilina said: "A steering committee made up of school principals, parents, teachers, TAFE and the community will now be established to guide the implementation of the college."

"Sub-committees will look at school identity and uniforms, curriculum, welfare, training and development and transport."

"This partnership will ensure the best educational opportunities for local students."

He said \$100,000 would be spent on a training and

development program to assist teachers in their new roles.

"Master plans for the longer term capital needs of both colleges will be developed in conjunction with the school communities over the next six to 12 months," he said.

Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, said the Minister's announcement was a good outcome for the Peninsula.

Ms Andrews said that, as part of the package, the Umina campus would receive a new covered outdoor learning area and that both campuses were to have new natural gas heating installed.

An information technology skills centre costing more than \$500,000 would also be built at the Woy Woy campus.

"Funding received to date is a good start but I will continue to work hard to gain additional funding for both campuses", she said.

Cec Bucello, August 10

Unedited management audit report requested

Gosford Council's general manager Mr Peter Wilson has responded to a petition requesting the full and unedited KPMG council management audit report, saying "the reference in local newspapers was incorrect".

"The documentation referred to was not the report but a collection of working documents," he said in a report the July 24 meeting of Gosford Council.

He said a letter had been sent to the petitioners "advising that copies of the report were made available at Council's libraries, Administration Building and on Council's website".

Peninsula News stands by its coverage of the issue.

This paper has been told by a number of sources that a draft report was prepared by KPMG, which was subsequently edited to become the released report.

To establish the accuracy of this, the Peninsula Community Access Newspaper Inc association lodged a "Freedom of Information" request with the Council on June 24.

This request was not answered.

Subsequently, the association has lodged a request for an internal review of this action, with a view of taking the matter to the Ombudsman.

Mark Snell, August 8

Mortgage corporation office opens in Woy Woy

RESI Mortgage Corporation is to set up its Central Coast office in Railway St, Woy Woy.

RESI's joint managing director Mr Peter James said that the company's newly opened office in Woy Woy will form the "lynch pin" in a strategy to increase RESI's profile in the area and enhance its local market share.

Components of the strategy include increased promotion and the establishment of closer ties with local estate agents, accountants and solicitors.

"RESI Mortgage Corporation is looking to triple its national lending volumes in the next 12 months and we see the Central Coast as an important part of that equation," said Mr James.

Mr James said two local representatives, Steve Kehde

and Daryl Lynch, who offered local knowledge and finance experience, would staff the new Central Coast office.

Mr Khede said that one of the key advantages of having an office on the Central Coast is that it enabled RESI to take on a greater role in the local community and provides easier access to RESI's products.

"We're intent on providing borrowers with a personalised service which takes into account their particular needs - whether they're after a home loan, an investment loan or a business loan," said Mr Kehde.

"We will also be able to undertake loan processing on the spot - providing a continuity of service and fast turnaround times for loan applications."

Media release, July 12

Peninsula News AGM to be held

The annual meeting of the Peninsula Community Access Newspaper Inc association will be held at 8pm on Tuesday, September 11.

Anyone interested in any aspect of the operation of this newspaper is encouraged to attend the meeting.

Only financial members of the association will be eligible to vote

and stand for committee positions.

Peninsula News has a unique ownership and management structure, where the non-profit community-based association sets the newspaper's policy and controls its news content.

The sales, marketing and production of the newspaper are licensed to a private commercial operator.

The meeting will be held at

the Peninsula News offices in Chambers Place, Woy Woy.

The next newspaper workshop for will be held at the newspaper office at 6pm next Monday, August 20.

Topics covered will include content and composition, as well as writing style.

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August 10

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History

Federation - one hundred years on the Peninsula

As part of our regular history section and in recognition of 2001 being the centenary of federation in Australia, Peninsula News reporter, Jonathan Reichard, has selected stories from August in the second year of several decades over the last 100 years as recorded by local newspapers.

The selected events all happened on the Peninsula and the purpose is to give readers a series of snapshots at regular intervals of what life was like for Peninsula citizens over the past century.

Anyone wanting further information or who is interested in local history, geography or local government development can visit the local studies section of the Gosford library where much of this kind of information is held open to public access.

The council website also contains more information on this subject.

www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/speciaVlocal.htm

August 2, 1901, Gosford Times

A case which had created much local interest was heard in Gosford court.

R. J. White was accused of stealing a heifer which was allegedly the property of Frederick Couche of Woy Woy.

The police had arrested White over an animal that the police had taken possession of after a complaint from Couche.

Couche said he was missing the animal which he had bred himself from his herd.

When Couche heard of a heifer like the one he was missing he approached a dealer who said White had sold him an animal which looked the same as the missing one.

After evidence from bovine experts and people who were present before and after the transaction, it was concluded that it was not Couche's heifer that White had sold the dealer, but in fact was a different animal.

White was found not guilty of stealing and discharged.

August 11, 1911, Gosford Times

Edwin Howell, a Cambridge University graduate, was found not guilty of passing a bad cheque for £2 at a Woy Woy store.

After the police became involved, Howell returned the £2 to Mr Heinz, the store owner, with whom he had previously been on friendly terms.

Howell was found to be intoxicated at the time and had no criminal intent.

The judge advised him to give up drink, to which he replied, "from this moment, I am a teataller".

The Reverend E. R. Gribble held a lecture in Woy Woy hall by showing slides of Aboriginal life in Northern Australia.

He said that out of 75,000 Aborigines left, missionaries had only reached about 4000 of them.

He also said that "blacks" were intelligent, could understand Christian beliefs, and needed to be

educated in the way of God.

August 18, 1921, Gosford Times

There was a meeting of Woy Woy, Ettalong, Patonga, and Booker Bay Progress Association.

They moved to contact council regarding the cutting away of the hill at the junction of Broken Bay and Ettalong Beach Rd in order to prevent accidents involving motor cars, due to a steep gradient on either side.

W. F. O'Heam MLA opened a branch of the ALP at Woy Woy.

Toe paper also reported that 200 trees were being sought for planting along the Woy Woy reserve and tenders were being sought for "baths buildings" in Woy Woy.

August 27, 1931, Gosford Times

The following story appeared: If public interest is sufficiently strong the Woy Woy district may soon include a nine-hole golf course amongst its attractions.

At present there is a movement afoot to establish a course on the Ocean Beach reserve.

It is understood that a meeting of those interested is to be called in the near future when the matter will be fully ventilated.

