

## Council agrees to build pool

**Gosford Council has voted unanimously to adopt a tender for the construction of Woy Woy's regional leisure centre.**

Peninsula residents packed the chamber of Gosford Council on Tuesday, March 9, to watch the council make the decision.

Construction is set to begin in April and expected to take 70 weeks, with the pool scheduled to open in July next year.

Manager of Recreation Services Mr Peter Hickman said that construction would start in the next few weeks.

"It should be completed in Spring 2005," he said.

"The Centre will provide an indoor home for the Pelicans, Water Polo, Swimming Club, Basketball and Netball.

"Facilities will include three swimming pools, spa, sauna, steam room, basketball and netball courts, gymnasium, aerobics room, children's play facilities, creche and retail facilities," he said.

At the meeting, members of Woy Woy water polo teams, the Ettalong Pelicans, Woy Woy ASC and numerous users of the old Woy Woy pool filled the chambers and the foyer outside to hear Council's decision.

Ms Terri Latella from the Greens was scheduled to speak against the motion but instead said she was turned by the numbers of people at the meeting.

"These people want their pool and we have to make sure they get their pool and get it now," she said.

"But we should have a commitment that there won't be a funding blowout of the pool goes ahead."

Mr Fred Ellison from the Master and Social Swimmers said that he hoped Council would get on with it.

"The silent majority, shop owners and services are always asking, when are we going to get a pool?"

"The location is a perfect location which we all agree on and the design of this is equal to all others.

"A vote in favour would be a satisfying tribute to service on Council," he said.

Cr Lynne Bockholt the pool

was crowning glory in the Peninsula life story.

"We have the silent majority of people here. This is a vote for the community.

"I'm tired of people saying we don't deserve a regional facility. Well, we've got one."

Cr Debra Wales said that all along she had been fighting for correct funding for the pool.

"I've fought to know exactly what it's going to cost, and it's coming in close to \$26 million.

"We now know where it's coming from. All I'm asking for is it to be fiscally responsible.

"We are now not leaving a problem with the pool and I'm pleased to say that."

Cr Judith Penton said she had sat in on the committee meetings and she knew where the money was coming from all along.

Cr Geoff Preece said that he thought Cr Holstein has done a terrific job.

"The process I thought was very good.

"We try to do the right thing," he said.

Mayor Cr Robert Bell said that the plans were too far down the track to consider delaying.

"The Coast deserves the best, and this is a world class facility. We should proceed," he said.

Leisure Centre Committee chairman Cr Chris Holstein congratulated members of the committee such as those who represented basketball teams who came to every meeting and "copped as much flak" at times.

Cr Holstein spoke of the need to close the pool early and the circumstances surrounding increased costs and acoustics.

"We're always going to have knockers but at the end of the day we're going to have a great facility," he said.

Multiplex was awarded the tender to construct the centre.

Swimplex was appointed to provide the partial design, supply, installation and commissioning of the filtration and water treatment systems.

Four tenders for the partial design were received from AVP Constructions, Swimplex, Trisley's Hydraulic Services, and The Index Group

Four tenders for the

construction of the Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre were received which included the filtration and water treatment systems as reflected in the recommended Swimplex tender.

These were from Belmadar, Hooker Cockram, Multiplex and Pluim Group

Council's consultants, Michael Davies and Associates, discussed the project with all tenderers to clarify costing and materials details.

Multiplex was recommended as a result for construction of the Leisure Centre.

The pool and associated roadworks are now expected to cost \$26 million dollars.

Funding for the project is to come from interest on funds generated through the extraordinary rate increase in 2002 and in CP31C Amendment 1 which is expected to be \$19.45 million.

Council currently has CP31C Amendment 2 on public exhibition in which an extra \$5.50 million has been allocated to this project in the amended plan.

In the event that Council does not adopt the amended plan, or varies the allocation to this project, funds will need to be sourced by other means

Options available to Council include variation to the Capital Works Program or through external loan.

At the meeting, recent media reports claiming that water had been excessively leaking onto the old pool site were also discussed.

Council officers informed the Council that \$5.60 of water had been lost due to the leak.

Cr Holstein took a \$10 note out of his pocket and offered to pay for it himself.

Council has produced a brochure on the Leisure Centre that can be collected from the usual places or one can be sent by calling Council on 4325 8458.

Alison Branley, press release, Council Agenda CS 031, March 9



Ferry Street Wharf

## Wharf widening starts

**Construction began to widen the Ettalong Ferry St Wharf on Monday, March 15.**

The wharf is being widened from 1.8m to 2.6m to allow people to walk both up and down the wharf.

In the mean time, the Palm Beach Ferry is picking up from

Guyra St wharf in Booker Bay.

Work is expected to be completed by Friday, March 26.

Plans to widen the wharf were first raised during the 2002 bushfires when the ferry service was swamped by people trying to get to Sydney after the freeway was closed.

Alison Branley, March 18

## Library forum

**Community forums were held at Umina Beach Library on Wednesday, March 10, to discuss the Umina Beach Library upgrade and refurbishment.**

The architect was in

attendance to discuss concept plans for the library, to answer questions and take comments.

There were two sessions on from 10.30am to 12noon and another from 7pm to 8.30pm.

Council notices, March 17

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**Welcome to edition 88 of Peninsula News.**

This edition is the largest fortnightly edition published to date. In this edition, we feature the forthcoming council elections. We have included campaign policy information from each of the groups standing for election on March 27.

Council elections are always of great interest to a local community but in this case the interest is heightened by the fact that 60 per cent of current councillors are not standing for re-election.

New parties and groups have formed and the prospect of a different council making perhaps different decisions looms large.

The importance of the Peninsula, with a third of the eligible voters, always gains more recognition at this time and eight of the groups standing for the election recognized this by using *Peninsula News* as an effective means of reaching voters.

**Cec Bucello, Manager**

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**Security guards prevent singing**

**What has happened to Spike Milligan's hometown?**

On St Patrick's Day, I drove up from Sydney to do a bit free Irish music live on the streets of Woy Woy.

I play guitar and harmonica and most people enjoy my Van Morrison and Paul Kelly stuff, but something went very wrong in Woy Woy.

The security guards in town successfully prevented me from singing anywhere on town.

They first stopped me outside the Deepwater Plaza, then secretly followed me to the other shopping centre and stopped me outside there.

So I went to the Council and

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saw the police and they said it is okay to sing on the walkways.

But when I set up on the footpath I was stopped by another Council ranger who had responded to a phone complaint from our busy security friends.

It seems like they are running your town - not the Council, not the police but a couple of plods in black and white uniforms.

If you want buskers to come to your town, something needs to be done about these private power people.

**Jim Johnston**

**Thanks for the article**

**I would just like to say thank you so very much for publishing the announcement of our parents 60th wedding anniversary.**

They received a great surprise when their friends on the Central Coast started to call them today to wish them all the best and to tell them about the article in the Peninsula News.

There was much excitement in their home.

The Peninsula News has bought great joy into their life today, so thank you!

**Michele Streight, Pyrmont**

**Taking council out of the equation**

**Imagine waking up to find the cottage next door to you is being knocked down to make room for a row of townhouses.**

Unknown to you, the design has already been approved by some dubious authority and you have no say on the matter.

This is what we face in NSW because of a State Government (Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources) taskforce scheme to deregulate the development approval (DA) process.

Under the plan up to 70 per cent of residential DAs will have automatic approval and neighbouring residents, the community and their local council representatives will have no right to object or modify the construction.

Not surprisingly, this plan has largely been driven and shaped

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by developers and our pro-development State Government.

Taking council out of the equation makes it easier for developers to get building approval at the expense of everyone else.

Deregulation will hasten the overdevelopment of our neighbourhoods and put increased pressure on existing infrastructure.

Rather than weakening regulations, government should be strengthening planning laws and building conditions to make them unambiguous and enforceable.

Urban planning, zoning powers and development approval belong in the hands of the community and local government.

**Michelle Cairns, Woy Woy**

**Winners drawn**

**The Peninsula News has drawn winners for a recent competition.**

The winners of the Just Cuts Giveaway were Jordan Makepeace of Booker Bay, Mrs B Peno of Ettalong, and Muriel Cadman of Bensville.

They will each receive two free style cuts at Just Cuts Deepwater Plaza.

**March 14**

**Questions for candidates**

**As a Tascott resident, I consider the Peninsula to be my main shopping area.**

The Labor Party has indicated that the council area is now divided into 10 wards, according to the towns' geographic area on the Labour Party ticket, as seen in their advertisement in the Sun Weekly on Thursday, March 4.

I would like to know, how many councillors from the Woy Woy Peninsula from Patonga to Woy Woy can be elected from the whole city?

If only two out of the 10 are elected, does this mean that only two areas are represented?

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I remember that in 1977 the people of Gosford were asked in a referendum, did we want the ward system to be reinstated, and the answer was yes.

However, the Labor Party Minister refused to acknowledge the referendum and refused the people their rights.

Also why has Central Coast First Party only fielded candidates in Gosford and not Wyong, does this mean that the Central Coast stops at Lisarow?

**Robert Findley, Tascott**

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# A lot to answer for

**The Minister for Local Government has sacked Liverpool Council for failure to exercise prudent financial management of the disastrous Bulldogs' Oasis development.**

The Minister should have a hard look at Gosford Council's financial management of its costly white elephant stadium and the willful destruction of the popular Woy Woy Memorial Olympic Pool in the hope that funding could be found to replace it with a grandiose expensive leisure centre.

Before councils allocate rate-payers funds to any big project they should ask themselves "Do we need it? Can we afford it?"

As the chairman of several subcommittees, Cr Chris Hol-

stein has lot to answer for regarding Gosford Council's management of the above-mentioned projects.

John Singleton, who owes some of his considerable fortune to exploiting public assets for private profit, would like to get his claws into Gosford Stadium.

Chris Holstein is seeking re-election to Gosford Council.

Collaboration between Holstein and the big spender could suit Singo's commercial interests and Holstein's political ambitions.

When Gosford electors see the name Holstein on the ballot papers on March 27, they might ask themselves: "Do we need him? Can we afford him?"

John Collins, Woy Woy

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# Former Mobil site should be park

**While we still have not seen the new Peninsula Open Space Plan, we can have no faith in it delivering much-needed local parks and playgrounds for the ever-increasing Peninsula population.**

The fact is it can't.

Council has ruled out the purchase of privately-owned land for new open space, yet Mayor Bell in your front page story says "a total of \$41 million had been allocated in the draft plan for new parks, open space, development of new playgrounds".

The mayor goes on to name the sites available for new parks or playgrounds, which may or may not ever be available for public open space.

They are two schools, which will need all the space they have

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to accommodate the increased population, and the Woy Woy tip. What a great place for a playground, neighbourhood park or the Council works depot.

This ill-conceived plan is a mirror of the Woy Woy pool fiasco, and is being promoted by the same councillors who having proved their incompetence are now seeking re-election, namely Bell, Holstein and Doyle.

So while these councillors promise us adequate new open space and new parks, the reality is that large (or small) blocks on the market will not be considered for acquisition by these people or the new plan.

One obvious example is the former Mobil Service Station site on Blackwall Rd.

Now for sale and ideal in size and situation for a neighbourhood park, this site is to be sold for villa development.

We all know how much open space the typical villa development provides.

Compounding this stupidity, the 20 villas on this site will have to pay near \$40,000 for open space contributions while the "new contributions plan" allows for no acquisition of open space.

Under the "new" plan, there is none to buy.

Could it be that this new plan is simply a plan to divert open space contributions to the bungled and over budget pool redevelopment?

Even if a resident wanted to sell his/her property to council for the provision of new open space it would not be possible.

Bryan Ellis, Umina

# Papering it over?

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**Will Jim Lloyd MP now offer his apologies?**

Last February, Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson, took it upon himself to write to petitioners who had signed a petition against the war in Iraq, organised by the No War Coalition.

The petition, signed by 400 of his constituents over two Saturday mornings, was delivered to his office for tabling in the Federal Parliament.

In this letter, Lloyd staunchly defended the Government actions.

He wrote: "There is strong

evidence that Iraq has been using this opportunity (lack of UN inspection from 1998 to 2002) to continue its efforts to develop chemical, biological and nuclear weapons and their means of delivery.

"A great deal of this evidence on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction activities is available publicly, including via the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website ... Australia cannot afford for the issue of Iraq's WMD to be papered over.

"Iraq's possession of WMD poses a threat to its neighbours."

Attached was a Ministerial Statement accepting Colin Powell's claims that "Iraq was continuing to hide its chemical

weapons and other weapons of mass destruction," plus the result of a phone poll conducted in by the Central Coast Herald in Central Coast electorates.

This poll demonstrated, according to Lloyd, that many Australians "are supporting what our PM and government are trying to do to ensure peace throughout the world".

However, the poll also showed that 70 per cent did not support a war without UN backing.

The Howard Government ignored that, and now refuses to apologise for its errors and attempts to shift the blame.

Australians cannot afford "to paper this over" Mr Lloyd.

Congratulations to the 400 who signed the petition in Umina and Gosford.

Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

# Damaging the facade

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**Customers were just as affronted as the business proprietor Steve McHugh on Monday, March 15, by the campaign sign screwed into the frontage of well-known heritage-listed Booker Bay General Store.**

Without the written consent of the property owner, it was a clear breach of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912.

Should further consideration be given to the contemptuous actions of those bill posters and their ignorance of Section 9 of the Summary Offences Act?

