

Parents, teachers and students oppose restructure model

Peninsula parents, teachers and students have combined to oppose the restructure model announced for Umina and Woy Woy High Schools, with a public meeting planned for September 19.

Under the restructure, Umina High will become a junior campus for Years 7 to 9, while Woy Woy High will become a senior campus for Years 10 to 12.

Umina High School's P&C Association has written to Education Minister, Mr John Aquilina, stating: "The 7-9, 10-12 model has never been supported by any teacher or parent representative of this school."

It has asked that the Minister explain the basis of the decision.

The Ettalong Woy Woy Teachers' Association has obtained documents under the Freedom of Information Act showing not one of the 11 submissions from the Peninsula supported the model.

The association has convened a public meeting for Education Week on September 19 to which it will invite "politicians, parents, teachers, concerned students and the community".

"Parents and concerned students should protest to their Local Member, and attend the public meeting," said association secretary M Fensom.

Local high school students went on strike and held a protest march the day after the Minister's announcement, complaining of their lack of involvement in the decision.

A Year 10 student has written an extensive letter to this newspaper (see Forum pages).

"Without any consultation in this decision from any of the students, Year 10 students are being faced with a decision about their future in which they have no say," wrote Umina High student J Moore.

Umina High School P&C president Mr Bill Graff reported that a large number of parents, teachers and year 10 students attended the school's regular P&C meeting on August 15.

Following the meeting, a letter was written by the P&C executive to the Minister stating: "A great deal of concern was expressed by those present as the 7-9, 10-12 model has never been supported by any teacher or parent

representative of this school.

"Year 10 students expressed their frustration at neither being informed nor considered in the process.

"In fact, we were informed that no matter what model was chosen, senior students would see their school years out at their current school.

"It is a source of great frustration and disappointment that after years of involvement in the 'consultation' process, the views of both the parents and teachers - backed up by research presented at the Terrigal conference - were disregarded.

"The meeting passed unanimously the following resolutions:

- That the 7-8, 9-12 model be adopted by the Brisbane Water Collegiate.

- That the implementation of junior-senior campus be delayed 12 months until the Vinson report is available.

- The parents support actions by the teachers in calling a public meeting on September 19.

- Umina High P&C calls upon you to adopt the recommendation of the majority of stakeholders of the collegiate and allow the implementation of the recommended break up.

"If you are not able to do this, then please publish, for public scrutiny, your reasons for deciding on the 7-9, 10-12 break up," the P&C executive asked.

The Teachers' Association secretary said that high school teachers had traditionally enjoyed teaching across the range of Years 7 to 12 and getting to know their students over that six-year period.

"It is now proposed, they will squeeze their knowledge of students into a period of three years.

"Their parents will have to also suffer the squeeze - new teachers every three years; new school arrangements every three years; new school policies every three years and new principal every three years.

"A staff turnover will mean that there is chopping and changing of teachers every three years - all on top of the usual promotions, transfers and long service leave.

"Hardly a stabilizing influence

upon the young!"

"The Department of Education's contribution is to say that the uniform will remain the same over the six years - which was the case, anyway, prior to the split of the two schools.

"The recent march and 'strike' by local high school students, on the very day after the Minister's announcement, shows the real lack of consultation over the two years of 'consultation with the community'."

Press releases and letters,
September 3

Community plan launched

Gosford Council's Community Development section has launched a draft Community Plan, and is seeking community feedback.

"Many Peninsula residents have already participated in the formulation of this plan, with train commuters and school students having been focus groups for input," said community development worker Ms Shirley Hotchkiss.

"Contributions to the plan by Peninsula residents were higher than for many other communities.

"The plan provides a blueprint for community development

approaches and services.

"It contains over 90 recommendations under the three themes of community identity, encouraging equity and building supportive communities."

The Community Plan can be viewed on Council's website at www.gosford.nsw.gov.au.

It is available on the Peninsula at Umina Child Care Centre and Woy Woy and Umina Libraries.

The public is invited to submit comments before Friday, September 21, and to contact Council's Community Development section on 4325 8351 for more information.

Media release, September 5

IOOF residents allowed to stay



Dinah Traurig (standing) from the Department of Fair Trading explains the ministerial decision

The IOOF Board has accepted that the Retirement Villages Act 1999 applies to the Umina Homes Centre, the Minister for Fair Trading Mr John Watkins has told village residents.

He said the Board's decision meant that residents may remain in their homes with existing contracts becoming binding on a new owner.

Residents had previously been led to believe that they would be forced to move out following a decision of the Board earlier this year to sell the homes.

If an operator wished to close down a village they must give more than 12 months' notice,

obtain alternate accommodation of a similar standard and cost for all residents and pay reasonable relocation expenses, Mr Watkin said.

Ms Dinah Traurig from the Department of Fair Trading told a meeting of concerned residents following the announcement: "You needn't have any worries about being on the streets now or in the future," she said.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews said: "This is a most positive result for the residents of the Homes Centre."

"Since the IOOF Board first told residents of the intentions to sell the Homes Centre in Umina, the residents have been fighting an uphill battle with the Board to

obtain information on what will happen to them.

"The Department of Housing was helpful in finding placement for some of the residents, but the others were left not knowing where their fate lay.

"I would like to pay tribute to the members of the residents' committee for their concerted efforts in this on-going saga.

"This good outcome is largely due to their determination to fight for a just resolution," Ms Andrews said.

Village resident Mrs Marj Cleere said the committee was happy with the result.

Jonathan Reichard, August 28

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Those that have met him will be aware of his unique approach to most things.
Also from interstate, this time the ACT, are Lee Foreman and Justin Bucello.
They have already been a great help with this edition.
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Mystery

An 11-kilometre bushwalk from Lyre Trig, near Kariong, through the bush around the Peninsula attracted 24 members of the Central Coast National Park Association recently.
The walk began near the site of the mysterious hieroglyphics which are half hidden between slabs of craggy rock and cover both walls of a deep crevice.
A jackal-headed god and a cartouche (an oval shape with hieroglyphics inside representing the name of someone) indicate that these carvings were done by someone familiar with Egyptian hieroglyphics.

The group also saw an aboriginal carving of a stingray on the walk and had lunch near a creek with rock pools and a waterfall.
Just before the entrance to Brisbane Water National Park, the walkers took time to admire views of Koolewong and Gosford before taking the Koolewong track.
There were lots of wildflowers along the way, including wattles, grevilleas, waratahs, boronias, native roses and eriostemon and kunzea, as well as panoramic views over Brisbane Water to Woy Woy, the Rip Bridge, Umina, and Blackwall Mountain.
The group would welcome any information on the hieroglyphics. Contact Shirley in Woy Woy on 4342 0333 or at shirlinmel@bigpond.com.
Shirley Drake, September 3



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Nambus parked in Blackwall Road, seeking petition signatures

Nambus operators protest against GST

A protest against GST by Nambus organisers has drawn criticism from the local branch of the Vietnam Veterans' Association, as well as from Federal Liberal Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd.

The operators of the mobile Vietnam War museum, Nambus, held a protest against the GST in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, on August 30.

The bus was parked on the main street of Woy Woy with a petition for the public to sign, protesting against the GST being charged to charity groups for the service they provide.

The petition is to be handed to the Federal Government.

Nambus treasurer Colin Best said he was concerned that he may have to pass on the cost of the GST to the people who accessed his service, instead of the current voluntary donation system.

"As a registered charity, we are

calling on John Howard's

Government to remove the GST and allow us to get on with the good work we are trying to do.

"We are asking members of the public to sign our petition outside the bus," Mr Best said.

However, Mr Michael Hauser of the Gosford Sub-branch of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia, opposed the protest.

"The Nambus only exists because of the generosity and goodwill of the Howard Government.

"Without a grant of \$25,000 to acquire a bus and a further grant to assist with repairs, this community service would never have been acquired.

"Because of our high income

and low running costs, we are able to use the GST to advantage, rather than disadvantage," Mr Hauser said.

Labor candidate for Robertson, Trish Moran, said that the frustration the Vietnam veterans who operated the bus felt is an example of how unfairly the GST

treated charitable organizations.

"The men who operate the Nambus do this on a voluntary basis, because they enjoy helping the kids so much.

"The only money they make is through donations, which barely covers costs," Ms Moran said.

"Under a Labor government, registered charities such as the Nambus would be exempted from GST obligations," she said.

Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, said the organisation was actually better off under the new system.

"They have received the full diesel fuel rebate of 24c per litre.

"With low income and expenses, they are able to claim back all their GST expenditure, putting them in a better position than they would have been under the old wholesale tax system," Mr Lloyd said.

Mr Lloyd described the protest as "a political stunt".

Jonathan Reichard, September 4

Plan made to kerb and gutter all Peninsula streets

A streetscape kerb and guttering masterplan is to be prepared for every Peninsula street without kerb and guttering by November this year.

Gosford Council has decided to pursue a strategy that will see kerb and gutter installed across the Peninsula over a 20-year period.

The construction will be financed in the medium density 2 (b) zoned land through section 94 developer contribution plans and through the Council's capital works program for 2(a) residential land.

It was proposed to cease the current requirement of requiring kerb and gutter as a condition of development consent.

A report to Council estimated 125km of kerb was needed on the Peninsula.

"The community should be consulted on the most appropriate streetscape treatments in their locality, taking account of such matters as the local environment, functionality of the street, topography, stormwater drainage constraints, construction costs and the likely demand for on-street parking," the report suggested.

"Such community consultation can effectively be undertaken

through the public exhibition of a streetscape masterplan specifying each proposed streetscape treatment within a locality."

The report suggested a number of alternative kerb treatments could be considered including "traditional" kerb and gutter, roll-over kerb, kerb-only, v-drains and flush-to-ground edge strips.

It recommended use of traditional kerb and gutter in commercial areas, while edge strips "would appear appropriate" in low traffic volume areas.

The report stated that the program would take 20 years to complete "under the current funding regime" but that the availability of trunk drainage systems into which the street drainage systems may discharge was a "potentially greater problem".

At its current rate of construction, the Peninsula's \$70 million drainage scheme will take another 90 years to complete.

The Council asked that options for reducing the estimated time for the delivery of kerb and gutter and associated full road reconstruction be investigated.

It also asked that a report on street-by-street costings and priorities be prepared.

Council agenda SF037, August 28

Gambling revenue to fund disadvantaged

Communal care will be provided for the homeless, transient and financially-disadvantaged of the Woy Woy area with a \$52,000 State Government grant.

The grant will go to Centrecare Catholic Family Services to provide a daily meal, shower and laundry facilities, daily respite and advocacy, assessment and referral to counselling and accommodation agencies over the next year.

Announcing the grant, Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, said that she had been advised of the grant by Mr Richard Face, Minister for Gaming and Racing.

He had approved the allocation of the grant from the NSW Government's Casino Community Benefit Fund on a recommendation from the Fund Trustees.

The grant was one of 58 project

grants totalling \$2.7 million approved by the Minister for Gaming and Racing to assist community projects in addressing social issues considered to be flowover effects or causes of problem gambling such as alcohol abuse, drug abuse, child abuse, domestic violence, homelessness and unemployment.

Ms Andrews said that the Government had now allocated more than \$46 million since 1995 from the Casino Community Benefit Fund to specific gambling-related counselling and treatment services, research projects, an awareness campaign, and other activities designed to minimise the harm associated with gambling in the community.

"The Government's policy has focused on encouraging responsible gaming and on minimising gambling-related harm," Ms Andrews said.

Media release, September 5

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Forum

Students had no say

In the media recently, Central Coast Superintendent of Schools, Mr Bill Low, stated: "Our decisions have been predicated on improving school attendance, retention rates, curriculum choice, welfare and behaviour programs and keeping kids at school."

Without any consultation in this decision from any of the students, Year 10 students (most of whom are now 15 or more) are being faced with a decision about their future in which they have no say.

I have been advised that many of my fellow students are now considering leaving school.

This hardly constitutes "improving school retention".

If the proposed move is changed to incorporate this year's Year 9 (thus becoming next year's Year 10), most of those students will be under 15 and therefore have to attend the new college and this will mean less students leaving at the end of this year.

Relationships with teachers

Students of Year 10 this year have already developed an extremely strong rapport with our teachers, which we consider is vital for our success through years 11 and 12 and onto the HSC.

If Year 9 stays at Umina High, they will then be in the same situation at the end of their Year 10 as we are now.

There is also a policy at this school of student-teacher mentors in Year 12.

If we move, how can we approach teachers that we have only known for 10 months to be our mentors.

If this also applies to Woy Woy High teachers then in all fairness to them, they will want to be mentors of current Woy Woy High students.

Computers

The new state-of-the-art information technology centre will take six to 12 months to be up and running. (Has any government project ever been

Community Forum

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completed on or near to time?)

The computer network at our school has already been established, thanks to the dedicated computer staff.

Woy Woy's current computer network is two rooms of 30 computers.

Our school has over 150 computers all hooked up to a central server in the library, so we can use any computer to open up any saved files we have in our own account on the server.

Year 11 is a very hands-on year for computers. Year 12 is mostly theory.

The new IT centre will not be running efficiently until we are in year 12.

Therefore this year's Year 10 will suffer as a result of losing the well-established computer network we have at Umina High which would be available for us if we were able to complete our studies here.

The Ag Farm

If Year 10 leave at the end of this year there will only be Year 12 seniors to help out in the difficult phasing in of this new structure.

I would think that Year 12 would rather be without this full responsibility thereby allowing them to prepare fully for their HSC.

If Year 10 stays then there will be Year 11 here to help Year 12 phase in all new aspects regarding the farm.

Also, how many years will it be until the government decides that there is no longer any need for the farm and sell off the very valuable land to developers who are already eager to build on this

prime land?

Uniform

Many students, including myself, had to get new uniforms due to a "growth spurt".

If this is a common trend, then many parents won't be prepared to purchase a larger uniform for their children who are going into Year 10 and then turn around and purchase a completely new uniform when they go to the Woy Woy Campus.

One point we would like to clarify with John Aquilina is the fact that State Government has now decided that Years 10-12 are the senior years and naturally, the important ones.

If this is so, then why is it that after we have completed the first year of this senior education and have already started to plan our future careers, decided our electives for years 11 and 12 and also planned our future teachers, we are now being sent off to another school isolated from friends in other years and not knowing any teachers?

I am concerned that if we are moved over, our first year at Woy Woy High as Year 11 would be stressful in the fact that we would have to make new bonds with teachers, new friends and adapt to a new environment.

Wouldn't it be more sensible that we (the current Year 10) be allowed to finish off these important two senior years at the school and with the teachers we all originally started off with?

J. Moore, Year 10 Umina High,
August 21

Advice on building your own boat

How many men, and a few women, are dreaming of, one day, building a little boat?

Nobody knows.

I know that it is a common dream. I have built several boats in the past and I have watched the reaction of friends and neighbours.