The present intention is to float a company with £5 debentures, which will possibly include membership fees for one or two years.

Experts Claim that the intended site would be an ideal one for the construction of a course.

August 21, 1961, Gosford Times

The following story appeared: Edward Thomas Minns, 72, of Sydney Av., Umina, was killed instantly when the wheels of a bus passed over him yesterday.

Minns received shocking injuries to the head, chest and arms.

The accident occurred at the Umina bus terminus.

Minns and another man, Henry Austin Weatherhead, of Ocean Beach, were the only two passengers in the bus when it reached the terminus.

They alighted and stood behind the bus, talking.

The bus driver wishing to start the return trip, backed his vehicle preparatory to turning.

He did not see the two men standing at the back of the bus and backed over them.

Minns was killed instantly, but Weatherhead fell into a depression in the road and escaped the full weight of the bus.

Weatherhead was taken to the Gosford District Hospital in a critical condition, suffering from a probable fractured spine, a probable fractured pelvis, internal injuries and severe shock.

The driver, not realising that he had run over the men, drove home for lunch.

While he was having lunch, a friend came in and told him of the accident.

He immediately drove back to the terminus, and on seeing the two men lying in the roadway, suffered severe shock.

This morning, Weatherhead was reported to be still in a critical condition.

August 8, 1961, Gosford Times

Woy Woy rugby league team made the finals beating Wyong 15- 5 at Wyong and becoming the Agrade minor premiers on Sunday August 6.

The newspapers towards the end of August had many stones of flooding in the area.

The rugby league finals in Gosford were abandoned and the Mooney Mooney dam was reported as overflowing after four days of torrential rain.

Woy Woy and Districts Memorial Club bought a £1000 legacy badge from Brisbane Water Legacy Club as a contribution towards Legacy war orphans.

August 5, 1981, Peninsula Express

State Minister for Health Mr Kelvin Stewart wrote to the Gosford Combined Progress Association saying he recognised the need for a Woy Woy District Hospital casualty section.

The letter said the Minister recognised the needs of the hospital.

However no funds were available to improve the casualty section.

"It is the first time the Minister has recognised our needs and we believe it is a turning point," association spokesman Mr Horries Weston said.

"We are now going to swing our attack to the Federal Minister for Health and we will be telling him that State Government recognises our needs but requires an injection of funds from the Federal Government to do something about it."

Gosford Library, Local Studies Section

Plant identification walk

A plant identification walk will be held by the National Parks and Wildlife Service from the Warrah Trig carpark off the Patonga Rd from 1pm on Saturday, August 25.

Instruction will be given on using a simple key to identify plants and weeds in Brisbane Water National Park.

A discussion will be held on the effect of weeds on the native species and on the biodiversity of an area.

The three-hour walk is described as "leisurely ... through a scenic area".

The cost of the walk is \$6 adults and \$4 children, with bookings being taken on 4320 4205.

Brochure, August 1

Meeting for botanical reserve

A meeting has been called to create a botanical reserve of local native plants on the Peninsula. The aims of creating such a reserve would include:

- to encourage a high level of interest in and knowledge about local native plants,
- to encourage their propagation and protection,
- to improve the amenity of the area and
- to help meet the need for passive recreation facilities identified in a recent Peninsula survey by consultants for Gosford

Council.

The reserve would be designed to appeal to visitor and resident alike and would include tagging and descriptive information.

The meeting will discuss the possibility of creating such a reserve within the Peninsula proper, as had been done with the Arboretum at Peart Beach.

The meeting will be held at 1 pm on Sunday, August 26, at the offices of Peninsula News, Chambers Place, Woy Woy.

For further information, phone Mark on 4342 5333 business hours.

Media release, August 8



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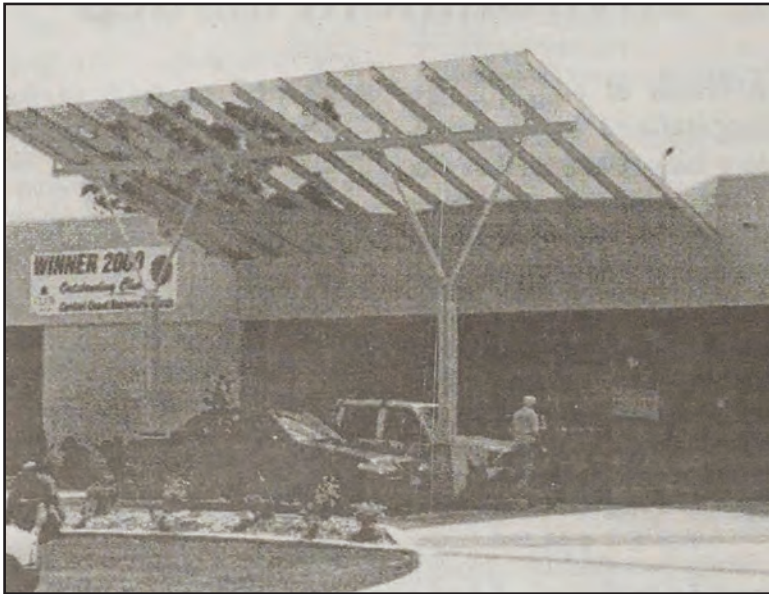


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\$1 million won at Umina Bowling Club



A million dollar Keno win at Umina Beach Bowling Club has had an unexpected side-effect for the club.

"This win has given the club some great publicity," said secretary-manager Mr David Galea.

This has included features in local papers, interviews on radio and stories published in industry journals such as Club Life.

Mr Galea described it as "fantastic exposure for our wonderful club".

The win in the 10-spot category of Keno resulted in one of the club's punters winning \$1,073,292 from a \$1 ticket.

