

Levy considered

Gosford Council is considering up to five major projects for the Peninsula costing more than \$13 million to be funded by the introduction of a special rates levy.

A \$5 million development on the Woy Woy waterfront, streetscaping costing \$2 million in the Umina town centre and a \$3.2 million "foreshore enhancement" at Ettalong are among projects the Council will consider at its meeting tomorrow night, Tuesday, November 1.

A \$3 million coastal walk from Pearl Beach to Umina and refurbishment of the Umina Library are other projects proposed.

Council officers have recommended that council form a Civic Buildings Committee to oversee the major "financial strategy projects" in the municipality, including a \$40 million regional performing arts centre, as well as the Umina library redevelopment and a civic centre, both of which are yet to be costed.

However, a staff report to the council stated that none of the Peninsula projects, except for the library, would require an overseeing committee or group.

At council's meeting of October 4, council resolved that, as a matter of urgency, it develop a financial strategy to provide funds for the construction of civic facilities such as Umina Library.

It also resolved to develop a financial strategy to provide funds for the construction of suggested

civic facilities, with funding provided through a comprehensive loans program, Section 94 Contributions, grants and rate adjustments.

To assist with the development of a financial strategy, a Civic Infrastructure Strategy Task Group was established, comprising senior council officers.

The projects have been recommended for endorsement by the Task Group.

Part of the strategy would involve council officers liaising with the Department of Local Government about introducing a Civic Infrastructure Strategy special rates levy.

A community consultation process would be undertaken during February or March next year which would include a mail-out and advertising, as well as a number of public meetings in various locations.

The projects funded by the Civic Infrastructure Strategy Special Levy would then be advertised for 21 days.

Feedback from the community consultation process and formal responses received would then be included in a report to council on April 11.

If the Minister approved the Civic Infrastructure Strategy Special Levy, the projects are expected to be implemented following the inclusion of the levy in the 2006/07 rates.

Council agenda COR.48, November 1

More about levy see page 6



The Dorothy Ave intersection on Ocean Beach Rd

Comment on Dorothy Ave

Residents who have petitioned council over the proposed closure of Dorothy Ave, Woy Woy, will have a further opportunity to comment on the proposal.

In a report to Gosford Council, council staff have stated that all comments received would be

taken into consideration in the next stage of its study.

There would be further opportunity to comment on any aspect of the study when it was advertised.

The report stated that "the consultants together with council officers will prepare the final study

for consideration by the traffic committee".

Petitioners had written to council in July objecting to a proposal that the avenue be closed at its intersection with Ocean Beach Rd.

The petition had 176 signatures.
Council agenda P.62, COR.52, November 1

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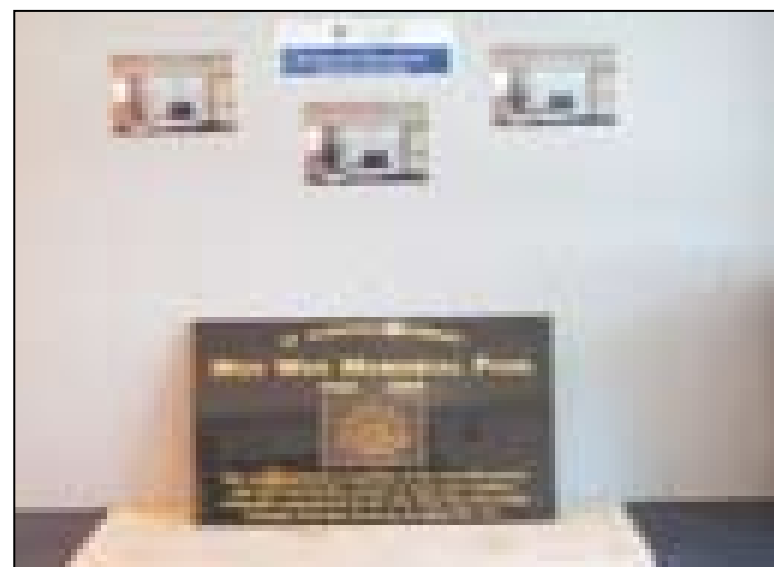
Residents have been told that the name of the Peninsula Leisure Centre will stay as it is.

Petitioners had sent council a letter with 251 signatures in May asking for the words "War Memorial" to be included.

Gosford Council has sent a letter to petitioners which said that the naming of the centre had been the subject of considerable deliberation and it was decided that the name of the facility should be the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

The report stated that it was also agreed that a special memorial wall would be erected at the main southern entry to the centre on which the foundation and opening plaques of the old pool would be mounted.

Council agenda P.60, COR.52, November 1



The temporary memorial wall at the Peninsula Leisure Centre

Leisure Centre opens - Page 9

Attempted murder

Police have charged a man with the attempted murder of a police officer on the Peninsula.

A female constable on patrol in Woy Woy spotted an altercation outside a hotel at the intersection of The Boulevard and Chambers Rd at 7.30pm on October 25.

It was alleged that one of the men opened the constable's car door and attempted to take her firearm while making a number of threats.

The 38-year-old constable was able to fight the man off before

other police arrested him after a short foot chase and the use of Oleoresin Capsicum spray.

The 36-year-old man was taken to Gosford Police Station where he was charged with attempted murder, assault police, resist arrest and two first instance warrants.

The man appeared in Gosford Local Court on October 26.

He was refused bail and will appear in court again on December 8.

The constable suffered several minor injuries and shock.

Press release, October 26
NSW Police Media

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New owners of new restaurant

Beachside Brasserie, located in the Ettalong Hotel, is now under new management after less than 12 months in operation.

The new manager is Ms Melissa Coates, former owner of Puccino's at Ettalong.

Ms Coates has recently appointed a new head chef, Mr Craig Lewis.

Mr Lewis has worked at Puccino's and more recently at Umina Beach

Bowling Club.

The brasserie uses all local produce and employs 10 Peninsula residents.

The business operates seven days for lunch and dinner and serves a modern Australian cuisine.

The Brasserie has indoor and outdoor seating and provides table service.

"The new non-smoking rules that operate inside the hotel have resulted in us serving a lot more

meals indoors, particularly to families," Ms Coates said.

"The ferry from Palm Beach also brings us a lot of people and, since I've taken over, we're full most nights," Ms Coates said.

The venue has live entertainment every Sunday afternoon in the outdoor area and the business plans to extend serving hours on weekends and to increase entertainment for patrons.

Cec Bucello, September 15

Council refuses redevelopment plan

Gosford Council has refused an application to build a mixed commercial and residential building in Sorrento Rd, Empire Bay.

The development would have demolished the existing building and replaced it with one commercial unit and three large residential units.

Council rejected the proposal on eight grounds.

The report stated that the height, bulk and scale of the development was out of character with the local area, and did not comply with the required building size.

The report also stated that insufficient information had been submitted regarding the previous

use of the site, such as previous fuel sales and the existence of the underground fuel tank and any possible site contamination.

Council's heritage committee also did not support demolition of the existing building as it is a "draft item of environmental heritage".

Lyle Stone, Council agenda ENV.45, October 11

Turo Creek flood options

Flood mitigation options for Turo Creek, Pretty Beach, have been recommended to Gosford Council's floodplain management committee.

A report to council stated that the mitigation options were discussed extensively with the committee members.

Revised flood modelling with new tailwater levels for Brisbane Water from the Brisbane Water Estuary Processes Study were also presented to the committee.

They showed the affect on various design flood profiles, especially in the lower reaches of the creek.

The committee was told that a flood study for Brisbane Water would soon commence which might affect the tailwater level in the future.

A draft of the floodplain management study would be reviewed and discussed at a further meeting before its public exhibition.

The report said that additional work involved modifying the Turo Creek flood model due to the revised tailwater level for Brisbane Water has required an increase in the cost of the overall study from \$42,790 up to \$47,780.

Council agenda FM.002, October 4

Art prize reminder

The October senior and junior competitions are currently open and entries should be presented to the Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre for judging between 10am and noon on Saturday, November 5.

The winners will be judged the following week and published in

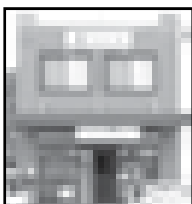
Peninsula News on November 14.

The competitions aim to establish ongoing cultural heritage awareness of "The Peninsula Today".

Works on this theme may be in any medium.

For more information, contact Mr Bob Penson on 4363 1327.

Cec Bucello, October 29



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Association calls for modest houses

The Patonga Beach Progress Association has sent a letter to property owners in the area detailing its preferred architecture, as part of an effort to stem inappropriate development in the village.

The association recently lodged a proposed development control plan (DCP) with Gosford Council as part of the same endeavor.

The letter to residents stated that during the past few years "a number of dwellings have been built in Patonga on which general consensus is that they either do not conform to the desired character statement for Patonga or are inappropriate in scale or both".

The letter asks that all owners, if they are considering development or alterations, to consult the existing DCP 159 character statement.

The association has also offered

a free architectural advisory service through its Friends of Patonga sub-committee.

"If you are passionate about maintaining the character and scale of the village, we urge you to treat your next development or restoration with a sensitivity that benefits not just you and your immediate neighbors but the village as a whole," the letter stated.

The letter stated that roofs in the area should be made of metal or fibro and walls of weatherboard, fibro or stucco.

It also stated that windows, fences and barges should be made of timber, while the scale of the design should be modest, in keeping with neighbouring houses.

Letter, September 15
Patonga Beach
Progress Association



Construction material on the Liberty service station site

Empire Bay residents call to complete service station

Gosford Council has received complaints from some Empire Bay residents over uncompleted works at the Liberty Service Station on Empire Bay Dr, a year after its opening.

The petitioners have asked for council to enforce the completion of several aspects of the project.

They complained about incomplete drainage works, with drains silted up with sand and dirt.

They said landscaping in Poole CI was incomplete and lacked screening.

They claimed concrete and rubbish had been dumped on site; and the pump-out area was inadequate.

The petitioners also asked the

council to ensure unfinished kerb and guttering was finished, and that the construction camp and its unused materials were removed.

The petitioners said there were also other failures to finish work on site.

The petition had 11 signatures.
Council agenda P.80, November 1

Introduction to bushcare at library

Gosford Council's Bushcare staff will present an Introduction to Bushcare at Woy Woy Library on Saturday 11 November from 9.30am until 12.30pm.

This free workshop covers basic bush regeneration methods.

It provides an overview that will equip volunteers for any of the Peninsula's bushcare sites.

Being a bushcare volunteer is an ideal way to learn more about our unique birds, animals and plants, as well as having fun, making friends and making a difference in the community, according to Gosford Council bushcare staff.

Bookings are essential with Gosford Council's Bushcare Officers on 4325 8169.