Again, I am building a boat and I can see the stars of dreams in the eyes of the watchers.

Why not do it?

Build your own little boat.

You just have time, if you start soon, to finish it for the good weather.

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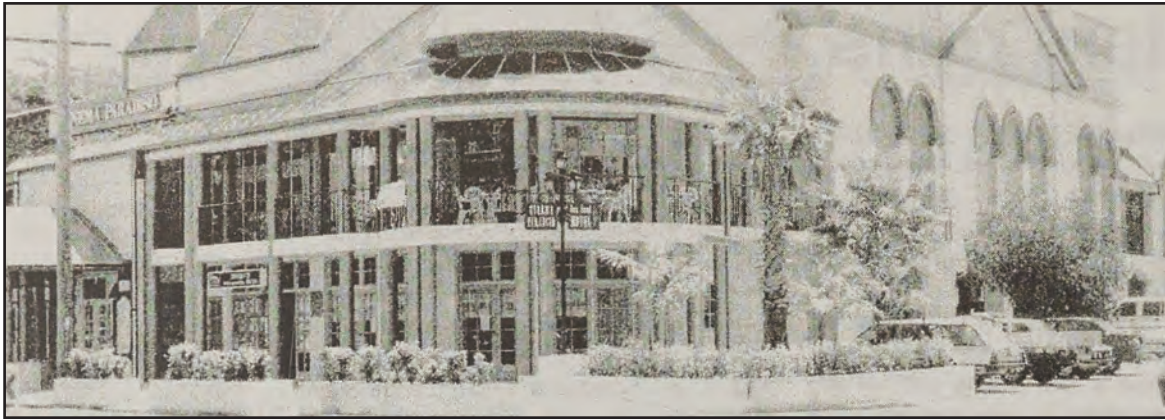
and donations, then it could be auctioned when completed to provide funds for more building projects.

There are lots of designs available which can be built at low cost, with little skills, under supervision, and I'll be glad to do that.

We are constantly bombarded with offers of ready made things to buy and the pleasure of doing beautiful crafts with our hands is taken away from us.

Participating in such a project gives a great sense of achievement and pride and it is a fun way to acquire new skills.

Bernard Craft,



Ettalong Markets-exempt from new zoning

New business zone planned

Gosford Council's Strategy and Policy Forum has recommended that a neighbourhood business zone 3(d) be introduced.

A number of Peninsula properties would be down-graded from general business zoning to either neighbourhood business or residential as a result.

Properties at the corner of Woy Woy Rd and Rawson Rd, Woy Woy, and in Phegans Bay Rd, Phegans Bay, would be rezoned residential.

Five areas on the Peninsula would be rezoned to neighbourhood business, with development limited to a floor space ratio (FSR) of 1:1.

They were in Patonga Dr,

Patonga; the corner of Trafalgar Av and The Esplanade, Umina; the corner of Ocean View Rd and Ferry St, Ettalong; the corner of Blackwall Rd and Terry Av, Woy Woy; and the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and Lone Pine Av, Umina (the Umina Mall shopping centre).

Two areas would have development limited to a 0.5:1 FSR.

They were in Booker Bay Rd, Booker Bay, and at the corner of Trafalgar and Waterloo Aves, Woy Woy.

The Strategy and Policy Forum recommended that Ettalong Beach Markets and Somersby Farm fruit shop in Ettalong not be included in the proposal.

The forum also recommended further investigation be undertaken into centres zoned 3(b) Business Special and the appropriateness of that zoning for "residential flat buildings".

Areas on the Peninsula zoned 3 (b) include an area in Ocean Beach Rd, Umina; the corner of Dunbar Rd and Everglade Cres, Woy Woy; the corner of Allfield and Blackwall Rds, Woy Woy; the corner of Terry Av and Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy; The Esplanade, Ettalong Beach; the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and Sydney Av, Umina; the corner of Charlton and Paton Sts, Woy Woy; and the corner of The Boulevard and Chambers Place, Woy Woy.

Council agenda SF024, September 4

Council approves public works improvements

Gosford Council has approved footpaths, kerb and gutter and other traffic improvements totalling \$175,500 for construction on the Peninsula in the 2001-2002 financial year.

The expenditure represents 20% of the Council's budget of \$867,000 for the whole of the municipality.

Four footpaths will be constructed.

They include 70m in Schnapper Rd, Ettalong (\$7000) and 330m on the west side of Hillview St, Woy Woy, between Dulkara Rd and Nambucca Dr (\$12,000).

A 400m footpath will be constructed on the east side of Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy, between Rawson Rd Phegans St (\$21,000) and a 120m footpath will be laid on the south side of Rawson Rd, Woy Woy, between Railway St and Paton St (\$8000).

"Missing link" kerb and gutter will be constructed in Vidler Av, Woy Woy (100m \$24,000) and in Augusta St, Umina (70m

\$12,500).

A 30m retaining wall will be built in Baldwin Close, Blackwall, to establish footpath profile (\$15,000).

The road pavement in Ocean Beach Rd at the corner of Veron Rd, Umina, will be widened as a bus stop improvement (\$10,000).

A change of priority at the corner of Bourke Rd and Memorial Av, Ettalong, will cost \$30,000.

A "pedestrian facility" in Memorial Av, Blackwall, near the Bogas Service Station will cost \$8000.

Kerb blisters will be added to the pedestrian crossing near Karingi St in Barrenjoey Rd, Ettalong (\$7000).

A concrete median will be installed adjacent to the Umina High School bus bay in Veron Rd, Umina (\$6000).

A right turn bay and pedestrian refuge will be created in Ocean Beach Rd at the corner of Veron Rd at a cost of \$15,000.

Council agenda SF036, August 28

Investment funds reviewed

Gosford Council has been told that less than \$20 million of a total of almost \$100 million it holds in investment funds can be spent by the Council and that money had already been committed.

The money includes \$8.2 million reserved for Financial Strategy projects.

A report was presented to the Council following a statement by consultants KPMG in their Management Audit Report that there might have been too much money invested.

Funds invested subject to the Local Government Act and its regulations over which council did not have control amounted to \$79.631 million, according to the report.

These included almost \$20 million from developer contributions to "section 94 contribution plans".

Funds allocated by Council totalled \$18.883 million.

These allocations were a result of Council budget decisions to provide cash for future liabilities

and specific projects and purposes and hence are not available for additional works, the Council was told.

The Council's Strategy and Policy Forum requested a further

report to detail the various section 94 contribution plans and how they might be spent.

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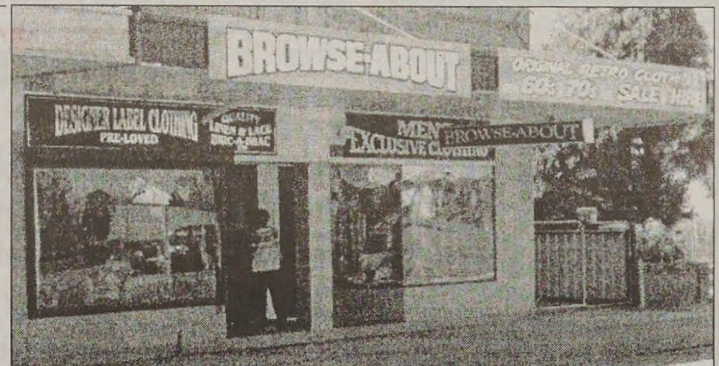
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Bush walk reveals mystery ruins

An interesting walk that leads to the end of Woy Woy Bay, starts at the top of Woy Woy Rd.

It takes in a small waterfall, great scenery and a bit of time travel as well.

Go up Bull's Hill past the right hand turn off to Phegan's Bay and Woy Woy Bay then park at the first 80km speed limit sign a few metres further up the road on the right hand side.

Do not park across the track as this is the Woy Woy Bay fire track.

The track starts with a fairly steep slope down through dry open ground with scattered trees and rocks.

At the bottom of the slope the path crosses three small creeks, the first two may not be running during drier weather.

However, there will still be a little water in the rocky creek beds and there could be yabbies and tadpoles living there.

The section between the creeks is more shaded than at the beginning of the walk and the dense wall of vegetation on the left, mostly native dog rose and banksia makes ideal cover for small birds, mammals and reptiles.

Vegetation is much thicker on the left hand side of the track as NPWS has conducted hazard

reduction burn-offs on the right in recent years.

Look for native orchids at the edges of the path, Flying Duck and Bearded Orchids grow along here, and the "flying ducks" really do look like their namesakes.

Before you cross the waterfall at the third creek, follow the water upstream for a few metres on the left hand side through a tunnel in the thick undergrowth to a clear, shallow pool.

There are big flat rocks to sit on here, but there are also lots of mosquitoes during the warmer months.

Return to the main track, cross the creek and top of the waterfall and continue the walk.

The trees are larger here and the ground is quite mossy in parts with lots of leaf litter on the ground that the local lyrebirds and bush turkeys love to turn over in their search for insects.

Turpentine trees grow here, easily recognisable by their usually straight trunks, deeply furrowed bark, leathery leaves and nuts that look like tiny flying saucers.

After another level section, the track starts to descend again through more open grassy ground and casuarina trees, or she-oaks, begin to appear.

This is a good place to see the glossy black cockatoo,

sometimes called the casuarina cockatoo because it prefers casuarina nuts over other food.

A pile of chewed nuts under a casuarina means they have been in the area. If they seem fresh, look up into the tree as the birds may still be there.

Unlike most other cockatoos, glossy blacks are quiet, they have a low cawing call, or you may hear a soft cracking noise as they feed on their favourite food.

At the bottom of the fire trail, there is a small clearing with a foot track at the far end that leads down to the water's edge.

If the tide is out, it is possible to turn left here and walk along the shoreline to the mangrove flats in one of the quietest parts of Brisbane Water, but this is a different walk so turn right instead.

There is a rough track that runs parallel to the water or you can walk along the rocks and sand for about 100 metres until you reach a NPWS sign for Brisbane Water National Park.

It may be hard to find so look for a large patch of lantana as well.

Once this horrible weed blocks your path, you have reached your destination.

With your back to the water, search around for a small flight of overgrown stone steps, these



lead to the almost hidden ruins of a small house and garden.

Hardly anything remains of the dwelling but some of the garden plants have survived including a few lillies and a pink azalea bush.

The walls of the garden have been made using a dry stone (without mortar) technique and these walls have been continued up past the house to the fire trail above in a series of terraces.

The view from the ruins is much the same as it would have been when the place was built, and it is not hard to imagine what it would have been like living here.

To return, you can go back the way you came, you can climb the hill behind the house back up to the fire trail, or you can extend the walk by continuing along the shoreline.

If you decide to climb back to the fire trail, it is easy to find and you will see a lot more of the dry stone walls, just head straight up

the hill behind the house.

Should you be feeling adventurous, go back to the water's edge, turn right and walk towards Woy Woy Bay until you come to a creek, this leads back up to the waterfall at the start of the walk.

If you are reasonably fit this is an easy climb over moss-covered boulders and tree roots to the top and it is well worth doing.

This is such an interesting walk that it is difficult to estimate how long it will take, but as a rough guide you should reach the top of the waterfall from the road in about 15 minutes.

The ruins should take perhaps another 20 minutes and it will take slightly longer coming back up.

If anyone knows more about these ruins, particularly who used to live there and when, Paula would be interested to know. Telephone her on 4342 5146.

Paula Perry, September 3



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Council set to go against legal advice

Gosford Council was set to go against its own legal advice that it was "inappropriate to delete sections" of the Correa Bay Water Quality Study when releasing it for public reference.

Minutes of the Council's Coastline Planning (CLP) committee have revealed that committee chairman Cr Malcolm Brooks "stated that the Council resolution was to block out both defamatory and spurious information".

"If the blocked out areas were considered to be 'large slabs', then the report would be handed back to the former Correa Bay committee members to rewrite," he was recorded as saying.

The minutes reported that "Council's legal opinion stated that it was inappropriate to delete sections of the report but Council should retain the community perspective and add the Council perspective".

The minutes disclosed for the first time the nature of at least some of the allegedly "spurious" content of the study.

"The Department of Land and Water Conservation (DLWC) representative stated that spurious information about which the department had concerns related to lack of scientific rigour applied to conclusions contained in the study and the possible implications of these conclusions if not properly clarified."

The minutes stated that Manager Environmental Control tabled a work-in-progress report relating to the handling of the parts of the study document "considered to be spurious and defamatory".

They did not disclose the nature of the allegedly defamatory content nor who considered it to be so.

According to the minutes, the work-in-progress report contained feedback from the NSW Fisheries' legal section and a part report and comments from DLWC.

The committee supported the approach taken by the Manager Environmental Control, pursuant to legal advice, contained in the work-in-progress report and requested that the process be finalised as a matter of priority.

Council agenda CL003, August 28

Correa Bay testing reviewed

Gosford Council's Coastline Planning (CLP) committee has called for a report addressing the testing for leachate and other sources of water quality monitoring for the three creek systems entering Correa Bay.

The recommendation followed a review of water quality testing practices at Correa Bay which concluded current testing was adequate.

The review was conducted following consideration of the Correa Bay Water Quality Study. "The current testing undertaken by Council and other authorities which includes sampling for trace and/or heavy metals would detect the presence of any leachate from near its source," the Council was told.

"It was determined that further ground and surface water testing was not considered necessary.

"The committee was informed the water quality monitoring in

Brisbane Water undertaken by both consultants and community groups (Streamwatch) had not found evidence of any problems."

However, the committee deferred a determination on the review and requested a further report be presented to committee which included the details of other sources of water quality monitoring relating to the three creeks systems entering Correa Bay.

Council agenda CL003, August 28

Investigation into dredging

Gosford Council will write to the Minister of Land and Water Conservation asking him to "fully fund an investigation into whether dredging of Correa Bay is appropriate".

The letter will draw to his attention "the department's historical responsibilities in the matter".

The request follows a recommendation from the Council's coastline planning (CLP) committee as a result of the Correa Bay Water Quality Study.

The Minister had previously advised the committee that funding of the project could only be considered under its Estuary Management Program on a 1:1 basis and taking into consideration

the project's priority in relation to other environmental priorities.

The committee minutes, in the Council agenda papers, reported discussion of the Crown Lands' responsibility for the problems associated with the Bulls Hill Quarry.

"It was acknowledged that over a number of years several factors could have resulted in sediment being deposited in Correa Bay," the minutes stated.

"These factors include the construction of the railway tunnel, Bulls Hill Quarry and Rudds Quarry which, contrary to the Minister's comments, the committee considered did make the siltation in Correa Bay dissimilar to other state wide estuaries.

"Committee members stated that the Minister's response was bureaucratic and did not acknowledge any departmental responsibility for the events affecting Correa Bay.

"The committee was informed that under the circumstances, the State Government may be able to access Environment Trust funds which are held for pollution incidents where the responsibility is not clearly defined.