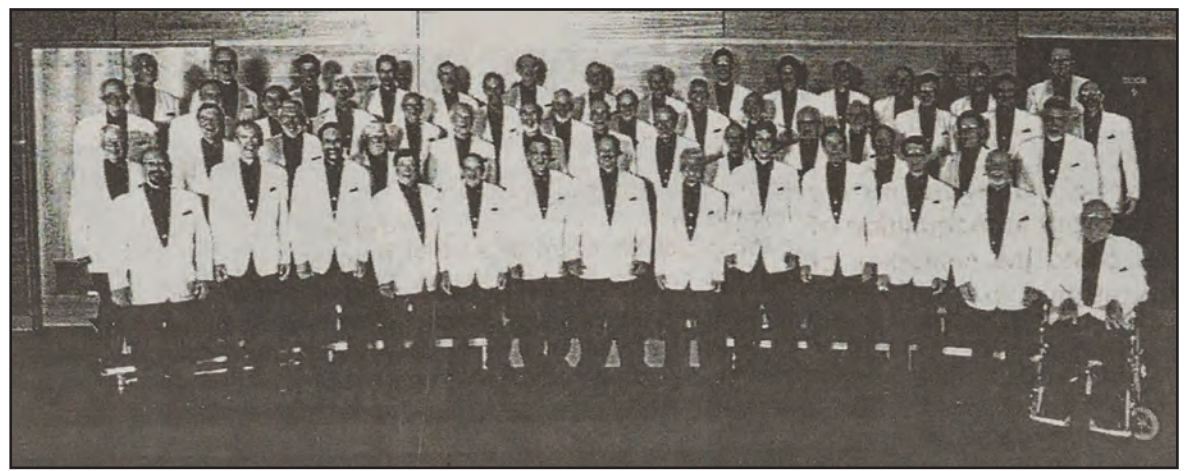
The winning ticket was sold by a long-standing staff member, Mr Bede Allen.

Mr Galea said Mr Allen was "finding himself a lot busier at our keno terminals these days".

"It seems the superstitious punters out there are requesting that Bede put their tickets on for them with the hope that his 'lucky touch' might rub off on their tickets to recapitulate the good fortune he has already passed on to one lucky winner," he said.

The lucky numbers that came up on this winning occasion were 11, 13, 16, 20, 28, 29, 34, 45, 47 and 48.

Club Bulletin, August 1



The Central Coast Leagues Club Barbershop Chorus

Barbershop chorus competes

The Central Coast Leagues Club Barbershop Chorus, 10 of whose members come from the Peninsula, will be representing the Central Coast at the third Pan Pacific

Barbershop Convention.

The convention, which incorporates the Australian National Convention, will be held from September 14-17 in the Melbourne Concert Hall.

Competing will be well over

1000 singers made up of quartets and choruses from Australia, New Zealand, USA and Japan.

Two of the Central Coast Leagues Club Barbershop Chorus quartets have already qualified

Press release, August 6

Art on show at Woy Woy and Patonga

Woy Woy Public School will stage its art show during Education Week from November 8.

The school holds the art show every two years other events during the week will be displays in

Deepwater Plaza, school visits by parents and friends, and school performances and presentations.

Also for art enthusiasts, Patonga Bakehouse Gallery in Patonga shows the works of Jocelyn Maughan and Robin

Norling Both are members of the Australian Watercolour Institute and the Royal Art Society.

The gallery is open weekends from 10am to 4pm, or by appointment on 43791102.

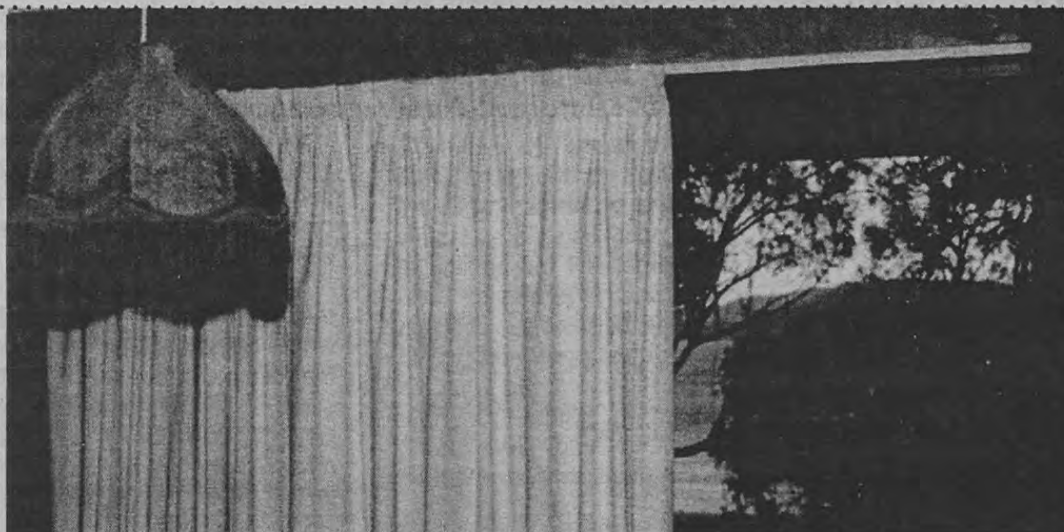
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Defamation claims questioned



A view of Correa Bay, the subject of the report which it is alleged has defamatory and spurious comments

Gosford Council's Coastal and Lagoon Planning (CLP) committee has been asked by Council's legal advisers "to identify the parts" of the Correa Bay Water Quality Study that "are considered to be defamatory or spurious".

According to minutes of its July meeting, Council's environment manager Mr Gary Chestnut informed the committee that Council's legal advice had been received and that pursuant to Council's resolution it was necessary to identify the parts of the document that are considered to be defamatory or spurious.

The committee's on 1y resolution

on this and other matters arising from the report was to note the information and consider a further status report at its August meeting.

The committee was told the Council had received comments from NSW Fisheries about the report.

The committee was advised that Mr Derek Britton, chairman of the now disbanded Correa Bay Committee had agreed to provide an electronic version of the study to expedite the proposed modifications but that it had not yet been received by Council.

It was explained that the study was considered to be a draft until it was finally adopted by Council.

The minutes said committee

emphasised that it would like the matter to be resolved as soon as possible and requested that all concerned attempt to complete their input prior to the August 2001 meeting.

In relation to investigations into assertions relating to material from Homebush Bay being dumped at Woy Woy Tip, Mr Chestnut advised that a report prepared for the consideration of the Council's Director of Development and Environment.

He said that any further action would need to be considered by the director and the chairman of the CLP Committee.

Council agenda CL003, July 24

Annual spring garden show on soon

The Central Coast Umina Garden Society will hold its 2001 Spring Show on Saturday, September 8, at the Umina Progress Hall, in Sydney Ave.

The show will be held from 12.30pm to 3.30pm, with admission costing \$3, which includes the cost of afternoon tea.

The official opening will be at 2pm.