Leaflet, October 26
Gosford Council

No response on petition

Gosford Council staff are still determining a response to a community petition against a footbridge and cycleway over Ettymalong Creek.

Council received a petition in August from some residents in the area asking that council consider not constructing a footbridge and cycleway over Ettymalong Creek.

The bridge would run over the creek between Myola Rd and North Pearl Estate.

The petition contained 14 signatures.

Staff have stated in a report to council that they are still determining a response.

Council agenda P.65, COR.52,
November 1

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Why not fence parks?

I am concerned about the safety of our parks on the Peninsula.

In particular, I am calling for gates on Vernon Park to prevent young children from running onto busy Ryans Road.

My mothers' group used to meet regularly at Vernon Park (on the corner of Ryans Rd and Haynes Ave, Umina).

However, we are now unable to use the park as multiple gaps in the fence allow children to run straight onto busy Ryans Rd, even under Mum's watchful supervision.

One of my own experiences highlights my concern.

Many of the mums in our group have two children and need to feed babies, making it difficult to supervise active toddlers.

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One of the children kept running out of the park.

This concerned us, so I moved my car over close to the opening and used a pram and a car door in an attempt to block the gap.

This worked for quite a while, until my daughter decided to close the car door and proceeded to run in front of our parked cars, straight onto Ryans Rd.

I was heavily pregnant and therefore not as mobile as usual.

We were lucky.

There were no cars coming at the time.

Had there been, the results would have been devastating.

I cannot understand why gates are not installed at this park.

I have heard all sorts of lame excuses, such as "people will leave their children there like a play pen".

These excuses don't wash with me.

When carers of children make the effort to get out of the house and spend time with their children in a park, I believe they need to know that their children will be safe there, especially when the park is on a busy road.

It is ludicrous that parks like this on major roads remain unfenced, posing a serious risk to the most vulnerable members of our community.

To have just one fenced and gated park on the Peninsula would mean a lot to families.

Louise Miller, Umina Beach

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Group's status changes again

First there were denials that there was a group planning what was to happen to the public land directly in front of the Ettalong Club.

Then when the existence of this planning group was admitted, it was called the Stakeholders' Planning Committee, although only some "stakeholders" were on it.

Then it was "just a working group within Council", was not and never had been a Stakeholders' Planning Committee.

At this point community members asked councillors and Council staff whether Debra and Matthew Wales attended the meetings of this "working group within Council".

The answer was "yes". These two are not Council staff nor councillors.

They represent particular business interests.

So five minutes after Council staff assured the public that it was "just a working group within Council", Cr Peter Hale agreed with my suggestion that it was instead "the Vested Interests Committee".

He said that he attended these meetings, not as a councillor, but to represent the interests of the Ettalong Club.

He said the Club had a \$300,000 Deed of Agreement with Council to redevelop the Ettalong Beach Foreshore and he was there to

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ensure the Club's interests were met.

Since the publication in this paper of these revelations, this planning group appears to have become an "information sharing forum", according to Mayor Cr Laurie Maher.

At the most recent meeting of this "forum", Council engineering staff announced what they proposed to do in this area.

These proposals ignored advice from appointed consultants and their own environmental staff.

It's no surprise that these plans, and the process by which they have come about, are the very actions community members have been challenging for over a year now.

These plans require the destruction of dunes and dune

vegetation.

They contravene a stated priority of the Council-endorsed Ettalong Beach Foreshore Plan of Management, to protect the dunes and dune vegetation.

These plans fly in the face of expert environmental advice and best practice.

If individuals destroy trees over three metres in this area, they are subject to fines of up to \$1.1 million under the NSW EPA Act.

But it seems Council is immune from this legislation.

Not only that, but you can use Council funds to finance this destruction of public assets.

What role has Council staff played in the process used to come up with these plans? Have subtle or overt pressures been applied to them in carrying out their duties, in a way that compromises their duty to serve the public with impartiality?

It is interesting to contrast the establishment and operation of this Ettalong Beach Foreshore advisory group with that of other Council advisory groups.

With these other groups, a process has been advertised and followed, so that at least there has been the appearance of fair play, of proper community representation and consultation.

Shirley Hotchkiss, Umina

Nothing done to address parking

Forum

No one could miss the complaints about parking tickets which have been reported all over the media during the last week.

The Woy Woy Peninsula is not left out.

Our attention is not simply because of the disparity in fines from over a day's wages to less than \$20 depending where you get caught, but because there is nothing being done to address the causes a distinct and worsening lack of parking.

Dated planning legislation allows the approval of developments to continue with insufficient provision of off-street parking spaces.

This situation is compounded by the resultant occupational health and safety issues which arise when all sorts of trucks park illegally to load and unload.

We must stop our councils ignoring the obvious.

Reading that the State Government shares up to half of almost \$30 million this year, we must pursue our interest with elected representatives.

Minister John Della Bosca has already been asked to consider acting on behalf of commercial property owners who are suffering

as much as any because parking fines chase away customers.

He was requested to act on our behalf when he called for questions at a Gosford Chamber of Commerce meeting.

It falls to him to exercise his influence to alter the wording of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, which will go a long way toward removing the unsafe workplaces which exist as a direct result of poor planning at local government level.

The same poor planning ignores the provision on-site of specific loading spaces for each individual commercial development or residential development.

It was sobering to hear Mr Gary Lofts address council stating if there is a problem Gosford Council will just put a loading dock outside the new shops.

Delivery drivers and pedestrians are entitled safe environments.

The Ministers for roads, work cover, planning, and policing all have a direct involvement and should be doing their best to address this worsening problem.

Edward James, Umina

Electoral system is the cause

Forum

Australia's single-member district electoral system is the very cause of the problem now highlighted by ALP Senator John Faulkner.

It results in the two-party dominance because minor parties and Independents have very little chance of being elected.

Varied public interests are compelled to seek expression and dominance within the major parties with the ultimate aim of forming Government.

A dubious front of unity and solidarity over a broad range of public policy areas is enforced.

The two-party system, which long reflected clear class demarcations, has lost that role completely now.

An electoral system is required which provides much greater flexibility and diversity in Parliament.

That can be achieved by introducing Proportional Representation.

Such a reform would turn the major party factions into (smaller) independent political parties whose representatives would be transparent in the Parliament.

It would end the faction fights and redirect the useless energies spent on them.

It would also encourage new entrants.

PR is the electoral system in some 25 European countries, Ireland, New Zealand and South Africa.

It was co-invented by the Tasmanian judge and Federal Constitution architect Andrew Ingliss Clark

Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

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Council moves on barking dog

Gosford Council has written to petitioners in Empire Bay about complaints over a barking dog.

A petition with 10 signatures had been sent to council asking for assistance in the behaviour of a dog on Wards Hill Rd, Empire Bay.

Council sent the petitioners a letter stating that a council officer

attended the property, however at the time the dog was not barking.

A report stated that "the officer requested the owner's co-operation in abating the reported nuisance".

The petitioners were also told of the procedures they could follow to lessen the problem should it happen again.

Council agenda P.69, COR.52, November 1



The MacMasters Rd and Ocean Beach Rd intersection

Petitioners oppose traffic lights

A petition signed by Peninsula residents has been lodged with Gosford Council objecting to council's proposed traffic lights on Ocean Beach Rd at Dunban Rd and MacMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

They also objected to the proposed clearway zone on Ocean Beach Rd.

The petition contained 141

signatures.

According to a council report, the petition stated that the lights, which are less than 200m apart, would cause enormous traffic delays.

The petition also objected to Ocean Beach Rd being made a clearway from Woy Woy to Umina Beach, as "many residents live on this road and will be disadvantaged if this goes ahead".

"They also believe that it will change the character of the Peninsula in a detrimental way," the report stated.

The petition, lodged by former councillor Debra Wales, stated that it agreed with a proposal to construct landscaped roundabouts and with pedestrian lights at South Woy Woy Primary School for a safer pedestrian access.

The petitioners have asked for council to consider their objections.

Council agenda P.78, November 1

Order issued

Gosford Council has issued a nuisance order to the owner of a barking dog in Watkin Ave, Woy Woy.

Council had received a request from several residents of the street in July, asking for assistance in resolving the issue.

The petition had eight signatures.

A report from council stated that a nuisance order had been issued to the owner of the dog, and would remain in force for six months.

Council agenda P.58, COR.52, November 1



Some of the Peninsula Family Action Group members outside Beachside Community Centre at Umina Public School

Creating better facilities for families

Concerned residents have formed a group to create a better Peninsula for families with young children, according to its coordinator Ms Sarah Tolmie.

The Peninsula Families Action Group has been meeting twice a month at Beachside Community Centre to address the facilities available to all residents on the Peninsula, with a particular focus on families.

Ms Tolmie said key areas of concern were the state of local play spaces and recreation areas.

"The group has been carrying

out audits of the playgrounds in the area and has found that the facilities provided for children are in desperate need of upgrading," Ms Tolmie said.

"The audits have raised some serious concerns over the safety of local parks and play spaces."

Ms Tolmie said: "Many parks have been found to have poorly maintained equipment and little or no protection for children from adjacent roads or waterways."

"Other parks are severely lacking in facilities, offering little stimulation for young minds."

She said the group had contacted

Gosford Council asking that it address their concerns.

She said the group wanted to work with the council "to improve facilities and create quality parks for both residents and visitors to the Peninsula".

"The group intends to act as a voice for all families with young children on the Peninsula, to build recreation spaces that reflect its natural beauty and to be proud of our parks."

For more information, contact 4343 1929 or 0418 640 901.

Press release, October 25

Jenni Darwin,

Peninsula Families Action Group

Patonga Creek paddle planned

The National Parks and Wildlife Service has organized a Patonga Creek Paddle on Sunday, November 6.

Participants will have the opportunity to explore Patonga Creek by canoe and view Brisbane Water National Park from the waters of the tidal creek.

Canoes, paddles and buoyancy vests and basic paddle instruction are included in the tour.

Participants are asked to bring along afternoon tea, water, suitable footwear that can get wet, sun protection and clothing that may get water splash, along with spares to be left in the car.

Bookings are essential and can be made on 4320 4205.

The tour takes four hours and costs \$25 for person.

The tour is suited to people 16 years old and over.

Newsletter, October 15

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Campbells Home Hardware employees last year

Campbells celebrates 10 years

Campbells Home Hardware is celebrating its 10th birthday.

But the basis for Campbells Home Hardware started much earlier.

In the late 1970s, Dick Campbell combined with Eaton Building Materials to establish the Woy Woy branch of Eatons.

The company traded in Charlton St, now the site of McDonald's, with timber as its core business and a very small range of hardware.

In 1983, Dick Campbell decided to go it alone and with wife Diana as a fellow director, purchased the Eatons share of the business and established Campbell Building Materials.