"It was also acknowledged by the committee that the dredging option may not be the outcome of investigation.

"It was determined that a further letter should be forwarded to the Minister incorporating the above details."

Council agenda CL003, August 28

New agreements for power upgrade

Gosford Council has been advised that it must obtain new agreements from property owners in the Woy Woy, Ettalong and Umina CBDs for underground power upgrades.

The new agreements have been required because the original notices contained incorrect information about the responsibility of owners for on-going maintenance.

"Council will be responsible for the initial installation of any conduit or structure and associated

equipment which is needed to be located on the customer's premises for the underground service," said Energy Australia spokesman Mr Matthew Hindson.

"However customers will be responsible for any future maintenance needed and will also be required to provide and maintain satisfactory access to the conduit or structure so as to avoid any delays and inconvenience should work be necessary on the underground service.

"Customers will meet the cost of any work carried out on the

customer's premises to gain access to and repair the service."

This could include excavation of driveways and paths, and the demolition and reconstruction of retaining walls.

Energy Australia will wait to receive all the new agreements before starting work.

"Energy Australia has expressed regret for any inconvenience this matter has caused Gosford City Council," said Mr Hindson.

Letter, August 22

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Women's Network hears about ageing strategy

Details of a regional "Quality Ageing Strategy" have been described at a meeting of the Older Women's Network at Woy Woy Leagues Club on Wednesday, September 5.

Ms Sandra O'Malley from the Central Coast Area Health Services' Aged Care Assessment Team discussed the recently devised strategy.

The strategy aimed to identify key issues affecting older people and to develop ways of improving their overall quality of life, said Ms O'Malley.

It was prompted by the large and rapidly-expanding aged population on the Central Coast.

After public forums, a phone-in and many meetings with older people, their carers and service providers, nine priority areas were identified.

Better transport was high on the list for most, and a new position of Transport Development Officer has been funded, with interviews to be held on September 17.

The new officer will help bring together consumers, local transport operators, councils and the Department of Transport in an effort to improve transport services.

Easier access to information was another issue, said Ms O'Malley.

There were many services currently offered that were not widely publicised, she said.

Service co-ordination was another priority and a new voluntary scheme called the 'Yellow Wallet' scheme had been introduced to help local service providers avoid duplication of referrals and inquiries.



A client's information was kept in the front of the wallet, which is stored in a prominent position such as the top of the fridge.

Details of any services received, such as Meals on Wheels, are kept at the back of the wallet.

The wallet can be taken to the hospital by ambulance personnel or relatives and was a great help when family and doctors were assessing the needs of clients, said Ms O'Malley.

An Older Person Admission Module had also been designed, containing patient information to help with hospital admissions and in co-ordinating community support services.

The Strategy also sought to link with International Year of Older Person's in promoting a more positive image of older people.

Ms O'Malley said that it was important that older people and youth could find a common ground.

A pilot scheme had been introduced on the Central Coast called "Experienced Hands" which aimed to bring older people and young people together.

The scheme, which has been in place in schools for 12 months, enabled older people to pass on their knowledge and interact with students.

Another initiative of the strategy was to negotiate with the University of Newcastle for research on the health and social issues of older people, to provide a better basis for planning and delivery of services.

A recommendation to develop a program of retirement planning seminars had been put forward to assist people in preparing for retirement.

There had been little attention paid to a wide range of potential problems from poor nutrition to

help with relationships which can change drastically with retirement, said Ms O'Malley.

Independent living, safe pedestrian access and the establishment of a "quality ageing steering committee" were other priorities supported by the strategy.

Ms O'Malley said that the area had been driven to provide better services by its rapidly ageing population and it was hoped that new funding would provide more competition and a better lifestyle for ageing residents on the Central Coast.

Heather McKenzie from the Older Women's Network closed the meeting, thanking Sandra O'Malley for her time and information.

Paula Perry September 6

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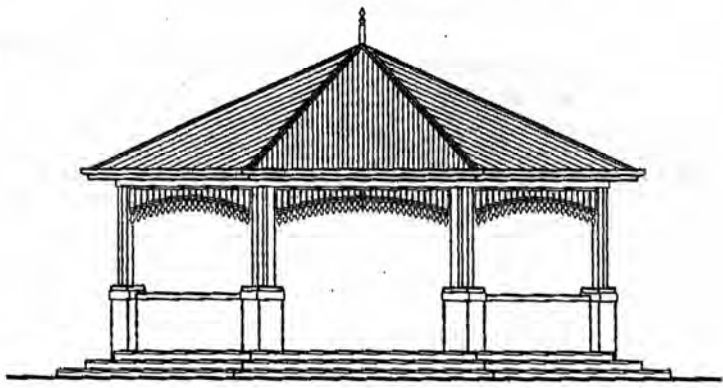
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The proposed design for the new rotunda

Rotunda for Patonga

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



From left, Alan Morris, Member for Newcastle, Alan Griffen, Member for Bruce, Tanya Plibersek, Member for Sydney, Kelly Moore, Member for Charlton and Trish Moran, Labour candidate for Robertson

Labor MPs visit Peninsula

Labor Candidate for Robertson, Ms Trish Moran, has had several Federal Labor MPs on the Living Standards and Economic Development (LSED) Committee visit the Peninsula.

She invited them to Ettalong on Friday, August 17, to hear from local young people, parents, teachers, youth workers and other concerned citizens about the issues facing young people today.

Issues raised included the "alarmingly high" rates of youth

suicide and youth unemployment. Ms Moran also invited many key community youth groups to attend.

Members of the LSED Committee formulate ALP policy in the area of education and employment and are seeking input from around the country.

The committee, chaired by Sydney MP Ms Tania Plibersek, has reported back to Kim Beazley's shadow cabinet on many of the issues and concerns raised at the forum.

Press release, August 15

Syringe bin for Woy Woy reserve

A syringe disposal bin will be installed by Gosford Council in the reserve on the corner of Alma Av and Trafalgar Square in Woy Woy, following advice from the Central Coast Area Health Service.

The fire station, the school and community centres had been collecting used syringes from their

premises and contacting the Area Health Service to collect them, the Council was told.

"CCAHS are willing to provide this service," a report the Council's Strategy and Policy Forum stated..

"However, calls from the local community have grown notably in recent months in response to the distress caused by the increase of dumped syringes in the reserve.

"The Woy Woy area has lost its

last chemist where people were able to return used injecting equipment."

The Umina After Hours Pharmacy, the Woy Woy Hospital Cleanaway bin and the Pelican Park syringe disposal bin were the only remaining disposal facilities.

Council maintenance crews checked the Trafalgar Ave reserve for used syringes.

Council agenda SF.039 August 28

Council considers marine waste facility for Hardy's Bay

The Gosford council is considering locating a marine craft waste disposal site at Araluen Drive public wharf at Hardy's Bay.

The facility is for boats to dispose of their sewage into the city's reticulated sewerage system.

Objections were received from 19 groups and individuals,

concerned mainly with fears of ecological damage in the event of a spill and of smells generated from daily operation.

NSW waterways, Brisbane Water Users Group and the Oyster Farmers Association supported the Hardys Bay location.

The owners of Killcare Marina have requested that the facility be located on their marina and this

was noted. However NSW Waterways pointed out that using private marinas for this purpose has not worked well in other areas.

The project is still being reviewed and a decision has not yet been reached.

Another site is also being considered at Booker Bay.

Council agenda CL013, August 28

IT centre funding questioned

Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, has claimed that the IT Skills Centre announced by the State Government for Woy Woy High is to be funded entirely by Federal money.

He has called on the State Education Minister, Mr John Aquilina, to clarify the funding for the centre.

"The truth is that the entire \$567,210 is Federal Government funding, which had been approved to establish this skills training facility in the Donnison St One Stop Youth Facility.

"This skills centre was an integral part of the Donnison St project and was designed to be accessed by the 17 Central Coast High Schools.

"Some 1458 local students - 37% of all year 11 and year 12

students - would access this centre," Mr Lloyd said.

"The Federal Government has already contributed \$220,000 to the Donnison St project and three weeks ago State Minister Della Bosca presented a cheque for \$250,000 from the State Government to the Donnison St project.

"Even John Della Bosca was not aware that his own State Government has just ripped \$567,000 out of this project for its own political agenda.

"In a cynical exercise, Mr Aquilina has relabelled this Commonwealth funding, claiming it as new State Government money for the skills centre at Woy Woy," Mr Lloyd said.

"What Mr Aquilina has not explained to the students and parents of Woy Woy and Umina High, is whether this skills centre

will be for the use of the Woy Woy-Umina students alone, or will they have to share it with the other students who were to use the Donnison Street Centre," Mr Lloyd said.

"Obviously a skills centre should be established at Woy Woy High School, but not at the expense of the Donnison St Centre, which would have benefited all Central Coast students," Mr Lloyd said.

"If Mr Aquilina wants students and parents to support this new collegiate proposal, he should at least be honest with them," he said.

Press release August 30

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Health and Welfare

Umina women's bowls charity day held

Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club annual Charity Day was held on August 14.

A cheque was presented to Father Chris Riley for his Youth off the Street program.

The raffles and pick-a-box were well supported by the bowlers present.

Stalls with cakes, "white elephant", plants and craft were also successful.

Press release, August 23



Umina Beach Branch of the Red Cross members (L to R) Pat Munday, Marion Anderson, Jeanette Davie and Bill Hall

Umina Red Cross celebrates

The Umina Beach Branch of the Australian Red Cross held its 34th Birthday Luncheon at the Woy Woy Leagues Club on August 13.

Special guests attending were branch patron Bill Hall, Zone representative Tonia Rietbergen and regional manager Maureen Johnson.

Among the 65 guests and members attending was 102-year-old member, Alice Fitzpatrick, who took to the dance floor with the husband of president Marion Anderson.

First prize in the raffle was won by social secretary Margaret Edwards.

Both secretary Pat Munday and

treasurer Jeanette Davie were commended for their organisation.

Umina Beach Branch held five street stalls over the year in West St, Umina Beach.

Five bus trips were also organised for members and the local community.

There was an annual auction and members participated in Red Cross Calling and the Door Knock Appeal for Umina Beach.

Also during Red Cross calling month of March, two "bucket drops" were held to collect money in buckets at Woy Woy station.

Members attended various local church and charity functions, as well as the Zone Conference in September.

Wagstaff Branch closed last July

and Umina welcomed several of their members into their branch.

The branch meets on the second Wednesday of the month, except January, at 1.30pm at the Umina Beach Uniting Church Community Centre.

New members are welcome. Phone 4341 2287 for further details.

Letter, September 2

Protecting Your Prostate

One of the biggest health risks that men face as they age, involves problems with their prostate glands.

Approximately two-thirds of men between the ages of 40 and 59 are affected by a complication of this gland.

Benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) is the most common prostate complication and consists of the enlargement of the gland itself.

BPH is characterised by increased urinary frequency.

One nutrient that can help prevent BPH is the mineral zinc.

BPH is caused primarily by an increase in dihydrotestosterone accumulation in the prostate and zinc helps to reduce both the size and the symptoms of BPH.

Men also need to be aware of the lifestyle factors that affect their body's supply of zinc.

Alcohol consumption is one of the worst of these factors.

The herb saw palmetto can also help those suffering from an enlargement of the prostate.

The berries of this palm tree have been used for centuries for the treatment of prostate-related conditions.

If you are concerned that you may be at risk of suffering from BPH, make sure you consult your doctor for a correct diagnosis and remember that there is a natural approach available to you.

For further information see Gary Russell & staff, Go-Vita Health & Nutrition Centre, Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy Phone: 4344 4822

New public dental clinic

A public dental clinic is to be located at Woy Woy Hospital, the Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has announced.

Central Coast Area Health Service chief executive officer Mr Jon Blackwell said that the new facility would be a four-chair clinic

providing both adult and child dental services.

Child services currently located adjacent to the Woy Woy Public School would be moved to the Woy Woy Hospital grounds.

The new adult service would augment two adult dental clinics currently located at Wyong and Gosford hospitals.

"The provision of the new dental clinic in the grounds of Woy Woy Hospital will be convenient for many Woy Woy Peninsula residents," Ms Andrews said.

"Senior citizens, in particular, have great difficulty in accessing the dental clinic at Gosford Hospital so this is very good news for the people of this area.

"The new facility is expected to be in operation by approximately July of next year.

"It will help to compensate for the hurt caused to many in our community by the Howard

Government's mean and stingy act in withdrawing the Commonwealth Dental Scheme some years ago."

Ms Andrews said the announcement was part of an overall plan by the New South Wales Government to inject millions of dollars into oral health "to make up for the failure by the Federal Government to provide any relief in this important area".

An extra \$9 million was provided in this year's state budget, with an extra \$20 million becoming available next year and the year after, ultimately resulting in an overall budget of \$92 million a year for oral health, she said.

"The Woy Woy dental clinic project clearly demonstrates that the Carr Labor Government places a high priority on the delivery of health services to the Central Coast," Ms Andrews said.

Media release, August 21

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New Age movement explained

The New Age movement is a mystery to many. Here one local member of that movement, John Gaydon, explains the appeal of the

"New Age" to him.

What have goblins, fairies, mystics and witches in common?

They are all seen as part of the New Age movement, a conglomeration of all things

different to normal life.

Are they really the evil temptations, which would lead us astray from a life of working for a boss, only to retire in poor health and perhaps not live much longer?

Come to think of it, who wants a normal life anyway, wouldn't we all like to be free to run with the wind, with no financial pressures and no responsibilities?

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throughout the region.

Oh yes, they won't turn you into a frog.

The real purpose of the 21st century new age movement is to awaken ourselves to our dreams and aspirations.

All of us have ideas that we have wanted to do in life which persist in the back of our minds.

When these dreams are unleashed with passion, they can become a reality, changing our life for the better.

It is imperative we wake up – our future as a society depends on it.

This extends to relationships, spirituality, the environment, strengthening our immune systems to avoid sickness, clear thinking, breathing in fresh air, reducing toxins in our lifestyle, and living out our full potential as guardians of our planet.

I personally had a complete transformation from an unhappy senior executive to a very happy self-employed networker – the best way I can describe my present business.

I am so grateful for all the personal freedom and

empowerment courses I attended. I have had so much fun meeting alive, vibrant people. I have made so many friends.

To me, whether you call it new age or old age (many of these new ideas come from ancient times), an adventure in to the alternate or non-orthodox section of the community is at the least exciting and at best transformational.

If you would like to have more vibrant health, feel better about who you are and your place in the world, look more confident, or simply explore new possibilities, the new age practitioners can assist, go to a bookshop and read some information, visit a clairvoyant or practitioner and spoil yourself, take responsibility and change your life for the better by attending a workshop or visiting a healer.

The Central Coast New Age community offers all of this and more to those who are willing to take the risk. It may just be the best thing you ever did – it was for me!