They seem to emerge every election in darkness ignoring the

law and doing exactly what is required of them by those political hopefuls they represent.

These bill posters were supposedly supporting a new local party (Central Coast First) while damaging the almost new heritage facade of Booker Bay General Store.

I'm sure party members would be extremely angry if their business frontages and fences were used without written permission from the owner by electoral hopefuls for the illegal posting of election campaign material.

Edward James, Umina

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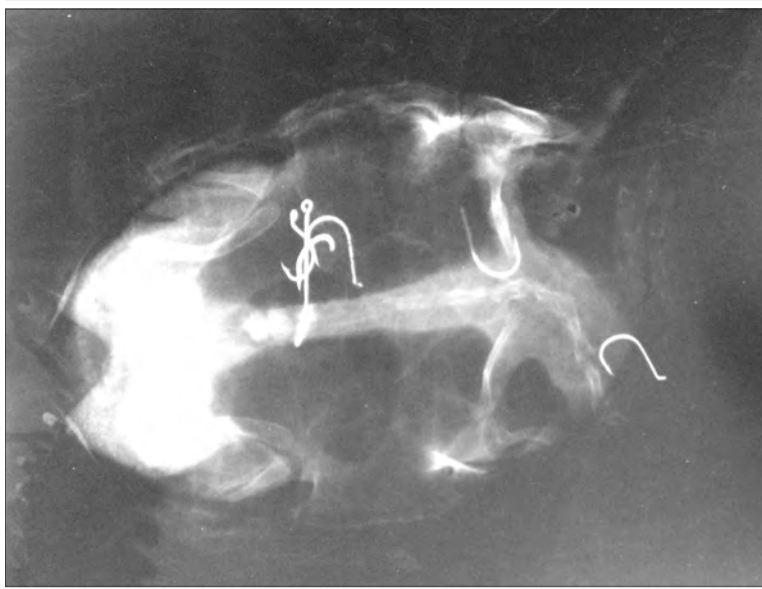
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An X-ray of the tortoise

## Plea to fishermen

The Wildlife Information and Rescue Service (Wires) is asking local fishermen to dispose of fishhooks and fishing line properly after a distressing rescue earlier this month.

A freshwater long-necked tortoise was discovered in a creek in Umina with a fishhook in its mouth.

A Wires rescuer took the tortoise to Point Clare Veterinary Hospital for treatment where an X-ray of the tortoise showed not only the fishhook in the mouth

but others in the intestines.

The tortoise died as a result of its injuries.

"Many sea birds and other native marine life come into care with Wires Central Coast as a result of injuries caused by fishing line and hooks," said publicity officer Ms Marion Semtner.

"Fish hooks may become caught in the animal's mouth and fishing line may entangle birds' wings or legs preventing their ability to flee predators and find food."

Email, March 17

## Parents wanted

The Umina Schools as Community Centres (SaCC) project is looking for parents who are interested in becoming a member of its local advisory committee.

The role of the committee is to take part in the planning and delivery of services to be provided by Umina SaCC.

The local advisory committee will have representatives from

government departments, non-government organisations, parents and community members.

There are a small number of positions available for parents.

If members of the community are interested in joining the committee or would like to find out more about the committee, contact Debbie Notara on 4341 1630 or 0439 003 074.

Press release, March 17

## Book fair for Easter

The Pearl Beach Progress Association is holding its 28th Annual Easter Saturday Book Fair at the Pearl Beach Community Hall on Saturday, April 10.

The event, which started on a card table in front of the local shop, has grown to a full day's event which overflows the local hall.

In addition to tables of books,

there will also be plants, fine arts, bric-a-brac and an Easter Basket raffle.

Gourmet refreshments or lunch in the garden will also be available.

The community hall is located at 9 Diamond Rd and the fair goes from 10am until 5pm.

For further information, call Dorothy Hart on 4341 5053.

Letter, March 12

## Bus corridor links Peninsula with Wyong

A "strategic bus corridor" will link the Peninsula from Umina and Woy Woy with Wyong via Gosford, Erina, Terrigal, Bateau Bay and Tuggerah following adoption of the Unsworth Bus Review Final Report.

Minister for Transport Services Mr Michael Costa has announced a major bus industry overhaul which will see strategic

bus corridors delivering faster, more frequent and direct bus services on the Central Coast from next year.

"This is a big win for public service users on the Central Coast," Mr Costa said.

"These new strategic routes better reflect the travel patterns on the Central Coast".

Press release, March 18

## Car boot sale

The Lions Club of Woy Woy Peninsula will be holding its monthly boot sale and mini market on Sunday, March 28, from 8am to 1pm.

There will be a variety of stalls.

Vendors are welcome, with a charge of \$10 per car.

A barbecue, with tea and coffee, will be available.

For further information, phone 4341 4151 or 4341 1379.

Flyer, March 15

## Ettalong identity dies

Ettalong community identity Louisa Grace Golden died peacefully in her sleep on February 20.

In keeping with her wishes, there was no service, no flowers and no mourners - just a toddy of whisky emptied down the sink.

Her ashes are to be scattered on the water at Ettalong Beach.

Lorna, also known as "Goldie", was a "Drink Dispenser" at Ettalong, a one-time housekeeper for the Lord Mayor of Sydney, a supervisor and fundraiser for the young people's dances at Ettalong.

She lived in the area since she was 26 years old, over 60 years of her life, and in her younger

days was involved with youth dances at Ettalong.

"Her best days in the last few years were her shopping days at Ettalong," long time friend Marge Cleere said.

"She was always very grateful for the many that helped her in some way: West End Pharmacy, IGA, the post office, the girl at the bus stop, the driver of the 52 bus, the taxi drivers.

"These were always the main topic of her conversation when she arrived back at her unit.

"She believed that Dr Caska was great and loved the nursing staff at Brisbane Water Hospital," Mrs Cleere said.

Letter, March 15



Ms Golden during her days as a drink dispenser

## Police scotch cracker rumours

Reports that drug dealers on the Peninsula were letting off firecrackers to signal their presence to clients were unfounded, according to local police.

Chief Inspector Steve Kentwall from Brisbane Water Local Area Command said that there was no intelligence suggesting that it was the case on the Peninsula.

"There have been no reports on the Peninsula," he said.

"There's nothing to indicate that it's here."

Chief Inspector Kentwall said that he had heard of it happening in other areas, but he said that there had been no reports in Brisbane Water Local Area Command.

He said that Gosford Police did receive calls about firecrackers, or "bungers", being let off on weekends, especially over the recent holiday period.

"They are banned, but it is common knowledge they can be

obtained from Canberra," he said.

"Firecrackers are a nuisance crime, but they are dangerous."

Chief Inspector Kentwall said that there was no evidence that local children were constructing their own fireworks.

They were most likely purchased, he said.

He said that people should contact Brisbane Water Local Area Command or Woy Woy Police on 4341 9122 if they did hear them being let off.

The issue arose at a recent Older Women's Network meeting at Woy Woy Leagues Club, after reports circulated that firecrackers were being used.

The meeting was told that loud bangs had been reported by Umina Neighbourhood Watch as occurring just prior to 9.30pm and 10.30pm on Friday and Saturday nights over the January holidays.

These were claimed to be signals in advance of drug deals.

Alison Branley, February 6

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# Visiting from Japan

**Five university students from Japan visited the Woy Woy Community Aged Care Centre on March 2 as part of their two-week visit to Australia.**

The students were all final-year social welfare students specialising in aged care from Hokuriku University on Honshu Island.

Mr Peter Cummins, an

interpreter employed by Magill College, escorted them.

The group also visited a dietitian, a kindergarten and had English lessons.

The tour program is in its sixth year and costs about \$5000 per person.

The tour included one day at the Australian Reptile Park, one day of shopping and a home stay with an Australian family.

Cec Bucello, March 12



Maiko Hayashi, Tomomi Bansaka, Hisamai Kano, Yuka Hashikawa, Yuka Kanezaki and interpreter Peter Cummins at Woy Woy Community Aged Care

## Figures show Woy Woy doctor shortage

**Doctor-patient ratios released by the Central Coast Division of General Practitioners doctors' organisation show Woy Woy would receive Federal Government assistance if it was assessed on a postcode basis.**

The organisation's figures showed the 2256 postcode area had a ratio of 1:1574. The threshold for Federal assistance was 1:1400 across a local government area.

The ratio for the Gosford municipality was below the threshold at 1:1125. The 2257 postcode area had a slightly better ratio than this at 1:1120.

The Woy Woy 2256 ratio was based on 12 doctors servicing 14, 891 people, while the 2257 figures which include Ettalong and Umina were based on 27 doctors servicing 26,868 people – a total of 39 doctors for a population of 41,750 across the Peninsula.

Calculation of the ratios took account of the fact that several doctors were not available full-time.

The figures were released after Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews spoke in parliament about the shortage of doctors on the Central Coast.

She said there had been an 18 per cent drop in the number of doctors on the Central Coast in the last 10 years and a 19 per cent population increase in the same period.

"It is a matter of great concern that the average age of Central Coast GPs is 53 years, with 30 per cent of doctors due to retire within the next five years."

Ms Andrews urged the Federal Government to take immediate steps to have the number of doctors increased.

She said the Federal Government spent \$124 per person for GP consultations on the Central Coast each year compared to \$197 per person in eastern Sydney.

Owen Lewis, March 18

## Few bookings at blood bank

**Woy Woy blood bank is appealing for blood donors because few bookings have been made for the next two weeks.**

There were only 48 bookings for the week beginning March 15 across the whole Red Cross Blood Service on the Central Coast, where normally 25 to 30 blood collections were made each day.

There were eight donations scheduled for Monday, 11 for Tuesday, five for Wednesday, 21 for Thursday and just three on Friday.

"Things are looking very quiet," said the service's regional marketing coordinator, Ms Samantha Euston.

"We are trying to fill appointments throughout next week by direct mail and telerecruiting," she said.

Woy Woy Blood Bank is located within the grounds of Woy Woy Hospital and is open each Tuesday from 2pm to 8pm and each Wednesday from 9am to 3pm.

Press release, March 17

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**Raffle for hospital**

**Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary will hold an Easter Raffle to raise money for Woy Woy Hospital.**

The auxiliary will be selling tickets outside the office of the Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews in Woy Woy on April 1 and 2.

The auxiliary will also be outside Beach Books, in West St, Umina, from April 5 to 8.

Letter, March 18

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Stefan Haffner from the Chi Traditional Chinese Acupuncture, Message and Herbal Medicine clinic

## New acupuncture business established

A new business specialising in traditional Chinese acupuncture, healing techniques and herbal medicine has been opened in Woy Woy

The Chi Traditional Chinese Acupuncture, Message and Herbal Medicine clinic in Chambers Place aims to cater to members of the community who are interested in exploring and using alternative medicine and healing therapies to cure their ailments.

Medical practitioner Stefan Haffner, who founded and now runs the clinic, said he hoped the procedures at the clinic would help to improve the sense of community health and well being and provide residents with a non-invasive treatment that will heal the mind, as well as the body

Mr Haffner has a bachelor degree in health science, specialising in traditional Chinese medicine and has completed a clinical internship in Beijing.

He said that western medical experts had increasingly come to recognise that there was a link between the emotions and the physical well being of the body.

For example, when people are under intense stress and pressure, they will sometimes develop stomach ulcers

"Chinese traditional medicine has long recognised the connection between the mind and the body," Mr Haffner said.

Acupuncture is the practice of inserting fine needles into the body at specific points for the treatment of specific health problems.

"The Chinese have mapped these points over a period of 2000 years," Mr Haffner said.

Mr Haffner said the World Health Organisation had recognised that certain diseases can be treatable with acupuncture.

These include certain ear, nose and throat, muscular system, eye and muscular disorders and gastrointestinal diseases

Mr Haffner said he decided to set up a business in Woy Woy after a holiday on the Peninsula where he fell in love with the business and scenery in the area.

He said he was also pleased with the location of his new business because it was centrally located and therefore easy to access.

Mr Haffner received his qualifications in western medicine and served as an ambulance driver before becoming interested in traditional Chinese medicine and healing techniques after receiving acupuncture treatment for stress.

He has run a clinic in Sydney for the last two years and is a member of the Australian and Chinese Acupuncture Association.

Owen Lewis, March 16

## Business owner graduates

Woy Woy business owner Peter Smith was among 37 New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS) participants to graduate at Erina recently.

He was presented with a graduation certificate by Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd at the Erina Centre on Friday, February 27.

Mr Smith was presented with Certificate IV in Small Business Management.

His business, Print1Pete, is a small offset printing business, able to provide a wide range of printing services to a broad number of businesses.

Items available include business cards, letterheads, promotional flyers, magnets, invoice books and a huge range of printing material.

NEIS Coordinator for Mission Australia in Gosford, Ms Jill Fisscher, said the current group of graduates had worked hard to build structured business plans and develop a range of small business skills to transform innovative ideas into profitable enterprises.

"The beauty of this type of program is the support available in order to help new businesses achieve success - whatever that business may be.

"Graduates receive a

fortnightly allowance for 12 months after starting the program.

"During the first year of operation, free business advice and mentor support is also available for a participant which is vital for success."

Peter has worked in the industry for 23 years from apprenticeship through to management.

"Print1Pete offers exceptional customer service, as well as a delivery service," she said.

"This past experience coupled with the NEIS program has given him the chance to open his own business on the Central Coast."