Current manager Mr Noel Annand said the following years saw many changes and challenges in the building industry but Dick Campbell's foresight and adaptability to change allowed Campbells to gain and increase

market share against strong competitors.

Mark Campbell took over running the store from his father in 1993, with the company relocating to Alma Ave in the same year.

Aligning the company with the John Danks Group (Home Hardware) was another innovation in the early 1990s which allowed the company greater buying power and scope, particularly in its growing hardware division.

In 1995, the company relocated again, this time to the present site at Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Although timber was still Campbells' core business, the larger premises at Blackwall Rd provided the company with the opportunity to introduce thousands of new lines and expand its existing stock in the hardware and paint divisions.

The year 2000 created another chapter in Campbells' history with

the acquisition of the Mackies yard in Rawson Rd, Woy Woy.

This yard is used as a storage facility for Campbells' bulk timber and sheet products and also acts as its goods inwards department.

Mr Annand said Campbells' growth can be attributed to the visions of the Campbell family and the company's management and staff who have worked hard to ensure its customers get value for money, quality products at competitive prices and good service.

"The introduction of new products with relevant literature and training is high on the agenda."

Mr Annand said January next year would herald the announcement of a major refurbishment to the store, with completion expected in early April.

Press release, October 27
Noel Annand

PUDS feedback wanted

The Peninsula Residents' Association is asking for community feedback to incorporate into its report to Gosford Council about the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy.

Issues to be addressed include population increase, tree policy, building heights, water constraints and social impact.

The association will recommend that the Noosa model (at www.noosa.qld.gov.au) and the Equilibrium plan be considered by the community as alternative approaches to planning the Peninsula.

Send feedback to the Association secretary at 3/130 The Esplanade, Umina, or phone 4342 4936 for further information.

Press release, October 13
Sheelagh Noonan,
Peninsula Residents' Association

Levy could be in place by June

A rates levy to finance the Civic Infrastructure Strategy could be in place from June next year, according to a staff report to Gosford Council.

The levy would be used to finance projects costing more than \$158 million in the Local Government Area, of which about \$13 million would be spent on the Peninsula.

The list of projects to be financed under the strategy has been formulated by a committee of senior council officers.

The committee consists of managers of finance, recreation and natural resources, library services, arts and culture, engineering services, and integrated planning, as well as the property officer.

The task group will report to the council's senior management group via the director of corporate services.

Regular reports would be made back to council.

A Civic Buildings Committee would be established to oversee six major projects including Umina Library, a civic centre and a regional performing arts centre.

Committees would oversee three other projects, including the existing playgrounds strategy committee which would oversee a "playgrounds project" with a budget to be determined.

Following approval by council, "project owners" would develop concept plans and approximate

costings.

Council's grants officer would identify grant and subsidy opportunities.

The proposed projects would be presented to the senior management group meeting in November and reported to council after that.

A report would be made to council on December 13 and information would be provided to the Department of Local Government as part of the loan program approval process.

Community consultation would take place during March and April, and a progress report would be made to council on February 28.

The projects forming the Civic Infrastructure Strategy Special Levy proposal would be advertised for 21 days in March, with a progress report being provided to council on March 28.

Feedback from the community consultation process would be included in a report to council on April 11.

Feedback from the City Management Plan public consultations would be included in the formal submission to the Local Government Department in May.

If the Minister approved the levy in June, it could be in place for the next financial year.

Council agenda COR.48,
November 1

Strategy would be second

The Civic Infrastructure Strategy would be the second financial strategy undertaken by Gosford Council to implement major projects through a special rates levy.

The 1997 Financial Strategy saw an increase in residential and farm rates of 12.6 per cent and of 20 per cent in business rates to raise finance over 15 years for projects costing \$70 million.

Projects on the Peninsula included town centre streetscaping, the Umina PCYC, the Peninsula Theatre, upgrades to the surf club buildings and redevelopment of the Peninsula Community Centre, the

Woy Woy library and the Woy Woy pool.

Council held five public meetings and addressed four community organisations and six chambers of commerce

It advertised in the regional newspapers and distributed more than 300,000 questionnaires, with 1910 surveys being returned.

The Minister for Local Government approved the rate increase and the council established building committees, consisting of councillors, staff and community representatives, to manage each project.

Council agenda COR.48,
November 1

Holstein to speak at Trust meeting

Cr Chris Holstein will speak at an upcoming meeting of the Killcare Wagstaffe Trust.

Cr Holstein will address the community after the general business of the meeting is finished.

Possible areas of discussion include the visual effect of the proposed CBD high-rise developments and the survival of the Coastal Open Space Scheme

(COSS).

The business of the general meeting will cover some significant issues such as the marine sewage pump-out at Hardys Bay and the Fast Ferry proposal for Ettalong.

The meeting will take place at the Wagstaffe Hall at 9:30am on Sunday, November 6.

Press Release, October 25
Killcare Wagstaffe Trust

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New Age florist starts

A New Age florist is starting in Woy Woy.

The Gnostic Bunch "Flowers of Love and Light" is the next extension of the Gnostic Forest in Woy Woy for proprietors Mary Holstein and Jacquie Birch.

Gnostic Forest Spiritual Shop for the New Age opened in 1998 and since then the Gnostic community has grown to include the Gnostic Mana Cafe and Internet, the Gnostic Organic Market and the Gnostic Healing Centre.

"As the world faces increasing threats from natural and from man-made disasters, more and more people are seeking a sense of community in local areas," Ms Holstein said.

"The Gnostic Corner as Chambers PI and The Boulevard is becoming known as a centre where people can meet and find encouragement in challenging times."

"The Gnostic Bunch seems like the obvious addition to the corner."

Providing a service where people

can "send others love by the gift of flowers", Gnostic Bunch will also provide gift baskets of organic skin care products and organic fruit and flower baskets.

Having their own courier, the Gnostics will be able to do home deliveries of organic produce as well.

Ms Holstein and Ms Birch said the store would sell funny gift cards and original teddies.

"A range of sunlight wind catchers will draw attention to passers by," Ms Holstein said.

Gnostic Forest holds free talks each Wednesday morning at 10am for members of the public to receive information on topics such as astrology, ascension, meditation, crystal healing and finding peace in daily life.

Gnostic Healing Sanctuary regularly provides free nutritional advice and talks on the benefits of herbs for health.

Press release, October 27
Mary Holstein, Gnostic Mana



Ms Marie Andrews with Mrs Janet Stevens, Mr Jim Stevens, Mr Jack Nixon and Mrs Lois Nixon.

Residents receive State awards

Two Peninsula residents were recognised for their community service at a recent State Cabinet reception held at Wyong Shire Council Chambers.

Mr Jack Nixon of Umina Beach and Mr Jim Stevens of Woy Woy were nominated by local member Ms Marie Andrews and presented with Community Service plaques by NSW premier Mr Morris Iemma.

Mr Nixon has been involved in the Toys from Wood Club for 16 years and Mr Stevens for 18 years.

The group was formed in 1989

and on average, has made close to 200 toys a year for charitable and non-profit organisations.

Both Mr Nixon and Mr Stevens have dedicated much of their time to working with other retirees as amateur toy-makers to benefit children and charities on the Central Coast.

The pair has made wooden toys such as trucks and tractors, cradles and furniture for dolls, toy ironing boards and irons, pull along animal toys and jigsaw puzzles.

Over the years, a wide range of organisations have benefited from receiving the toys including the St Vincent de Paul Society, Glenvale

Special School, Central Coast Riding for the Disabled, the Child Abuse Prevention Society and Ettalong Beach Public School.

Most of the wood used to make the toys is donated from people and organisations around the Peninsula.

The group's motto is "We make for giving".

"The contribution from these men has been enormous in putting smiles on small children's faces while assisting charities on the Central Coast," Ms Andrews said.

Press Release, October 20
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

Lighting claims investigated

Claims of insufficient lighting in part of the Peninsula Plaza car park, Woy Woy, will be investigated by Gosford Council.

Council received a petition on July 26 from petitioners asking the lighting and for council to provide at least 20 extra unlimited parking spaces at the Plaza.

Council officers replied with a letter advising that the Council had provided "adequate parking in the

area considering the competing needs of shoppers, staff and commuters".

The letter also stated that the provision of dedicated staff parking and security for employees was the responsibility of employers.

The petitioners were also told that claims of insufficient lighting in the area had been referred to the appropriate council officer for investigation.

Council agenda P.56, COR.52,
November 1

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Budget increased

Gosford Council has increased funding for its study of Mud Flat Creek, Hardy's Bay, by \$8235.

A report on the status of the study was presented at council's floodplain management committee on September 1,

It detailed the tasks that had been added to the flood study before the beginning of the Floodplain Risk Management Study.

The report stated that the additional work to complete the study comprehensively would cost \$8235, increasing the upper limiting fee from \$35,250 to \$43,485.

The report stated that the "two thirds of the total project cost is available as grant assistance under the Natural Disasters Risk Management Studies Program".

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources approved the additional work.

Council agenda FM.001,
October 4

Council purchases land

Council has resolved to purchase a property in Edgecliff Rd, Umina, following a recommendation from council officers to buy the land to avoid compensation claims over a water supply easement and two water trunk mains.

The site at 29 Edgecliff Rd, Umina, was zoned for restricted development and is currently vacant.

Contained within the site is an easement for water supply and two water trunk mains that service both Mt Ettalong and Patonga reservoirs.

According to council's survey from December 1997, the water main was not wholly contained within the water supply easement within the site.

In April 2003, the owner of Lot 128 approached council's water and sewerage directorate seeking advice on engineering requirements for building over or near the water main.

The owner was informed that

building over the water main was not allowed and council would undertake investigations before determining a course of action to resolve the situation.

Three options were investigated. These included relocating the water main to within the existing water supply easement, acquiring an additional easement and purchasing the property.

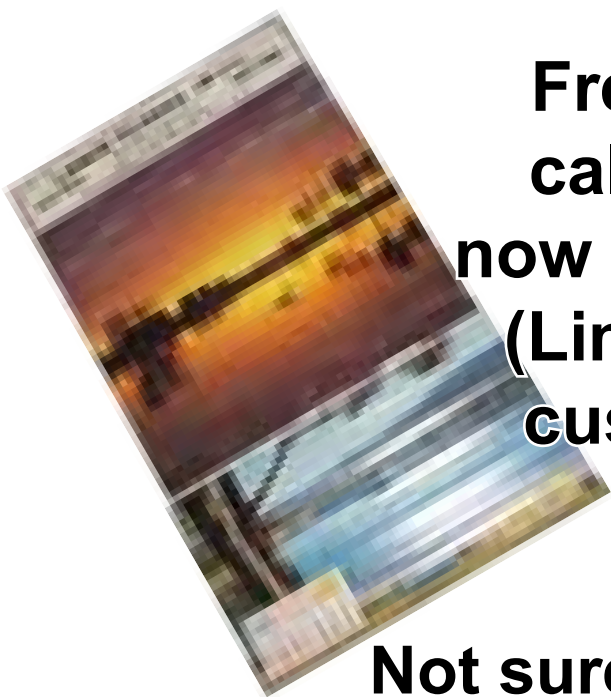
According to the council report, relocating the water main would be difficult due to the steep nature of the site.