John Gaydon, September 6

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What's on in and around the Peninsula

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

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

Contact details and deadline date are shown on page two.

DAILY EVENTS

Visitor Information Centre, Watersedge Gifts and Souvenirs, 18-22 The Boulevard, Woy Woy.
Enq: 4341 2888
Woy Woy **Pelican Feeding**, 3pm Pelican Park, Fishermans Wharf.

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY FRIDAY

Woy Woy Leagues Club, free **entertainment**, Players Lounge 5.30pm.
Men's 18 hole **Golf** event, Everglades Country Club.
Active over 50s classes, **Aqua-fitness**, Woy Woy Pool, 10.00am.
Enq: 4349 4800
Ettalong Senior Citizens Club activities: **Linedancing**– 9am; **Bridge**– 12 noon; **Painting**– 9am Enq: 4341 3222.

Peninsula Pastimes Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd. 10 am, (in school terms), \$1.50 incl. Morning tea. Creche Enq 4323 2493
Grocery Grab **Game Show**, Ettalong Memorial Club, 1.30pm
Enq: 4341 1166
Brisbane Water Bridge Club
Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30 pm
Enq. 4341 0721

EVERY SATURDAY

Free **bike tours** every **Saturday**. 2pm Ettalong Bike Shop, your bike or hire a bike. All fitness levels catered for. Enq:4341 3906
Cash **Housie** St Mary's Hall,Ocean View Rd Ettalong 7.30pm. Free Tea and Coffee. Cash Prizes
Enq: 4369 0626.
Social Bingo Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd at 12 noon
Cabaret dance & floor show, 8pm free, Everglades Country Club, Dunban Road, Woy Woy
Evolution **Nightclub**, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club 10pm.
Classic **Night Spot** – over 30's, free 8pm, Live band plus Dj, Woy Woy Leagues Club
Men's 18 hole **golf** event; Men's triples **bowls** 1pm; Everglades Country Club.
Old Time & New Vogue Dancing; 1pm, Pat Walsh organist, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club Enq: 4341 2156
Country Line Dancing beginners, 10am, \$5 Peninsula Community Centre, Enq: 4965 7800
Dancing, 2pm, Ettalong Senior Citizens Club, Enq: 4341 3222
Bridge, 12.30pm, Ocean Beach Surf Club Enq: 4341 0721

EVERY SUNDAY

Children's entertainment Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club 11.30am
Clowns, jumping castle, disco, \$2. Children must be chaperoned.
Free **Jazz or duos** 4pm, Players Lounge, Woy Woy Leagues Club.
Mixed and men's 18 hole **golf**; men's **bowls** pairs-9.30am; mixed triples bowls-1pm; Everglades Country Club.
Champagne Breakfast, 9am,

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

EVERY MONDAY

Ettalong/Umina Lions **Bingo** 10.30am Ettalong Memorial Club, Cash Prizes. Enq: 4342 1352.
Outreach **Crisis Recovery** Group 7.30pm Rear Hall, Anglican Church 151 Blackwall Rd Woy Woy. Addiction, dependency & crisis help.
Enq: 4368 357.
Enq: 4325 3608.
Free Punters Choice **Race Game**, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, 12.30pm, Enq: 4341 1166
Free **bingo** Woy Woy Leagues Club. 11am.

Mahjong Pearl Beach Progress Hall, 3pm Enq: 4341 1243
Active over 50s classes, **Aquafitness**, Woy Woy Pool, 1.30pm. Enq: 4349 4800 **Gentle Exercise**, Ettalong Fitness City, 10.30am & 11.30am, Enq: 4341 3370; Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, 1pm, Enq: 4341 3222.
Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre activities; **Dancing**-9am; **Indoor Bowls**-9am **Mahjong**-1pm;**Fitness** 1pm Enq: 4341 3222.
Boxing/fitness training, 3.45pm-U14, 5.30pm-14yrs+,**Taebox** 6.45pm PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851

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

Bridge Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30 pm Enq 43410721

Killcare Wagstaffe Playgroup at Wagstaffe Community Hall every Monday morning during school terms. Enq 4360 2065

Fairhaven Cash Housie Umina Beach Bowling Club, Melbourne Ave., Umina 7.30 pm Enq: 4325 3608

Bingo Umina Beach Bowling Club Melbourne Ave., Umina 11 am Enq 4341 2618

EVERY TUESDAY

Boxing/fitness training U/14 yrs 4.30 pm PCYC Circuit Boxing 7.00 – 8.00pm PCYC Enq 4344 7851
Free **bingo**, Woy Woy Leagues Club. 11am.
Ettalong Pelicans Masters **Swimming** Club Woy Woy Indoor Heated Pool, 7.45pm Enq: 4360 1220
Ladies **golf**, 18 hole stableford, 8am; Ladies outdoor **bowls**, 9.30am; Everglades Country Club.

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

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

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

Killcare Wagstaffe Playgroup at Wagstaffe Community Hall every Tuesday morning during school terms. Enq 4360 2065

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Bridge Ocean Beach Surf Club. 9.30 am and 7.30 pm Enq 43410721
Social Bingo Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd at 12noon.
Peninsula **Choir** rehearse 7.30pm St Andrews Hall Umina.
Pearl Beach **Play Group** 10am Pearl Beach Progress Hall
Enq: 4342 7182
Brisbane Waters **Scrabble** Club, CWA Hall, Woy Woy.Enq: 4341 8734
Men's 18 hole **golf** event; Men's triples **bowls**, 1pm. Everglades Country Club.
Active over 50s classes, **Gentle Exercise**, Ettalong Fitness City, 8.00am, Enq: 4341 3370, Ettalong Progress Hall, 9am, Enq: 4385 2080; Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, 1pm. Enq: 4341 3222; Woy Woy Bowling Club, 10am, Enq: 4341 7598.
Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre activities; **Indoor Bowls**-9am;**Fitness**

1pm **Leatherwork**-9am; **Table Tennis**-9am; **Bridge**– 12 noon. Enq: 4341 3222.

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY THURSDAY

Scrabble Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd 12.30pm.

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

Gala Day Everglades Country Club, Dunban Rd Woy Woy

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

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

Free **morning brunch**, 11am, Woy Woy Leagues Club.
Ladies 18 hole **golf** event; Everglades Country Club.

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

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre Activities; **Dancing**-9am; **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Table Tennis**-12.30pm; **Fabric Painting**-9am; **Cards**– 12noon.
Enq: 4341 3222

Australiana, 10.30am, School for Seniors, Peninsula Community Centre, Enq: 4341 9333, **Judo** seniors/ women \$3, 6.30pm, Enq: 4342 4121
Female **Boxfit** class, 9.30am:Kindy Gym 10.30am: Tae Kwon Do, 6pm:**Circuit Boxing** 6.45pm PCYC,
Enq: 4344 7851

Game Show, 10.30am, Ettalong memorial Club, Enq: 4341 1166
Bridge Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30 pm Enq 4341 0721

Line Dancing Umina Beach Bowling Club, Melbourne Ave., Umina 9.30 am. Enq 4341 2618

EVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday October 9

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

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

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

Pearl Beach Craft Group, 1.30pm, Progress Hall (2nd Tues).

Enq: 4342 1459
Stroke Recovery Group, 11.30am, (2nd Tues), Meals on Wheels Auditorium.

Wednesday October 10

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

Peninsula Women's Health Centre.Mysterious World of Dreaming (15 – 18 yrs) 10 am Enq 4342 5905

Thursday October 11

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

Friday October 12

Troubadour Folk Club presents Craig Dawson & Simone Olding. 8pm (2nd Fri) CWA Hall, opposite Fisherman's Wharf, Woy Woy Enq: 4341 4060

Woy Woy Ettalong Hardys Bay RSL Sub-branch meeting, (2nd Fri), Ettalong War Memorial Club, 2.30pm
Enq: 4341 8817

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

Enq: 4341 8842
Naval Association of Australia, Central Coast Sub Branch (2nd Sat) Woy Woy Bowling Club 9.30am
Enq: 4343 1967

Sunday October 14

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

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

Monday Octpber 15

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

Tuesday October 16

Arthritis Foundation 10 am (3rd Tues) Meals on Wheels Hall
Enq 4342 1790

Peninsula Women's Health Centre Homeopathy for Animals 10 am Enq 4342 5905

Thursday October 18

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

Wednesday October 17

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

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

Bays Progress Assoc., Bays Hall, Woy Woy Bay Rd. 7.30pm (3rd Wed)
Enq: 4341 1070

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

Friday October 19

Ballroom Supper Dances. 7.30 pm, Ettalong. All ages. Professional teaching avail. (3rd Fri) Enq 4344 5432

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

Sunday October 21

Brisbane Water Cage Bird Society. 10 am. South Woy Woy Progress Hall Woy Woy Rd. ,(3rd Sun)
Enq: 4341 6842

Monday October22

Labor Party Peninsula Day Branch, 1pm, (4th Mon) CWA Hall, Woy Woy. Carer's Support Group, 10am, (4th Mon) Group room, Health Services Building, Woy Woy Hospital.

Enq: 4344 8427
Deepwater View Club Luncheon Meeting, Woy Woy Leagues Club 11 am (4th Mon) Enq: 4344 4106

CWA meeting at Wagstaffe Community Hall (4th Mon) 1.30 pm
Enq: 4360 2504

Tuesday October 23

Peninsul Women's Health Centre Huntington's Disease– What is it? 10 am Enq 4342 5905

Wednesday October 24

Peninsula Women's Health Centre Perform With Confidence. 9.30 am. October 24 & 31. November 7, 14, 21, 28. Enq 4342 5905

Sunday October 28

Ettymalong Creek Landcare group (4th Sun) for bush regeneration. 8am
Enq: 4342 2251.

Masonic Lodge, Woy Woy 381 Umina Community Hall, 11am (4th Sun)

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

Monday October 29

Woy Woy Branch Business & Professional Women's dinner meeting (Last Mon) Enq 4341 1844

Tuesday October 23

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

Library Bookmobile, Killcare Heights cnr Scenic rd & Beach Dr10 35 am; Wagstaffe Community Hall 11.00 am

Wednesday October 24

CC Cancer & Palliative Care Meeting (4th Wed) 1.30pm Grevillea Cottage, 19 Kingsley Ave., Woy WoyEnq:4341 6309

Thursday October 25

Meditation and Reiki, Women's Health Centre. (4th Thur), \$5, Tai Chi

10 am Enq 4342 5905

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

Tuesday October 30

Peninsula Women's Health Centre. Living With Arthritis 10.am Enq 43425906

Wednesday October 31

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

Friday October 26

Woy Woy Civilian Widows 1pm Ettalong Senior Citizens Club (last Fri) Ballroom Supper Dances. 7.30 pm, Ettalong. All ages. Professional teaching avail.(4th Fri) Enq 4344 5432

South Bouddi Peninsula Community Association meeting (last Fri) Wagstaffe Community Hall.

Enq: 4360 1002
Saturday October 27
Jive & Jitterbug Club, 8 pm, Ettalong Memorial club (last Sat)
Enq 4341 1166

Thursday November 1

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

Friday November 2

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

Wednesday November 7

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

Woy Woy Community Aged Care Auxiliary meeting (1st Wed)
Enq: 4341 4206

Friday November2

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

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

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

Saturday November 3

National Malaysia Borneo Veterans Association 2.30pm Ettalong Beach Memorial Club (1st Sat)
Enq 4342 1216

Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Markets, Ettalong 9am (1st Sat)
Woy Woy Peninsula Dune Care Group; 9am, (1st Sat), Enq: 4342 7849

Sunday November 4

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

Wagstaffe Trust Quarterly Meeting 9.30 am Enq J.Theiring 4360 1262

Monday November 12

Pearl Beach Women's Club 12pm, Progress Hall, (2nd Mon)
Woy Woy Branch Labor Party (2nd Mon) 7.30pm, Everglades Country Club.

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



Explosions prompt complaints

Explosions from fireworks in the Woy Woy area after dark on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights have prompted complaints from local residents.

One resident, Mr Russ Kilpatrick, said: "It unnerved me and I am angry about it."

He said that police had told him that young people were going to Canberra to buy fireworks which were illegal in NSW.

He encouraged residents to call the police on 131 444 to report any loud bangs or if they saw anything suspicious.

Jonathan Reichard, August 14

Council to go to Land and Environment Court

The Gosford Council will continue to defend proceedings brought against it in the Land and Environment Court regarding Lot 22 Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy Bay.

S. J. Maule is seeking to void a

consent the council gave to M. Liporoni to build a dwelling house on the property.

Defending the action, which has gone to the Supreme Court, will cost between \$50,000 and \$200,000.

Council agenda CS.146, August 28

New security service for Umina



Umina central business district

About 50 of 123 businesses approached in Umina have subscribed to a new security service.

The service, responding to a recent spate of incidents including broken windows and graffiti, approached businesses and began operations in late August with patrols from dusk till dawn, seven days a week.

The operators of the "K9" service are Paul Crutcher, Garth Rosee and Glen Costic.

Patrols cover back lanes as well as the main street and side streets, with attention paid to automatic teller machines, the TAB and other late-opening businesses.

The operators use a Rotweiler guard dog in the early evening, which is described as "shopper

friendly" while being a command attack dog.

After midnight, a doberman is used.

This dog is described as a "man stopper", trained to hold an offender until police arrive.

The security officers have reported "several disturbing incidents", including a shooting, a gang of about 40 youths and one particularly abusive person.

They have reported under-age drinking and one incident where a mother dropped off her son, aged about 14, at 11pm saying that she would return to pick him up at 2am!

They claim that since their operation started there have been no security alarms go off and no graffiti or other damage to any of the shops.



The general store at Patonga where the attempted robbery took place

Arrest follows attempted robbery

An arrest has been made following a series of attempted robberies at the Patonga general store.

At 1am on Tuesday, August 17, three youths in a yellow car broke into the store through the shop door.

They were spotted by a nearby resident who called the police, advising them to attend the scene or at least come to the Umina side of "the hill" to apprehend the vehicle as it drove back over to the main part of the Peninsula.

No police were available at the time and the offenders got away empty-handed.

Several nights later, youths once again damaged the store in an aborted robbery attempt.

Owner David Osborne was asleep in the shop this time and woke to the sound of breaking glass.

With swift assistance from a local fisherman and a neighbour, the offenders were chased off the premises and police were called to attend.

The stolen car that the group had used had suffered a broken windscreen and was abandoned.

The "neighbourhood watchers" spent the rest of the night patrolling the village, with some police assistance, knowing that the offenders had no way of

leaving Patonga unseen.

In the early daylight hours, there was a breakthrough when fitness camp workers spotted a group of four youths acting suspiciously in bushland on the hill above Patonga.

Two teenage girls were subsequently held until police arrived but their two male companions escaped into the bush.

The police questioned the girls but let them go with a caution.