Press release, March 4

## Soroptimist forum planned

Soroptimist International NSW is holding women's forum on Monday, March 29, at Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club in Springwood St, Ettalong.

Soroptimist International is a worldwide organisation for women in management and the professions, working through service projects to advance human rights and the status of women.

They are hoping to start up a new club on the Peninsula.

Guests are asked to arrive at 7pm for 7.30pm.

Topics will include "Dispelling

the myths about fad diets" by dietician Veronica Taffs and "Women and the law" by solicitor Joy Alleyne

Author Joyce Miles will present "Owl's Hoot - How people name their houses" and there will be presentations entitled "Soroptimist International - Who are we?" which will be a presentation about the objects, principles and basic structure of the organisation.

The price is \$10.

Bookings can be made through Julie Griffin on 9484 6838.

Flyer, March 18

## Youth leadership

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters Club is running a Youth Leadership Course from Monday, March 22, at Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

The course will run every Monday night for eight weeks from 7pm to 9pm and participants can join at any stage.

It is open to students aged 15 to 18 years of age.

The aim of the course is improve confidence and communication skills.

For inquiries, phone Elsie Mills on 4341 1895.

Press release, March 17

## Adults wanted by Scouts

Umina Scout Group is inviting interested adults to join their ranks of Cubs and Scouts.

Cubs is for children aged eight to 10 and a half and Scouts is for children aged 10 and a half to 14 and a half.

Organisers said there was the chance to be involved with running the group and training was provided.

"We are active in the community and are proud of who we are," said Scout leader Darren Watson.

"If you like working with kids then this is the place for you.

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Further details can be obtained from their website

www.geocities.com/umina\_troop, by e-mailing uminascoutgroup@yahoo.com.au or by contacting Bob Seal on

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A working with children check will be conducted.

Email, March 15

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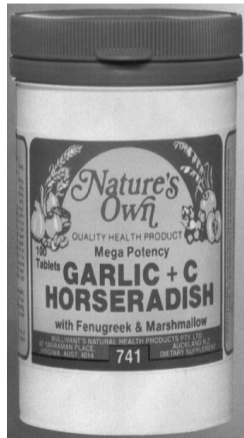
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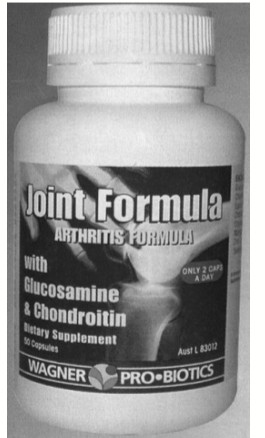
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## Pizza shop renovates

**A pizza shop in Umina is undergoing renovations to allow for expansion.**

The renovations at the Local Pizza-Café will provide seating for another 20 customers in an area decorated with a surfing theme.

Open seven days until late, the shop offers pizza, salads, gelato ice cream, wedges, ribs and

smoothies.

Live music will be provided from 4pm on Sundays by Angie the singing waitress, a long term Umina resident.

Proprietor Janine Lowe said she devoted over 75 hours a week to the business and planned to develop the concept as a franchise in other areas.

Cec Bucello, February 26

## New radio station

**A new radio station can now be heard on the Peninsula.**

Central Coast Star 1045 was launched on Wednesday, March 16, at 4.45pm.

Press release, March 18

## Patonga trip

**The Brisbane Water Historical Society held a trip to Patonga at 12.30pm on Thursday, March 18.**

Members had fish and chips for lunch.

Newsletter, March 19



## Shop moves after 32 years

**A women's fashion shop in Umina has moved after 32 years in the one location.**

Jodi of Umina, which claims to be the second oldest business under one owner in Umina, recently moved when a newer, corner store on the main street became available.

The new shop is air conditioned, has more room and better exposure to the public.

It previously housed Selvitex Menswear.

"Even though we've moved, we still have the same staff, personal service and a variety of ladies clothing to suit all ages,"

said proprietor Olga Arkell.

Olga's last few days of trading were not all smooth sailing however.

An advertising printing error changed "nothing over \$50" to "nothing over \$5".

The newspaper concerned printed the correct advertisement at no charge on the next day, but would not print an apology or correction statement.

The damage had been done however and potential customers were disappointed to find that they could not purchase items at the advertised price.

Cec Bucello, February 20

## New kebab store opens

**A new kebabs store has opened in Woy Woy.**

Coast Kebabs and Pide owner, Mr Tony Yurt, has opened at Deepwater Plaza.

He says the store will fill a need for a quality kebab store in the local area.

The new store will give local shoppers more variety and choice in takeaway fast foods, according to Deepwater Plaza marketing manager Mr Tony Turner.

Mr Turner said Coast Kebabs and Pide would offer traditional Turkish foods, including pide and falafel, that are currently unavailable on the Peninsula.

"Mr Yurt and his team will offer the kebabs which have become so popular with Australian diners



as well as exotic flavours for those more adventurous customers," he said.

Coast Kebabs and Pide is

located next to Saltwater Seafoods and Just Cuts at Deepwater Plaza.

Press release, February 6



## New café doubles size

**A café in Umina has doubled its size after only three months in business.**

Proprietor Yvette Hunter of Sassy's Café, originally from Kellyville, found that she needed to expand to a double shop with a large outdoor eatery to satisfy her clientele and to allow her the space for live entertainment.

The business is located in Trafalgar Ave, Umina, as part of the ground floor arrangement of a recently completed block of upmarket apartments.

"Even with the extra room, we find that we are usually booked out on Saturday evenings," Yvette said.

"We are also very busy at lunchtimes and weekend breakfasts and the outdoor area is handy for passers-by."

Yvette's background is in real estate but it has always been her dream to have her own café, she said.

"I've put everything into it and I go to special pains to see that everything is just right," she said.

Yvette had been looking to fulfill her dream for some time but whatever she found that was suitable in Sydney was far too expensive to rent, often three to four times dearer than in Umina.

"It wasn't until I visited my sister in Bensville and saw the vacant shop in Umina that I realised that my dream could become a possibility," she said.

She now lives in Umina and has a daughter attending the local high school.

Cec Bucello, February 26

## New owner for bookshop

**A bookshop in Umina has a new owner**

Former Peninsula resident, Mr Michael Walls, plans to return to the area and has purchased Beach Books.

Michael is a former journalist for the Central Coast Express and the Gosford Star.

He has been living in Winston Hills but his desire to live near

the water and his interest in books is bringing him back to the Coast.

The store has two staff, both of whom know books, the area and regular local customers.

"The range of books is varied and the store has accounts with all the major suppliers," Michael said.

"Current mix is approximately

85 per cent new books and 15 per cent secondhand.

"We also have a computer program called Book Finder which enables us to locate books from around the world.

"Peninsula residents have shown a good interest in books.

"They are particularly popular as gifts," he said.

Cec Bucello, March 5

## News



Phil Williams, Nicholas Padilla, Kevin Haung, Naoko Araki, Tom Howard, and Mark McDougall

# Japanese staff move to Woy Woy

**The Woy Woy call centre for International software company Tibco has taken over its Japanese counterpart's operations, with its staff relocating to the Peninsula.**

The Woy Woy call centre takes over the call support operations during Australia's daylight hours outside of other countries business hours.

It is one of a number international offices responsible in eight-hour blocks of the 24-hour worldwide call centre support which includes Chicago, Cambridge, and Bangalore, India.

Key operator for the Japanese call centre, Ms Naoko Araki, has swapped her fast-paced city lifestyle for the relaxed atmosphere of the Peninsula and says she loves it.

"The area is very beautiful,"

she said.

Woy Woy has proved to be an ideal location for one of the multinational's outposts.

Customer support manager Mr Phillip Williams said that Tibco "had tried to move operations to Sydney but the cost difference stopped them".

"It's nice here. It's a beautiful area. We're locals and there's no stress."

Another positive aspect to operating from regional areas is a low staff turnover.

"We have had one staff member leave in five years," Mr Williams said.

The office was started in Woy Woy around 1996 by Mr Alan Williams and Mr Matt McDougall.

Growing from the original two staff, they now employ six.

**Alison Branley and Rob Jimenez, February 19**

# Fifth car retailer opens

**A fifth used car retailer has opened for business on the Peninsula.**

The business is based on Ocean Beach Rd near the Rawson Rd intersection.

Proprietor Kevin Hulls has lived on the Peninsula for three years and has 13 years experience in the motor car retail industry including the position of new car manager at Barry Robertson Holden, West Gosford.

Using contacts made during this time, Kevin plans to specialise in used Holden Commodores manufactured between 1990 and 1998.

All vehicles sold will have been rust proofed prior to the sale.

Kevin chose the site because "it is on the busiest road on the Peninsula and, although the Peninsula has one third of

Gosford's population, it has only a very small fraction of the number of car dealers in the city".

Kevin has also commenced a car detailing business on the premises

"I couldn't find anyone to detail my cars so I decided to add that service," he said.

"All detailed cars will also include rust proofing the first time that they are detailed."

Kevin, a father of three children, is involved with Umina Junior Rugby League Football Club, being one of their sponsors and holding the position of vice-president.

He is also a coach of one of the teams.

Having his own business has given Kevin the freedom to balance his business with his club interests.

**Cec Bucello, March 17**

# Peninsula in the News

**Here is a summary of news items about the Peninsula appearing in other news media over the last two weeks.**

## Tuesday March 9

Woy Woy Leagues Club will hold a heat of the MO awards talent search on March 21.

**Express Advocate**

A benefit for gravely-ill toddler, Janes Rugless, raised \$25,000 for his family on Saturday night with more than 1500 people attending the event at Club Umina. James Rugless suffers from Wiskott Aldrich syndrome otherwise known as boy-in-the-bubble syndrome.

**Express Advocate**

## Wednesday, March 10

A medical emergency aboard a train to Sydney caused delays for morning commuters yesterday. An ambulance rushed to Woy Woy station to take passenger to hospital, forcing a 20-minute hold up for other commuters.

**Express Advocate**

Gosford Council's community and cultural grants program was launched at the Peninsula Theatre on Tuesday, March 9. The grants provide financial assistance for community development activities that will enhance the standard of living and quality of life of people in the area.

**Express Advocate**

## Thursday, March 11

Men-only university scholarships would be a good way to tackle the shortage of male teachers in Central Coast schools, Woy Woy Peninsula Teachers Federation representative, Mr Rob Landow said.

**Express Advocate**

A single Mother from Woy Woy has been handed a \$500 repair bill that she says should be paid for by Gosford Council. The vehicle was damaged after hitting a pothole on the council maintained Empire Bay Dr in December.

**Express Advocate**

This month, Woy Woy Community Aged Care Facility will celebrate 15 years of providing frail aged residents with hostel or nursing home care.

**Express Advocate**

Ocean Beach surf lifesaver, Dave Thompson is the first Central Coast man to referee the largest surf carnival in the world - the Australia Championships. This will be Thompson's second year in the job.

**Express Advocate**

Michael Lupton of Umina Beach won the NSW Men's Open 9-Ball Championship at Penrith on Saturday. The 17-year-old is three times Australia Junior Titleholder, and will compete in the Australian Men's Open 9-Ball Championship next Friday.

## Express Advocate

A small fibro house on the beachfront at Pearl Beach was passed in at auction on the vendor's bid of \$2.5 million. An offer made during the week at \$2.75 million had been rejected as well.

**Sun Weekly**

The Web Youth service will be able to use an eight-seater bus thanks to a donation from Ettalong Beach War memorial Club. Web coordinator Mr Dion Richardson approached the club's CEO Peter Hale asking for support and Mr Hale responded with \$25,200 to fund the remaining monthly repayments on the bus.

**Sun Weekly**

## Friday, March 12

Woy Woy Night Owl bus service has been extended until April

**Express Advocate**

Sydney Rockers, Juggernaut will play at Lizotte's at Ettalong Beach on Saturday, March 13.

**Express Advocate**

## Tuesday, March 16

Hornsby police may be able to identify a man responsible for the viscous bashing of a Woy Woy man. The incident was caught on security tape when it occurred on Thursday morning.

**Express Advocate**

Umina pushed The Entrance out of contention for the cricket premiership with an impressive display on the weekend in the do-or-die semi-final. Umina will play Narara in the final this weekend.

**Express Advocate**

Ettalong beach Pelican Master's swimmer Cameron Horn won five gold medals from five events on the opening day of the NSW Masters Championships at Blacktown. Also, from Ettalong Beach, Tom Tseng won gold in the 40 years 50m breaststroke.

**Express Advocate**

Umina Bunnies junior Rugby league will begin their trial campaign with a match against Central Coast first division premiers The Entrance at Mt Penang on Sunday.

**Express Advocate**

## Wednesday, March 17

The Petit family of Umina Beach have praised have praised emergency crews and Gosford Hospital after their son, Ben, 12, fell off from the edge of a waterfall two weeks ago. He fell five metres into shallow water and broke his back.

**Express Advocate**

Pretty Beach residents thought last week an announcement from Minister for the Central Coast, Mr John Della Bosca of \$162 000 for the new boat ramp was new. The announcement was old, the money was not new.

**Express Advocate**

Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft

Centre needs an experienced potter who likes working with young people for its Saturday morning children's classes. For the first time in ages, the classes had to be cancelled this term because there was nobody to teach the class.

**Express Advocate**

Woy Woy leagues club is to host Central Coast Sport Star of the Year Awards on March 27. Rugby League International is expected to make a special appearance at the awards.