The council report also stated that acquisition of an additional easement "may result in council compulsorily acquiring Lot 128" which may include "compensation payments as well as significant legal and administrative costs."

The report stated that purchasing the property would eliminate difficult and costly work involved in relocating the water main to within the easement and negate potential compensation claims.

Council agenda WAT.7,
September 27

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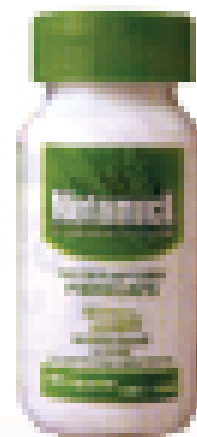
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Part of the creche at the Centre



Mayor Cr Laurie Maher with some of the building committee members present on the opening day: Mr Gordon Ferguson, Ms Helen Heber, Cr Chris Holstein, Mr David Hook and Ms Margaret Thom



First into the babies pool



Mayor Cr Laurie Maher with Ms Maryanne Nelmes and Ms Gladys Marsh in front of the official opening memorial plaque

The Peninsula Leisure Centre opens

Gosford City's largest infrastructure project, the Peninsula Leisure Centre officially opened last Saturday, October 29.

In front of a large crowd, Mayor Cr Laurie Maher cut the ribbon that heralded the entry of a stream of people.

Cr Maher was assisted by Ms Gladys Marsh who in 1968 presented flowers to Lady Gorton at the opening of the Woy Woy Memorial Pool by the then Prime Minister, Sir John Gorton.

He was also assisted by Ms Maryanne Nelmes who as a 10 year old presented flowers to the then Governor of New South Wales, Sir Roden Cutler at the laying of the foundation stone ceremony.

With an original budget of about \$1.5 million, the Leisure Centre cost over \$25 million to build and needs about 500,000 users a year to break even.

"It's a community amenity and shouldn't need to break even", Cr Jim McFadyen said.

"Look at our libraries, they don't charge for their services but need to be maintained as a community

amenity and this is no different", he said.

Cr Chris Holstein had been the principal promoter of the complex and welcomed guests and committee members on the day.

"A lot of people have put in a great deal of hard work so that the Peninsula could have such a magnificent facility", he said.

"We've had an active committee working on it for years", he said.

"Committee members that should be recognised are Gordon Ferguson, Helen Heber, David Hook, Margaret Thom, Michelle Van der Neut, Donna Crosbie, Geoff Turner and former councillors, Judith Penton and Lynne Bockholt."

Federal Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd also welcomed the official opening of the centre.

"Everyone on the Central Coast and particularly Peninsula residents will be very impressed with this new facility.

"It is a world class facility and I am proud to have played a part in establishing it", Mr Lloyd said.

As a result of lobbying by Mr Lloyd, Prime Minister Howard promised \$1.5 million from the

Australian Government during the 2001 federal election.

"The centre is a much-needed piece of social infrastructure and I congratulate all involved," Jim Lloyd said.

Visitors on the day were given free access to all facilities.

Discount vouchers were issued as well as information on swimming programs and details on all the facilities available at the centre.

The outdoor area had a number of community stalls set up.

There was free entertainment and the day culminated with a spectacular fireworks display.

Cec Bucello, October 29

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Council rejects flats proposal

Gosford Council has refused a 12-unit residential flat building on McEvoy and Nowack Ave, Umina Beach, according to a letter from council general manager Mr Peter Wilson to concerned residents.

The letter lists many requirements that the proposed development did not comply with, stating that the proposal was an "overdevelopment of the site".

The report stated that the proposed development did not comply with the building envelope requirements as stipulated in part of the Gosford Planning Scheme Ordinance (GPSO) nor was it accompanied by a SEPP 1 objection to the development standard.

The report stated that "therefore council is not empowered to grant consent to the proposal".

It also stated that the proposal was inconsistent with part of the Residential 2(b) zone, as specified in the GPSO and was inconsistent with the objectives of DCP100 – Medium Density Residential Development.

"The development does not comply with the requirements of DCP100 – Medium Density Residential Development with respect to the provision of open space and visitor car parking," the report stated.

"The proposed development will unreasonably impact on the privacy of the adjoining residents through overlooking of the principal private open space of the neighbouring development.

"The development does not comply with the objectives of Clause B.1.6 Services – Recycling and Garbage of DCP 100 – Medium Density Residential Development."

The report also stated that not enough information had been provided to allow council to consider the proposal including a landscape plan, SEPP 1, report demonstrating compliance with Energy Smart Homes, details of adjoining buildings, structures and private open space on the site, plan and shadow diagrams and engineering details.

**Press release, October 14
Kevin Regan**



The Charcoal Chicken store in Ettalong under new management

Cooked over charcoal

Chickens will be cooked over charcoal with an Ettalong store coming under new management.

New owners, Justin and Rachel Burtenshaw have moved from Sydney to the Peninsula to take over Ettalong Charcoal Chickens, which re-opened on October 13.

Over the past two weeks, a team of people have cleaned the premises, painted parts of it, put up new signs inside and out and

introduced new salads to the range on offer.

The business trades seven days a week from 8.30 am until 8.30 pm.

Rachel has had five years experience managing a similar business.

During the past four years, the previous owner cooked his chickens on gas not charcoal.

Justin plans to reverse this and to go back to using charcoal for the improved flavour.

They have also changed their chicken supplier so that now chickens sold have not been given steroid or added growth hormones.

They were raised in barns not cages and they were grain fed.

The business also caters for parties and has a mobile rotisserie.

Cec Bucello, October 14



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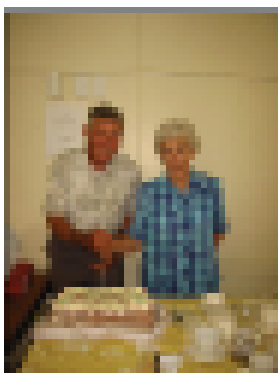
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Arts & Entertainment



Large crowds attended the Pearl Beach craft exhibition and sale

Craft sale was like carnival

The Pearl Beach craft exhibition and sale was held over the October long weekend.

"Over the two-day weekend, large crowds visited the exhibition and sale creating a carnival atmosphere with the colourful stalls packed with a variety of individually hand-crafted items," said Pearl Beach Progress Association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

"There was something for everyone, one of the many visitors

commented."

Ms Lillico said the children's face painting was one of the highlights of the event.

"In addition to the pleasures members experience in working on handcrafts, they are proud of the strong sense of community spirit which has developed over the years of working together," she said.

"One of the many projects that are undertaken is knitting 'Wraps with Love' that are sent to cold

humanity both in Australia and overseas."

"The major charity beneficiary of this year's exhibition and sale was the Royal Flying Doctor Service with over \$1500 being raised on their behalf."

Proceeds from the raffle will to go toward a bore well and pump to provide a clean water supply for a village in drought-prone area such as India or Bangladesh.

Press release, October 12
Lynne Lillico

New dole project

Federal Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd has announced a new Work for the Dole projects based on the Peninsula.

Workwise Central Coast will coordinate work to be done in upgrading the Peninsula Community Centre, providing places for up to 30 job seekers.

Mr Lloyd said: "To date, there have been many Work for the Dole projects locally and participants have not only made great contribution to the community but have also learnt invaluable skills with a hands-on approach to each project."

Press Release, October 21
Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson

Marion sings at Terrigal

Peninsula resident Marion Comerford will be appearing with the Gosford Philharmonia Choir on November 26 at Terrigal.

Ms Comerford and her husband came to live on the Peninsula in 1990, according to publicity officer Ms Beverley Pinnock.

Previously, they spent many years in Papua New Guinea.

"Marion, a trained nurse, and her husband, a teacher, have had wide experience of life in the various outposts of our closest neighbour," Ms Pinnock said.

"Three years ago, Marion began to study singing at the Central Coast Conservatorium with Lilja

Sile, and became a member of the Gosford Philharmonia Choir."

Ms Comerford will sing in the choir on Saturday, November 26, for the Bruckner Requiem in D minor.

Her tutor will be the soprano soloist.

There will also be international Christmas carols, under conductor Philip Rees.

The concert will be at the Star of the Sea Church Hall in Serpentine Rd, Terrigal, and will start at 8pm.

Tickets are on sale at the Central Coast Conservatorium.

Press release, October 26
Beverley Pinnock, Gosford Philharmonia Choir

Multi-arts event was staged

The Bouddi Reflections Multi Arts event was staged at the Wagstaffe Hall over the October long weekend

The event featured 261 works of art including visual arts, photography, sculpture, poetry, song and digital films were entered by 110 contributors.

More than 50 of the entries were sold for a total of almost \$12,000, one fifth of which was donated to the Bouddi Wildlife Fund.

Proceeds from sales, raffles, entry fees, and donations from the several hundred visitors to the three day exhibition raised more

than \$5000 for the fund.

Some 200 people attended the champagne opening on the Saturday afternoon with celebrity guests actor-authors Judy Nunn and Bruce Venables.

The wildlife fund was established in January 2001 under the auspices of the MacMasters Beach Progress Association to assist local registered voluntary wildlife carers buy food and medicine to rehabilitate injured and orphaned wildlife in the area.

The multi-arts event was staged by the association.

Newsletter, October 28
Bouddi News



Emanon wins youth concert

Local band Emanon, winner of the Coastfest Youth Concert

Peninsula band Emanon has won the CoastFest Youth Concert.

The band received first prize of a \$300 gift voucher from Peninsula Music, and performed three songs on the main stage at the festival.

Bands recently auditioned for a place at the CoastFest Youth Concert, with four bands becoming finalists.

These bands included Emanon, Days Unknown, Billie Chant and Something to Remember.

Judges for the event were local singer songwriter Krystal Keller, folklorist Bill Bekric and Marilyn Russell of Peninsula Music.

The event was sponsored by Peninsula Music and the Peninsula Community Drug Action Team.

Ms Russell said competition was

very close.

"We tried to get three judges from completely different backgrounds so that it was fair, with someone looking at the performances from each angle," Ms Russel said.


Ms Russell said that although the judging was close, the band Emanon stood out above the rest.

Ms Russell said the things that helped Emanon win included "the quality of Tessa's voice, the overall togetherness of the band, and the radiance that came from within the presentation of their music".

"They had that extra oomph," Ms Russell said.

All four bands played at the youth festival at CoastFest, together with performances by Krystal Keller and harp playing by Emm Sylvester.