Entries to the show close by 9pm on September 6, and may be made by phoning the show secretary Mrs Betty Cadwallader

on 4344 2868 between 7pm and 9pm.

Flowers will be sold at the end of the show.

Class types for this year's show are: Section 1 variety of flowers, Section 2 novelty plants and herbs, Section 3 bulbs,; Section 4 vegetables and fruit, Section 5 pot plants,; Section 6 Australian natives, Section 7a floral art decorative,; Section 7b floral art B class and Section 7c floral art, men only.

Ron Watkins, July 29

Petitioners oppose pool

Gosford Council has received three petitions from nearby residents totalling 81 signatures objecting to the proposed aquatic centre on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Grounds for objection were the effect on traffic flow in the already congested area, safety of children with the parking of buses and large service vehicles, privacy, noise pollution and an open drain adjacent to the development site which is a breeding ground for rats, mosquitoes and flies, giving the residents concern for their health.

The petitioners requested they have input in determining the proposal

Trust has a history of being involved with environment issues

A review of early Killcare Wagstaffe Trust newsletters has revealed that the Trust has always been deeply involved in issues regarding the natural and built environment, according to Trust member Beryl Strom.

A newsletter dated June 1982 stated that the trust was formed "some 18 months ago to protect the existing environmental amenity of this area and to encourage responsible development in the district."

A number of concerned residents had been motivated to form such an organisation when a development application was lodged for a caravan park on Killcare Heights which they believed would adversely affect the area.

In 1981, members of the trust's committee carried out a random survey of people in the Killcare Wagstaffe area to get a cross-section of views on a variety of issues covering the local environment.

Altogether, 187 replies were received, 58% being from permanent residents and 42% from non-permanent.

The November 1981 newsletter of the trust stated that the results of the survey were "clearly convincing ... the overwhelming majority of people living on the Bouddi Peninsula identify closely with the environment and present a character of the area and have absolutely rejected any form of high density development.

There were over 140 members of the trust in November 1981 and its committee was comprised of president Maurice Porter, vice-president Ric Moore, secretary Maisie Hitchon, treasurer Martin Dale and committee members Pat McConchie, Chris Wheeler and Jim Wilson.

In January 1982, members were advised that the committee was putting together a detailed submission on a proposed regional environmental plan for the eastern sector of Gosford City.

This was the plan, adopted by the State Government in 1983, which refined tourist zonings in the coastal areas of the City, established the Erina commercial and residential land release, and re-zoned the Bensville lands to

1(d) Urban Investigation.

The newsletters of 1982 further advised that the trust was supporting Operation Coastwatch, an initiative of the Central Coast's Association for Environment Education, from which came The Bouddi Peninsula Study.

It also supported the removal of Bitou Bush at the northern end of Putty Beach, the addition of certain council owned lands to Bouddi National Park and improved management for Fletcher's Glen.

The trust indicated to Gosford Council in 1982 that it was strongly opposed to the rezoning of any residential areas of the Bouddi Peninsula which would allow for the construction of dual occupancies.

It also requested council to "withdraw the development approval" of the caravan park on Killcare Heights but this request was refused.

The approval eventually lapsed because of the financial constraints imposed on the developer by the conditions of consent regarding sewage disposal.

Also in 1982, the trust objected to the proposed development of a 150-seat restaurant on Killcare Heights.

This application had been lodged by Chris Wheeler, a member of the committee, who felt he should resign from the position because of conflicting interests.

The vacancy was filled by Allen Strom who was elected vicepresident in 1983 and became president in 1986, at which time Ric Moore who had held that office since April 1982 was appointed secretary.

In its early years, the trust made a strong contribution to the retention of the area's amenity.

Following preparation of The Bouddi Peninsula Study which involved many of its members, the trust prepared a draft Development Control Plan (OCP) for the Killcare Wagstaffe area and presented it to Gosford Council in late 1985.

It took until 1988 for a report on the plan to go before the aldermen and although not entirely supported by council, the draft DCP for Killcare-Wagstaffe paved the way for some special planning considerations not only for the Bouddi Peninsula but for the entire local government area.

Beryl Strom, Killcare Wagstaffe Trust newsletter, July 31

Optus premium dealer now on the Peninsula

Optus dealer, Aussie Mobile Solutions, has set up shop in Umina.

The new business is the only Optus Premium Dealer on the Peninsula.

As well as mobile phones and prepaid phone card, the business

connects people for long distance telephone agreements and internet access.

Proprietors Ian and Nicki Donnelly have moved to Umina with their two young children from Canberra and are overwhelmed by the climate change.

Ian was a Telstra dealer in the

ACT and selected Umina because of the busy nature of West Street and the expected growth of the area.

They are planning to introduce an on-line internet service in their premises.

Cec Bucello, August 10

Police commander to speak at dinner

Acting Commander Greg Ashurst of Brisbane Waters Local Area Police Command and Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, will address a dinner meeting held by the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, August 30.

Chamber membership is not required to attend the three-course dinner, but booking is essential.

Tickets at \$34 per person may be booked before August 27 on 43427510.

Flyer, August 8

Empire Bay wins Chess tournament

The Empire Bay Public School championship chess team played against Avoca Beach on Friday, August 3.

Ian Lamb, Kayne Richardson-Hassett and Chris Elton all won their games.

Myles MacQuillan filled in as a reserve and lost his game.

The final score was 3-1 to Empire Bay.

The championship team also competed against Kincumber, and again Empire Bay was successful

and won 3-1.

Lachlan O'Donnell filled in for Jeffrey Limb.

The Empire Bay Rookies team is still undefeated.

Michael Koole, Lachlan O'Donnell, Ben Crain and Simon Koole, recently played against Avoca Beach.

Everyone won their game, with Lachlan having an easy win in four moves.

Lachlan was filling in for Shawn Lenard.

School newsletter, August 8

Pretty Beach Choir tickets in demand

Pretty Beach Public School principal Jill Godwin has congratulated the school choir for performing "admirably" at the recent Eastside Festival.

Tickets for the once only performance on Wednesday, August 22, are available from the

school at a cost of \$7 each.

Each choir member is entitled to three tickets.

Families of choir members have been asked to contact the school if they do not wish to purchase all three tickets so that they can be redistributed.

School Newsletter, August 2

Two distinctions for Woy Woy maths students

Students from Woy Woy Public School recently took part in the primary schools mathematics competition.

A High Distinction Award was presented to Philip Ryan who was in the top one per cent of all entrants.

