



Woy Woy Council depot, the proposed site of a water treatment plant

Dunes addressed in Ettalong Beach plan

A dune management plan and a review of environmental factors have been incorporated in the Ettalong Beach Plan of Management, following discussions between the Department of Lands and Gosford Council:

The plan of management has now been approved for exhibition by the department and is expected to go on public exhibition following council's meeting tomorrow night.

A department official said the department had earlier received objections from members of the community about the extent of proposed vegetation removal detailed in Council's original plan.

Since that time, the department had been "working closely with Council to consider the cases presented, and develop a plan that balances the objectives of the wider community, whilst having regard for coastal processes and environmental conditions of the site".

The Department believed a suitable compromise has been reached, she said.

The new dune management plan and a review of environmental factors were "designed to facilitate the works proposed for the boardwalks, viewing platforms and toilet blocks".

Gosford Council manager of engineering services Mr John Cragg said the Ettalong Beach

Plan of Management would go on exhibition regardless of council's resolution tomorrow night, as it would be exhibited on behalf of the Lands Department.

The council is to be presented with a recommendation to present both the Ettalong Beach plan of management and the dune management plan concurrently, following a presentation of the two at a strategy policy workshop on July 11.

Mr Cragg said that several years ago council endorsed an overall plan of management but that it was not forwarded on to the Department of Lands until earlier this year.

He said the dune management plan, drawn up by a consultant, was for the section of land between Picnic Parade and Beach St.

The plan was based on the overall plan of management, Mr Cragg said.

Mr Cragg said the work council was most interested in for the immediate future was the main part of town.

The Ettalong Beach plan of management covers an area from Kourung St to Ferry Rd.

During the exhibition period, comments received regarding the plan of management would be passed on to the Lands Department.

If council accepts the staff recommendation, the plan would be on exhibition for 28 days.

Lyle Stone, July 20



The Ettalong Beach dunes between Picnic Parade and Beach St

Council advertises groundwater plans

Gosford Council has formally advertised its planned construction of a water treatment plant to be located at the Woy Woy Council Depot.

The plans for the development, which would supplement current water supplies with groundwater, were advertised from July 5 to 19.

The proposed building is expected to cost \$500,000 as part of a total expenditure of \$8.2 million on the groundwater project.

The plant would treat water from 14 bores on the Peninsula, seven at Woy Woy and another seven at Umina Beach.

A development application stated that a "groundwater project identified locations where groundwater could be acquired and used for potable application after treatment".

"Hydrological pump tests show that the harvesting at or less than sustainable yields for each bore can provide useful quantities for treatment."

The proposed pumps would be

installed at depths from 18 metres to 25 metres.

Groundwater would be piped from the bores to the proposed treatment plant by buried pipes.

The proposed water treatment for the groundwater would differ from conventional processes used for treating surface water.

It would include functions such as oxidation of iron and manganese, filtration, and disinfection by a chlorine compound that allows residual chlorine in the potable water.

Tests had indicated varying amounts of iron and manganese and total dissolved solids in the bore waters.

The plant building itself would be from six to eight metres high with expected dimensions of 23 metres by 10 metres.

The walls would be steel clad with dark green finish, and no windows fronting Ocean Beach Rd.

External features of the plant building would include a clear water storage holding tank, enhanced coagulation and oxidation tanks

and seven chemical storage tanks.

Bores at Woy Woy will be placed at James Brown Reserve, the reserve on the corner of Veron Rd and Connex Rd, Rogers Park adjacent to Erina Ave and to Dunban Rd, the reserve on Mackenzie Ave, the reserve at the corner of Trafalgar Ave and Alma Ave and the Woy Woy Council Depot itself.

Bores at Umina Beach will be placed at the reserve at 25 to 27 Paul St, the corner of King St and Karingi St, Guyangil Park at 16 Australia Ave, the reserve on Poziers Ave, the reserve at 2 to 2a Ryans Rd, 40 Albion St, and the reserve on the corner of Ryans Rd and Haynes Ave.