**Express Advocate**

Glenn Hall of Umina Beach is to participate in the inaugural Australia Open surfing titles at Maroubra this week. The junior surfer finished 40th in the World Qualifying Series rankings last year.

**Express Advocate**

## Friday, March 19]

The 3.58am train from Woy Woy, a two-car city service, which usually carries commuters getting some extra sleep was interrupted by four transit officers who were policing people stretching out over the three-person seats. At least one horizontal passenger was fined.

**Sydney Morning Herald, Column 8**

Ettalong Beach Graffiti artist Tony Garland, has been working with five other artists to create murals on railway buildings. There are dolphins on the signal building and a tranquil forest scene and a beautiful sunset with pelicans on the water.

**Express Advocate**

Umina Beach resident, Rebecca Izzard found a diary from 1923 lying in the gutter at Gorokan.

**Express Advocate**

Two time Australian Beach Sprint Champion, Steve Munnery, 28, will be in the line up for the 90m sprint at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships to be held in Kurrawa, on the Gold Coast his week. He will attempt to regain the title he held in 2001-2, he placed fourth last year.

**Express Advocate**

Rising Cricket talent Ben Smith made a century in last weekends win over the Entrance. The player, who is also the under-14s coach, with be crucial in Saturday's final showdown against Narara at Sohler Park, Lisarow on Saturday.

**Express Advocate**

The Woy Woy Roosters have a new coach with former Captain-coach, of Ourimbah Shane Wilson. He said he has his side ready for the first round clash against Souths Juniors at Redfern oval tonight.

**Express Advocate**

Bendigo Bank will present its final analysis of the Ettalong bank feasibility study to the steering committee on March 24. The committee has 330 pledges with \$624 000 committed to the Ettalong Bank.

**Express Advocate**

## No council for a month

**There will be no Gosford Council meeting for over a month due to the council elections.**

Gosford Council's last meeting will be held tonight (March 23) and elections for the new Council will be on Saturday, March 27.

It is expected to take two weeks for the State Electoral Office to determine the new council.

Council meetings are held on the first, second and fourth Tuesday of every month, so the earliest the new Council could sit for a meeting is April 20.

The first meeting is likely to be a short meeting to elect the mayor, meaning that the first general meeting could be in late April or early May.

Alison Branley, March 18



Pre-polling booth at the Swancott Centre in Railway Street, Woy Woy

## Voter opinion to be polled

**Voter opinion on a number of questions will be polled at the Gosford Council elections on Saturday, March 27.**

The questions at the Council Poll will be:

1) Do you believe the State and Federal Governments are providing enough assistance to the Central Coast to manage the population growth?

2) Should a better public transport system for the Central Coast be a high priority?

3) What is the maximum number of storeys that you would support for buildings in the Gosford CBD?

7 or less, 8 to 14, 15 to 21, 22

or more.

4) Have you attended or visited any of the following facilities in Gosford in the past 12 months?

Regional Art Gallery, Libraries, Laycock Street Theatre, Woy Woy Theatre, Swimming Pools, Playing Fields, Stadium, Indoor Sport Centres, Skate Ramps.

Postal vote applications are available from the returning officer on telephone 4322 8611 but they must be returned by 5pm on Monday, March 22.

Pre-poll voting facilities are available at The Returning Office, Suite 2 Ground Floor, 86-88 Mann Street Gosford; Erina: Gosford Council Erina Centre, North South Rd Erina Fair, near

library; Woy Woy: Shop 4, 36 Railway Street, Woy Woy from: Monday March 15 to Friday, March 19, 9am to 5pm, Saturday, March 20 9am to noon, Monday, March 22 to Wednesday, March 24 9am to 5pm Thursday, March 25, 9am to 8pm, Friday, March 26, 9am to 6pm.

Any inquiries concerning the election should be directed to the returning officer on 4322 8611.

The returning officer stressed that voting at the election was compulsory for all electors whose place of living is within Gosford Council's area.

Any elector who fails to vote without sufficient reason will be liable to a penalty of up to \$110.

Press release, March 4

## Group advises close look

**The Peninsula Residents Action Group has urged local residents to look closely for candidates who would represent the Peninsula's interests at the forthcoming Council elections.**

Peninsula Residents Action Group chairperson Mr Trevor Anderson said that he wanted residents to consider the issues carefully and to vote for locals who have their interests uppermost.

"We remind ratepayers to be aware of the many unresolved issues left by the current totally dysfunctional and intransigent Council when they cast their votes on Saturday, March 27," he said.

"It seems likely that candidates for your vote will show the usual casual attitude towards

campaigning that we have experienced in prior elections.

"Therefore, we advise voters to search local papers such as the Peninsula News for any policy statements from candidates and to carefully examine any material dropped in letterboxes as to how it affects us all locally."

The Peninsula Residents Action Group was formed in November 2002 as a result of the attempt by Gosford Council to resume the homes of 140 Peninsula ratepayers for conversion to open space.

Since then, the group has monitored the activities of Council as they affect Peninsula residents.

Mr Anderson said that Peninsula residents should remember that even though a large percentage of the Gosford Council ratepayers lived on the

Peninsula, with no ward system, it would be unlikely that there would be many Peninsula-based councillors in the new council.

He said that there were important Peninsula issues.

He said these included the Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre (Woy Woy Pool), over-development and increased residential density (eg: townhouses, villas, etc), parking, infrastructure and landscaping for the proposed Ettalong Fast Ferry service.

They also included drainage of the many areas on the Peninsula which suffered flooding; kerb and guttering, and subsequent piping of extra collected waste water; road improvements and the provision of footpaths and the refurbishment of both Ocean Beach and Umina Surf Clubs;

Press release, March 17

## Candidates have their say

**The Peninsula News has invited each group standing for the forthcoming council election to outline their campaign policies free of charge in 250 words or less.**

All 10 groups took advantage of the offer and their information is presented over the next four pages.

All of the information is published as received, only edited for grammar and spelling.

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What we are about:

As professionals and parents with children, we are committed to this community and the sustainable advancement of the Peninsula.

However, the past 16 years have demonstrated the utter contempt, frustration and interference of our local government process, by the continual ego inflating, bickering and in house fighting. Local council should be run by local people putting the residents and ratepayers interests first and foremost.

The time has come for Gosford Council to be accountable for where the "Peninsula Rate" is going.

Nearly one third of the total population of Gosford electorate resides on the Peninsula.

So why are our roads in a state of disrepair and why don't we have kerb guttering and footpaths and facilities for our families, children and elderly.

If elected, we would be working hard for the local community, keeping politics out of local council and concentrating on facilities for this highly populated area.

Currently, it takes over an hour to get to Erina by either bus or bus/rail and the cost is excessive. We will fight for an efficient transport system particularly for our youth and elderly.

Now is the chance to vote for a team of local people who will put the Peninsula first so Vote 1 Group A on March 27. Stop the rot and reclaim ratepayers rights.

Jenny Phillips, March 17

### STOP THE ROT!

STOP THE ROT!



JENNY PHILLIPS

It's time for a change



TERRY SAINTY



DANNY SIMMONS

### VOTE 1 THE A TEAM

- Let's move forward

**Your New Voice for the Peninsula**

*Did you know?*

1/3 of the total Gosford City population comes from the Peninsula

We will fight for: - Your rates to be spent locally and wisely  
- Employment Opportunities

*Did you know?*

We have 5 primary schools and 2 high schools in a 2km radius, representing over 5000 children and youth

We will fight to improve our: - Recreational facilities and amenities

*Did you know?*

7 Million Dollars was spent on litigation in the Land and Environment Court in the last 4 years through stupidity and indecision, whilst our roads and footpaths are in a state of disrepair

We will fight for: - Kerb and guttering and better roads

*Did you know?*

Currently it takes over an hour to get to Erina by either Bus or Bus/Rail and the cost is excessive

We will fight for: - An efficient transport system, particularly for our Youth and elderly

And we will work with the environment to improve green corridors

Authorised by M.Sainty & Numbly CL, Woy Woy 2256

## VOTE 1 THE GREENS

**for Gosford Council**

- stop over-development
- provide better community services
- protect our coast and forests

[www.ccg.nsw.greens.org.au](http://www.ccg.nsw.greens.org.au)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HAND OUT ON ELECTION DAY 27 MARCH.

PLEASE PHONE 4323 9303

Authorised by Vicki Brooke PO Box 3078 Womboral, 2260

## Council Election 2004

# The Greens – Terri Latella

The Greens have an outstanding team for Gosford City Council who will actively pursue issues on behalf of the community and the environment.

Your Green team is (in ballot order):

Terri Latella, JP, lives at Wagstaffe and is the mother of three young children.

She is studying sustainable resource management at the University of Newcastle.

Terri has 18 years experience in the legal industry and human

rights issues with a focus on delivering green principles and is committed to social justice and ecological sustainability.

Peter Meloy is a Bensville resident and works in local government as an environmental planner.

He is committed to protecting and enhancing our wonderful assets and lifestyle.

Gwen Parry Jones, is a long time Central Coast resident who lives in Matcham.

She is involved in conservation issues especially the pres-

ervation of flying foxes.

Peter Simpson is an architect and urban designer and a former Mosman councillor.

Peter lives in Hardys Bay. Vicki Brooke is an arts/business consultant who lives in Woy Woy Bay.

She is concerned by overdevelopment and our diminishing water supply.

Vicki campaigns on local and national issues.

Tern Latella said: "As a Greens Councillor, I will encourage residents to participate more fully in decision-making and will actively consult people on issues that directly affect them."

"I have been talking to many residents over the past weeks on what they see as the best process to make this consultation process work."

Peter Meloy added that Greens on Gosford Council would press for more public open space, matching development to existing infrastructure, limiting building height to seven storeys, boosting essential community services like libraries, playgrounds, child care centres and services for aged people and those with disabilities.

Greens policies are available on [www.ccg.nsw.greens.org.au](http://www.ccg.nsw.greens.org.au)  
Terri Latella, March 17

# Liberal – Malcolm Brooks



The Liberal team. From left: Lynn Berry, Tim Koelma, Cr Malcolm Brooks -leader, Justin O'Donoghue, Lachlan Barr, and Trevor Drake

The Liberal team, led by Cr Malcolm Brooks, offers a balance between youth and experience.

Six outstanding candidates committed to the future of Gosford City.

Our pledge:

1. Quality of life and the environment: Minimum population growth to preserve and enhance our quality of life and protect our environment
2. No coastal highrise: Limitation on the height of new buildings in coastal towns and villages
3. Investment in roads: Press the state government for in-

creased road funding

4. Economic development: Support for policies which promote job creation and sustainable development

5. Improved water supply: Increase the water supply by pumping water from Wyong

6. Concert /entertainment centre: Encourage the development of a concert/entertainment centre

Your Liberal team (from left) is Lynn Berry, Tim Koelma, leader Cr Malcolm Brooks, Justin O'Donoghue, Lachlan Barr, and Trevor Drake.

B Mudge, March 18

## Vote 1 Group D



Will Deliver for the Peninsula

Authorised by G. Holstein, Hamilton Close, Niagara Park

## Six good reasons to vote LIBERAL



Your LIBERAL Team from Left to Right

Lynn Berry, Tim Koelma, Cr Malcolm Brooks - Leader, Justin O'Donoghue, Lachlan Barr, Trevor Drake

Your LIBERAL Team, led by CR MALCOLM BROOKS, will preserve our coastal lifestyle.

## Vote 1 LIBERAL

at the Gosford City Council elections on 27 March 2004.

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Press the state government for increased road funding
4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
Support for policies which promote job creation and sustainable development
5. IMPROVED WATER SUPPLY  
Increase the water supply by pumping water from Wyong Creek to Mangrove Dam
6. CONCERT /ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE  
Encourage the development of a concert/entertainment centre

See more at [www.yourliberalteam.com](http://www.yourliberalteam.com)  
Contact us at [info@yourliberalteam.com](mailto:info@yourliberalteam.com)



Your Liberal Team

**Council Election 2004**

**Independent -  
Chris Holstein**



Since 1991 Chris Holstein has served the people of City.

His objectives have always been to give an independent voice to residents. Chris has been a straight shooter, often controversial, but never shying away from the hard decisions.

Chris's commitment to the city was highlighted in his work to obtain Graham Park Stadium, PCYC Umina, Woy Woy Little Theatre, Peninsula Community Centre, Arts Centre East Gosford, Niagara Park Sports Stadium and recently the Peninsula Leisure Centre. An active involvement in Australia Day celebrations, Olympic Torch Relay, Peninsula Carols, Mt Penang Parklands are just some of his achievements.

This election on March 27 has seen Chris focus on a team with a strong Peninsula representation. The three resident councillors are not re-standing leaving

only Chris and his family business in Woy Woy to give the Peninsula representation. With that in mind Chris's Group D team includes three Peninsula residents.

1) Carmen Daniels-Perrin - Mother of two from Umina. Carmen has established the Mother Nature's Parent Club and the Umina Beach Community Awareness and Referral Centre. Passionate about the Peninsula, she is focused on youth and issues affecting the elderly.

2) Karen Smith - A former Australian in sport soccer representative, Karen has worked in marketing, production and presentation for community radio. She is well versed in the Peninsula's issues.

3) Adan Kassi - This 29-year-old aquatic biologist, chef and dedicated environmentalist grew up and was educated in Woy Woy. He understands the issues of environment and the needs of this area.