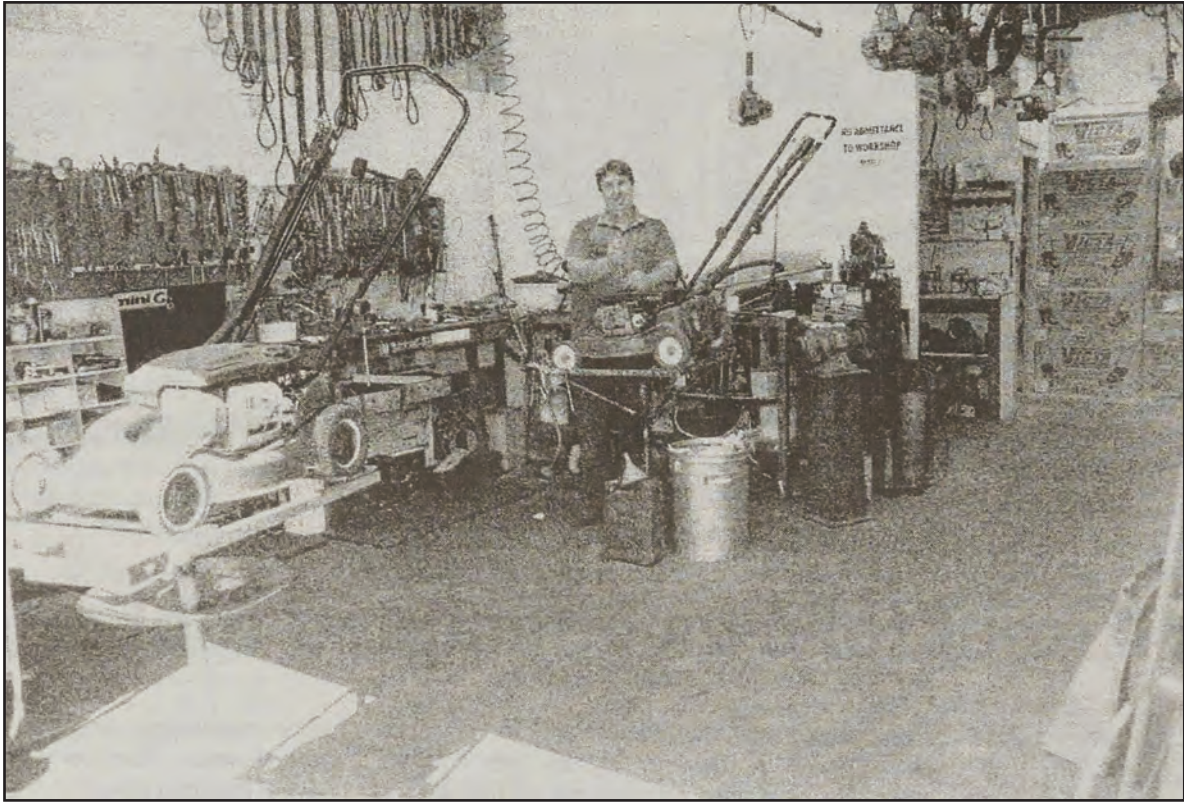
Police later advised that they had arrested and charged one of the youths.

Patonga Village Voice, September 5

WOY WOY BOWLING CLUB	
RAFFLES	Jackpot ping pong
THURSDAY - SURF 'N' TURF Fresh local seafood & meat to be won Tickets on sale from 5-00pm Draw from 7-00pm	Played after the raffles on Thursday and Friday Nights You could win up to \$2,500 by playing the pokies during our gameshow
FREE RAFFLE Held once a month (next one on 16 th Sept, Sunday 3pm), get your free tickets by buying \$5 worth of tickets in our normal raffles!!!!	"LUCKY BADGE DRAW" <i>RESTRICTED TO MEMBERS OF THE CLUB</i> DRAWN THURSDAY AND FRIDAY BE HERE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN UP TO \$5,000 DRAWS EACH NIGHT BETWEEN 6 + 7PM, ALSO 8.30 + 9.30PM
FRIDAY - MEAT MARKET OVER \$600 WORTH OF PRIME MEAT TRAYS TICKETS ON SALE FROM 5-00PM DRAW FROM 7-30PM PROCEEDS TO AID THE WOY WOY SWANS AFL	CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST ON THE 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! To claim your ticket, just get a drop of \$10 or more on your poker machine and then ask one of the staff for your ticket. ONE PERSON WILL WIN \$100 You will enjoy a feast of Champagne, OJ, Bacon, Sausages, Eggs, Toast, Cereal, Tea and Coffee
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David Meredith at work in the workshop

David and Lyn Jenkins have been repairing mowers, chainsaws, trimmers, blowers and edgers on the Peninsula for 12 years. They moved to the area in 1989 with daughter Krysten and son David. They found that efficient and friendly mower repairs, spares and service were all difficult to

find. This encouraged them to start their business in the area and they soon found that their service was appreciated. The business has grown to encompass a comprehensive range of all outdoor power equipment and accessories and a fully-equipped workshop. David is assisted by Peninsula-

born David Meredith who joined him four years ago after having run Woy Woy Mowers for four years. Both Davids are trained by the manufacturers and are warranty agents of all the brands in stock, both petrol and electric. Between them, they repair about 3500 machines each year and say they have a low return

rate. David Jenkins said that the industry has seen many changes over the years. The biggest change has been the need to have a wide selection of items for sale. Workshops now needed to have diagnostic testing equipment and the range of products stocked and serviced, he said. The range has grown to include many imported brands and they have recently introduced items such as trimmers, blowers and brush cutters. Another big change has been the need for computerisation in point of sale equipment, stock control, parts catalogues, warranty records, customer information, web site access and accounts processing. Repairs are not always a serious business though. According to David, it is not unusual to find the reason for a mower not starting being a the nest of a rat or a mouse built under the cowl.

The look on the owners' faces when told the news is said to be priceless. Another common occurrence is a customer coming into the shop attached to a brush cutter with their shirt caught in the equipment.

Cec Bucello, September 8

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Fifty years of church history celebration



Ettalong Uniting Church circa 1932

Ettalong Uniting Church, formerly a Methodist church, will celebrate its 50th anniversary in November.

The history of the church, however, dates back more than a century, according to Mrs Robin Dyer from the church.

William Eames Kirkness took services on behalf of the Methodist Church during the building of the Woy Woy railway tunnel which was commenced on July 18, 1886.

The services were held in a galvanised iron shed.

It was not until January 1932 that the first building was opened for worship in the broken Bay area in Picnic Parade, Ettalong.

At this time, Ettalong was described as a "progressive holiday resort of some 160 local residents".

For some time previously, services had been held in the Ettalong cinema and 7/6 was paid weekly for its use with an average 59 people attending.

In 1931 in the middle of the great depression and with no funds in hand decision was taken to purchase land in Picnic Parade and the church as constructed at a cost of 599 pounds.

At the church's opening, the Rev W Jones praised the enterprise as one of "sanctified audacity".

The morning opening service was attended by 130 people and 156 were present at the evening service.

Records show that a Sunday School flourished with four teachers and 25 scholars, and the Ladies Church Aid "judging by the enthusiasm displayed, safely estimates an annual effort of 50 pounds will be raised".

A choir was formed "and contributes to the harmony of services".

The church was surrounded by bush and in the early days was threatened by bush fires on several occasions.

The church's water tanks were breached for water to save the church.

Records do not show when the hall, adjacent to the church, was built but early photos show it in the background.

A further Methodist Church was opened at Umina in 1935 and in Woy Woy in 1937.

All churches were originally ministered from Gosford and it was not til 1950 that Methodist Conference appointed a full-time

Minister to the three churches.

The Minister lived in a manse on the Ettalong property.

This portion was sold in 1980 to fund the purchase of another manse and to refurbish and extend the Ettalong church to coincide with its 50th anniversary.

"One has only to peruse the memorials in the church - pews, organ, hymn books, notice board - to learn of those who planned and shaped the destiny of this church and the Ministers and Lay Pastors who served it," said Mrs Dyer.

"Those whose efforts ensure the continuation of service to the community in this seaside township on the Central Coast should not be overlooked."

To celebrate 70 years of service to the Ettalong community, there will be a fellowship dinner on Saturday November 17 and a thanksgiving service on November 18.

With inquiries, telephone Ray Thompson on 4341 1059.

Press Release August 15

Steering committee for botanical reserve formed

A steering committee has been formed to prepare a proposal for the creation of a botanical reserve of local native plants on the

Peninsula.

A group of interested residents attended an inaugural meeting on August 26.

The next meeting of the group will be held at 1pm on Sunday,

September 23, at the offices of Peninsula News.

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

Letter, September 5

New bus for War Memorial Club

Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club has taken delivery of a new 14-seater shuttle bus.

Club members have been told that the vehicle offered more comfort than the usual courtesy

coach and provided a safer, smoother ride for passengers.

Drivers would assist with heavy parcels and also ensure that patrons were safely inside their homes before leaving, or would provide an escort right to the

door on request.

Club members could arrange to be collected from their homes by ringing reception on 4341 1166 and could also book a return journey.

Club newsletter, August-September

History

September on the Peninsula – snapshots from the decades over the last hundred years

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/special/local.htm.

Gosford Times, September 18, 1901

Captain Stephenson's new steamer, the Woy Woy, will be completed and ready for business about the end of the present month.

She is being fitted up in first class style with every convenience for passengers.

Mr Stephenson has very kindly offered the new boat for a picnic in aid of any Gosford institution and we believe the offer has been embraced by the local Oddfellows lounge, and that arrangements will be made to hold the picnic sometime in October.

Gosford Times, September 27, 1901

It is reported that a pigeon shooting match is being arranged for Woy Woy.

From the reporting, it would seem that clay pigeon shooting is quite a popular sport in the region at the time.

Gosford Times, September 1, 1911

Headed Woy Woy News.

Owing to the wet weather and the sodden state of the ground, the sports for last Saturday were postponed.

Fruitgrowers are asking that steps be erected on the railway side of the jetty to assist in unloading from the launches.

Some time ago the council promised to supply a crane, but the matter rested at that.

Residents of Woy Woy were very concerned about the drainage of the town and there is talk of a deputation to the Public Health Department.

Public health must be the first consideration and the time has come when Woy Woy must be

provided with an adequate and effective drainage system.

Mrs J. Murphy informs the paper that the recent euchre party and social in aid of the proposed Roman Catholic church for Woy Woy netted with donations £29 0s 6d.

Gosford Times, September 15, 1911

A tender was submitted to the council to fix the drainage at Woy Woy, to drain away stagnant water.

Council accepted the tender for Sohler's work gang to complete the work.

Gosford Times, September 1, 1921

The new premises for the Commercial Bank of Australia were opened at Woy Woy on Monday last.

Over 20 people have been killed on the railway line near Woy Woy during the past ten years.

Gosford Times, September 8, 1921

On Monday morning last at the Gosford Courthouse, Mr W. E. Kirkness, JP, district coroner, held an inquest regarding the recent railway fatality at Woy Woy tunnel where Cecil Theodore Pike, 22, a railway employee, was killed instantly by a passing train.

Evidence was heard from witnesses, emergency services

and the train driver.

The inquest returned a verdict of accidental death, ruling no negligence on the part of any train officials.

Woy Woy wedding - Mr W. Dawson was on Wednesday last united in the bonds of holy matrimony to Miss Maude Shearer of Randwick.

The happy couple are now spending their honeymoon on the mountains and expect to return to Woy Woy at the end of this week.

Gosford Times, September 3, 1931

There was a debate at Woy Woy Forum Club on whether capital punishment should be outlawed.

The "Premier", Mr R. Thomas, was "promoting a bill" claiming that capital punishment is legalised murder and should not be tolerated in an enlightened society.

The "Opposition leader", Mr J. Nunn, said that capital punishment was "good enough for older countries and is good enough for us".

The Rev. C. W. Hobson emphasised the sanctity of human life and denied the right of any human to take the life of another.

Gosford Times, September 21, 1951

A Woy Woy man was fined £5 and ordered to pay £4 5s 6d costs and witnesses expenses at the Gosford Court of Petty Sessions yesterday on a charge of having assaulted another man from Woy Woy.

The victim's lawyer to the court that the assault occurred on September 1 when his client was returning home along a bush track at Woy Woy.

He said his client was wheeling a bicycle when he was attacked and was unable to defend himself.

There had been a dispute between the two men several days before the assault.

The dispute arose over a pair of boots that the defendant had mended for the victim.

The defendant claimed that the other man had owed him 10s for the job.

The defendant admitted the assault.

He said that on September 1 he asked for the 10s allegedly owing.

"He refused to pay me and then I up and hit him," the man said.

"I saw red at the time."

The magistrate Mr Stonham said: "Let's see if this will make you see red. Hitting a man older than yourself for no reason at all: You're fined £5."

Central Coast Express, September 6, 1961

A donation from Gosford brickworks of about 1,500 bricks was made to the Umina CWA.

The bricks were to be used to make a new hall, help in the completion of the building was hoped to come from Woy Woy service clubs.

Senior Constable Lionel Keenan who had been at Ettalong Station for six years and was president of Woy Woy Lions Club left for a new position, officer in charge at Berry on the South Coast.

Twelve Aboriginal children had a day out as guests of the Lions club.

They had a picnic in Memorial Park and a tour of Brisbane Water by motor launch.

Central Coast Express, September 10, 1971

In a gala opening of the hall at Ettalong, the old picture theatre became the new community centre.

The spring orchid festival was the first event for the new community hall, the 20th for the Gosford and District Orchid Society, with Mr H. C. Archer, president, claiming that it is the best ever.

Central Coast Express, September 20, 1971

Malcolm Brooks is elected to the Gosford Council for the first time.

A 63 year old woman was killed in a head on collision at the intersection of Ocean Beach Rd and Dunbar Rd The male drivers of the two vehicles involved were taken to hospital with head injuries.

Central Coast Express, September 18, 1981

Harry Jenson, Minister for Main Roads and Local Government, announced that Woy Woy Road will not be proclaimed a main road.

The Minister had been approached by a Woy Woy community group about the road becoming the main route to Woy Woy, but upon departmental investigation the Minister was advised that there was insufficient warrant to recommend the proclamation of the route as a main road.

The classified route via the Pacific Highway and Brisbane Water Drive was already serving the area and a new bridge was intended at Woy Woy on Brisbane Water Drive.

Central Coast Express, September 4, 1991

Erina Eagles have beaten Woy Woy Roosters 30-8 in the Rugby League grand final at Graham Park in front of a crowd of 5000.

Central Coast Express, September 6, 1991

Six fully grown cabbage tree palms, the largest were relocated in Umina after the land around them had been cleared and filled to become an extension of North Pearl estate making the land unsuitable for the trees.

The trees were moved 400m to part of the estate which will become a reserve.