Distinction awards went to Adam MacVean and Joshua Newans.

Credit awards were received by Garry Morris, Julian OldhamGreen, Alex Russell, Chad Hodges, Samatha Jones, Justin Hannaford, Amber Miller, Kirsten Flynn and Kristy Vanezi. Daniel Campbell received an Achievement Award.

Participation awards went to Rebekkah Burgess, Emily Carbury, Jessica Gooch, Renee Hart, Jonora Holmes, Lloyd Jones, James Kennedy, Amy Vanezi, Chelsea Campbell, Zach Fell, Hayley Hughes, Jonathon Pestell, Kane Stuart-Tatham, Ben Tancred, Kieralie Braasch, Matt Kennedy, Callum MacVean, Melinda Minns, Joel Morris, Adrian Nikolic, Belinda Beasley, Luke Brittliff, Tara Burgess, Amy Carbury, Carleigh Dunn, Natalie Hart, Jessica Lee, Charlie Margin, Luke Randall, Craig SaiLouie and Ashley Thrussell.

School newsletter, July 31

Auditions held at Pretty Beach

Children from Years 3 to 6 recently auditioned for major and minor roles in Pretty Beach Public School's musical to be staged next term.

The musical is divided into eight acts, six of them will be performed by one each of the six classes, another by a mixed group of children keen for additional participation, and the eighth, the finale, will feature all children back on stage.

There are four major roles, depicting two boys and two girls who take the audience through Australia's first 100 years.

The class acts will involve song, movement and some individual speaking roles.

While the teachers will be the

class co-ordinators, the school is relying on the help of parents.

Narelle Jones (music), Shelley King (choreography), Bev Callow (drama) and Margie McFadyen (costuming) will lead the production team, and each class will be asking for parents with skills in these areas to polish their class item.

School Newsletter, August 2

Young Australian of the Year nominations sought

Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, is asking members of the Peninsula community to consider nominating young people for the National Australia Day Council's Young Australian of the Year Awards for 2002.

"These awards are a very positive way in which we can encourage our young people to continue to strive for excellence and publicly acknowledge their achievements," Ms Andrews said.

Nominations are open to people aged between 14 and 27 in seven categories: career achievement, arts, sports, science and technology, the environment, regional initiative and community service.

All nominees entering the awards will receive a

commemorative certificate in recognition of their achievements.

A winner in each category will be announced at a Gala Presentation of Awards evening to be held at the Sydney Hilton Hotel on Thursday, December 6.

Category winners will each receive a \$4000 Award Saver Account from the Commonwealth Bank plus a trophy.

The ultimate winner will be declared the NSW Young Achiever of the Year, and will receive a further \$4000 from the Commonwealth Bank and a trip for two flying Qantas to any Australian capital city staying five nights at a Hilton Hotel.

All NSW category winners will go on to represent New South Wales in a National Awards Final, where seven national category

winners will be selected.

These outstanding young people will share in a further \$40,000 from the Commonwealth Bank and have the opportunity to be named as the Young Australian of the Year for 2002.

"These prestigious Awards are one way in which we can bring our talented young people before the local community.

"I urge everyone to consider who in our community deserves to be acknowledged for their contributions and nominate them," Ms Andrews said.

Nominations close on Friday, September 7, and nomination forms are available from Commonwealth Bank branches, website www.nadc.com.au or from the awards office on 02 9899 7251.

Media release July 31

Science and maths students win awards at Empire Bay

Several Empire Bay Public School children won awards in the recent Primary School Science and maths Competitions.

In the science competition, distinctions went to: Year 4, Thomas Pope; Year 5, Kimberley McKinnon, Liam Mounser, Emma Mumford, David Provest; and Year 6, Justin Miles.

Credits went to: Year 3, Julianne Elton, Cameron Little, Shivani Luthile, Jack McDougall, Tully Mitchell, Katie Wood; Year 4, Matthew Fallon, Emma Whalley; Year 5, Rhys Cooper, Christopher Elton, Matthew Kemsley; and Year 6, Nicole Humphries, Brett Mitchell, Charis Monaghan and Shellie Wilkes.

In the Primary School Maths Competition held recently, distinctions went to: Year 3, Cameron Little, Shivani Luthile, Jack McDougall, Katie Wood; Year 4, Emily Rayner; Year 5, Christopher Elton, Matthew Kemsley; and Year 6, Kate Pope.

Credits went to: Year 3, Andrew Clark, Hayden Gregory, Whitney Walker; Year 4, Charlotte Cox, Kellie Edwards, Brent Wallace,

Emma Whalley; Year 5, Hayley Crain, Kevin Moore, Liam Mounser, Kimberley McKinnon, Brianna Shaw, Lachlan O'Donnell; and Year 6, Codie Clark, Justin Miles, Shellie Wilkes and Nicole Humphries.

School newsletter, August 8

Danita wins contest

Empire Bay school student Danita Weatherstone has won a State-wide song contest.

Danita recently entered the Starvision Entertainment Amateur Song Competition held at Chatswood.

She came first in 11 years and under in NSW singing "Somewhere over the Rainbow".

Danita will contest the national final in November in Melbourne.

School newsJetter, July 25

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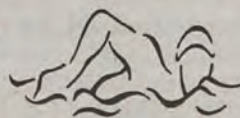
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Junior development golf program held

Everglades Country Club has joined with Toukley Golf Club to host a junior development program for the Brisbane Water District Golf Association.

Everglades juniors represented in the development squad were Luke Johnson Wade MacFarlane, Mitchell Bluff and Mitchell Hind.

The development program aimed to assist local juniors develop their skills under the care of professional golfers.

The professionals were to assess, instruct and monitor progress with a view to maximising potential and develop local youngsters to a level where they were capable of holding their own in elite company.

Everglades professional, Darren Chivas, has been a part of the scheme and recently hosted the 2001 squad for their final day of the year.

The squad comprised 21 boys and five girls, ranging in age from 10 to 15 years, with varying degrees of experience, skill and ability.

They were divided into a

northern squad under the tutelage of Greg Lewis from Toukley Golf Club and a southern squad under the watchful eye of "Chivo".

The first day at Toukley saw balls launched all over the practice fairway with quite a few finding a watery grave in nearby creeks.

The variety of swings was described at worst as "awful" and at best as "promising" To the non-professional onlooker, the task for Greg and Darren was daunting.