Chris says it's very easy for new candidates to make promises. However, experience is also needed with any council. The D team will deliver strong representation for the Peninsula and experience.

The D team this Council election can and will deliver for the Peninsula.

Chris Holstein, March 17

**Central Coast First – Laurie Maher**

Central Coast First is the only party that has been formed by local representation with a focus on local issues that aren't politically motivated.

It is not about being left or right, or green politics. Central Coast First is about restoring a stable Council with sensible and sustainable policies that strike the correct balance between "growth" and "green" values.

Central Coast First Peninsula representatives Peter Hale, Greg Sandell, Nick Kalantzis and Daryl Lynch are integral members.

Laurie Maher leads this most credible and experienced team with Jennifer Harwood, Wendy Eschler, Mike Goodway and publisher Edgar Adams joining them.

The objective of Central Coast First is clear— put the Central Coast where it belongs, first.

Let's listen to the community, have an inclusive approach and undertake community consultation. Let's get Council moving effectively so that planning takes place and decisions are made in an efficient and timely manner.

Central Coast First will seek a new confidence in Council and put an end to the political bickering to allow its management team to perform their duties without interference from coun-



cillors.

Central Coast First agrees that we do not want to witness another Woy Woy pool debacle, awards for being the most complained about Council, the lack of kerbing and guttering, the wasted millions spent by Council on legal fees and consultants and the unnecessary and time wasting delays dealing with DA approvals.

Central Coast First stands for:

Proactive and visionary planning to cater for growth, affordable housing, local jobs, roads, kerbing and gutters plus footpaths, tree planting programs on reserves and roadways, respecting our elderly by providing subsidies and transport and protecting our environment.

Vote 1 Central Coast First, for a better Council, for better management, for better planning, and ultimately better decisions.

Kerry Ruffels, March 17

**Hale will represent you**



**Can you afford not to elect Peter and his Central Coast First team?**

Peter and Central Coast First guarantee:

To put Peninsula issues at the forefront

Kerbing & guttering

Improved drainage

Better roads



**Vote 1 (Group E)  
CENTRAL COAST FIRST  
A Better Council  
for Better Decisions**



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# Council Election 2004

## Labor – Jim Macfadyen

The ALP team for the Gosford Council elections is a fresh group of 10 candidates headed by Jim Macfadyen.

The team comes from all over the electorate and represents a variety of community and resident groups. It includes a number of candidates who are well-known identities on the Peninsula, including Jim, Mike Hudson and Mary Knight.

Other members such as Vicki Scott, Cathy Soder and Mark O'Bryan have ties with the Peninsula through their professional or community activities.

Labor is committed to standing up for the Peninsula – the

Woy Woy pool, Umina CBD, Umina and Ocean Beaches' Surf Clubs and traffic conditions around schools like the Brisbane Waters College campuses are some of the areas of concern.

Roads and drainage is a top priority on the Peninsula, as is safety in the streets.

Labor plans to introduce a policy regarding seniors including:

- an advocate who will represent seniors (retirees and pensioners) on appropriate council committees

- recognition of volunteers in the community

- encouragement of community mentoring between seniors and young people

- the support of senior citizens clubs.

The new community Labor team looks forward to bringing back good old-fashioned representation for people on the Peninsula by putting the community back into council.

Vicki Scott, March 17

## Gosford Community Independents – Robert Bell



insurance problems?

7) We don't want political parties running our council. They will do what Sydney says.

8) Sign our petition to keep our water and sewerage system.

We don't want it to be stolen by the Government.

Robert Bell, March 17

### The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

A program for all young people between 14-25.

Fun  
Adventure  
Challenge



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www.dukeofednsw.au.com

Vote 1 (Group E)  
Central Coast First



PETER HALE

Authorised by Kerry Ruffels Brisbane Water Drive, West Gosford

There are eight reasons to vote for Gosford Community Independents:

1) We will demand more road funding from State Government to add to the Council funds so more footpaths, kerb and guttering, road works, drainage, bus shelters, signs, safe crossings can be installed on our Peninsula.

2) Our plan be implemented to stop the spread of medium density housing all over the Peninsula.

We don't want overcrowding to spoil our Peninsula forever.

3) More buses to council libraries, Peninsula Theatre,

Peninsula Community Centre.

4) Complete the new Peninsula Olympic Pool and Basketball Complex as soon as possible.

Construction starts in April.

5) Start the rebuilding of our two surf clubs at Ocean Beach and Umina.

Council has put up the money, \$2.6m with the clubs.

6) Gosford Community Independents asks residents to vote no to amalgamation with Wyong.

Gosford Council is big enough.

Why should Gosford ratepayers support Wyong with all their

Robert Bell has assembled a new team for this election. Peninsula resident and team member Sheelagh Noonan will provide fresh ideas to the next Council. This election is crucial to the future of the Peninsula.



## Protect Your Lifestyle on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Vote **1**  
**Gosford  
Community  
Independents**

Put a **1** in the  
**GROUP G** box  
above the line

'G'  
**GROUP G**

**1**

**GOSFORD  
COMMUNITY  
INDEPENDENTS**

Go with the

Team

Achieved \$38M+ of works for the Peninsula 1999-2003:

- Major road upgrades Ettalong, Umina, Woy Woy.
- New Peninsula Community Centre.
- New Peninsula Theatre.
- New skatepark at Umina Oval.
- New P.C.Y.C. for youth.
- Renewal of Woy Woy Library.
- New footpaths and drainage works.
- New equipment for Umina and Ocean Beach Surf clubs.
- New amenities at Rogers Park.

Coming Up:

- A world class aquatic complex.
- Basketball stadium.
- More roads, footpaths, bus shelters.
- Provide more jobs on the Peninsula by developing the retail and commercial town centres.
- A plan to stop over-development of the Peninsula.
- Programmed for this year, renewal of Ocean Beach and Umina Surf clubs.

**Good for Gosford, Good for You.**

**Council Election 2004**

# Independent - Kevin Wills

# Save Our Suburbs - Michelle Cairns

**True Blue Independent Kevin Wills will save our quality lifestyle on the Central Coast.**

Kevin is a local businessman living at Macmasters Beach for the past 35 years. He has been married for 28 years to wife, Barbara, and they have three children. He is totally committed to community services on the Coast.

He has a long list of community work which includes being a member of Macmasters Beach Surf Life Saving Club for over 35 years. He spent many years as patrol captain and coach and is currently Long Service Member doing substitute patrols for others.

Mr Wills joined Kincumber Rotary Club 16 years ago. He has served as vocational ser-



vice director, community service director, and club service director where he gained funding for the creation of the Kincumber Rotary Park. He has been organiser for

Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal, assisted the organising of the Bowlescan Program and helped the Sailability group (disabled sailing) raise funds.

He has provided computers and funded music teaching at Kincumber Youth Centre, is a past president of the Kincumber Community Action Group, a committee member Kincumber Library and a committee member Kincumber Community and Youth Recreational Centre/

He is the current president and senior deputy captain of MacMasters Beach Rural Fire Service, founding president of the NSW All Schools Triathlon Association and has coached the NSW All Schools Triathlon Team for five years.

Mr Wills has coached local athletes in running, swimming, ironman, triathlon and surf life saving for the past 20 years.

He is the current president and coach of Gosford Athletics Club.

He participated in the Fred Hollows and Koala Foundation Charity Cycle from Gosford to the Gold Coast raising over \$12,000.

For the past 25 years my wife and I have supported Community Independent Councillors to represent Gosford City Council

Over the last 14 years, he has cared for his three invalid brothers at Woy Woy

Kevin Wills, March 17

**Overdevelopment of our suburbs is seriously affecting the way we live.**

With the projected population increase of 80,000 additional residents on the Central Coast and very little in the way of new land release, the influx is expected to be accommodated within our existing neighbourhoods in medium and high density housing complexes.

Our suburban backyards are being replaced by concrete and bricks. Our roads are becoming more congested. Our water supply is dwindling. Our waste depots are nearly full and local unemployment is set to escalate.

A more considered approach to urban planning which preserves the existing character of our neighbourhoods would alleviate many of these problems.

Unfortunately the present preoccupation with development and the lack of will to provide long-term solutions is accelerating the degradation of our suburban environment.

Despite Mangrove dam dropping to 29.86 per cent capacity and current water restrictions, there is no long-term plan to ensure adequate water supply for our region.

Similarly, our waste depots are fast approaching their maximum capacity. Kincumber tip



will be full in 12 months, yet there is no strategy to deal with the future of our waste disposal.

This neglect in planning is astounding considering the size of the projected population and that building materials associated with redevelopment account for 60 per cent of landfill.

Approval to redevelop commercial areas and replace them with residential units limits local employment opportunities and adds to the ranks of commuters travelling to Sydney.

I would like the opportunity work with the community and council staff to establish a culture of thoughtful planning that will protect and enhance our Central Coast lifestyle.

Michelle Cairns, March 15

# Independent - Craig Doyle

**The Peninsula represents one of the most significant areas of Gosford City.**

For many years, it has suffered through lack of facilities and appropriate social infrastructure.

The road funding has been insufficient, and in most cases many of the significant roads are almost neglected.

In my role of councillor and deputy mayor, I have proactively supported many of the improvements that have been initiated across the Peninsula.

The new community centre, the Woy Woy Little Theatre, and more recently the regional aquatic centre are testament to real delivery of real solutions that have been so desperately needed.

The fight for more must continue and, as an Independent Candidate, I will represent the

Peninsula in delivering not only what is needed, but more importantly deserved.

Many will recognise my "Roads Warrior" campaign to see that the state and regional roads are funded appropriately.

This fight is crucial to the effective management of traffic issues.

Our city has not received its fair share, and my Independent team will continue to maintain our campaign to see Peninsula roads are treated and kept in an appropriate and safe manner.

If you, like me, want Local Government focussed around the "back to basics" issues, and big doses of common sense, then consider supporting my Group, Craig Doyle - I for Independent, on March 27.

I'm Interested, and Involved.

Craig Doyle, March 18

SATURDAY 27th MARCH - REMEMBER TO VOTE Gosford City Council ELECTIONS

**TO ELECT A FULLY INDEPENDENT COUNCIL IT'S AS SIMPLE AS ...**

**ONE TWO THREE**  
REAL PEOPLE POWER IS POWER VOTING

POWER = PRIMARY + PREFERENTIAL  
VOTING = VOTE + VOTES

**MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT TO ELECT A FULLY INDEPENDENT COUNCIL IT'S AS SIMPLE AS...**

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Authorised Kevin Wills MacMasters Pde. MacMasters Beach

**VOTE 1 SAVE OUR SUBURBS GROUP J**

**OVERDEVELOPMENT IN OUR SUBURBS IS SERIOUSLY AFFECTING THE WAY WE LIVE**

**SAVE OUR SUBURBS**

is committed to:

- ◆ Fighting overdevelopment;
- ◆ Protection of neighbourhood character;
- ◆ Community consultation and strengthening the role of community groups;
- ◆ Protection of public lands
- ◆ Building community, including catering to the needs of families, youth and aged residents.

[www.SOS.org.au](http://www.SOS.org.au)



Michelle CAIRNS  
LOCAL & LISTENING

SAVE OUR SUBURBS  
PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

OPEN GOVERNMENT

Authorised by Elsa Hocking 11 Cook Rd. Oyster Bay 2225



# What's on in and around the Peninsula

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

Listings in this section are free to not-for-profit community groups although a subscription to help support Peninsula News would be appreciated.

Simply send us details of your group's events and activities by fax, email, or post, or drop in to our office.

Contact details and deadline date are shown on page two.

Many events take place at the following locations:

**CU**, Club Umina, Umina Beach Bowling Club, Melbourne Ave, Umina Beach 4341 2618

**CWAHWW**, CWA Hall, Anderson Park, Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy

**EBACC**, Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre, Kitchener Park, Cnr Maitland Bay Dve & Picnic Pde, Ettalong 4341 6344

**EBWMC**, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 211 Memorial Ave., Ettalong 4341 1166

**ECC**, Everglades Country Club, Dunban Rd, Woy Woy 4341 1866

**EMBC**, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, 103 Springwood St Ettalong 4341 0087

**EPH**, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

**ESCC**, Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, Cnr. Karingi St & Broken Bay Rd Ettalong 4341 1259

**MOW**, Meals on Wheels Hall, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd.

**PBPH**, Pearl Beach Progress Hall, Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach

**PCC**, Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4341 9333

**PCYC**, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

**PWHC**, Peninsula Womens Health Centre, McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4342 5905

**TWYS**, The Web Youth Service, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4342 3684

**UCH** Umina Community Hall, 6 Sydney Ave., Umina Beach 4343 1664

**WH**, Wagstaffe Hall, Cnr Wagstaffe Hall & Mulhall St Wagstaffe

**WWLC**, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 82 Blackwall Rd Woy Woy: 4342 3366

## DAILY EVENTS

**Visitor Information** Watersedge Gifts and Souvenirs, 18-22 The Boulevard, Woy Woy, enq: 4341 2888

Woy Woy **Pelican Feeding**, 3pm Pelican Park, Fishermans Wharf.

**Playtime** Mon-Fri 9-10am, **Little Gym** PCYC

## TUESDAY

**First Tuesday of every month** Buffalo Primo **Lodge** No 9, UCH 7pm.

**Second Tuesday of every month** **Toastmasters**, EBWMC, 7pm, enq: 4341 6842, Umina **TPI**, 1pm, enq: 4341 4644.

**Combined Pensioners** Assoc afternoon tea, ESCC, enq: 4341 3222. Pearl Beach **Craft** group, PBPH, 1.30pm, enq: 4342 1459.