The largest tree was 19m tall, weighed seven tons and 150 years old.

Gosford Library, Local Studies Section

DAILY EVENTS AT YOUR CLUB

MONDAY: Bingo 11am Cash housie 7.30pm
TUESDAY: Ladies bowls 9am Men's twilight bowls 5pm (commence 2nd October)
WEDNESDAY: Indoor bowls 9am, mixed pairs 1pm
THURSDAY: Line dancing 9.30am, Mens social 1pm
 Members badge draw 6pm, sports raffle 7pm
FRIDAY: Monster raffle 4.30pm & 6.30pm, free entertainment 8.30pm
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SUNDAY: Men's jackpot triples 8.30am, mixed fours 1pm

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Artist Christine Armstrong with her painting "View from a Cliff Top #1"

Festival provides opportunity for careers in the arts

Regional Youth Support Services is organising an arts festival that will provide Peninsula youth with more career opportunities.

During October and November, mentoring programs and workshops will be held to provide information for participants on event management, publicity, grant applications and art submissions.

They will cover music, drama, film, creative writing (including song writing and poetry), fashion design, industrial art, visual art, graphic design and comedy.

The results will be performed or exhibited across the Peninsula at a variety of locations and will come together to be showcased during

the State-wide festival period of the first two weeks of December.

There is also a logo design competition for the "Art Start" project during September with the chance to win a scholarship with TAFE Access Division plus a cash prize as well as publication of the design all across New South Wales.

"It is anticipated that 'Art Start' will give knowledge and confidence to these young people and a network of peers with similar interests and mentors for the future," said project coordinator Fiona Miller.

"It will be a fantastic event with an exciting collection of young community artists in the making.

"If you aspire to a career in the

arts or are already on that path, make sure you do not miss out on this opportunity.

"If not, come along and be entertained at the participating venues whilst supporting your community and its talented youth."

TAFE Access funds the event every two years to develop artistic and practical skills for people aged between 12 and 24 and is designed to expand knowledge and increase opportunities for a successful future in the field they wish to pursue.

Contact Fiona Miller at Regional Youth Support Services Inc on 4323 2374 or 0421 184 386 for further details.

Media release, September 4

Artist exhibits "Room with a View"

"Room with a View" at the Gnostic Mana Café in Woy Woy is Christine Armstrong's first solo exhibition.

This show is a collection of her most recent landscapes and nudes.

Armstrong said of her work: "I have always loved to draw, ever since I was a child.

"My father was a butcher, so I was very fortunate to have an endless supply of paper to support my habit.

"I consider myself more a drawer than a painter at the moment.

"There are many things that inspire me to put pencil to paper.

"It could be shadows cast on the ground, the colour of the ocean, the curve of a tree or the human form.

"Pastels - coloured chalks - have enabled me to draw in colour.

"I have recently combined these pastels with acrylic paint onto water colour paper to create loose textural drawings and paintings of the Coast.

"These are shown in this current exhibition, along with several other pieces.

"This combination has given me a fresh new approach to my work."

Christine Armstrong (nee Giles) was born in Hornsby in 1965.

After leaving school, she was accepted into Hornsby College of TAFE to study fine arts from 1982 to 1983.

She studied under artists, such as Margaret Woodward, Clem Millwood and the late Peter

Upward.

After graduating with honours, Christine was accepted into Randwick College of TAFE to study graphic design, between 1984 and 1985.

After completing this course, she began working as an illustrator and graphic designer in various design studios throughout Sydney until 1992.

Christine put her career on hold to raise two young children, after marrying and moving to the Central Coast in 1988.

However, her love for fine arts never subsided, so she resumed this passion in 1996.

In 1997, she met fellow artists Thelma Browne and Susan Woodbury, and they formed the Cinque group.

They have had two exhibitions together at the Avoca Fine Art Gallery in 1999 and the "Progression" show in 2000.

In 1998, a Sydney wine dealer purchasing one of Christine's paintings to be reproduced on a wine label, "Rhyming Hills", Semillon Chardonnay 1999.

For the past three years, she has been teaching children's art classes from her studio at Umina.

This year, one of her pictures was selected and hung in the Sydney Royal Easter Show and she won second prize for her artwork in the Gosford Regional Show, "Open Section".

Christine's work has been exhibited in the Hunter Valley, Port Stephens and the Central Coast areas.

Many overseas and Australian collectors have purchased her artwork.

School newsletter, August 22

Rug hooking workshops to be held at art and craft centre

Etalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre is holding workshops on Rug Hooking on Saturdays, October 20 and 27, from 10am to 1pm.

Local textile artist Sabine Parge will conduct the workshops.

Sabine works mainly on textile compositions for paintings and wall hangings but also explores creative embroidery, cloth doll

making, tapestry and many other techniques including Japanese Temaris (embroidered balls), according to coordinator Penny Riley..

"Sabine rediscovered the old craft of rug hooking which is similar to patchwork in that it recycles old fabric into something new and exciting.

"Rug hooking is done on a

hessian base with fabric strips hooked into it and forms a thick, durable pile suitable for rugs, cushions, wall hangings and even hats.

"Sabine has taught this technique in several workshops and is looking forward to classes at Etalong."

Contact Penny Riley on 4360 1673 for details.

Press release, September 3

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Sunday September 16th
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Friday September 21st
Snowy Robson 7.15pm

Saturday September 22nd
Adam Gilbert 5pm

Sunday August 23rd
Silk Duo 4pm

Kinder dance group

A dance group for kindergarten students is being offered at Woy Woy Public School by Umina High School students.

The dance group, which will be

held after school on Thursdays, needs at least 25 students to operate effectively.

With 12 responses already received, parents have been urged to book quickly.

School newsletter, August 22

Flavours of the World come to the Peninsula

Man wins \$100,000 a year for 10 years

A 62-year-old Umina man has won \$100,000 a year for 10 years in a "scratch lottery" win.

"I've been buying scratchies for 20 years and usually two 'Win For Life' tickets each week for ages, and this time I got lucky.

"I sat down at the dining room table and got the shock of my life when I realised what I'd won

and went straight to the club for a few beers," the winner told NSW Lotteries.

The man has spread \$40,000 amongst family members from his first \$100,000 instalment and said he was tempted to buy a boat.

As a gesture of thanks, the seller of the winning ticket received a bouquet of flowers from the lucky man.

Media release, September 4



Palette Pals, the Umina Beach Tea Rooms August art exhibition. September's display is by Ettalong Arts & Crafts.

Brumby's feeds blood donors

Blood donors in Woy Woy will receive \$5 worth of bread for their trouble under a new scheme involving a local business.

Phil and Jenny Smith of Brumby's Bakery in Woy Woy are donating \$5 worth of bread products for each donation received at the Australian Red Cross Blood Service in Ocean Beach Road, Woy Woy.

Muffins, fruit buns and other sweet treats will also be available at the blood bank as post-donation refreshments.

The scheme is part of a State-wide sponsorship by Brumby's of the Australian Red Cross Blood Service.

The blood bank requires 100 donations every day on the Central Coast to meet routine demands in local hospitals.

"Often the collections fall well below this," said blood bank spokesman Catherine Hurley.

"The Australian Red Cross Blood Service would really appreciate your support of the Woy Woy Blood Bank."

Catherine Hurley August 16

Two For Company



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Reply: twinkletoes F1371

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Men looking for company

Well spoken presentable gentleman seeking intelligent, happy lady, 40s to 50s.

My interests include photography, computers, cooking, picnics and BBQs - also pets. I also enjoy riding motor bikes.

Reply: Gent M1371

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

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

Reply: romantic M1372

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

Reply: Business M1373

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Information for Members and Their Guests
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Arts and Entertainment

Square dancers travel to Tamworth

More than 50 square dancers from the Peninsula Rippers Square Dance Club travelled from Ettalong to Tamworth in July to attend the Australian 42nd National Square Dance Convention.

They joined about 1000 square dancers from all over Australia and around the world.

The Ettalong club was asked to perform at the opening ceremony.

The opening ceremony started with Lord Hopetoun delivering Queen Victoria's proclamation formally granting Australia Federation.

Music was played which shaped

Australia, starting with "Strike up the Bank" which was the popular tune in 1901 then music from the 1920's, 30's, 40's and the 1950's.

This was followed by the Ettalong Club performing square dances to recorded square dance calls and music of the 1950s from the man who is credited with starting square dancing in Australia, Joe Lewis.

Recorded music and calls from the 1970's featured Australia's best known square dance caller, Ron Jones.

Finally today's music allowed 40 square dancers to perform an intricate dance and display their

colourful outfits and their talents as square dancers.

The convention lasted five days with everybody participating and dancing through the days and into the late hours at night.

"Although this activity has a competition within NSW, at National and State Conventions we all dance for fun and meet old friends and make new friends through dancing," said local caller Les Heaton.

"The activity motto is happiness set to music."

For further information, contact Les Heaton on 4329 1993.

Press release, August 15



The Peninsula drama girls

Drama High girls take first and second place for dramatic scene

Ten students from the Peninsula Dance and Theatre School beat 10 other schools to take first and second place in a Performing Arts Challenge in Sydney.

Many of their competitors came from larger schools from the North Shore, Castle Hill and other suburbs.

The students competed in the dramatic scene section for groups in the McDonalds Performing Arts

Challenge.

Drama teacher Margaret Denman said the girls had worked very hard and, in one case, had only two weeks to put their scene together.

The girls will be performing the winning scenes in a drama evening to be held in November.

Bookings are now being taken for 2002.

With inquiries, telephone 4342 1382.

Letter, September 5

Creative writers' book launch planned

The Woy Woy Creative Writers' Book Launch will be held at Woy Woy Public School on Sunday, September 30.

Deputy editor of the North Shore Times, Mr Duncan Lay, has accepted an invitation to launch

the book.

The Woy Woy Creative Writers are a group of 10 seniors: Jan Cummings, Joyce Craig, Valerie Dodd, Sheila Drakeley, Jean Gates, Phyllis Hardman, Coral James, George Keeling, Phyllis Lindsay and Lyn Skinner.

The group has been meeting weekly since 1991 and this is their fourth published book of short stories and poems, both fact and fiction.

Joyce Craig, August 31

Council funds carols

Council has recommended a commitment of \$4000 to the Peninsula Carols 2001.

Tickets are to be sold at council offices in Woy Woy and Gosford.

Council agenda GM029, August 7



The Peninsula dancers with their trophies

Peninsula dancers win first, second and third prizes

Senior dancers from the Peninsula Dance and Theatre School took out first, second and third places in the modern dance and the jazz sections of the recent

Gosford Spring Eisteddford.

Eisteddford dance teacher, Erin Walton, said she was thrilled by her students' wins, with the adjudicator commenting on the high standard and professionalism

of the groups.

Principal of the school, Angela Denman, said the students had many wins throughout the day, but this was definitely the highlight.

Students will again show their style in the annual pantomime at Laycock Street Theatre in November.

With inquiries, telephone 4342 1382.

Letter, September 5



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Councillor welcomes draft strategy on kerb and guttering

Every survey Council undertakes on the Peninsula shows that the most important thing to the community is the provision of drainage, kerb and guttering plus road upgrades.

I have been trying for several years to get Council to take the matter seriously and was delighted when a draft strategy for the provision of kerb and guttering for the Peninsula area was recently approved by Council.

This does not mean that every street is going to be done this year but it means that the matter is now on the Council agenda and will become a reality.

The report to Council contained some interesting information:

40% of the Peninsula is zoned for medium density housing ie 2B.

The remaining land is mainly 2a zoned for single housing.

It is quite clear that the Peninsula is bearing the brunt of the State Government's urban consolidation strategies.

There is little presently in the way of drainage and there is a tendency for water to drain slowly or pond before dispersion.

Road maintenance is an issue where there is no drainage

Pavement edges are wearing away and need routine upgrading to prevent ponding.

None of this, of course, is news to Peninsula people who are forced to live in undrained streets.

Council has resolved to keep moving forward and to develop a strategy where each road in the 2a areas would be kerbed and guttered.

The initial report suggested that the task might be completed within 20 years but Councillors insisted that the timeframe be reduced.

In the 2b medium density areas, Section 94 contributions will be pooled for each street so that kerb and guttering can be paid for from developer's contributions.

Councillors will receive a report in November this year containing a draft streetscape masterplan showing treatment for every street ion the 2a zones and incorporating Water Sensitive Urban Design Principles prior to community consultation on the type of kerb and guttering to be provided.

I am truly delighted that this matter is now on Council's agenda and we can get started on planning and implementing kerb and guttering for the Peninsula.

Cr Lynne Bockholt, September 6

No-one wants Aquilina model

Some months ago, Ettalong Woy Woy Teachers' Association wrote to the Local Education Department's Project Officer, Mr Pat Lewis.

The association asked for access to copies of the 11 Peninsula submissions which went to the Minister regarding the "restructuring" of Woy Woy and Umina High Schools.

We also wrote to Education Minister Mr John Aquilina and the local District Superintendent, Mr Bill Low, requesting the same.

Our requests were rejected, seemingly separately, by all three, with the reason cited as the "need for confidentiality".

The local Teachers' Association found the

Department's behaviour suspicious, undemocratic and bureaucratically secretive.

At the same time, it is merely a continuation of the lack of transparency which has characterised the Department of Education's behaviour disorder over the past two years of its consultation with Central Coast communities.

The Association then applied for these documents under Freedom of Information legislation.

Lo and behold! In those embarrassing, unwillingly-released documents, we have just uncovered that the model that Aquilina has announced, a split of Years 7 to 9 and Years 10 to 12, was contained in not one of the 11 Peninsula submissions:

not from teachers; nor school executives; nor P&Cs; nor individuals.

Further, also under FOI, we sought the Project Officer's recommendation after his reading those submissions.

The Project Officer wrote that he had made his recommendation "in mid-May".

The Department of Education, two months after that, replied to the FOI office that "no document exists in relation to this part of the application".

Perhaps the whole matter of the proposed restructure of the two local high schools over a shame-ridden two years, by the Department of Education, needs to be brought into a court of law to unravel further mysteries.

Planning process baffles

On July 31, I asked Mayor Chris Holstein why his planning department insisted on assessing a development application that was so hard to understand from a layman's point of view and in fact seemed to be in breach of Regulation 2000 Section 283.

Why should such a document be given ascendancy to the land and environment court when it's obvious to someone who cares to read the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 that it's Gosford's planning department's job to see that what the community is asked to look at is at least accurate before the people are asked to consider it in our local library so that we as a community don't find ourselves looking down the barrel of another "Taj Mahal" where the answer as I recall was hard to understand.

But the suggestion by (David Kettle consulting services ref: 0120) that 14. Shadow diagram has not been prepared as the development is to the south of residential development and

accordingly no shadows will be cast on private open space or living areas this would make any small owner builder angry that he is told to submit a shadow diagram before his plan will be assessed if it is over two storeys.