Development application 30602/06

Lyle Stone, July 29

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Council waits for fast ferry guarantee

Gosford Council is awaiting a bank guarantee from Fast Ships Pty Ltd, after the company signed a deed of agreement on June 28 to provide a ferry service to Circular Quay.

Under the terms of the deed, Fast Ships must submit the executed leases by July 28, provide a detailed construction program by September 27, apply for a construction certificate complete with an environmental management plan and quality

assurance plan by October 27, commence construction of the wharf and terminal by January 27 and achieve practical completion and commencement of the ferry service by July 27 next year.

If Fast Ships fail to meet the essential terms of the deed, council may give Fast Ships a notice to comply within 14 days, and if it does not comply, terminate the agreement for breach of contract.

At the time of execution of the Development Deed of Agreement by Fast Ships, the delivery of the bank guarantee to council was not

provided.

However, Fast Ships advised that the bank guarantee should be given to council in early July.

Currently the first bank guarantee of \$100,000 had not been received.

A second bank guarantee of \$400,000 must be given to council prior to occupation of the leased area.

Councillors will be advised at tomorrow night's council meeting if the required bank guarantee has been received or not.

Council agenda COR.87, July 25

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Council works

Gosford Council Works are currently being conducted at Booker Bay, Ettalong, Killcare Heights, Pretty beach, Umina and Woy Woy.

Road crossings at Ocean View Rd and Picnic Parade, Ettalong, are being reinstated.

This work continues from last week.

Work has also been conducted since last week on pouring footpaths at Orange Grove Rd, Booker Bay.

The stormwater drainage works being conducted on Wards Hill Rd and The Scenic Rd, Killcare Heights, are now 50 per cent complete.

Construction planning for the Pretty Beach boat ramp has also

commenced.

Adjustments are taking place for the roundabout at the intersection of Ocean Beach Rd and Wellington St, Umina.

In Woy Woy, traffic lights are currently being installed at the intersection of McMasters Rd and Ocean Beach Rd.

**Press release, July 11, 18
Karen Weber, Gosford Council**

Fourth year at motel

The owners of a Woy Woy motel have celebrated their fourth year of ownership.

Noel and Josie Goodwin purchased The Glades Motor Inn the July 2, 2002

"Talk about mid-life crisis," Mr Joe Goodwin said.

"We have worked hard in our former business, Goodwins Smash Repairs and Talk of the Town Hair Care.

"But the 24/7 life was a shock to the system.

"It has been made easier by our good staff, family and friends who have stood by us."

Mr Goodwin said that, in the four years, they had made many changes to the motel such as refurbishing the rooms, painting, and establishing the gardens.

"We have a very big backyard with a barbecue area and pool and they take a lot of maintenance.

"The hard work has paid off with our customers commenting on

the changes each time they come back.

"We have a good working relationship with the Everglades Country Club next door with all the functions they hold.

"The local people support us with their celebrations, visitors and all the building trade staying with us.

"The sporting clubs utilise our accommodation for the bowls, golf, cricket and baseball as well as the new swimming pool teams."

Joe Goodwin said they had numerous stories to tell but were "saving it up for a book".

**Press release, July 5
Joe Goodwin, Glades Motor Inn**

New owners for cake shop

A Woy Woy cake shop has a new owner.

Former manager of Franklins supermarket at Deepwater Plaza, Ms Teresa Deguara, has purchased the Michel's Patisserie franchise in the shopping centre.

Teresa said she felt the need for change after 10 years in the supermarket industry.

"I moved to the Peninsula three years ago to become the manager

of the Franklins store," she said.

"The customers here at Deepwater Plaza are what I believe to be some of the best in the country.

"When I heard that Michel's Patisserie here at Deepwater Plaza was for sale, I couldn't say no," Ms Deguara said.