**Stroke recovery** group, MOW, 11.30am.

Killcare **SLSC**, 7pm, enq: 4360 1966

**Third Tuesday of every month** Buffalo **Lodge** Knights Chp 9, UCH 7pm.

Woy Woy Peninsula **Arthritis** Branch, MOW 10am, enq: 4342 1790.

**Fourth Tuesday of every month** **Toastmasters**, EBWMC, 7pm enq: 4341 6842.

**Combined Pensioners** association afternoon tea, ESCC, enq: 4341 3222.

**Every Tuesday** **Drop in** centre 12-18yrs TWYS

**Judo** all ages \$3, 5.30pm PCC enq: 4342 4121.

**Trent's Trivia** CU 7.30 pm. \$2, enq: 4341 2618.

**Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Kindy Gym** 10am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior), **Breakdancing**, 5pm PCYC Free **Bingo**, WWLC 11am.

Ladies **Golf**, 18 hole 8am; Ladies

outdoor **bowls**, 9.30am; ECC ESSC, Ladies **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Handicraft**-9am; **Cards**-12.30pm;

**Have-a-chat** meeting 10am, **Discussion Group**, 11am, **Rumikin or cards**, 1pm, **School for Seniors**, PCC **Judo**, Seniors/Women, 6.30pm \$3, enq: 4342 4121, PCC.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** Woy Woy Group 6pm John the Baptist Church Hall, enq: Julie 4379 1132

**Tai-Chi classes** WH 10.30am (ex sch hols), enq 4360 2705

**Rotary Club of Woy Woy** 6pm ECC

**Competition Darts**, EMBC, 7pm, **Scrabble**, Empire Bay Community Progress Hall 12pm, enq:4369 3195.

**Folk Art** 9.30am, **Oils and Acrylics** 12 noon, **Silk Painting** 1pm EBACC

**Children's story time**, Umina library, 10.30 am (Except Jan).

**Adult tap dancing** EPH 7pm, enq: 4342 3925.

**Sports bar raffle** EBWMC

**Sahaja yoga meditation** CWAHWW,10:30am Free enq: 4328 1409.

## WEDNESDAY

**First Wednesday of every month** Older women's network, WWLC, 10.15am, enq:4343 1079

Seniors Shopping day, Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, enq: 43412 4206

CWA social day, CWAHWW. 10am, handicrafts, 1pm, enq: 4344 5192

Ettalong Ratepayers and Citizens Progress Association, EPH, 7.30pm.

**Second Wednesday of every month**

Red Cross, Umina branch meeting, Umina Uniting Church Hall, 1:30pm.

Woy Woy Community Aged Care Auxiliary, Aged Care Complex, Woy Woy, 10am enq: 4341 1588.

Endeavour View Club, WWLC 10.30am.

Kids drama and discovery classes, 5-16yrs, PCYC, 4pm, enq: 4344 7851.

**Last Wednesday of every month** Umina progress association, UCH, 1.30pm

Monthly meditation group, PWHC

**Every Wednesday** **Young Women's Group** 12-18 yrs, TWYS

**Counselling** individual, couple, or family; by appointment, PCC

**Rock'n'Roll Dance Class** EBMC 7pm

**Bridge** Ocean Beach Surf Club. 9.30am and 7.30pm, enq: 4341 0721.

Peninsula **Choir** rehearsal 7.30pm St Andrews Hall Umina.

Pearl Beach **Play Group** 10am PBPH, enq: 4342 7182.

Brisbane Waters **Scrabble** Club, MOW 6pm, enq: 4341 9929.

Men's 18 hole **golf**; Men's triples **bowls**, 1pm, ECC

**Bingo/Cash Housie** 7:30pm CU

**Seniors fitness** EPH 9am, enq: 4385 2080.

**Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Fitness**-1pm

**Leatherwork**-9am; **Table Tennis**-9am; **Bridge**- 12 noon. **Scrabble** 1pm ECC

**Social Darts** EMBC, 7pm

**Oil Painting**, 9am **Multi-craft needlework** 10am, PCC

Girls' **BJP School of Physical Culture**, 3.30pm, \$3, 4-13 yrs PCC enq: 4344 4924.

**Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Kindy Gym** 10-11am \$6,

**Boxing/fitness training**, 4-5.5pm (Junior) , 5-6pm (Senior), PCYC

**St John's Ambulance**; Woy Woy Aged Care 7pm, enq: 4341 3341.

**Killcare Wagstaffe Playgroup** WH (ex sch hols). 9.30 - 12pm, enq: 4360 2065.

**Bingo/Cash Housie** 7.30pm CU

Killcare - Wagstaffe **Rural Fire Brigade** 7.30pm Stanley St Killcare enq: 4360 2161.

**Drawing** 9am, **Pastels** 11.30am,

**Oils and Acrylics** 2pm EBACC

**Children's story time**, Woy Woy library, 10.30- 11.30am (Except Jan).

**Alcoholics Anonymous** 7.30pm John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

**Basic Meditation Group** PWHC,

10am different theme each session **Handicraft** CWAHWW, 9am, 50 cent donation, enq: 4342 4316.

## THURSDAY

**First Thursday of every month** Council education Officer, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 1-4pm,

**Second Thursday of every month** Outsiders club, EBWMC, 9am.

**Third Thursday of every month** Seniors Social morning, Church Hall, Blackwall Rd, 9:30am, enq: 4342 5061.

Council education Officer, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 1-4pm

**Fourth Thursday of every month** Umina Probus, ECC, 10am.

**Every Thursday** **Counselling** individual, couple, or family; by appointment, PCC

**Free entertainment** EMBC 6.30 pm

**Senior Snooker** EMBC 8.30am,

**Drumming**, Bouddi Women's Drumming, 2-3pm, 73 Highview Rd Pretty Beach, \$10, enq: 0425 229 651.

**Scrabble**, Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd ,12.30pm.

**Tai Chi**, PBPH 9.30am, enq: 4341 1243.

Ladies 18 hole **golf** ECC

**Ballroom Dancing**, 10am. EMBC

**Tai Chi**-11.35am; **Dancing** 9am;

**Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Table Tennis**-1.45pm; **Cards** 12 noon, ESCC

**Judo** all ages \$3, 5.30pm: PCC, enq: 4342 4121.

**Brisbane Water Bridge Club** Ocean Beach Surf Club, 12.30pm, enq: 4341 0721.

**Line Dancing** CU 9.30am

**Stitchery Circle** 9.30am, EBACC

**St John's Ambulance**; Brisbane Water Cadets, 7-9pm, Woy Woy Aged Care Centre enq:4341 3341.

**Children's story time**, Umina library, 10.30-11.30am (Except Jan).

**Social Tennis** 9am-12pm, Pearl Beach Courts, enq: 4369 3195.

**Adult tap dancing**, EPH 10am; enq: 4342 3925

**Bingo** 9.45am, **Karaoke** 6pm EBWMC

**Young Men's Groups** 12-18 yrs, TWYS

**Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Kindy Gym** 10am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) PCYC

**Al-anon/Alateen** family support group "The Cottage" Vidler Ave Woy Woy, 12:30pm, 7pm.

**Creative writing** CWAHWW, 12 noon, runs 8 weeks from 12/2/04, enq: 43697702.

## FRIDAY

**Second Friday of every month** RSL Sub branch EBWMC, 2.30pm.

**Third Friday of every month** Legacy Ladies, EBWMC, 10am, enq: 4343 3492.

**Fourth Friday of every month** South Bouddi Peninsula Community Assoc, WH, 1.30pm, enq: 4360 1002.

Civilian widows, ESCC, 1pm.

**Every Friday** **Craft Classes** St Lukes Woy Woy, 7.30pm, enq: 0400 499689.

Old Wags **Bridge Club**, WH (except 4th Fri) 1:30pm, enq: 4360 1820.

Free **entertainment**, Players Lounge 5.30pm WWLC.

Men's 18 hole **Golf**, ECC

**Aqua-fitness**, Woy Woy Hospital Hydro Pool, 1:30 & 2.30pm, enq: 4325 1869

Active Over 50's **Exercise Class** EPH 9.15am, enq: 4342 9252

**Line Dancing**-9am; **Bridge**-12 noon; **Painting**- 9am ESCC

**Peninsula Pastimes** Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd. 9.30am, (Ex sch hols), enq: 4343 1237

**Brisbane Water Bridge Club** Ocean Beach Surf Club, 12.30pm, enq. 4341 0721.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** Woy Woy 6pm, John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 7303.

**Kindy Gymnastics** beginners 9.30am, advanced 10.30am, PCC

Hardys Bay Community Church, **indoor bowls, canasta, scrabble, morning tea** 10am, enq 4363 1968.

**Doctor & Nurse** for 12-18 yrs old, TWYS 2-9:30pm

**Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Kindy Gym** 10am \$6, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) PCYC

## SATURDAY

**Second Saturday of every month** Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy, 8am.

Pretty Beach Bushcare group, Pretty Beach end Araluen Track, 8am.

Save our Suburbs, Woy Woy South Progress Hall, 1pm, ph: 4342 2251

The Ex-Navalmen's Assoc, Central Coast Sub-Section, WWLC 10am.

**Fourth/Last Saturday every month**

Saturday Supper Dance, Masonic Hall, Woy Woy 8pm, Enq: 0407 207 918

Wagstaffe Bushcare group, Half Tide Rocks sign, 8am.

Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy, 8am

**Every Saturday** **Cash Hourie** St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong 7.30pm Enq: 4369 0626.

**Snooker** EBWMC 8.30am

**Cabaret** dance & floor show, 8pm free, Men's 18 hole **golf**; Men's triples **bowls** 1pm; ECC

**Old Time & New Vogue Dancing**; 1pm, EBWMC Enq: 4341 2156

**Brisbane Water Bridge Club**, WWLC 12.30pm, Enq: 4341 0721

Patonga Bakehouse **Gallery**. Every Weekend 10.00 am— 4.00 pm

**Activities** 12-18 yrs old, TWYS 4.30-9.30pm;

**Al-anon/Alateen** family support group Community Health building, Woy Woy public Hospital 2pm Enq: 4344 6939.

## SUNDAY

**Second Sunday of every month** Buffalo **Lodge**, Woy Woy, No 381, 11am, Buffalo **Lodge**, Gosford No 63, UCH 1pm.

**Third Sunday of every month** **Vietnam Vets**, EBWMC, 11am.

**Bootscooters**, EBWMC 2.30pm. Ettymalong **Creek Landcare** group, Etta Rd, Umina, 8am, ph: 4342 2251.

**Fourth Sunday of every month** Buffalo **Lodge**, Woy Woy 381, 11am, Buffalo **Lodge**, Gosford No 63, UCH 1pm.

**Dancing** Old time/New Vogue, 1pm, ESCC

Burrawong Bushland reserve **bushcare** group, Nambucca Dve playground, 9am, ph: 4341 9301.

**Every Sunday** **Coast Community Church Services** 9am and 5pm Enq 4360 1448

Free **Jazz or duos** 4pm, Players Lounge, WWLC.

Mixed and men's 18 hole **golf**; men's **bowls** pairs-9.30am; mixed triples bowls-1pm; ECC

**Social Paddle**, end of Ferry Rd Ettalong beach, free BYO Enq: 0429856231

**Seniors/Masters training**, Umina Life Saving Club, 8.00am.

**Al-anon/Alateen** family support group "The Cottage" Vidler Ave Woy Woy 7pm.

## MONDAY

**First Monday of every month**: Pretty Beach P S **P&C**, Resource Centre 7:30pm, ph 4360 1587

**Save the Children** Aust., Woy Woy Branch, 1.30pm 72 Cambridge St. Enq: 4341 1104

**Second Monday of every month**: **RSL Women's Auxiliary** EBWMC 9am.

Pretty Beach Wagstaffe **Progress Assoc** WH 7:30pm, Enq: 4360 1546

Killcare Heights **Garden Club**, 10:30am, Enq: 4344 4520

**Third Monday of every month** **War widows Guild**, EBWMC 1pm,

Enq: 4342, 5445 **NSW Transport Authorities Retired Employees** 2.30pm EMBC

**Fourth Monday of every month** **Labor Party** Peninsula Day Branch, CWAHWW, 1pm.

**Carers support group**, Group room, health service building, Woy Woy Hospital, Enq: 4344 8427.

**CWA WH**, 1:30pm, enq:4360 2504

**Last Monday of Every Month** WWLT Playreading, Woy Woy Public School, 7.30pm, Info ring John Hickey 43412931

**Every Monday** **Yoga** WH 9.30am Enq: 4360 1854.

**Bowls** EMBC 1.30pm Enq 4344 1358.

Free **Bingo** WWLC & CU 11am.

**Arts and Entertainment**

**Book fair and treasure hunt**

**Ettalong Public School held a book fair and treasure hunt from Tuesday, March 2, to Thursday, March 4.**

Children and parents were given an opportunity to purchase books and join in a range of activities.

The book fair commenced on Wednesday, March 3, with children in various classes in Ettalong Public School provided with an opportunity to purchase books from 11am to 3pm.

On Wednesday, March 4,

parents, grandparents and friends were given the opportunity to visit the school and purchase books from school.