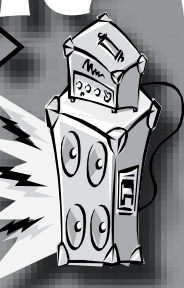
Lyle Stone, October 28



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Little Theatre holds auditions

Woy Woy Little Theatre will hold auditions for its upcoming production of "It Runs in the Family" on Thursday, November 10.

Organisers are looking for seven men, aged between 18 and 80, and four women aged between 40 and 70.

The play is set in the doctor's common room of a London hospital, Dr Morton is rehearsing the speech

which could lead to his knighthood when in bursts an old flame, hotly pursued by her son, who is hotly pursued by the police.

The auditions will be held at the Woy Woy Public School Hall at 7pm.

The play, written by Ray Cooney and directed by Fran Kendall, will run from February 24 to March 12.

Press Release, October 19
Rosemary Parsons, Woy Woy Little Theatre



Ms Olive Riley and her son Barnie celebrate her 106th birthday

Movie screened for birthday

Well known Woy Woy resident Ms Olive Riley celebrated her 106th birthday on October 20, with a screening of a movie about her entitled All About Olive.

This film by Mike Rubbo tells the story of Olive's early life in Broken Hill where she was born in 1899.

"The crew take her back to this town she loves and discovers that, in digging up the past, Olive

is funny, feisty and even naughty," Mike Rubbo said.

At one point, annoyed by Mr Rubbo's errors, Ms Riley takes over the direction, setting herself up for the Guinness book of records as the oldest movie director in the world.

"But laughs turn to tears as we discover wounds in Olive's life which have never healed," Mr Rubbo said.

"In the end, one is touched by the fighting spirit which has made her the national treasure that she is today.

"The term battler is over used but if anyone deserves the name, it's Olive Riley."

So much liked was the film at her birthday screening that the Avoca Theatre decided to give it a limited run last weekend.

Press release, October 25
Mike Rubbo



Marilyn Russell, Janet Beckers, Frank Russell, Clancy Beckers and prizewinner Phoebe Beckers

Peninsula Music raffles guitar

Eight year old Phoebe Beckers of Killcare Heights was the winner of the Cole Clarke guitar and case raffle drawn at CoastFest on Sunday, October 23.

The prize was valued in excess of \$1500 and was sponsored by the guitar manufacturers, Cole Clark and

Peninsula Music.

Phoebe, who plays violin and attends Kincumber Public School, was "squealing with excitement" when told that she had won the main prize according to her mother, Janet Beckers.

The family attended CoastFest where they purchased the winning ticket.

When asked what they thought of the festival, Phoebe said: "This festival rocks, I want to come back next year."

They particularly enjoyed a drum workshop which they took part in with The Rhythm Hunters, according to Ms Beckers.

Cec Bucello, October 29.

The final Cultural Laboratory arts performance for the year will be held at Peninsula Theatre on November 12, according to the theatre's marketing coordinator Ms Lisa Kelly.

"The next Cultural Laboratory and the final installment for 2005 is a fantastic representation of all that we have hoped to achieve in our exciting incubation period, a melting pot of ideas and personal expression," Ms Kelly said.

The final program for the year will include indigenous artists, culture and the community, theatre, drama, dance, folk, youth, opera, visual art and an open forum.

Performance artist Nat Ferfaglia will present a unique spiritual dance with Kevin Duncan that tells the story of Mimi, the spirit of creativity.

Participants in the Benevolent Society's My Turn Project will talk about their experiences as males in the modern world.

Graham Rodger will discuss a unique enterprise known as Post School Options where disabled youngsters from the Coast are introduced to musical theatre.

Brenda Logan of Woy Woy Little Theatre will do Show and Tell, showing work in progress.

Central Dance Company Australia's director Ms Patti Gleeson will talk about her professional company and its forays into the Japanese dance scene.

Dancers from the company will perform classical ballet steps, while members of Bondi Ballet, Patti's son Michael Montgomery's dance company, will present a modern piece.

Local dancers from the Veronica Law School will perform Scottish Highland dancing with a modern twist, choreographed by dancer Mr Douglas McFarland.

The youth section will feature two pieces from two young performance artists.

Emm Sylvester will play the harp with pieces from her extensive repertoire followed by a piece developed especially for the Laboratory.

Jacqueline Lee Rose returns with a sequence of performance

poetry.

Lucy Bailles will also perform, accompanied by piano.

Local artists Zooid will present a unique moving tribute to art.

Elio Gatti and Lisa Kelly will present the evening and lead the open forum.

The Cultural Laboratory Mk IV will be held on Saturday, November 12, at 7.30pm.

The evening will be held at the Peninsula Theatre on the corner of McMasters and Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy.

Entry is \$10 for adults and \$7 concession, with refreshments and light supper available and complimentary wines supplied by Tyrrell's Wines.

Press release, October 25
Lisa Kelly, Laycock Street Theatre

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What's On in and around the Peninsula

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

Many events listed take place at the following locations:

BFC, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

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 3222

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

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

UMBSC, Umina Beach Surf Club

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

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

WWBC, Woy Woy Bowling Club

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

DAILY EVENTS

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

Playgroup for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island families. **BFC**

Senior's Idol, 1 - 4pm **EBWMC**

Toastmasters, 7pm, enq: 4341 6842; Seniors Day 12 noon **EBWMC**

Get Together afternoon tea, **ESCC**, enq: 4341 3222.

Pearl Beach Craft group, **PBPH**, 1.30pm, enq: 4342 1459.

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

Diabetes Support Group 10am, **ECC**

Third Tuesday of every month

Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp9, **UCH** 7pm.

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

Fourth Tuesday of every month

Playgroup for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island families. **BFC**

Toastmasters, **EBWMC**, 7pm enq: 4341 6842.

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

Every Tuesday

The Web, **TWYS**, Drop in centre 12-18yrs 12pm - 5pm

Empire Bay Scrabble Club 9.15am-12.45pm Shirley 4369 2034

Judo from 5.30pm, **Playgroup** 9 - 11am, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** 3.45pm, **Innovative Kids** 3.15 - 4.15pm, **Dragon Kung Fu** 6.30pm - 8pm, \$6, **Gambling Counselling** by apointment **PCC** enq: 4341 9333.

Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior), **Breakdancing**, 5pm **PCYC**

Early Bird Bingo, 11am; Come in Spinner, 12 noon; Club **Bingo**, 2pm; **Mystery members**, 5pm.**WWLC**.

Ladies Golf, 18 hole 8am; Ladies outdoor **bowls**, 9.30am; **ECC**

ESCC - Ladies **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Handicraft**-9am; **Cards**-12.30pm;

School for Learning from 9am **PCC**.

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

Tai-Chi classes **WH** 9.30am (ex sch hols), enq 4360 2705

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

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 6pm, enq: 4342 3925.

Gym Sessions 8am-12noon **PCYC**.

Gym Circuit 9:15am-10:15am **PCYC**.

School Sport 1pm–2:45pm **PCYC**.

Junior Boxing 4pm–5pm **PCYC**.

Senior Boxing 6pm–8pm **PCYC**.

Gym Circuit 6pm–7pm **PCYC**. **Sports bar raffle** EBWMCB

Sahaja yoga meditation

CWAHWW,10:30am enq: 4328 1409.

Computers, 9am, **ESCC**

Playgroup 10-12pm Kids 0-5yrs, Woy Woy Progress Hall, 76 Woy Woy Rd, Ph: Juhel 4342 4362

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 & Citizens Progress Association, **EPH**, 7.30pm.

Second Wednesday of every Month

Woy Woy VEIW Club, friendship day, **MOW**, 11am, enq: 4342 0805

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

Woy Woy Community Aged Care **Auxiliary**, 10am enq: 4344 2599.

Umina Beach **Probus Club** **ECC** 9.30am, visitors welcome.

Third Wednesday of every month

Woy Woy VIEW CLUB - luncheon & guest speaker, 10.30am, Everglades Country Club, 4342 0805

Every Wednesday

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

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

Mystery Members 5 - 6pm, **Pick A Prize** 6 - 7pm, **WWBC**

The Web, 12pm - 6pm, **Computers**, 1.30pm, **ESCC** **Young Women's Group** 12-18 yrs, **TWYS**

Counselling by appointment, **PCC**

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

Brisbane Water Bridge Club., 9.30am - 1pm and 7.30pm - 10.30pm, enq: 4341 6763,

Oil Painting, 9am **Multi-craft needlework** 10am, **BJP School of Physical Culture**, 3.30pm, 4-13 yrs enq: 4344 4924 **Playgroup** 10am - noon, **Weight Watchers** 5.30 - 7.30pm, **Tai Chi** 2 - 3pm, **School for Learning** 9am, **Gambling and general counselling** by appointment, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** from 3.45pm **PCC**.

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

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

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

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

Indoor Bowls - 9am; **Fitness** - 1pm **Leatherwork**-9am; **Table Tennis**-9am. **Scrabble** 1pm **ESCC**.

Social Darts, 7.15pm **EMBC**,

Gym Sessions 8am-12noon **PMC**. (Includes **Self Defence for Young Women** 1pm-2pm) **PCYC**.

Gym Circuit 6pm–7pm **PCYC**. **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4-5.pm (Junior) , 5-6pm (Senior), **PCYC**

Killcare Wagstaffe Playgroup **WH** (ex sch hols). 10.00 – 12pm, enq: 4360 1145.

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 12.15 - 2.30pm, 6.30 - 8.30pm St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Handicraft CWAHWW, 9am, enq: 4341 1073.

THURSDAY

Second Thursday of every month

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

Outsiders club, **EBWMC**, 9am.

Australiana Bus Trips PCC

Fourth Thursday of every month

9am – 12 midday. **Free immunization** clinic for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island children 0 – 5 years, **BFC**

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

Umina Probus, **ECC**, 10am.

Every Thursday

Creative Writing group meet every Thursday from 11am to 1pm in the CWA building in Woy Woy. Enq 4369 1187 for more details.

Gambling and general counselling by appointment, **Yoga** 10am, **Belly Dancing** 7.30, **Brisbane Water Bridge Club** 12.30pm, enq. 4341 6763, **Tai Chi** 2pm - 3pm **PCC**

Free entertainment 6.30 pm

Senior Snooker 8.30am **Ballroom Dancing**, 10am, **Trivia**, 7pm, **Indoor Bowls**, **Fishing Club Raffle** 5.15pm, **Members Badge Draw**, **EMBC**.

Drumming, Bouddi Women's Drumming, 2–3pm, 73 Highview Rd Pretty Beach, enq: 0425 229 651.