Michel's Patisserie Deepwater Plaza is part of a national franchise chain of retailers that provide

cakes, pies and coffees, and has been at Deepwater Plaza for over 10 years.

**Press release, July 4
Deepwater Plaza**

New salon in Woy Woy

A new hairdressing salon has opened in Woy Woy.

With a salon already in Umina, Passion Hair and Beauty has decided to further expand with a new salon in Deepwater Plaza to cater for the Woy Woy to West Gosford market.

"We have everything you need to make sure you look great," said owner Tracey Maryska.

"We guarantee quality results, professional service and most importantly we have an attention for details."

Ms Maryska and her team hold international experience and are highly qualified.

"We have a plasma screen 'Chill out' area as well as a refreshment bar.

"Whether you are coming in for a colour, a cut or for make up and beauty, Passion Hair will provide you with an experience you have never had before."

Passion Hair and Beauty provides all hair and beauty services as well as being wedding and formal specialists.

Deepwater Plaza centre manager Ms Julie Marr said she was enthused about the arrival of Passion Hair and Beauty.

**Press release, July 6
Deepwater Plaza**

Three new stores open

Up to 2000 people attended in the first hour of opening of three new stores in a Woy Woy shopping centre.

Best & Less, Millers Fashion Club and The Reject Shop opened as part of the redevelopment of Deepwater Plaza.

"Customers were queued up outside the stores waiting for the doors to open," according to Deepwater Plaza centre manager Ms Julie Marr.

"The opening was meant to be a soft opening.

"However customers were keen

to get in and check out our new retailers," Ms Marr said.

"The development works are all but finished and the centre looks great.

"We have a couple of more retailers still to join us.

"We are just awaiting the final sign off before we can announce who they are.

Major stores at Deepwater Plaza are Coles, Kmart, Franklins, Best and Less and The Reject Shop, supported by 50 specialty shops.

**Press release, July 6
Deepwater Plaza**

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Each winner received a Creative Papercraft kit, including the first and second editions of Creative Papercraft, a pack of handmade cards and envelopes and a pair of decorative-cut scissors.

Natalie Thom, July 21

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Volunteers wanted to attack lantana

Volunteers are being sought for a community effort on Sunday, August 6, to help rid Mazlin Farm in Pearl Beach of lantana thickets.

The farm, now owned by Gosford Council, is adjacent to the Cromellin Arboretum and is being regenerated as a bush corridor between the arboretum and the national park surrounding Pearl Beach.

Gosford Council bushcare officer Ms Robyn Urquhart and National Parks and Wildlife Services bushcare coordinator Gosford area Ms Deb Holloman will assist Pearl Beach bush regeneration volunteers.

Professional bush regenerators from Tentacle Inc have volunteered their services.

Pearl Beach resident Ms Lynda Morrison of Tentacle will demonstrate how to make small lantana rafts as a temporary habitat for evicted wildlife.

"Lantana's dense arching canes act as nesting and sheltered habitat but stop Aussie plants from growing," said Pearl Beach Bushcare convenor Ms Tara Allen.

She said rafting allowed the protection offered by lantana to be removed gradually.

"Eventually the rafts rot as mulch," she said.

In the meantime, the wildlife remained protected while native

plants regenerated.

"Our group needs help to rid the site of lantana to regenerate our creek bordered bushland."

Ms Urquhart said: "Pearl Beach Bushcare initiated a grant from the Australian Government Envirofund for a professional company to begin primary weeding.

"The group has worked and planted on the site and our big open community effort is the next step to allow the native seed bed to grow in its natural diversity."

All volunteers will be given a safety induction and face mask, advice about personal protective clothing.

No chemicals or chain saws, power tools or machetes will be allowed on site.

Secateurs and loppers or hand loppers are allowed and some hand tools will be provided.