It is also interesting to note that perhaps some very small research was done into this one million dollar proposal because there are quite a few other issues that need to be looked into thoroughly some dating back to the 1980s perhaps.

I personally am concerned that the planning department only has to ignore the DA for the 40 days required to grant ascendancy to the land and environment court where I believe it would be judged on what is before the court, as it should have been if council had done it's job.

We need the help of the Aldermen on our council any or all, as the case may be, but especially those with extra skills to help understand those really tricky things like development control plans, parking plans, Section 94 contributions, all the things I'm finding it hard to understand from my point of view.

Also I would think as a paid member of the Peninsular Chamber of Commerce that the most powerful in the business community would rush to the aid of a pioneer of West St business community in so much as I believe that through my efforts and the likes of Stan Hepple of Stans Hardware, Hanns Dinklo Watchmaker and Jeweller Barney Hawkins who built the shops long before the Gosford Planning Scheme Ordinance and a few others there would be "a different tune being played" now.

Where are the members of that elusive group that occupy that paper realm of headlines and our community?

Do people think, as council seems to, that we want to carry on our factory and other legal activities across the main street where it seems council is intent on spending yet more of our hard earned rates for the third time.

To say that there is no chance of parking opportunities close to the Umina strip is quite wrong and can be proven so and any planner worth their pay can I am sure see that, as I have no doubt they could in the years before LEP 229.

Michael Bell remembered

Woy Woy High School recently had 11 students visiting from Hakata Girls' High School in Japan.

They arrived on a Thursday and left on a Sunday, and spent

some of the time on a sightseeing tour of the local area.

Local host families shared their homes and families with the visitors.

School newsletter August 24

The thoughts of Umina High School have been very much with the family of Michael Bell of Year 11 who recently passed away after a long illness that he had battled since he first came to the school.

Michael was such a friendly, unassuming young person that it is doubtful he would have realised the high regard and admiration that everyone had for him.

He defied the odds to live through the junior years of high

school, completing his School Certificate last year and receiving a Principal's Award for his application on his studies.

Michael has had a huge impact on the school community, his teachers, his close friends and peers in Year 11, many of whom attended the memorial service in Sydney.

He will be remembered as the young man who faced great adversity with courage and always gave of his best despite the circumstance he faced.

Students from the school, particularly Year 11, handled this

sad situation in an admirable fashion.

Masses of flowers arrived at Michael's house on the day students heard of his death.

Michael's family were moved to see this tribute to him when they returned home and asked their thanks be passed on to the school.

Thanks also went to Mr Roffey, other teachers and parents who helped students deal with the initial response to the news.

F Gasper, Umina High School relieving principal, August 4

More staff for child care

Umina Child Care Centre is to employ a permanent part-time staff member to make up the required staff-to-child ratios.

The new position is required at the centre due to recent extensions and costs of the new position will be met from the centre's own budget.

Council agenda CS150,

Education



Pretty Beach Public School 5, 6 and 7 year old boys line up for a final at their athletics carnival held at Ettalong Oval on 14 August

Umina league teams in final 16

Umina High School Buckley Shield and University Shield rugby league teams have qualified for the final 16 in the State.

Both teams performed at a high standard throughout the entire competition with emphatic wins over many of their rivals.

In the Buckley Shield competition, Umina defeated Woy Woy 40-8 in round one and in round two overcame The Entrance 38-0.

Round three saw Umina pitted against strong opposition in Macquarie Boys High.

The Umina boys were not fazed by their larger opponents and finished on top 40-4.

To advance to the quarter finals, Umina were faced with the daunting task of overcoming a well drilled, highly disciplined

Hunter Sports High team.

Despite putting up a gallant effort, the boys were outclassed and went down 44-0.

Players who impressed throughout the Buckley Shield competition were Tim Bovis, Mack Fawcett, Adam Wysocki, Shane Lewis and Jamie Brown.

The opens playing in the University Shield competition were looking to fulfil their goal of making the last 16 in the state.

This they achieved by defeating Erina High, Gorokan High and Asquith Boys High in a convincing manner.

Unfortunately, their further progression in this competition came to a halt when they met the much fancied Hunter Sports High.

During the first quarter of this game, the Umina boys really put the pressure on Hunter forcing

them onto the back foot on many occasions.

A worried Hunter coaching staff were forced to address the situation in a highly vocal manner.

However, eventually the discipline, power and skill of the Hunter players wore down our team and they went on to record a 40-4 victory.

One highlight of the game was Robo's barnstorming charge, carrying three or four defenders over the line to score Umina's try.

Umina's most consistent players throughout this competition were Shane Wilson, Shannon Stuart, Shane Ngaheu, David Hyde and rookie Clint Watson.

The team will retain its nucleus for next year's competition.

School newsletter, August 28

Umina High wins world title

The Umina High girls' rugby team won the World School's Tens Rugby Plate final recently in Sydney.

The tournament had teams from all over Australia.

The Umina girls reached the semi-finals with some great results in their two pool matches.

In the semi-final, they defeated Mackellar Girls (Sydney) High School with a 20-nil win.

In the final, they played Maroochydore State High from Queensland.

It was a close match throughout.

The Umina team scored a try early on, through centre Alana Magee.

They had chances to score further tries but were kept out.

The local girls dominated the first half but only went to the break leading by five points to nil.

The second half saw the Umina girls tackle themselves to a standstill against a team determined to get back into the match.

The Umina team kept them out and held on to win by five points to nil.

The best players on the day were centre Kim Miles, hooker Sally Beer and five-eight Danielle Vass.

The excited team received their World Championship medals at the conclusion of the match.

Coach Larry Thomson, August 28.

Teachers' contributions recognised

Three Woy Woy Public School teachers have been recognised for their contribution to the school and education in general.

Mrs Lesley Mason Mrs Helen Pilarski and Ms Rae Campbell have been selected for awards of appreciation.

They were nominated by

school staff for their dedication and commitment in curriculum, welfare, student service and extra curricular activities.

Mrs Mason, Mrs Pilarski and Ms Campbell will be formally presented with their awards at an official ceremony during education week.

School newsletter, August 22

Dates set for Pretty Beach musical

Pretty Beach Public School has set the dates of Monday, November 12, and Wednesday, November 14, for the performance of the school's musical at Empire Bay School Hall.

Each student has taken home a request for parents who are able to help with each class's contribution to the performance, as well as with the whole production.

School newsletter, August 16

HSC trials completed

Woy Woy High School Year 12 HSC trials ended recently with students returning to normal lessons.

The school interviewed students to give them some guidance on how to make final preparations in the nine weeks before the written examinations commence.

Some of the school's students also had major works and performances marked over the last few weeks.

A letter was sent home to Year 12 students and their parents to explain what is happening in relation to Year 12 end of year activities.

School newsletter, August 8

Support unit hosts HSC dinner

As part of their Higher Schools Certificate (HSC) Life Skills Technology and Applied Studies (TAS) program, the Woy Woy High School support unit hosted a dinner for the Federal Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd; with (pictured) Lea Lawler, Support Unit teacher; student, Ryan Carter; and one of the mothers present on the day, Anna Rutherford.



Family Fun Day raises \$2000

A Family Fun Day has raised \$2000 for Pretty Beach Public School.

Pretty Beach Public School principal, Ms Jill Godwin, has thanked Mr Tony Smith, manager

of the Hardy's Bay RSL Club, for their Saturday afternoon to help organising the day.

Ms Godwin also thanked Jo and Brian Lizotte for donating the proceeds of the barbecue to the school, and Maree Whelan and Margie McFadyen for giving up

This money will be used to purchase a network printer for student use.

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Pretty Beach Public School parents have been invited to view the results of the new "working mathematically" strand of maths at the school.

They have been invited to visit their child's maths classroom as the children participate in

problem-solving activities between noon and 12.30pm on Wednesday, September 12.

Parents will then be invited to join their child for a picnic lunch in the school grounds.

A book fair will operate in the library during lunch time.

School newsletter, August 16

Management group makes progress on Brisbane Water Secondary College

Three weeks into its implementation, the Brisbane Water Secondary College, has already made a great deal of progress.

A College Management Group (CMG) was formed immediately with its composition and function defined in a "Memorandum of Understanding".

The CMG consists of the three college principals; Carolyn Carter for Woy Woy campus, Frank Gasper for Umina campus and Pat Lewis as acting College Principal.

This group will make decisions for the College. The CMG meets weekly on Thursday afternoons and has decided to include the deputy principals from each campus in these meetings to facilitate more idea generation and debate.

The College Steering Committee (CSC) has also been formed and consists of representatives of principals, teachers, other staff and parents, aboriginal education and TAFE.

Members are:

College Principals - Carolyn Carter (Woy Woy), Frank Gasper (Umina), Pat Lewis (College)

Teaching Staff - Teachers Federation Representatives, Michael Fensom (Woy Woy), Ruth Woodford (Umina).

School Support Staff - Mignon Ward (Woy Woy High School), Carol Roffey (Umina High School).

Parents - Lyn Hyde, Pam Crain (Woy Woy High School); Lorraine May, Bruce Graf (Umina High School); Mary Nipperess (Pretty Beach Public School); Cheryl Dew, Cassandra Richardson (Empire Bay Public School); Janelle Vanderwoude, Dianne Gaston (Umina Public School); Kerrie Bleakley, Ray McDonald (Woy Woy South Public School);

Kay Denning, Alex Wells (Woy Woy Public School); Elizabeth McMinn, Alex O'Hara (Ettalong Public School); Denise Markham, Steve Collins (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group).

The TAFE representative is yet to be appointed.

The CSC is a forum where issues of implementation can be discussed and recommendations made to the CMG.

These issues will be brought to the meetings by the CMG and by the members.

As part of the implementation strategy, a number of working parties have been established.

These were decided upon by the CMG, ratified by the CSC and by the combined executive of the College.

They are not set in concrete and may change in number or task during the process of implementation.

The working parties will include Staffing and Timetable, Curriculum, Technology, Student Welfare, Special Education, Staff Welfare, Sport and Creative Arts, Administration and Finance, Promotion and Marketing, College Ethos (vision, mission etc) and College Identity (logo, badging etc). Staff, students, parents or communities who wish to participate in a working party may submit an expression of interest form which may be obtained from a Steering Committee representative and returned through them, or directly to any of the college principals.

A further task which has been completed has been the preparation of an information booklet regarding the College.

This booklet presents a case for the change, a description of what the change will bring,

implementation progress so far, and answers to some commonly asked questions.

This will be distributed to every student and staff member of each of the six feeder primary schools and the two high schools before the end of this week.

Copies will also be available to the community.

Several meetings took place within the College in recent days.

The College executive teachers met to discuss progress in the implementation process, exchange views on the College, review the suggested Working Parties on August 23.

Year 10 students from both campuses had a meeting at the Umina PCYC on August 24.

Over the course of the full day, students engaged in activities, exchanged ideas on the College and began the process of learning about and making selections for courses to study in Year 11 next year.

A meeting of combined staff groups took place at the Woy Woy campus on August 27 to discuss College curriculum.

Preparations were also under way for enrolment of the first College Year 7 group at the Umina campus next year.

Offers for 330 enrolments were sent out to parents of current Year 6 students.

It is anticipated that Year 7 enrolments will eventually be closer to 350 leading to the formation of at least 12 classes.

Mr Gaspar, Ms Carter and Mr Lewis have also been visiting Year 6 parent groups at each of the primary schools to speak to them about the College and answer questions.

College newsletter, August 28



Ettalong Year Six students at their snowskiing excursion

Ettalong student reviews snow trip

Recently after Year 6 at Ettalong Public School took their annual excursion to the snow, student Clare O'hara wrote this account:

Day one began at school in the dark, early morning hours, loading luggage and kids onto buses.

We farewelled family and friends as we began our journey on the long cold highway to Berridale.

I was excited, as this was the first time I was to see snow and I was hoping there would be plenty.

We stayed two nights at the Snowgate Motel where us girls were upstairs and the boys were downstairs.

The boys went to dinner first so they didn't starve to death while the girls got fitted with stocks, skis and boots.

The girls then went to dinner and after dinner we went to our rooms.

We were exhausted but still wide-awake and all I can say without getting into too much

trouble is that my room didn't get much beauty sleep.

Day two we spent the day at the snow, skiing and falling over.

I spent more time in the snow than on the snow.

That night we glammed up and boogied and danced until my legs wouldn't hold me up anymore.

Day three already and back on the bus, but that big bus wasn't going anywhere as the brakes were frozen.

When the brakes were fixed we headed off to do some sight seeing, such as Parliament House and the Mint.

That night I slept well as there were only three of us in the room (not enough for a party).

Finally our last day and we are heading to Questacon.

What a great place. Some of us experienced an earthquake.

But now we are back on the highway home via McDonalds, and I think I have a cold.

Clare O'hara. August 27

Schools receive State improvement grant

Schools in the Peninsula area will receive \$110,000 grant from the Carr Government's program to improve government schools, the Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, has announced.

Ms Andrews said she had been advised by Education and Training Minister, Mr John Aquilina, that \$127,500 had been allocated to five schools in her electorate under the Minor Capital Works Program.

Woy Woy High School received \$40,500 for a computer cabling upgrade, \$45,000 went to Umina High School for the upgrade of a

Support Unit and Ettalong Public School received \$25,000 in joint funding for a Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA).

Mooney Mooney Public School will receive \$10,000 for a canteen upgrade and a further \$7000 will go to Glenvale School for a facilities up grade.

The funding for this program has almost doubled, from \$54 million in 2000-01 to \$100 million in 2001-02.

"This program enables a wide range of minor works to be carried out including air conditioning in schools and demountable classrooms, joint funding for COLAs, toilet upgrades, electrical upgrades and catering for students with special needs.

"This doubling of funds has meant a significant increase in the number of projects being carried out in schools across the state

"This is proof positive that the Carr government is working hard to ensure students and staff in the Peats electorate have access to the best possible educational resources and facilities," Marie Andrews said.

"A massive \$1.75 billion was set aside in this year's budget to build, renovate, renew and maintain state schools over the next four years."

Media release, August 23

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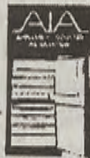
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Roosters win the big one

**The Woy Woy Roosters
have claimed the 2001
Carlton Cup with a nail-
biting 22 points to 16 win
over The Entrance at North
Power Stadium.**

An electrifying opening 20
minutes from retiring halfback
Hayden Berry laid the
foundations for Woy Woy to
repel the challenge of defending
premiers.

Earlier in the day the Woy
Woy Under-19s turned the
tables on the Wyong Kangaroos,
who only two weeks ago
stormed past the Roosters to
move into the grand final, with a
close 22-20 victory.

The Firsts had plenty to play
for following the announcement
by two-time premierships winning
half back Hayden Berry that the
2001 season would be his last in
the Red and White.