Scrabble, Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd,12.30pm. **Bingo**, 9.30 - 11.30, **EBWMC**

Treasure Chest, 11.30am - 12.30pm, **Club Bingo**, 2 - 4pm, **Mystery Members** 5 - 6pm, **WWBC**

The Web, 12pm - 6pm **Young Men's Groups** 12-18 yrs, **TWYS**

Ladies 18 hole **golf** **ECC**

Tai Chi-11.35am; **Dancing** 9am; **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Table Tennis**-1.45pm; **Cards** 12 noon, **ESCC**

Judo all ages, 5.30pm:Enq: 43424121. **PCC**

Line Dancing 9.30am, **Social Darts** **CU**, 7.30pm,

Stitchery Circle 9.30am, **EBACC**

St John's Ambulance; Brisbane Water Cadets, 7pm, Enq:4341 3341.

Children's story time, 3 - 5 yrs Umina library, 10.30-11.30am (Except Jan).

Gym Sessions 8am-12noon **PCYC**.

Gym Circuit 9am-10am, 6pm-7pm, **School Sport** 1pm–2:45pm **PCYC**.

Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851

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

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

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

Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) **PCYC**

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

FRIDAY

Second Friday of every month

2pm Peninsula **Twins Club** Free. **BFC** 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, **ESSC**, 1pm.

Every Friday

Kids entertainment **Yrs 7 -12**, 7.30pm **PLAYGROUP**, 10am for Mums & pre-schoolers, Umina Uniting Church.

Bingo 11.30am, food prizes, raffles, tea & coffee **UCH** Enq:4343 1664

Lollipop Music Playgroup **BFC** 9.15am. Enq: 43 431929.

The Web, 2pm-9.30pm **Doctor & Nurse** for 12-18 yrs old, **TWYS** 2-9:30pm

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

Painting – 9am **ESSC**

Gym Sessions 8am-12noon, **Gym Circuit** 9am-10am **PCYC**.

Peninsula Pastimes Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd. 9.30am, (Ex sch hols), **Primary Kids Club** 4.30pm, **Youth Group** 7pm, enq: 4343 1237

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

Club Bingo, **Cash Housie** 11.30am - 2.30pm, **Mystery Members** 5 - 6pm, **Free Entertainment** **Players Lounge** 7.30 - 11.30pm, **Players Niteclub** - 10pm - 3am,**WWBC**

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

Circuit Boxing (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) **PCYC**

Kids Club (Primary) .4-6pm, **Brisbane Water Bridge Club**, 12.30pm, enq. 4341 6763, **Weight Watchers** 10am, **Gambling Counselling** by appointment, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** from 3.45pm **PCC**

Computers, 1pm, **Scrabble** 1pm **ESCC**

Kindyggym 0 - 3yrs 9.30 - 10.15, 3 - 5yrs 10.30 - 11.15am **PCC**

SATURDAY

First Saturday of every month

The National Malaya & Borneo **Veterans** Assoc Aust meet, **EBWMC**, 2.30pm Enq: 4340 4160

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

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

Third Saturday of every month

Umina P & C **Bushcare** 9am, Umina Campus of **BWSC**, Veron Rd Umina. enq: 4341 9301

Market Day, 9am Sydney 2000 Park, Umina **UCH**

Last Saturday every month

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

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

Every Saturday

The Web, **Activities** for 12-18yrs old, 4.30-9.30pm **TWYS**

Cash Housie St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong 7.30pm Enq: 4369 0626.

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

Old Time & New Vogue Dancing; 1pm, Enq: 4341 2156 **Snooker** 8.30am **EBWMC**

Gym Sessions 9am–12noon, **Drama & Discovery** 9am–11am **PCYC**.

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

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

Weight Watchers 8 - 10am, **PCC**

SUNDAY

First Sunday of every month

Blackwall Mountain **Bushcare**, meets 9am cnr Blackwall Rd & Memorial Ave Enq: 4342 6995

Second Sunday of every month

Umina P & C **Bushcare** 9am **BWSC**, Enq: 4341 9301

Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy, No 381, 11am, **Buffalo Lodge**, Gosford No 63, **UCH** 1pm.

Troubadour **Acoustic Music** Club, 2pm **CWAHWW** Enq: 4342 9099

Third Sunday of every month

Bushcare Group, Tennis Courts, Empire Bay, 9-11am Enq: 43692486

Vietnam Vets, 11am. **Bootscooters**, 2.30pm **EBWMC**

Ettyalong **Creek Landcare** group, Ettalong Rd, Umina, 8am, ph: 4342

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Fourth Sunday of every month

Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy 381, 11am, **Buffalo Lodge**, Gosford No 63, **UCH** 1pm.

Burrawang Bushland reserve **bushcare** group, Nambucca Dr playground, 9am, ph: 4341 9301.

Last Sunday of every month

Lions Club Boot Sale & Mini Market BBQ, Tea, Coffee, Vendors welcome, Enq: 4341 4151

Every Sunday

Coast Community **Church Services** 9am & 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**

Seniors/Masters training, **Trivia**, 1pm, **Jazz** on the **Tallow Beach Terrace**, 12pm - 4pm, **Junior Talent Quest** 2 - 4pm **EBWMC**, Umina Life Saving Club, 8.00am.

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

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery open 11am-3pm or by appointment 4379 1102

MONDAY

First Monday of every month

Endeavour View Club Luncheon **ECC** Contact 4342 1722

Pretty Beach P S **P&C**, Resource Centre 7:30pm, ph 4360 1587

Second Monday of every month

Save the Children, Meet at St Andrews Church Hall, Ocean Beach Rd Umina 1-30pm Enq 4324 4389

RSLWomen'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: 4344 3486

NSW Transport Authorities Retired Employees, 2.30pm, **EMBC**

Fourth Monday of every month

Labour Party Peninsula Day Branch, **CWAHWW**, 1pm.

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

Last Monday of Every Month

WWLT Playreading, Woy Woy P.S. 7.30pm , Enq: 4341 2931

Every Monday

Walking with other Mums. **UBSF**. Free. Enq: Liz Poole on 43 203741

3Cs–Craft,Coffee & Conversation, 12.30pm **BFC**. Enq: 43 431929

Yoga **WH** 9.30am Enq: 4360 1854 (ex school holidays).

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

Computers, 1pm, 2pm, **ESCC**

Night Bowls, 7.30 - 9.30pm, **EBWMC**,

Dancing - 9am; **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Mahjong** - 1pm; **Fitness** 1pm; **Yoga** for beginners 2.30pm; **ESSC**.

Gym Sessions 8am-12noon, **Tiny Tots** 9:15am-10:00am, **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9.00am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4.00pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) **PCYC**

Brisbane Water Bridge Club **PCC**. 12.30pm Enq. 4341 0721

Fairhaven **Cash Housie** 7.30pm & **Bingo** 11am **CU**

Evening **Bowls** 6pm Enq 4341 9656, **Line Dancing** **Classes**, 7pm, **EMBC**

Card Club **500** 1pm **Punters** choice 12.45pm **EBWMC**

Arts and Crafts for people with a disability 11am, Enq. 4341 9333

Patchwork & Quilting, 9am, **Pottery** 10am & 1pm **EBACC**

Children's Story Time, Woy Woy Library. 10.30 am (except Jan)

Gentle Exercise for over 50's, 9.30am, **Yoga**, 10am - 11.30am, **Pilates**, 6pm - 7pm, **BJP School of Physical Culture** from 3.45pm, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** from 3.45pm, **Gambling Counselling** by appointment, **PCC**

Craft group, 1pm **BFC**

Baseball caps more offensive than head scarves

We have recently had Bronwyn Bishop, a long-standing member of Parliament and one-time aspirant leader, recently making discriminatory remarks about Moslem schoolchildren wearing traditional head scarves.

I take extreme umbrage at this. Firstly, young Moslems have been singled out when the greater offence in Australia is the wearing of the offensive inappropriate American baseball hat rather than a replica of the traditional Australian cricketers "baggy green".

The baggy green gives greater protection against skin cancer and is Australian and not a symbol of American imperialism.

If Bronwyn was going to be fair dinkum and not just provocative, she would have included the Jewish skull cap, the Sikh turban, the Christian cross, the variety of superstitious beads used in prayer and the other religious artifacts commonly worn such as the Irish friendship ring.

She has obviously forgotten how women of her generation and

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belief were required to cover their heads and arms entering Roman Catholic, Anglican, Greek and Russian Orthodox Churches.

In this day and age unwise comments that in previous times would have been forgotten with a shrug of the shoulder are now likely to provoke a hot-headed aggrieved impatient citizen to take violent action: action that may be road rage battering, a bomb in a bus or Bali nightclub, arson of a hostel or hotel and plain murder.

Such actions usually are provoked by the blind arrogant ignoring petitioners rightful demands.

I suggest that no longer can governments and their bureaucracies operate on the principles of "White Supremacy" and "No Rocking of the Boat Allowed".

The intolerant behaviour of anyone whether it be Commonwealth politician, member of local council, industry leader, newspaper reporter, editor or owner should be prosecuted for endangering Australian citizenry.

In a previous age, such behaviour was known as low treason.

It is interesting that in Australia only the Commonwealth Attorney General by statute is allowed to commence actions of treason.

In view of the party political cover-up of all illegalities against the national, international and common laws (look no further than the illegal detention and deportation of Australian citizens) upheld and allowed by the Attorney General and Leader and Speaker of the respective Parliamentary Houses, I will not hold my breath waiting for their prudent safeguarding action but simply ask the opinions of the people before Bronwyn et al lead us into irrevocable civil war.

Richard Newby, Woy Woy

Flood warnings

Many local residents should by now have received flood warnings from Council.

These are required by the State Government in its latest floodplain risk management document.

Both scientists and governments at an international level "have accepted that the enhanced greenhouse effect is likely to result in climate change".

This document states that flooding problems in coastal waters and estuaries will increase and that the altered weather patterns will increase the severity of storms.

Floods and drought will become more prevalent.

This being the case, it is amazing that there are people in our community who still want to remove the vegetation along the foreshore at Town Beach, Ettalong, and who wish to build restaurants and clubs right beside the water on Ferry Beach.

Perhaps their business interests prevented them from seeing the recent devastation in Louisiana.

Research papers back in 1998 had warned of the likelihood of such events in the USA but it would seem that people do not want to listen until it is too late.

**Margaret Lund
Woy Woy Bay**

Out of character?

I read with interest the number of people who find the Outrigger Resort out of character with the area.

I suggest you take the time to drive by the 10-townhouse development in progress at 69 Flathead Rd, Ettalong.

It would be interesting to hear your views on how this got passed.

Jan Palmer, Ettalong Beach

Heights should have been an issue

Former Councillor Debra Wales accuses me of distorting the truth in the pursuit of a "good story" (Peninsula News, October 4).

Mrs Wales is right that the heights of buildings were not much mentioned during the public consultation process for the Urban Design Framework.