After five weeks, both squads met at Everglades for the final day of the year and played nine holes under the watchful eyes of Greg and Darren and district officials.

The district officials regarded the improvement of all members of the squads after such a relatively short period as "amazing".

"Youngsters, who on the first day could barely hit the ball, were not only hitting it but were doing so consistently well," said district treasurer Ian Elliott.

"More advanced players looked like miniature professionals and were hitting some awesome shots."

Ian Elliott, July 31

Greenkeeper wins tournament

Everglades Bowling Club greenkeeper Graeme Maier won the NSW Greenkeepers' Association singles and pairs recently after some coaxing from his mate, Phil Flippence.

Phil said he had persuaded Graeme to enter the championships with Maier duly beating Phil, a four times green keeper singles winner, 25-14.

Maier beat Bill Hopley 31-28 to

win the singles final.

However, the tournament was not a complete loss for Phil, who teamed with Maier to win the doubles 20-13 against Tom Mulley and Bill Hopley.

The greenkeepers championships included a field of top players, with Steve Fairfull (East Maitland) a member of the NSW under-25 team, current NSW player Barry Benson and Byron Bay's Michael Anderson.

Central Coast Bowler, July

Cash housie for charity at Umina Bowling Club

Cash Housie is run by Fairhaven Services each Monday night at 7.30pm at Umina Bowling Club, Melbourne St.

All proceeds are used to provide services for over 80 intellectually disabled adults who live on the Central Coast.

The service runs a supported employment program at Woy Woy.

To offer any assistance to the service or for further information, contact Sue Chidgey on 43253608.

Fairhaven Services Letter, July 16

New course record for Hien McManus

Hien McManus continues to set a scorching pace with a new course record 72 on 5 July in the Monthly Medal round of Everglades women's golf.

Thursday, July 5, also saw the qualifying round of the Singles Knock-out with 32 to qualify.

The Gosglades Cup was played on July 2 at Everglades.

This is always a competitive day between Everglades and Gosford, and on the day Everglades came home the winners 10 matches to 8.

Greg and Marie Conallin have been playing good golf lately, having won the Mixed 2-Ba1/ Knock-out from Hien McManus and Luke Gregory.



Umina Surf Club persons of the year, Helen Heber and Chris Lavers

Chris Lavers and Helen Heber have received "club person of the year" awards at the recent Umina Surf Life Saving Club presentation night.

Chris Lavers is responsible for the management and coordination of junior activities, coordination of State junior championships, branch carnivals and mini carnivals with neighbouring clubs.

Helen Heber is responsible for the management and coordination of the Master's activities, co-ordination of the Master's state and national team, and planning and co-ordination of the ocean swim.

Karen Paull has been awarded patron person of the year.

Karen has given an overwhelming number of patron hours and a high number of

nonrostered voluntary hours.

Karen was involved in the coordination of emergency procedures on patrol and has also given an outstanding amount of water safety hours.

Gary Harding was awarded U18 person of the year.

Gary has shown great dedication to patrol duties and inflatable rescue boat driving.

He was also valued for his assistance at all examinations, his voluntary assistance with junior members and general assistance and help throughout the club.

The Umina Surf Life Saving Club new executive for the upcoming season is: president Brian Paull, secretary Phil Harding, treasurer Brian Jackson, club captain Bernie Parmeter, vice president Danny Cunningham.

Letter, August 1

It was a keenly contested match with Greg and Marie winning 4 and 3.

The previous week Greg and Marie, along with the partnerships Joy Hall-Terry Godley and Pat-Rod Clarice, played at Toukley in the Mazda 2-Ball District Playoff.

The eventual winners were a pair from Toukley who go on to play at Riverside Oaks.

The Foursomes Championships will be held on August 23 and a big field is expected.

Entry fee per person is \$7.50 plus \$5.80 for the event of the day and entries close today, August 14.

The event will be played over 27 holes in two Divisions.

A Cocktail Party will be held on that day commencing at 4.45 pm

followed by the Presentation of Trophies.

Judy Dunstan has had surgery on her wrist and shoulder over the past few months and will not be able to play golf in the foreseeable future.

Judy has transferred to Women's Bowls for a period of time until she is able to assess the chances of returning to golf.

The Women's Golf AGM will be held on Thursday, October 25, at 9am, Nominations have been called for the committee, with a number of vacancies caused by retirements.

The vacant Veterans Delegate position will also be filled.

Judy Andrews, July 28

Sport

Bill Vrolyks in soccer Hall of Fame



Umina resident, Bill Vrolyks, has been selected to become a member of the Soccer Australia Hall of Fame.

The award will be announced at an awards luncheon to be held in Sydney at the Stamford Hotel, Sydney Airport, on Sunday, August 26.

Bill arrived in Australia in 1945 as a member of the Dutch Air Force, and was captain of the Dutch Air Force soccer team playing in England and Australia. He was discharged in 1948 in Sydney.

In 1950, Bill started the Sydney Austral Soccer Club playing 450 first grade games.

Bill transferred to Leichhardt-Annandale in 1956 playing 60 first grade games with players like Joe Marston.

Bill became president of the Eastern Suburbs Soccer Association getting a life membership after many years.

Bill implemented the first coaching structure called the NSW Federation of Soccer Coaches with people like Joe Vlatsits and Denis Adrigan.

He travelled interstate to form the South Australia, Victoria, West Australia, Queensland and Northern NSW Coaches Federation, which ultimately resulted in the formation of the Australian Coaches Federation.

Bill had the foresight to start a soccer academy at Parklea-Blacktown running coaching camps and clinics and pouring the money back into the complex.

Bill received a Life Membership from the NSW Coaches Federation and was appointed first grade coach to the Pan Hellenic Soccer Club in 1967.

He became a first grade coach with the Sydney Croatia Soccer Club in 1968 to 1969, coach of the NSW State team against Inter-Bratislava in 1970, and coach of the NSW U19 team against Fiji's U16 in the 1972 National Titles.

Bill has been running coaching camps and clinics all over NSW, and moved to Gosford in 1979 to start the Central Coast Coaches Federation.

Bill was made first grade coach of the Umina United Soccer Club in 1980, 1981 and 1982, winning two premierships.

He became senior coach of the Central Coast Coasties in 1983 and 1984 winning the minor premiership in the Newcastle State League.

In 1988, Bill was awarded the Order of Australia medal from the Queen for services to soccer, and was awarded a Life Membership from the Central Coast Soccer Association.