All volunteers will be given a ticket to a free Gosford Council Bushcare barbecue at midday and will meet environment author and Pearl Beach resident Dr Vincent Serventy who will present a signed copy of a book on endangered wildlife.

All volunteers must book by contacting Robyn Urquhart on 4325 8195.

For more information contact Tara Allen on 4342 0378.

**Press release, July 19
Pearl Beach Bush
Regeneration Group**



Local indigenous dance troupe, PIPA, were joined by internationally renowned members of Desert Dance at Gosford Council's NAIDOC celebrations.

Peninsula dancers in NAIDOC ceremony

Internationally-recognised indigenous dance troupe Desert Dance joined the local Peninsula Indigenous Performing Arts (PIPA) troupe for NAIDOC Week celebrations at Gosford Council on July 6.

The joint performance by members of PIPA and the Desert Dance troupes paid homage and respect to the custodians of the

land.

The dancers were part of council's flag-raising ceremony held in the forecourt of its administration building in Mann St, Gosford.

Mayor Cr Laurie Maher said this year's celebration was the biggest yet and stated how important the ceremony was for the Central Coast in recognising our cultural heritage.

"We have come some way in the

journey of recognising our cultural heritage but we do have a long way to go, so we will continue to work hard in that direction," Cr Maher said.

NAIDOC week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

This year's theme is Respect the Past, Believe in the Future.

**Press release, July 10
Marion Newall, Gosford Council**

Nuisance dog

Gosford Council has received a petition about a "nuisance dog" on Boongala Rd, Empire Bay.

The petition, with five signatures of Boongala Rd residents, stated that a dog in the street was constantly barking day and night and roaming the streets.

They also said that they felt the dog was being treated cruelly after several observations of the dog becoming tangled up on a peg in the backyard.

The petitioners asked council to approach the owner to "see if something could be done".

Council agenda P.41, July 25

Mains scouring goes to tender

Gosford Council officers have recommended that council accept a tender from company Mainsclean to clean water mains by air scouring.

Council recently trialed the cleaning of water mains by air scouring in two pilot areas, including the Peninsula.

The water used in the cleaning process was transferred to tankers and transported to Council's Water Treatment Plant at Somersby for

re-processing.

A council staff report stated that valuable information was gained by the trials and was used to develop contract documents.

The contract services include the cleaning of mains and transportation of discoloured water to Somersby.

Mainsclean was the company that completed the two pilot areas and had experience in the transporting discoloured water.

The company had allowed for a tanker capacity of 75,700 litres increasing to 99,700 litres (and sometimes 123,700 litres) for larger size mains and was expecting to complete the work in 43 shifts.

The staff report stated that the pilot areas were completed in a "very satisfactory manner".

The contract provides for the payment of tankers on a per shift basis.

Council agenda WAT.18, July 25

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Water supply mismanaged

I have just received a newsletter from our local State Member Marie Andrews and I have to congratulate her for telling it like it is when it comes to our water crisis.

Marie Andrews is right when she states that Gosford Council has mismanaged our water supply for too many years.

It is Gosford and Wyong Councils who are responsible for our water under the guise of the Water Supply Authority.

Planning for the future is

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supposed to be about building the infrastructure to prepare for the water crisis we are now experiencing.

And Gosford Council has done absolutely nothing over the years other than to use \$3.7 million from our water funds to pay off their cost blowouts on the Gosford Stadium in 2001.

This was yet another blunder under the leadership of Cr Chris Holstein in his position as Mayor of

Gosford at the time.

Yes, Marie Andrews, the State Government should be stepping in and managing our water and putting in place the infrastructure so badly needed including vital water recycling initiatives.

Please save us from the "experts on everything" Holstein, Brooks and Bell.

It is time these councillors moved on.

Marianna Mayes
Umina Beach

Wasted on traffic lights

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I would like to know why small towns like Woy Woy need to have so many traffic lights.

With the numbers that are going in, anyone would think this was Sydney.