Most residents at the time were more concerned about the creeping of multi-lot redevelopments and their accumulated impacts on both the character and the ambience of the Peninsula.

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However the topic of heights of buildings were of concern to most residents when they read the consultants recommending "penthouses" in the town centres.

If Mrs Wales is correct and "heights were never discussed at any of those meetings", the residents have a right to be alarmed at the introduction of tall buildings with penthouses into the process with no discussion.

Mrs Wales then boldly states that "height was never an issue in the

submissions returned to council".

The fact is that the report of March 26, 2002, clearly lists such comments on page SF 109: "Concern that the use of the term low-rise townhouses and villas...", "Felt that the character statements referred to three-storey development which would be out of character with the area" and on page SF 110 "Feels that the Umina Town Centre Character statements are abandoning height restrictions and will result in a continuous wall of buildings."

Bryan Ellis, Umina

No benefit from mini Gold Coast

Since when has "purchase by auction" equated with actual ownership of a boat?

Even the very large Tasmanian vessel, which is very expensive to run, shows that a reliable, regular commuter ferry service is very difficult, due to the unreliable conditions on the open sea.

An irregular, tourist boat has obviously been the intent all along. Yet again the people of the

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Peninsula have been deceived.

We've had the club-resort, which was to be a one-off exemption from the planning height restrictions on the Peninsula and now we have a regular commuter ferry service which was really to be a tourist ferry service.

These things seem to be heading to the 40-year lease of public land

on which to develop a mini-Gold Coast.

Just who will benefit from such a development?

It certainly won't be the people of the Peninsula who are already short of open space.

And whatever happened to honesty and transparency in such dealings?

Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

Very loud heads-up

I admit to responding in an inappropriate manner on Tuesday, September 27, when annoyed by the silly efforts of my dysfunctional councillors to disparage one of their own, Greens Cr Terri Latella.

The silly remark from Cr Drake about the removal of height references being in the agenda for September 13 was an offensive distortion, something only barely acceptable in the political milieu where rubbery assertions are used to great effect.

I believe it was made in an

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attempt to cloud further discussion of an extremely important decision motion moved by Cr Latella.

My very loud heads-up to our new mayor was prompted by my concerns that councillors and management had allowed a blatant conflicted vote by Central Coast First's Cr Peter Hale on September 13.

I believe Cr Hale to be still the general manager of the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club and I understand the club has an interest in nearby developments

which would be advantaged by the removal of height restrictions in Ettalong.

Many pending developments are constricted by mention of height restrictions, still to be considered by this council.

Is it true Mr Hale's employer, the Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, and the neighbouring Outrigger Resort would benefit from a weakening of our community resolve to restrict height in further development?

Why else would the development lobby continue to beat the community up?

Ed James, Umina

Progress quite different

It has been reported in local papers that the Council has voted to remove any building height restrictions in Ettalong and Umina.

I attended a well-attended community meeting about this issue at Ettalong a few months ago and came away convinced that this is not what the community prefers, far from it.

They don't want another Gold Coast.

There were some people there who expressed the grossly erroneous view that "high rise equals progress", something that "we need to have".

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As one who lived some 20 years on the Far North Coast of NSW let me assure you that the opposite is true.

Thanks particularly to the local Greens, the message that "high rise equals progress" was consigned to the dustbin there and sustainable development plans, up the three stories maximum, was introduced.

"Progress" now means something quite different!

That region is now a model for the rest of Australia although every attempt is made by developers to

revert to their old ways and values as the corrupt behaviour in Tweed demonstrates.

From the behaviour of the pro-developer Gosford Council we learn that local government needs to be strengthened by paying local Councillors so that more independent citizens can represent the community and their current values.

I will support the petition to the NSW Local Government Minister, by Bryan Ellis (Save Our Suburbs Central Coast), to initiate an inquiry into the conduct of this council.

Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

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Students investigate ag research station

Brisbane Water Secondary College students from Woy Woy campus were among teams of students from eight Central Coast high schools, which held an excursion to the historic Agricultural Research Station site at Narara site on October 28.

The groups were to report its findings to a panel of experts including Gosford Cr Chris Holstein and the regional Manager of the National Parks and Wildlife Service Mr Tom Bagnat.

The event is part of the 7th Annual Central Coast Envirothon.

The event is designed to encourage and reward students with an interest in environmental management, providing an

opportunity for them to work as a team on a real environmental problem.

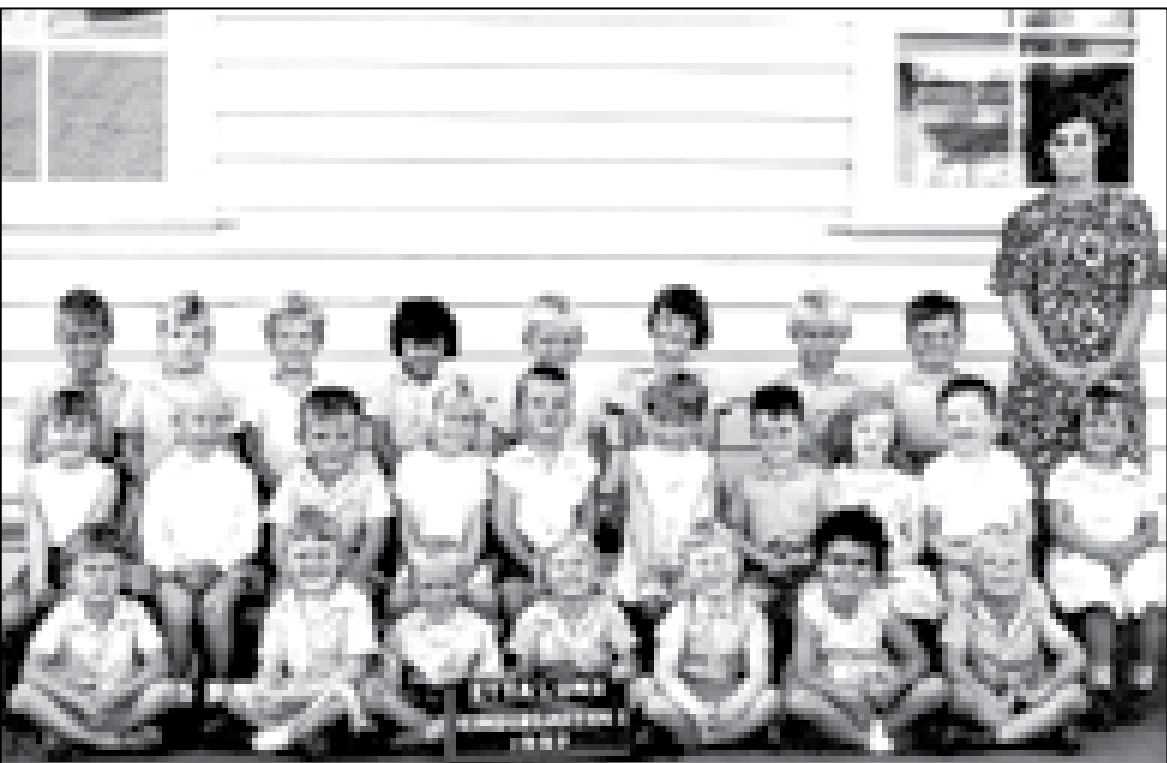
The students use syllabus related skills ranging from collecting data through to devising and presenting convincing solutions.

Each team of students work through eight activities to get an understanding of the site's cultural heritage values, fauna and flora, landscape, water quality, hydrology and soils.

Points are awarded for achievement at each activity and also for the final presentation.

The winning team will go on to compete at the State final in Sydney.

**Press release, October 27
Mark Attwooll, Rumbalara**



Ms Megan Smith and her class of 1967

School farewells long-time teacher

Ettalong Public School teacher Ms Megan Smith will retire from teaching at the end of this year.

"After 39 dedicated years, Mrs Megan Smith (nee Kimberley) will retire from teaching at the end of this year," said school publicity officer Ms Michelle Pathirana.

Ms Smith went to Balmain Teacher's College and was appointed to Ettalong Public School in 1967.

Apart from a year at Woy Woy South public in 1977, Ms Smith spent her entire teaching career at

Ettalong.

Ms Smith said: "The majority of my memories are happy and I have made life-long friendships with students, parents, grandparents, teachers, support staff and principals, sharing many experiences with them."

"Mrs Smith loves being in the classroom and has a particular passion for literacy," Ms Pathirana said.

"Ms Smith was responsible for establishing the BEAR reading program within the school, which has become a vital teaching tool and a valuable link between home

and school.

"Mrs Smith was also the co-ordinator of the school's 75th anniversary, which was a great success.

"During her 39 years, Mrs Smith has influenced the lives of many students and has taught two generations of many families.

"The Ettalong school community would like to say a big thank you and wishes Mrs Smith a happy and relaxing retirement."

A farewell celebration will be held on Friday, December 2.

**Press release, October 25
Michelle Pathirana, Ettalong P&C**

Students stunned by vandalism

Students at Woy Woy Public School have been "devastated" by the vandalism of their school garden, according to a report.

During the last two terms, classes K4M and K4P had been working on a vegetable garden at the school.

According to the school newsletter, the garden was beginning to yield vegetables and herbs after all the hard work and effort that the students and teachers had put in.

"However, on the weekend, the garden was vandalised again for the second time," the letter stated," the newsletter stated.

"Entire plants were removed from the school including three lettuces, three celeries, and one tomato plant, zucchini plant and corn plant.

"Various other plants were ripped out of the garden and left lying there.

"The students in the class were devastated that this has happened to their garden."

**Newsletter, October 20
Woy Woy Public School**

Spelling awards

Students from Umina and Woy Woy Public Schools have received awards from the University of NSW Spelling Competition.

Woy Woy Public School students Sam Burrell and Tim Newans both gained distinctions.

Students Matt Cairns, Stephanie Jenkins, Rebecca Cooper, Alison Lyons and Kelsey Russell gained credits.

Students Jouelle Hodges, Josh Kiss, Tiffany Lo, Jamie Lyons, Alex Ross, Sarah Horgan, Nicole Green, Brett Riley, Katie Cooper, Zahoe Lee, Bonnie Lewis, Anthony Lo, Jack Mineo, Hannah Burrell, Lauren Cairns and Rebecca Miller

received participation awards.

Relieving principal Mr Warren Mee congratulated all students on a fine effort.

Umina Public School students to receive distinctions included Lachlan Irving, Kerrod Meyers, Daniel Russell, Kate Toner and Taylor Hulls.

Students to receive credits included Jake Jackson, Rhys Bright and Maddison Keys.

Students to receive achievement awards included Madison Roots and Ryan Egglestone.