A young family and a new
business venture prevented
Berry suiting up again for 2002,
and from the very first play of the
match it was not hard to tell that
"H" wanted to go out on the best
note possible.

After only four minutes of play
with Berry and five-eighth Craig
Halden dominating the play, it
looked like the Roosters had
opened their account when
Second Rower Grant Stuart
lunged for the try line.

However, referee Michael
Guilbert ruled that Stuart had
been held.

The Roosters retained
possession and only minutes
later posted points when Berry
sliced through the Tigers
defence, finding Stuart who
made no mistake to score under
the uprights.

The Tigers hit back with a
good try shortly after, but their
dominance was only short-lived
as the Roosters soon made the
defending champions pay for
some poor defence in their own
half.

A crisp attacking raid followed
with Berry and Halden shifting
the ball out to skipper Jason
Carpenter, who was lurking out
wide.

The skipper had too much
strength for the Tigers, popping
the ball to flying winger Brent
Byrne, who beat three Tigers on
a magnificent 20-metre run to
the try line.

Connors had no success with
adding the extras, but with half-
time looming the Roosters led

10-4.

With props Duncan Smith and
Andrew Jackson making great
yards up the middle, Berry once
again made the big play on the
half way.

He took the ball to the Tigers
line, shrugging off two defenders
before slipping a great around-
the-body pass to find
interchange forward Jon
Vatubua.

Vatubua showed great speed
for a big man to out pace the
Tigers defence before sending
the "Tingha flash" Elton Connors
over out wide.

Grant Stuart failed with
conversion, leaving the half time
score 14-4.

The second half was played
with true Grand Final intensity.

Woy Woy's dominance was
eroded as the second half
unfolded, with the Tigers
controlling the football and
creating plenty of opportunities.

With Roosters Duncan Smith,
Evan Cochrane and Dave
Maryska injured, the Roosters
were finding it hard to keep
pace.

The Entrance had scored a try
shortly after half time to only trail
by six.

Against the run of play, Woy
Woy again managed to go up a
gear when Craig Halden and
Andrew Jackson combined to
put interchange forward Layne
Martin over for a try.

Martin's effort with his first
touch of the football was enough
to give Woy Woy the breathing
space it needed to pull off a
remarkable win.

Dave Maryska came back into
the game to kick a late penalty
goal.

While the Tigers kept the
pressure on right to the end,
Tony Clarke's Roosters held firm
and were presented with the
Carlton Cup for the third time in
the last four years, and a record
17th First Grade premiership.

The season will go down as
one of the proudest in the club's
history, winning the CRL
Challenge Cup, the minor
premiership and the grand final,
against a team which had
beaten them twice in the regular
season.

The final marks the end of an
era with Berry, Nathan Grey,
Dave Maryska and possibly
skipper Carpenter all confirming
their playing days are over.

Peter Read, September 5

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Darren Chivas, September 5

Sport



Woy Woy Under 19s 2001 Back: Ray Bourke, Lee Browne, Brett Abbott, Ashley Hansen, Scott Wilesmith, Clint L'estrang, Adrian Overton, Riki Toka, Tim Wicks, Tim Sleeman. Standing: Amanda O'Neill, Peter Quick, Robert Quitadamo, Craig Rodgers, Bronson Eyles, Dane Budd, Troy McLellan, Carly Browning, David Carr Seated: Chris Breese, Richard Smithers, Michael Griffin, Michael Jenkins, Jason Stuart, Brad Hall, Chad Trudgett Front: Sean Frazer, Nathan Clarke, Matthew Napier, Daniel Markham

Under 19 Roosters win grand final

At the start of the rugby league season expectations were high for the Woy Woy Under 19s, following their fine finish to the 2000 season.

The Roosters were low on numbers at the start of the competition and suffered a couple of heavy losses, before things started to come together for them.

The combination of some skilful and talented players and the experience of Michael Jenkins has been on display all season.

This was shown again in this year's premiership match when

the young Roosters blew Wyong off the park in the first half, with some great attack, and an 18-point lead at the change of ends.

Wyong came back out and started to get an even share of the football, before fullback Troy McLellan blasted through the middle of the ruck to score a fantastic solo try.

McLellan has been outstanding all season and was brilliant once again at fullback, returning the football and cleaning up some dangerous Wyong attack late in the game.

The Kangaroos had a chance to grab an unlikely win with a couple of late tries, however the

young Roosters held on.

Prop Adrian Overton was awarded the Man-of-the-match.

Overton got the ball rolling for the Roosters when he set up the first try with a bullocking run and was involved heavily throughout.

Not far behind Overton were forwards Stephen De Fries, Lee Browne and Chad Trudgett, who never took a backward step against the bigger Wyong pack.

In the backs McLellan, wingers Craig Rodgers and Chris Breese cleaned up magnificently while skipper Jason Stuart led the team around the park as he has all season.

Club newsletter, August 28



Outrigger Canoe Club formed

The Te Ika Nui Outrigger Canoe Club Box Head has become affiliated with the national outrigger association.

The club, based at Anderson's Wharf, Ettalong, joined the Australian Outrigger Canoe Racing Association (AOCRA) on August 29.

Outrigger canoeing was introduced into Australia in 1976 and the first competition regatta was held in 1981 at Hamilton Island.

The national association was

incorporated in 1988 to promote and administer the sport nationally.

There are now approximately 50 clubs in Australia.

Outrigger canoes are raced in North America, Hawaii, Europe, the United Kingdom, Canada, Guam, Samoa, Fiji, Tahiti, Cook Islands and New Zealand - in total 21 countries worldwide.

World championships are held every two years. Local, State and National championships are held annually.

"The sport is growing rapidly in popularity and is ideal for the

conditions on the Peninsula, with the whole of protected Brisbane water and the excitement of the ocean surf to enjoy," said club spokesman David Brooks.

"It's a great form of exercise and fitness and suits social and competitive participants, junior to senior paddlers, in racing categories from Juniors (10 to 18) to Under 21, Open (21 to 35), over 35's and over 45's."

Anyone interested should contact David on 4341 1300 or Maaria Wardrop on 0409 132 722.

Press release, September 3

George Evans wins men's triples

The Woy Woy Bowling Club men's triples final was contested on Saturday, August 25, with George Evans, Jack Leslie and Mick Dunks against Phil Dunn, Ken Poole and John Rose.

George Evans completely dominated the game with his masterly shots disheartening his opposition.

George's side took out the final 26-17.

The Woy Woy-Everglades Country Club Spring carnival will take place on September 29 and 30, with the men's turnaround triples at Woy Woy and the women's turnaround triples at Everglades.

The nominated triples event will be at Woy Woy on Sunday, September 30.

This carnival follows on from the highly successful autumn carnival co-hosted by these clubs.

Ian O'Reilly, August 28

Vale – My little mate

It is widely acknowledged that any bowler is welcome whenever he visits or joins another club and my experience is no exception when I joined Everglades and met My Little Mate.

You would probably know how it is when you change clubs, you might say to yourself "Am I good enough to put my name down as Skip or do I wait and see how the selectors will receive me?"

In my first game, the decision of where I play and with whom was already decided and I found myself in new and strange company and on the end of a Mother of a hiding.

With head bowed and fearing reprisals from such a start, I stumbled upon a small group of guys who thought I might be good enough to skip in their social scene. One of these blokes came to be My Little Mate.

He hadn't been bowling for long but he demonstrated his natural talent and his exuberance toward his newly chosen sport.

This fellow had a long and successful career in Rugby League and would have played in higher grades but for the exceptional talent displayed by those above him.

He had other talents as well.

He was active in the Bridge-to-Bridge Event for 15 years and involved in the administration of the event after that.

My Little Mate had been playing lead with his friend Stan before I came along and doing quite well.

I saw his talent as a Second and that's the spot he occupied in a social team which included another "new guy" named John and we three embarked on a social calendar every Wednesday and Saturday.

Stan likes to play Second and he often feigned displeasure of having "lost" him, but he knew he was a player of the future and stood aside to offer him the opportunity.

My Little Mate came on so well he was given a chance at Second in the Pennants of 2001.

Nobody tried harder or with more determination, he was a complete success in the spot. He

played in all 10 rounds with a better than average win ratio and his dedication was noted due to unfailing attendance for the entire Pennant season.

I asked My Little Mate to play in the Zone Pairs this year.

He was delighted to be asked and questioned whether he was good enough.

I must have had a dizzy spell when I found I had entered the Seniors Pairs by mistake and you can imagine my embarrassment when I had to tell him of the error and that he was ineligible due to his youthful age.

True to his wonderful disposition, he said: "That's too bad. Get yourself another partner and win the bloody thing."

The result of the tournament is now history and there is little doubt that his input helped to win the day.

Tears don't come easy from this craggy face but they flowed freely at My Little Mate's funeral on July 27.

John and I stood side by side with a good number of fellow bowlers to form a Guard of Honour and I left a space for Stan who was overseas and upset having to miss saying "Goodbye".

You see My Little Mate died from complications following surgery.

He had played in the Frank Kemp just days before with Glenn and I and impressed us all, new friends and old, with his confidence in the outcome and he approached the surgery just as he had with his bowls, calm and sure.

He gave me the pleasure of his company and his friendship, which I cherish.

He had a special love for bowls and all those who played it; he will be especially remembered for that.

I will miss Noel Beringer, My Little Mate, as will all his friends and fellow bowlers here at Everglades.

His happy disposition and his ability to place everyone at ease will be a memory for all of us for many years.

Bruce McDonald, September 3

International rugby for Woy Woy



Woy Woy oval hosted the first international women's rugby match played on the Central Coast on Thursday, August 18.

The team, mainly made up of Central Coast players, with other players from the Newcastle competition, took on the visiting Washington Furies women's rugby team in a game under lights.

The Washington team was touring the east coast of Australia and were playing teams in Sydney and Brisbane, as well as the local team.

It was a great exhibition of running rugby.

The local team scored almost from the kick-off and dominated the game throughout to record a

38-points to nil win.

"The Eastern Region backline was far too potent and was always in a position to score points," said coach Larry Thompson.

The backline scored all six tries in the match.

"This dominance in the backs was a result of a forward pack that went forward all day," he said.

Five-eight Tobie McGann, from Avoca Beach, had a great match causing endless trouble for the opposition.

She was well supported by Renee Sanna, also from Avoca, who made many breaks, while fullback Angela Jones from Gosford was dangerous every time she touched the ball.

Jones scored three tries in the match.

The pick of the forwards were local player Jaie Thomson of Gosford and Toni Payne from Newcastle.

After the match, eastern region team captain Kate Thomson spoke at a function at the Woy Woy Old Pub on behalf of the local players and presented the touring side with a Central Coast Rugby Union plaque.

The game was a great display of running rugby and a highlight of the representative season for the local women rugby players.

Tries were scored by Angela Jones 3, Alexia Cass, Kirstie Anders and Tobie McGann; while Tobie also made four conversions.



2001 Under 17 A Grade Grand Final winners, The Umina Bunnies

Bunnies win grand final

The Umina Rugby League Football Club's under-17 team completed the minor premiership and premiership double for the first time on Sunday, September 2.

In an exciting game, the boys held an early 12-0 lead only to see The Entrance side come back to 16-14 at half time.

Club Umina fortunately scored just after half time and converted to lead 22-14 but The Entrance were far from done and clawed their way back to 24-22 with eight minutes left on the clock.

The Club Umina boys came

charging back with three minutes left to play when "man of the match" Shane Ngaheu fended one and carried two across the line next to the posts.

He then kicked the conversion to give the Bunnies a couple of tense minutes until full time and a 28-24 victory.

There will be a presentation night at 7pm on Saturday, October 27, at Club Umina.

The Umina Rugby League Football Club annual general meeting is scheduled for 10am on Sunday, November 24, at Club Umina.

By fax, September 6

Everglades new pair champions

Kevin Beckett and Peter Gaffel are the new Everglades Bowls Club pairs champions following their win over Frank Pengelly and Len Langston in a hard fought final recently.

The winners struggled early but came on strongly to win in fine style.

Frank and Len had few answers against consistent draw bowling.

Bruce Harper and Bruce McDonald defied the odds to win the Zone Senior Pairs at Norah Head last month.

The two Bruces' needed to win three qualifying rounds to reach the final and did so with comfortable results.

In the final, after losing a five on the first end, strong lead bowls help draw back the deficit and with a five from the jack in the ditch late in the game, it was too big an ask for the Avoca Beach pair to claw back and the Everglades pair won the match 27 to 24.

Barry O'Connor came from behind to defeat Jon Gibbon for the Minor Singles 2001 Title recently.

Both bowlers demonstrated their abilities at different times during the match with Barry playing the stronger at the vital ends.

The Tournament committee's fresh innovation of Novelty

Triples was a popular event for those who participated last month.

Genial vice-president Frank Pengelly has put together two trips for those who like to travel and enjoy their social bowls.

The first is an overnight trip to Tea Gardens Bowling Club on October 13 and the other is a day trip to Cronulla Bowling Club on October 21.

Meanwhile Zone 15 officials have introduced a "Pre-season" type series of inter-club matches planned to commence on October 13 and to continue for four weeks.

The Spring Carnival is planned for September 29 and 30.

Men's single entry bowls will be played at Woy Woy Bowling Club and Ladies single entry matches will be held at Everglades, both events being on Saturday, September 29.

A Mixed bowls event will be held at Woy Woy on the Sunday.

All three tournaments will attract \$500 prize money and play is sure to be competitive.

August winds have played havoc with the bowls calendar including competition events. Some were cancelled at the last minute and will be re-scheduled.

The winds were so strong one Saturday last month when a prominent club player had two touchers on one end.

Sorry to say, both were on the wrong rink.

Bruce McDonald, September 3



Umina United Soccer Club 2001 Under 18

Umina wins club

Umina United Soccer Club has won the club championship for the second year running.

The Firsts team coached by Craig Wilson, missed the minor premiership by one goal difference.

Reserve grade, with Lee Fullwood in charge, won the minor easily.

Third grade with Paul Payne finished second and the under-8s coached by Bill Vrolyks clinched the title with a win over Avoca.

Coaching and skills training 2002. were held during the year and will start again during March

Letter, September 5

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Front Row: Sean Fraser, Nathan Clarke, Matthew Napier, Daniel Markham. (Ballboys).

Peninsula based senior grade rugby league teams won three of the four major grand finals played at North Power Stadium on 2 September.

Woy Woy League Club won the First Grade, defeating the defending

premiers, The Entrance, 22 - 16.

Woy Woy Roosters also won the under 19 division, defeating Wyong, 22 - 20.

The Umina Bunnies took out the under 17 division, completing the minor premiership/premiership double for the

first time in the club's history.

They defeated The Entrance 28 - 24. Reports on all three matches appear in our sport pages.

Cec Bucello, September 8