Bill was awarded the U18 Coach of the Year 2000 by the Central Coast Soccer Association, and became the Development Officer of Umina United Soccer Club in 1999, 2000 and 2001.

Bill's recognition in the Hall of Fame was for 53 given years to the game of soccer, making as great a contribution to the development of soccer as people who have played for the State or National teams.

Media release, August 1

Kneelers and Grippers washed out again

The Kneelers and Grippers Charity Bowls Day deferred from May 6, by inclement weather, was again a No Bowls day.

Even so, more than 40 bowlers, friends and supporters, together

with the sponsors raised \$2250 on the day.

St Judes Hostel for Homeless Men and a charity to be nominated by Lodge Morning Star will share equally in this money.

Club newsletters, August 1

Everglades Golf Club News

Luke Johnson, 8, and Mitchell Bluff, 15, are Everglades Country Club Junior Champions, in scratch and nett competition respectively.

Russel Phillips, 9, and Danny Casey, 10, were two-ball match play champions

Everglades Rounds of the Month for July went to Nett 60 points. S.Welc h.1 3/7, W. Leon 13/7, Net t 62, K. Dawkings.7/7, N.Wilson.13/7, T. Cartwright. 13/7, B.Clarke.13/7; 45 points, J Bruce.29/6, G. Lind .20/7; 44 points R. Mellick. 29/6, L.Papps.1/7, J. Bullivant.4/7, S.Hoyland.22/7; 43 points. J.Mediati.8/7; 42 points, WHeber 20/6, G Minett.22/6, M Long .29/6, S.Nielson. 1/7, J. Davidson .1 /7, M. Bluff. 8/7, R. Shields.22/7.

Bill Hay scored a hole-in-one at the sixth on Saturday, June 30.

It has been confirmed by the greens' staff that some members have been moving the tee markers to suit themselves.

Club officials say believe they know who is responsible, and will keep them under observation "The action of moving tee markers will lead to instant disqualification that can be followed by harsher discipline," one club official said.

"The greens' staff have a hard enough job trying to keep things nice without having to contend with selfish unqualified members The club is also having difficulty

allocating booking times.

"It appears as though members are requesting earlier and earlier times in an attempt to acquire their real preference.

"Some are asking for times before first light.

"This has the effect of having upwards of 12 groups all requesting say a 7am tee time with the resulting disappointments when the envelopes are drawn in a ballot.

"It would be appreciated if members requested envelope booking times that positively reflect their preference." The club's committee has decided that some of the turf being grown will be used for a utility green.

It is proposed to install another green near the chute into the fourth green.

In this way the fourth can be played as a par 4 and have a par 3 to what is now the fourth green.

The ladies and social tees could be on a raised section of the current fourth fairway and the mens' tee could be on the bank of the lagoon on a little promontory behind the sand container.

Establishment of the mens' tee in this position "would require the removal of some of the less attractive trees which would be replaced with something better".

This will enable a complete hole to be taken out of play when the time comes to refurbish a green and allows the necessary work

on the levelling and repair of tees, removal of Parramatta and Crab grasses and repairs to the fairways to be completed at the same time.

Members will be aware that the dead Coral tree at the 16th has been removed and the replacement is being discussed.

The pathway over the bridge to the sixth is under review again and a second quote for the work is being obtained.

The build up of sand at the fairway side of some bunkers is to be removed thereby defining the bunker edges more clearly.

Members could help this process by refraining from raking the sand in the bunkers to the edges.

The raising of the level of the 10th tee and the rearrangement of the path appears to have general approval.

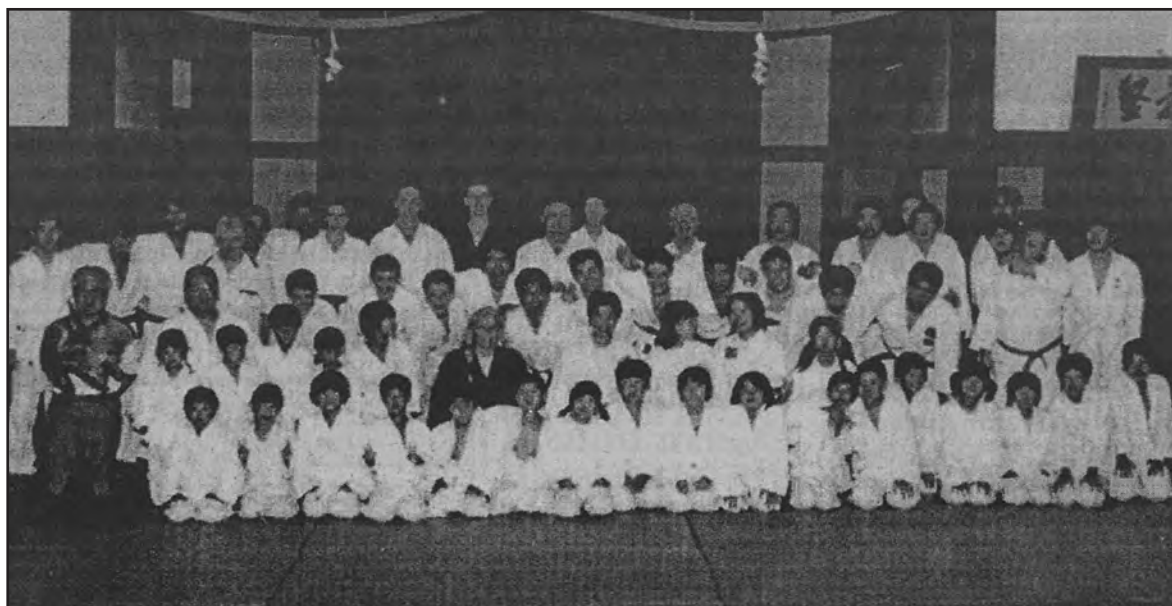
The work on the lagoons has necessitated the use of a big excavator, which damaged the fourth and ninth fairways, and this work will take some time to recover.

While making good some of the damage it was decided to include some improvements, more especially on the ninth, in the form of more mounds.

Senior Masters' Pennants competition to date, won against Toukley and Morisset and lost to Tuggerah at Gosford and to Gosford at Toukley.

Wal Mapplebeck, July 25

Judo club competes in Japan



Woy Woy Judo Club sent a team to Japan to compete in the Okayama Goodwill Games on July 9.