**Newsletter, October 18 and 20
Umina Public School
Warren Mee, Woy Woy Public School**

Woy Woy Court magistrate Elizabeth Ellis will speak at the Brisbane Water College P&C meeting on Wednesday, November 16.

The P&C had invited her to speak about the problem of under-age alcohol abuse and its relationship

to crime.

Related topics will include the legal consequences of alcohol-related crime and parents' responsibilities regarding the availability of alcohol to minors.

Ms Ellis will also answer questions from parents about

juveniles and the law.

The meeting will be held in the Woy Woy Campus library, Edward St, Woy Woy, at 7pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Press release, October 26
Stephanie Francis, Senior Campus P&C**

Awards for awareness

Several Empire Bay Public School students have received awards from Gosford Council as part of its Environmental Awareness Program.

Students to receive prizes included Callum Balneaves, Montana Lapich, Nick Smith, Chloe Gregory and Katie Jones.

The students will attend a presentation ceremony on November 25 at Laycock St Theatre.

A class from the school has also been invited to perform.

**Newsletter, October 19
Empire Bay Public School**

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Sport & Education



The Woy Woy Rugby Club 2005 finalist teams



Rugby team was runner-up

The Woy Woy Rugby Club ended a relatively successful season with the Second Grade team being runners-up after losing the grand final to Avoca 19-10.

Assistant publicity officer Mr Samuel Mokeme said the side went to a 7-nil lead and held it for some time until Avoca levelled just before half-time.

"A try just after halftime skipped Avoca to a handy lead and unfortunately the Lions just couldn't breach the gap," Mr Mokeme said.

Team coach and captain Mr Paul Burkwood said: "We were playing a side who hadn't lost a game all year, and we really stuck it to them."

"There were some stand-out performers with Stephen and Andrew McNamara having good

games.

"Danny May carried his excellent finals form into the game and was solid in defence and attack."

Club coach Mr Ross Hopkins said: "With the introduction of a Rugby academy next year for our juniors and some anticipated recruits arriving for the senior club everything again points towards a successful 2006."

"We are taking a side again up to Darwin for the Sevens in January and any interested players or supporters are welcomed."

"This will again give us a solid week's training and playing in the tropics that hopefully will have us ready next season."

**Press Release, October 26
Samuel Mokeme, Woy Woy
Rugby Club**

Four schools get grants

Four Peninsula schools were among those to receive funding in the first round of the Australian Government Capital Infrastructure Grants recently.

The schools were Brisbane

Water Secondary College, Ettalong Public School, Pretty Beach Public School and Woy Woy South Public School.

Brisbane Water Secondary College received \$33,000 to upgrade its creative arts facilities while Ettalong Public School

received \$50,000 to refurbish its library.

Pretty Beach Public School received \$57,069 to refurbish its school toilets and purchase musical instruments while Woy Woy South Public School received \$42,829 to erect shade structures.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd said he was particularly pleased that 14 schools in his electorate were to share in over \$580,000 in funding under the program.

"This money will give Central Coast Schools an opportunity to improve their learning environment," Mr Lloyd said.

"This funding is particularly significant because it is for projects that have been identified by teachers and parents as being of critical need."

**Press release, October 20
Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson**

Writing awards

Many Umina Public School students have received awards in the Australian Schools Writing Competition including high distinctions, distinctions, credits and school achievement awards.

Students awarded high distinctions included Sarah Basford and Jack Walters.

Students who received distinctions included Kerrod Meyers, Kate Toner, Daniel Russell, Alyse Faith, Jessica Rooke, Lachlan Brown, Olivia Brown, Emma Lavas, Ellen McCracken and James Williams.

Students who received credits included Quinta Jamieson, Kiarna Nikora, Zane Petrinovic, Samantha Thompson, Kayla Zwan, Mikaylie Page, Samantha Tisdell, Belinda Ramsay, Emmy Wysocki, Justin Westlake, Trixie Muller, Elise White, Taylor Hulls, Annie Sultana, Marina Mondal, Holly Austine, Trae Edwards, Rhys Bright, Sarah Cameron and Sarah Witkowski.

Students who received school achievement awards included Kiara Hoste, Chris Lane, Ashleigh Little, Mikaela Maurer, Tahlia Petrinovic and Samantha Ramsay
**Newsletter, October 18
Umina Public School**

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Peninsula boys are soccer champions

The Under-13 and Under-15 Boys' Central Coast District Representative Teams, Metropolitan Far North, were both victorious at the recent NSW State Soccer Championships.

Two Peninsula players, Chris Payne of Umina and Ben Brooks of Ettalong, were among the representatives who took part over four days.

The Under-15 Boys played at Soccer NSW Headquarters at Valentine Park and were most impressive with the standard and style of Soccer produced at the Tournament, according to Coach Mr Brian Follett.

"The squad boasted 13 members of the Central Coast United Squad that finished runners-up in the

Under-15 Super Youth League Competition last month," Mr Follett said.

"The Under-13 Boys, playing on their home turf at Plum Park, Lisarow, rose above themselves to lift the State Title Crown away from their Sydney Metropolitan opponents.

"This team had 11 members of the Central Coast United team defeated in the Super Youth League Grand Final in September.

"In the Semi-Final against Metropolitan West the full time score of 0 to 0 sent the game into extra time.

"Extra time failed to break the deadlock and the game went to a penalty shoot-out, which the team won."

Press Release, October 18
Brian Follett



The "Golden Oldies" faced off against the Woy Woy under-15/1s

Presentation day for juniors

Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club held its presentation day recently.

The day featured a match between the club's under-15/1s side, which was runner-up in the grand final, and "The Golden Oldies", according to publicity officer Ms Anita Uptin.

Committee members Geoff Staunton, Troy Hudson, John Gavin, Russell Downey and Laurie Taylor together with coaching staff, trainers and managers took to the oval as "The Golden Oldies", surrounded by a large crowd of keen supporters and interested onlookers, Ms Uptin said.

President Geoff Staunton said: "Some of the players had hung up their boots many years before, but were keen to get together for the fun match which was played at the conclusion of a tremendous presentation day."

"Both teams put on a fantastic display of skill and entertainment with the final score aptly ending at five tries a piece," Ms Uptin said.

"The only injury of the match was to First Aid officer Mr Laurie Taylor.

"He took a few cuts to the head from a fellow team member and was seen expertly attending to his own head wounds."

Mr Staunton said the presentation day was the formal conclusion to a successful season for the junior club.

Every player, coach, trainer and

manager for the year were formally congratulated and presented with trophies.

Recognition was also given to the 20 players who this year reached the goal of playing 100 games for the club, along with the acknowledgment of 10 year service for players Alex Brown and Ryan Maskill.

Other major awards were to Mini League player with most potential Zak Rowe, Mod League player with most potential Darcy Dickinson-Neal, the Presidents Award for most improved to Shawn Nelson and the Players Player award to Ryan Maskill.

Coach of the Year was Mick Kirwan.

A former Woy Woy Junior, Mr Kirwan took his team, the Under-10/2s, to victory at the grand finals this year.

Mr Kirwan has also had a hand at coaching many other players from previous years.

Club Person of the Year was canteen coordinator Ms Sharon Nelson.

Under-10s' manager Linda Thomas thanked the committee on behalf of all players and their families.

"They constantly and tirelessly worked with smiles on their faces and all this helps to build a great club" Ms Thomas said.

The club's general meeting was held the following day and saw an increase in the size of the committee.

Its first meeting will be planning for next year's incoming players and competition.

Press Release, October 26
Anita Uptin, Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Club

Big lunch at junior rugby club

The Woy Woy Junior Rugby Union Club concluded its season with a Big Lunch for Leukemia presentation day on Saturday, September 24.

The club raised \$348 for the Leukemia Foundation.

Each player received a trophy or medallion and club shirt, team photo and yearbook on the day.

The club has tripled its membership in two seasons, and has proved a challenging opponent for older, more established clubs, according to secretary Ms Denise Stokie .

"The Under-11s had a particularly good run this season, making it to the grand final against Terrigal, only

to narrowly lose in the last minutes of the game.," Ms Stokie said.

Two players received Central Coast Rugby Union trophies.

Alex Moore won the Under-11s Best and Fairest and Zac Fell won 2005 Representative Player of the Year.

Club president Mr John Stokie said that he was proud of the way the players conducted themselves on and off the field.

He also thanked the local community.

"Without the support of locals, we wouldn't have been able to start up a junior rugby club on the Peninsula at all," Mr Stokie said.

Press release, September
Denise Stokie

Teachers triumph in golf tournament

Teachers at Ettalong Primary School were triumphant in the annual NSW Teachers Credit Golf Tournament on October 6.

Teachers from all over NSW competed in the annual NSW Teachers Credit Union golf tournament at Carnarvon Golf Course, Auburn.

School teacher Mr Bill Yeend participated along with teachers Mr Alan Golding, Mr Brendan Pankhurst, Mr Graham Trembath, Mr Gary Jones, casual teacher Mr Mike Eastwood and retired teacher Mr Warwick Teasdale.

"Some great golf was played

by all team members," Mr Yeend said.

"After a hard tussle Gary Jones and Brendan Pankhurst were winners of the men's pairs event and Gary Jones was winner of the men's individual event."

"We would like to thank their sponsors, Ettalong Public School Healthy Canteen and, Alex O'Hara through his employer Nightingale Wines from the Hunter Valley, for their support.

"We not only played good golf we were certainly the best dressed team on the day as well."

Press Release, October 21
Bill Yeend, Ettalong Public School

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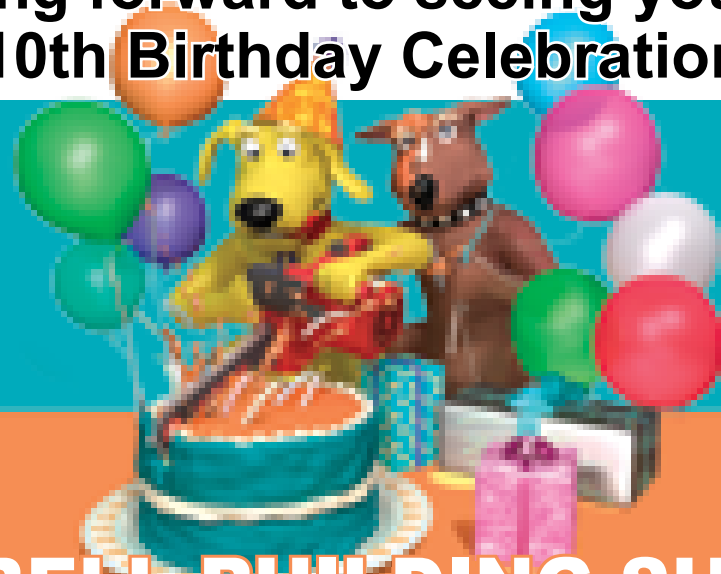
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