The people who make these decisions don't even live here.

Their attitude is: "Who cares? We don't have to sit in traffic to get 200 metres down the road."

Who has given councillors the

right to waste so much money?

Why don't you put the money to better use than wasting it on traffic lights that in a few years you pull down because we didn't need them anyway?

It is ratepayers' dollars you are spending.

Kerrie Stirling
Woy Woy

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Help asbestos victims

I had the pleasure of being at a function last Monday at which ex-James Hardie employee, father, family man and now long-time sufferer of asbestosis, Mr Burnie Banton AM, spoke.

I was intrigued to hear this man's courageous story, but his story is the story of so many others and it was the size of this problem and the number of fellow Australians affected by this corporate neglect that really hit home with me.

These victims have been negotiating for many years now following assistance from the trade union movement and the State Government and, in December 2005, everyone thought they finally had an agreement to end the suffering of these victims.

This was only to be a short-lived oasis.

Enter the Australia Tax Office, a

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Commonwealth department that is now threatening this agreement and the billions of dollars in compensation for asbestos victims.

I call on my fellow Australians to pick up a pen and write to the Commissioner of Taxation, Mr Michael D'Ascenzo, GPO Box 9990, Sydney NSW 2000, and to our Prime Minister, Mr John Howard, PO Box 6022, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600, and help put an end to the suffering of these hard-working Australians.

This is about more than money or tax rates.

This is about being Australian and looking after one another.

Let's show that mateship is still alive and well.

Jim Macfadyen
Killcare

Tag and release – not funny

It is not that funny for voting taxpayers to read in the tabloids how understaffed police have adopted fishing terminology "tag and release" when processing miscreants for property crime, drunkenness and vandalism.

These offences have become a late night sport, not often enough reported in many understaffed communities like the Woy Woy Peninsula.

A 30-minute response time after 3am on Sunday morning, July 16, is not only offensive.

It is just more evidence of an embarrassing lack of police

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presence going back more than 10 years.

I am tired of discussing crimes on the phone with police while they are actually occurring.

Residents are clearly being taxed for an ineffective system of understaffed policing, which at its best can only play catch up on hundreds of real-time complaints.

It has never been acceptable that the same tired old promises are trotted out to meetings of concerned residents by a new line-up of apologetic faces wearing senior police uniforms.

Edward James
Umina

Helping the jihad?

The PM's ambition for Australia to become an "energy super power" smacks of megalomania and stupidity.

For example, to include uranium exports in the package of assets on offer is an extremely dangerous proposition.

Once the yellow cake leaves our shores heavens knows where it'll end up.

Given his dubious contributions to the War on Terror already, could the small "I" liberals finally rein this

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PM in?

The jihad suicide bombers would be happy indeed to go nuclear, if they could, and wipe out the infidels of the West that way.

"Not possible", I hear our naive voters say.

Remember "Pig Iron Bob's" contribution to the Japanese War effort in 1942?

Wake up Australia!

Klaas Woldring
Pearl Beach

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at the Peninsula Theatre, Macmasters Road
Woy Woy on July 26 from 5.30-7pm.

Enquiries: Kellie Chapman on 4325 8107.

Groundwater extraction impact questioned

Gosford Council was rushing through plans for groundwater extraction on the Peninsula, without public scrutiny of its environmental effects, according to the Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation.

The branch has called on council to extend the exhibition period for its extraction plans, to address the environmental impacts of the proposal and to release details of a separate study into ground water levels on the Peninsula, undertaken as part of investigations into "stormwater infiltration".

The branch was concerned that the environmental effects of the \$8 million groundwater extraction proposal have not been adequately addressed, said branch president Mr John Wiggin.

"Extracting large volumes of groundwater is likely to have a substantial effect on water table levels, with consequent effects on bush reserves on the Peninsula," Mr Wiggin said.

"This could have a major impact on endangered bushland, such as Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland, which is protected under the Threatened Species Act.