On Thursday, March 4, the school held a "Treasure Hunt Book Fair" where parents and students were invited to "dress up for loads of fun and heaps of books".

Proceeds from the book sale will go toward buying books for classrooms and the school library.

Newsletter, March 2

**Summer Night**

Our eyes mirrored sequined trawlers that skimmed the wind-scuffed bay arms outstretched like dancers.

Heedless of the frenzy in relentless nets, we sensed a sailor's comfort from the flick of red to green on channel markers beckoning

and stood on the shoreline where the waves slapped, lamenting the last boat's silent glide behind the night-dark headland.

Angela Johnson © 2002, Pearl Beach

**Holding auditions**

**The Woy Woy Little Theatre group is holding auditions for its latest production, Habeas Corpus, on March 23 and 25 at Woy Woy Public School**

The play, written by Alan Bennett, will require 11 actors, six males and five females, aged 18 to 60 years.

The production dates are June 25 to July 11 at the Peninsula Theatre.

"Actors must have read the play prior to auditioning and have a sense of humour," said publicity officer Brenda Logan.

"They must have a willingness to take part in games and improvisations and a commitment to attend all rehearsals on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting April 27."

For further details, phone 4343 1027.

Email, March 15



Liz Frencham with her new bouzouli

**Hosted at folk club**

**The Troubadour Folk Club hosted Frencham Smith at its March meeting.**

As usual, visitors were entertained by a variety of guest artists playing a wide variety of instruments.

The evening commenced at a high standard with Springtide playing a few songs on harp and hammered dulcimer.

Jan Couchman then joined them with a second harp and Rhiannon added her voice to form a beautiful four-piece group.

Vic Jeffries, Billy Ray, Sean Score, Andrew Brown, the Usual Suspects, Jennifer Herrick and Bill Bekric also entertained us.

The night however belonged to Fred Smith and Liz Frencham.

They performed some of Fred's songs from before the two joined forces, some from their joint CD, some from Jigsaw's repertoire and some new ones

not yet recorded.

Liz even played one of her new songs, not on double bass, but playing her new Irish bouzouki.

April sees Women in Docs performing at the Troubadour.

Because of a clash with the National Folk Festival, the Troubadour has been put back one week and will be happening on the third Friday, April 16, not April 9.

Women in Docs have just returned from overseas having won a major award.

They will be performing at the National Folk Festival and then coming to Woy Woy for the Troubadour.

In other news, the Central Coast Bush Dance and Music Association, of which the Troubadour Folk Club is a sub committee, held its annual meeting at Patonga on March 14.

Cec Bucello, March 15

**US dancer teaches at Woy Woy**

**A dancer and choreographer from the United States is to be a guest teacher at a Woy Woy dance school.**

Ted Laney will teach at New Moves School of Entertainment in Woy Woy.

Mr Laney has been travelling around the world teaching and performing.

In the US, Mr Laney has appeared in Emmy award winning television productions, choreographed and performed in the pageant scene, worked with the American Ballet Theatre and appeared with Ballet Tennessee.

He has been a featured dancer, singer and acrobatic tumbler for Royal Caribbean Productions on cruise ships.

Mr Laney teaches in the style of today's pop stars like Britney Spears, Beyonce and Justin Timberlake.

"He is bringing young dancers on the Peninsula the absolute latest moves from the American dance scene," said the school's director, Michelle Cuneo.

New Moves has operated on the Peninsula since 1986.

"Over that time many students have gone onto professional careers in the entertainment industry," Ms Cuneo said.

Sally Whitehead, a former student from Umina, is currently appearing in the leading role of Grizabella in the English production of Cats.

New Moves ballet instructor, Fiona Pollock, who recently ap-

peared in Cuneo Dance Company's production of "Sleek" at the Peninsula Theatre, has been shortlisted for a contract with the famous Moulin Rouge in Paris and may realise her dreams later this year.

Press release, March 16

**Performing arts**

**Ettalong Public School held a performing arts tuition session on Wednesday, February 18, for students interested in participating in musical activities.**

The auditions were held for students from Year 3 to 6 who were interested in joining the school band or guitar ensemble and also for students from Year 1 to 6 interested in obtaining

Newsletter, February 17

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For the information of members and their guests

## Arts and Entertainment



Artists from the Central Coast Art Society visited Woy Woy on a recent "paint out" after rain forced them to find an undercover location. They based themselves on Blackwall Rd under an awning and painted scenes centred on Woy Woy library

## Wartime experience in Catalinas

Umina resident Mr Bill Eneberg has released a book entitled "As I saw it" about his wartime experiences in Catalina flying boats during World War Two.

Mr Eneberg's book covers his experiences on mine-laying operations with 20 and 42 Squadrons in the Pacific.

It also covers post-war experiences with 113 Air Sea Rescue Flight.

During the war, he kept a diary and his manuscript has been constructed using the content of the diary.

The manuscript is described as "hands on", at times directly quot-

ing the diary and is quite different from the usual books on Catalinas.

It uses a large number of pictures and diagrams which Mr Eneberg acquired during his career in the RAAF.

Mr Eneberg took a camera with him when he went to war and some of the photos in the book were taken by him at the time.

Pictures include those taken by Mr Eneberg at Hiroshima just a few short months after the atom bomb was dropped.

"The hard part was getting the film.

"I got some in Japan but the quality wasn't that good," he said.

He said the book was written to

be very readable.

"My toughest critic, my wife, said it was, so it passed the test," he said.

Mr Eneberg was also recently interviewed by documentary makers from the Australia War Memorial to make an historical record for the Australia archives.

His book is in A4 format and is just over 33,000 words long.

Plastic spiral bound, roughly half of the 180 pages is text and half is pictures and diagrams.

The book costs \$30 postage paid and is obtainable from Mr Eneberg by phoning 4344 5141.

Email, February 19

## Barnsey to perform

Jimmy Barnes is to perform at Lizottes on Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27, to help celebrate Lizottes' second birthday of live shows.

Jimmy Barnes will perform in his "acoustic mode".

"This is a special celebration to mark the two-year anniversary of Lizottes," Brian Lizotte said.

"This is a rare chance to see and hear the man himself in an intimate setting," he said.

Booklet, March 17

## Grant for creek

Pretty Beach Public School was recently successful in winning a \$1500 Eco-Schools Grant.

The grant from the New South Wales Government came through the National Heritage Trust.

The grant is to be spent reha-

bilitating the creek line adjacent to the bush behind the Year 2 and Year 3 classrooms.

This restoration is part of the School Environment Management Plan's (SEMP) aim to increase wildlife habitat and biodiversity in this bushland area.

Weeding will take place first followed by planting activity for

children to coincide with World Environment Day.

Parents, teachers and children from the school environment committee have already held meetings and commenced coordinating specific activities for the project.

Newsletter, March 4

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## Ashley is selected for choir

Brisbane Water Secondary College Year 12 student Ashley Stahl has been selected to perform at the NSW School Spectacular Festival.

Ashley is one of 50 students chosen to form the choir for the Spectacular.

She will have to go to regular rehearsals and demonstrate a commitment to the event.

The event is considered the premier event on the performing

arts calendar for all public schools in NSW.

Ashley has been encouraged in her quest with a scholarship provided by the Central Coast Harmony Chorus that will cover some of the costs of her music, membership and tuition

College office staff Ms Morris, Mrs Podmore and Ms Robson are part of the chorus group and are also running vocal groups on campus.

Newsletter, February 27

## Ettalong

If you ever travel along the road to Ettalong,  
 And you wish to have a lovely holiday,  
 You may sit and watch the moon rise over Blackwall,  
 And see the sun go down on Broken Bay.

Just to hear again the roaring of the breakers,  
 And see the children on the sands at play,  
 And to sit beside the coke fire in the Club-House,  
 And cash your chips when the one armed bandits pay.

For the breezes blowing over the sea from Box Head,  
 Are perfumed by the prawn bait as they blow,  
 And the fishermen coming home without a nibble,  
 Speak a language that the strangers do not know.

For the strangers came to try their hand at fishing,  
 But finish up by buying all their grub,  
 And they stand and stare and curse and keep on wishing,  
 When they see those schnapper raffled at the pub.

Now if there's going to be a land here after,  
 And faith somehow I'm told there's going to be,  
 There's just one place I'd like to make my heaven,  
 And that's E - T - T - A - L - O - N - G

(As sung to the melody of Galway Bay in the early days of the club by Charles Cumock.)

Marge Cleere, Ettalong



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**The club next meets Friday, April 16 at the CWA Hall** (opposite Fisherman's Wharf)  
**Woy Woy**  
 All are welcome. Starts 8pm Entry \$9.  
 This month's special guests are award winning **Women in Docs** supported by several local and visiting musicians. **Women in Docs** have just returned from an overseas tour & will be coming to Woy Woy fresh from the National Folk Festival  
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**New policy is implemented**

**A new student service welfare policy is being implemented at the Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College.**

The campus is cracking down on inappropriate behaviour with the new system introducing a behaviour rewards "levels system" similar to that at Umina campus.

"I want to let all students and parents know that we will not tolerate students who cannot follow our Code of Conduct and meet the expectations of the senior campus," said campus principal Mr David Beattie said.

"Students who persist in inappropriate behaviours and actions will be suspended and/or excluded from the college.

"This includes students who are not meeting the requirements of their courses.

"Students in this situation will be excluded under the Unsatisfactory Progress by a Student of Post Compulsory Age guidelines of DET.

Newsletter, March 12

**Donation accepted**

**Woy Woy Public School's Early Intervention Support Class** has accepted a donation of \$400 from the **Central Coast Community Chest.**

The money will be used to purchase steel framed trikes that will provide fun for the children as well as allow them to increase their gross motor skills.

Newsletter, March 10

**Good results at swimming**

**Brisbane Water Secondary College** students had good results at the **zone Swimming Carnival** held on **Thursday, March 4.**

Chris Blair broke a record in the 100 metres freestyle event and also achieved excellent results in other events and will be going on to represent the college at the regional carnival.

Mariel-Lou Fietz was the 17 years girls age champion.

There were also good efforts from Patrick Crocker, Brandon Blair, Tahra Brady and Wade Hynes.

Newsletter, March 14

## Education

# Students help at seniors' lunch

Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College senior campus and the Alternative Learning Centre at the Police and Community Youth Centre turned into waiters and chefs' helpers on Monday, March 15.

They were at Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club for the Marie Andrews MP Seniors Barbecue and Concert.

They served lunch for the senior citizens and many commented on their good manners.

"The students took the occasion with great enthusiasm," said principal Mr Pat Lewis.

"Far from being public school students who are taught no values, as some would claim, the students earned great praise from both the organisers and the guests for their manners, their leadership, their hard work and their willing service to



their community.

"This is all part of the values education which the college imparts to students and emphasises the importance of community participation and service,

respect for others and particularly, valuing the contribution which our older Australians have made to our community," he said.

Press release, March 17

# Break-in at school

The classroom for autistic students at Woy Woy Public School was broken into on Thursday, March 4.

The thieves broke in through a classroom window and stole a computer and a VCR.

"These students are very reliant upon both these pieces of equipment," said principal Mr

Warwick Hannon.

"We will be able to claim these items through insurance but a time factor is involved."

Both items were engraved with the name of the school.

In the meantime, a family has donated a brand new video recorder to the school.

Newsletter, March 10

# School holds book fair

The Ettalong Public School Book Fair has been hailed a success by its organisers.

The school earned \$5500 worth of books to be shared amongst classes and the library.

"The students enjoyed all the activities and the chance to buy books for themselves and the

school," said principal Mr Bruce Donaldson.

The fair was organised by Sharron O'Keeffe and a team of helpers.

Scholastic Australia donated book prizes and local businesses donated money to buy books.

Newsletter, March 9

# Slightly behind

Building on both campuses of Brisbane Water Secondary College is slightly behind schedule but progress is being made, according to college principal Mr Pat Lewis.

On the senior campus, a new carpark in front of the Technology Futures building has been handed over the school.

This has allowed work to proceed on the construction of a new administration block on the site of the previous carpark.

On the middle school campus,

work is within a month of completion on the new hardcourts adjacent to the oval.

It has a large roof covering it for shelter.

Work is well advanced on the new human movement studio, change rooms and performance workshop.

Concrete slabs have been poured for four of the six covered outdoor learning areas with roofs to be constructed next holidays.

On both campuses, a complete new fire safety system has been installed with many hydrants dotted around.

Newsletter, March 12

# Grinners

Woy Woy Public School has started a program called the Woy Woy Grinners Program.

This program aims to reward and promote those children who do something special.

The first two recipients were Peter Hull from 6J who voluntarily helped a younger special needs boy get home after he had become lost on his bus route.

The other recipient was Scott Leslie who comforted a little boy on his return to school and stayed with him to make him safe and happy.

Newsletter, March 10

# Students push for challenge

Interest shown by students from Woy Woy Public School has led the school to register for the Premier's Reading Challenge.

The students who read about the challenge at other schools in the Peninsula News urged the school to sign up as well.

The challenge is for students to read 20 books before

September 1.

Students must read 15 books from the Premier's list and five free choice and students who meet the challenge will receive a certificate from Premier Mr Bob Carr.

All entry details and reading records will be handled at the school library.

Newsletter, March 10

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# Cake stall

Empire Bay Public School is having a cake stall on Saturday, March 27, to raise money for the school.

Volunteers are wanted to help man the stall.

Interested parties can leave

their name at the school office.