The team comprised nine players, three coaches and four supporters, sponsored by local businesses.

The contingent flew to Osaka, then took a three hour bus trip to Okayama City, where they stayed at Kurozumi Shintoan Temple for nine days.

The temperature was 28 to 32 degrees each day with high humidity.

The team and coaches trained for four hours each day, except the day of the Games, at various dojos.

"As judo is one of Japan's many

major Olympic sports, their mat area for training was of very high quality," said club secretary Mrs Lindy Simmons.

The team had a training session with the silver medallists in Kata, the precision of throws necessary for obtaining a black belt and trained twice at the high school with the current national champions.

Two of the players, Daniel Simmons (16) and Sean Cole (15), were interviewed by local television at the Goodwill Games, while other team members were filmed during their bouts.

The contest was run in three rounds of age and weight category.

The first round Woy Woy lost 5-4. The second round was also lost, 7-4. The last round was a tie

5-5.

Everyone attending was invited to eat traditional Japanese food and take in the scenery.

Okayama Judo Club expressed its wish to keep strong ties with Woy Woy and will return the visit in August next year, their second visit since 1999.

With the opening of the new Peninsula Community Centre in December 2001, the Peninsula will be able to host its own Goodwill Games.

Japanese training techniques have been put to use since the club's return to Woy Woy and on Sunday, July 29, a team of 14 returned from St Mary's RSL Youth Club in St Mary's with six gold, six silver and two bronze medals.

Club newsletter, August 8



Ron Laycock (second from left) receives his sponsorship cheque from CCROC representatives Councillor Malcom Brooks, Councillor Doug Eaton, Councillor Robyn Stewart and Mayor Chris Holstein

Weightlifter receives sponsorship

Ron Laycock of Umina has sponsorship to the value of \$250 to assist participation in the National Senior Weightlifting Championships held at Homebush on August

11 and 12.

The Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils (CCROC) presented its latest contribution of funding on Wednesday, August 1, to help local people compete at sporting events.

Under the CCROC sponsorship, grants are available to help Central Coast residents participate in cultural and sporting events of a national, state and regional significance.

Media release, July 30

Seven athletes reach State level

Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics ended last season with seven athletes qualifying through to reach the Little Athletics State Championships at Homebush.

They were: Luke Donahue, U11 Long Jump; Rhys Ryan, U11 1100m Walk; Joel Weeks, U12 Long Jump; Shellie Wilkes, U11 400m, 200M; Emily Mullen, U12

400m, Triple Jump; Samantha Tomlin, U13 High Jump; Kylie Wildman, U15 200m Hurdles, 90m Hurdles, 100m, 200m.

Little Athletics is held on Friday nights, with athletes of varying ability attending to complete, socialise and have fun in age groups from under-6 to under-15.

The events are run by volunteer parents.

Letter, August 8

Beckett and Gaffel are pairs champions

Kevin Beckett and Peter Gaffel are the new major pairs champions at Everglades.

The win was just reward for Kevin, while Peter always plays a strong game and this was no exception.

Try as hard as they might, runners-up Frank Pengelly and Len Langston had few answers for consistent draw bowls even after holding an early lead.

New minor singles champ Barry O'Connor came from behind to defeat Jon Gibbon in their final played recently.

Both bowlers displayed their talents at different stages of the match with Barry winning comfortably in the end.

Everglades bowlers Bruce Harper and Bruce McDonald gave a big early lead to their opposition before coming out winners in the zone senior pairs at Norah Head recently.

Starting at long odds in prestige company, the two gave it all in three hard fought preliminaries to reach the final.

The tournament scheduled over two days stretched over three weekends due to weather.

Two other Everglades bowlers, Bob Hock and Ted Hewson, were surprise losers in their semi-final match after holding a good lead near the last few ends.

At that stage it looked likely to be an all Everglades final.

Press release, August 7

Success for bowls triples

Many competitors have hailed the Frank Kemp Memorial Triples for 2001 which was recently played at Everglades as the "best ever".

Played over three days with a capacity field on 20 rinks, Gosford City representative Chris Pini won

the event in fine style winning all six games.

Bowlers from all over the zone contested the event on fast and true greens in perfect weather conditions, although some rain early on the final morning slowed play a little and tested everyone.

Bruce McDonald July 22

Bridge to become a Winter Olympic demonstration sport

Members of Brisbane Water Bridge Club are looking forward to the game's appearance as a demonstration sport at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Utah's Salt Lake City, according to a club newsletter.

Brisbane Water Bridge Club,

which has 250 members, is based on the Peninsula at Umina Beach Surf Club.

About 3000 bridge players live on the Central Coast, with eight bridge clubs operating.

For anyone wishing to learn, lessons start the first week in September.

For further information, call 4341 9228 or 0409 220 761.

Club newsletter, July 25

Ettalong bowlers win Prestige Fours

Aron Sherriff, Danny McNeilly, Graham Maier and John Roberts of Ettalong Bowls Club have become the first local team to win the Ettalong Prestige Fours in the tournament's nineyear history.

The final against the star studded pre-tournament favourites John Roberts (Charlestown), Tony Laguzza (Umina), Sam Laguzza (Charlestown) and Shane Garvey (Merrylands), produced a thrilling finish with the scores locked at 20-

all after 21 ends.

The Ettalong side made a habit of coming from behind being down 12-2 in their quarter final match against previous two time .

winner Geoff McGillivray (Wanlla) before recovering for a 23-15 victory.

Then the Ettalong side accounted for Wayne Lamboume (Maitland City) 24-19 in the semi final.

Down 18-9 with six ends to play, the final seemed to have slipped from the Ettalong team's grasp but

they made a minor recovery to be 20-15 down with two to play.

The turning point came on the 20th end when Maier played a brilliant trail shot for two when laying three down and Roberts added two more to put them one behind on the last end.

A single shot then forced the draw and a tense extra end where the locals again scored one for the game and the tournament, among jubilation from the parochial home supporters.

Central Coast Bowlers, August 1

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Fitness centre wins major award



John Moore, proprietor of Ettalong Fitness Centre receiving his award for best Peninsula Business

The Ettalong Fitness Centre won the Business of the Year award at the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce 2001 Business Awards held at the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club last month.

Established by the Chamber as a showcase for businesses on the Peninsula, the awards night was a gala event attended by 330 guests.

Awards were presented for best business in four categories based on

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