Donations of cakes, slices, biscuits and any saleable sweets are also wanted.

People wishing to donate any of these items can bring them to the canteen on Friday, March 26, or early Saturday morning.

Newsletter, March 17

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# Harmony Day is celebrated

Ettalong Public School celebrated Harmony Day on Friday, March 19.

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Harmony Day is designed to celebrate the multi-cultural aspects of Australian life and to recognise that people can live in harmony with their neighbours and friends young and old.

Orange was the colour used to celebrate Harmony Day.

Ettalong held a whole school assembly involving Grandfriends Day.

The choir sang "Hearts in Harmony".

Students made Harmony Day posters, and some dressed in the national costumes of other countries.

## Prefecture opened to all Year 12

An innovative program introduced at Brisbane Water Secondary College will offer the opportunity for all students to graduate from Year 12 as a prefect.

While status of prefect is one which only a few students can usually achieve at school, the Prefecture Program is a unique recognition program which will acknowledge a student's contribution to school life, citizenship within the community, and leadership qualities.

"Students will be issued with a passport which will be a record of their journey through Years 11 and 12," said principal Mr Pat Lewis.

"In it will be recorded the student's participation in events such as carnivals, sporting teams, performing arts, leadership activities, community service, debating, academic competitions, blood donations, as well as merit and achievement certificates gained through their course work.

"Each entry will be authorised by the teacher or event organiser and the passport will be monitored by the student's mentor teacher.

At the end of Year 12, students who have followed the program will apply to a panel

consisting of a teacher, a student and a community member to be granted the status of prefect.

This will involve an interview with the student and a review of the passport.

Minimum requirements will be excellent attendance and punctuality, a high standard of uniform, exemplary behaviour and attitude to studies, and wide participation.

"Successful students will be presented with an impressive certificate at the college Year 12 graduation ceremony and graduate as prefect of the college," Mr Lewis said.

"The contents of the passport will also provide a wealth of information to be included in the student's school reference

"Already the program has been widely embraced by students who are enthusiastically discussing it and participating widely in school and community activities," he said.

Press release, March 17



## Shade shelter is presented

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd officially presented a shade shelter to Ettalong Beach Primary School students, on Monday, March 15

Mr Lloyd made the presentation to principal Mr Bruce Donaldson in front of parents and students of Ettalong Beach Primary School.

In September 2003, the Ettalong Public School P&C Association was successful in securing a \$3660 Volunteer Small Equipment Grant to construct a shade shelter for students.

This shelter has now been constructed and will be a "sun safe" play environment for students at the school for years to come.

Press release, March 15



From left: Lisa Mills, Liz McMinn, Shelley Ridgeway, Ettalong PS Principal, Bruce Donaldson, Nikki MacLachlan and Member for Robertson, Jim Lloyd.

## Dance party at Woy Woy

The Central Coast Shelter Winter Appeal is holding a Dance Party as a fundraiser, at Brisbane Water Secondary College, Woy Woy campus, on Saturday, April 3.

The party will run from 4pm to 9pm and tickets will be available at the door at a cost of \$5 for singles and \$10 for families

There will be a sausage sizzle

on entry and tea, coffee and cold drinks will also be available.

Guests will be able to hear music from 50s and 60s to 2004 with local DJ Scottie and live entertainment.

There will also be a nutbush and Grease dance competition and games to music with CDs to be won.

For further information, contact Loris and Scottie on 4341 3315.

Newsletter, March 17

## One of 13 schools

Empire Bay Public School is the only local school among 13 schools in the Gosford electorate to receive funding for improvements to the school.

Funding of \$308, 406 was announced by Minister for the Central Coast, Mr John Della Bosca, on Friday, March 12.

Empire Bay Public school is to receive \$1303 for roof repairs.

"Deputy Premier and Minister for Education and Training, Dr Andrew Refshauge, has advised me this funding is part of the \$15.6 million Replacement Works Program for 2003-2004," Mr Della Bosca said.

"It is the third stage of the Replacement Works Program and will be used to continue enhancing facilities in NSW public schools."

Press release, March 12

## Grant for creek

Pretty Beach Public School was recently successful in winning a \$1500 Eco-Schools Grant.

The grant from the New South Wales Government came through the National Heritage Trust.

The grant is to be spent rehabilitating the creek line adjacent to the bush behind the Year 2 and Year 3 classrooms.

This restoration is part of the School Environment

Management Plan's (SEMP) aim to increase wildlife habitat and biodiversity in this bushland area.

Weeding will take place first followed by planting activity for children to coincide with World Environment Day.

Parents, teachers and children from the school environment committee have already held meetings and commenced coordinating specific activities for the project.

Newsletter, March 4

## Web page

Pretty Beach Public School has updated its webpage.

It can now be access at [www.prettybch-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.prettybch-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Newsletter, March 4

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**Sport**



## Rock and bowl

**Woy Woy Bowling Club will hold a "Rock and Bowl" session every Saturday afternoon at 4.30pm free of charge.** Two jukeboxes are wheeled out alongside the synthetic

green. Bowls are supplied and participants can bowl to the music of their choice. There are also coaches available for advice and assistance. **Magazine, March 15**

## Woy Woy wins way to cricket final

**Woy Woy Under-12b Gold cricket team has won the semi-final against Toukley at Mannering Park oval.** This was the first time this year Woy Woy has defeated Toukley. Woy Woy had won the toss and sent Toukley in to bat. Toukley was all out for 161, when Matt Hopkins took the last

wicket. Woy Woy was feeling confident after 30 overs, with a score of 8-150, compared to Toukley's 6-144. Zack Fell and Paul Murray had both retired at around 50 runs. Woy Woy won the match at 9-162 and will play either Gosford or Narara in the grand final. **Lachlan Snell, March 20**

# Water polo sides win finals

**Woy Woy Junior, First Grade Men's and Women's water polo teams have all taken out their grand finals for this summer's water polo competition, held on Saturday, March 13, despite not having a pool for two seasons.**

The junior, under 18's side defeated Wyong six goals to five. "This was the game of the day and was a hard-fought tussle that went into extra time and had all of the crowd on the edge of their seats," said publicity officer Ms Mardi Love.

"Eventually, in the second period of extra time, Woy Woy defeated Wyong.

"Gerard Koen was strong for Woy Woy, scoring two vital goals."

Woy Woy women's team had to defeat Gosford in the final to make the grand final against Wyong.

Against Gosford, a strong second half performance saw Woy Woy forge ahead of Gosford after the scores were locked at half-time, 9 to 4.

Vanessa Henderson was outstanding for Woy Woy, scoring five of their goals.

In the grand final, the women's team defeated Wyong seven goals to six.

Wyong were without their strongest player in Libby Magann, who suffered a broken finger in the prior week's Country

Championships. Wyong started the game full of determination and after a nil-all first quarter, they went away to a 5 to 1 lead at half time.

In the second half, Woy Woy clawed their way back into the match with four goals from Karen Van Huistedde proving invaluable in securing Woy Woy's win.

Tracey Elliot from Woy Woy capped off a strong season by being awarded the Best and Fairest player in the women's division.

In the men's First Grade, Woy Woy's team defeated Wyong 12 goals to 3 to take out the grand final.

"Woy Woy has dominated this grade all year and the Grand Final was no exception," Ms Love said.

"Chad Rapsey opened the game with two quick goals for Woy Woy in the first few minutes, which set the platform for a very convincing win, setting the benchmark for all other teams for next season."

The Men's second grade team missed out on the grand final going down to The Entrance in the final.

This game went down to the wire with the scores locked at five-all with one minute left to play.

Brad Van Spronsen from The Entrance scored the winning goal with only seconds left on the clock to advance the score to 6 to 5 and give The Entrance a

spot in the grand final against Wyong.

"Overall, the season was a pretty good one for the Central Coast, with a strong contingent of players achieving representative status, club success in several tournaments and the consolidation of the under-16's competition, which should only get bigger and better over the next few years," Mardi Love said.

"Gosford Council approval of the Peninsula Leisure Centre will ensure that water polo on the Central Coast will have an international standard venue, which will only enhance the sport here on the Coast and attract tournaments and players.

"All of our open representative players will still be training for the Australian Country Championships at Noosa in May, while the rest of us take a few months rest before the winter competition begins in August."

The Central Coast teams were also successful at the Country District Championships from March 4 to 6 in Albury.

Corey Eames from Woy Woy team was among three Central Coast water polo players chosen for the NSW Country Under 20 squad.

Vanessa Henderson and Tracey Elliot from Woy Woy were among five Central Coast players chosen in the NSW Country side to play in Noosa at the Australian Country Championships in May. **Email, March 15**

## Kneelers and Grippers

**Freemasons and Catholics will unite in charity when The Kneelers and Grippers from Woy Woy Bowling Club stages its annual get-together on Sunday, May 2** This event is held in May each year to raise funds for several Masonic charities and St Judes

Hostel for Homeless Men, a project of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Woy Woy. Last year, the group was able to distribute \$1442. Over the past 10 years, a total of \$25 000 has been collected for charity from the event. **Press release, March 16**

## Champions announced

**Umina Bowling Club has just announced their club championship winners for last year.**

They are:  
Major Singles: A Wares, Minor Singles: L Anderson, Major Pairs: J Menzies and C Robinson, Minor Pairs: S Smith and J Crawford.

Triples: R Anderson, W Packam, T Langby, Fours: R Downie, W Sheehan, H Lake, W Raper, Handicap Pairs: M Gallagher and A Glynn, Mixed Pairs: D and B Burrows.

Zone 15 Champion of Club Champion Pairs: J Menzies and C Robinson, Zone 15 Senior Pairs: N Barron and B Hicks. **Newsletter, March 16**

## Pennant players

**Woy Woy Bowling Club has had a late influx of Pennant players.**

The club has picked up some handy pennant players on the eve of announcing their pennant team.

They secured the services of Tod Langby, father and son Martin and Alan Rogers, and Glen Mills all from Umina Beach.

They also secured Mt Lewis Premier League player Paul Silcock, who is a walk-up start into their top Grade 2 side.

**Magazine, March 15**

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## Rugby win in first trial

Woy Woy Rugby team began the lead-up to the 2004 season in grand style defeating last year's Sydney Suburban Rugby Union Barraclough Shield champions, Newport, 10-0 in the first of their scheduled trials.

With bad weather making handling difficult, controlling the ball in the ruck and maul and lineouts were the keys to the trial win.

In a game dominated by defence and forward packs, a solid platform was laid by Woy Woy's tight five led by Sione Tuitaku and Dave Plunkett.

Gary Sillett was strong in the lineouts stealing crucial ball, and setting up a try off a lineout 10 metres from the opponents line.

Ben Bula, back from a stint in League with Jim Beam Cup team Erina, marshalled troops strongly from flyhalf controlling phase after phase of Woy Woy

attacks putting Dean Burkwood and Nick Richardson continually into gaps.

A strong performance was shown against Lindfield with first grader Simon Skinner dominating from the back of the scrum as No 8, while Gav Hewitt and Tau Lavulavu caused havoc to the opposition in the backline all day.

John Rutherford led from the front as flanker and ended up with a superb game with a try in the corner just before full time, to seal a 20-0 win to Woy Woy.

"This was a solid first hitout for the Woy Woy teams and with four weeks to go things are looking promising for the season proper," said Woy Woy first grade coach Ross Hopkins.

"Our boys never gave in and defended hard whenever pressured.

"It all bodes well for an exciting year for Woy Woy and rugby on the Peninsula," he said.

Press release, March 15



The Roosters train at Woy Woy oval during the week

## League officials welcome college academy

Officials from Woy Woy Leagues Club have welcomed the new Rugby League Academy at Brisbane Water Secondary College's Woy Woy campus.

Mr Peter Read said the Leagues Club was excited about the possibility of the Peninsula having its own quality program for elite junior sports men and women.

He said the club had joined with the Australian Rugby League Foundation and Country Rugby League (CRL) the sports academy at the school.

The club had incorporated the Academy into its Rugby League Junior Development Program, under the direction of its junior development manager Mr John

Jewiss.

Jewiss, a former Balmain and Western Suburbs grade player, formulated a detailed mid-season program, in conjunction with the junior development managers of both the Paramatta Eels and the Wests Tigers.

The program was designed to raise the skill level of junior players and was undertaken by Junior Woy Woy players from the Under 13 to Under 16 year age groups.

Jewiss said the program needed to be fine-tuned in some areas, but was a great benefit to the players involved.

"The results which the junior teams achieved over the season show that the players did learn a bit more about the game," he said.

"This season we are committed to extending the program, including players from the Under 9s up to the Under 12s."

The Roosters also planned to attend all primary schools on at least two occasions between February and June.

These sessions will also be in conjunction with the CRL, and will include NRL players and local Roosters Jim Beam Cup players.

These visits have got off to a great start, with the initial days at Woy Woy Public school on February 7 and Umina Public School on March 5 being well received by students and teachers alike.

Press release, March 18



The Umina Beach skate ramp

## Skate and bike competition

Umina Beach Community Centre is running a skate and bike competition to be held on Saturday, March 27, at Umina Beach skate ramp.

The Umina Beach SK8 and Bike competition will run from 8am to 5pm and will be open to

youth aged 12 to 18 years.

Entry is free and registration forms can be found at STS the board centre, PCYC, Pushy Galore and the Umina Community Hall.

Prizes have been donated by a number of local businesses.

Fax, March 19

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