"This issue has not been adequately addressed in the development application."

Mr Wiggin said that advertising for the development application has been listed amongst applications for carports and home extensions, rather than as a major infrastructure project.

"It has been placed on public exhibition for only 14 days, where most developments of any significance are placed on public exhibition for at least 28 days.

"We understand that, in fact, the proposal has been available in Woy Woy library for public inspection for only three days.

"It is alarming that an \$8 million project can be undertaken with so little opportunity for public comment.

"Council's undue haste in this matter is reflected by the fact that it has already arranged to meet this week with prospective tenderers.

"Gosford Council is both applicant and regulator for this application so it is all the more important that the council's processes in this matter are open and transparent."

Mr Wiggin said that the council objected loudly and sought detailed groundwater studies, including replenishment models, when Coca Cola Amatil applied to extract large volumes of water from the Somersby Plateau.

"The same standards should be applied here," said Mr Wiggin.

**Press release, July 18
John Wiggin, Australian
Conservation Foundation
Central Coast**

Water table won't drop, council claims

The water table on the Peninsula will not drop with ground water extraction, according to Gosford Council's manager of asset management Ms Pam McCann

She said that council had computer models of how it believed the water table would be affected, and had also done studies on the impacts of the treatment plant, such as land use, flora and fauna.

However, the council had not released them because it was not legally obliged to.

Ms McCann said that council only needed a development application for the building, not the bore field, which was licensed by the Department of Natural Resources.

"They will be giving council a 12-month testing license, and then they will consider what substantial

yield council can take from the borefield," Ms McCann said.

Ms McCann said she believed that the bores would be able to supply 3.8 megalitres a day.

Ms McCann said that there were 20 bores on the Peninsula but that council would only be using the 14 that caused the least environmental impact.

Ms McCann said that they could tell from the modelling which areas of groundwater would be impacted the most, and would be contacting residents and environmental groups in those areas.

She stated that, from the modelling, the impact would be "very much located around the bores".

"There will not be an overall dropping of the water table," Ms McCann said.

Ms McCann said that there were risks, but that council would

only be taking what it could on a sustainable basis.

She said that at other bores around the Gosford local area, such as Ourimbah, the bores were only collecting half their expected yield.

She also stated that council would be setting up displays in the Peninsula area, and would be out in the community to inform it of the water treatment plant proposal.

Ms McCann said that some of the water table computer modelling would be on display.

The council also issued a statement saying that the decision to advertise the development application for 14 days rather than 28 was "in accordance with Council's Development Control Plan 128 - Notification of Development Applications".

Lyle Stone, July 21

Noise 'constant' at water plant

Noise at the proposed water treatment plant was "expected to be constant during all time periods", according to the development application.

A report for the development application stated that the treatment plant was expected to produce less than 38dBA in noise to residences along Ocean Beach Rd and Gallipoli Ave, and less than 35dBA to residences adjacent to the depot, between the hours of 10pm and 7am.

Measured noise levels at the current site measure an average of 41dBA during the daytime, 38dBA during the evening and 31dBA at night time.

The application stated that provided the recommended noise controls were implemented, the plant was expected to operate at "acceptable noise levels".

It also stated that vibration would not be an issue during both construction and operation.

It did state, however, that during construction there would be noise

created by mobile plant carrying out earthworks and the transport of materials.

The report stated that bore pumps were generally inaudible due to the acoustic shielding provided by the depth below ground and the overlying cabinet.

It stated that the control cabinets to be installed at each bore location would have visual impacts but "such impacts are assessed as being relatively minor in view of the substantial space available around the cabinets".

"The proposal will supplement the town water supply, representing a net social benefit.

"Quality of life enhancements will result from delaying or preventing more severe water restrictions being introduced."

The report stated that care would need to be taken with soil during construction, due to the area being classed as having a low acid sulphate risk occurring in soils at depths of two to three metres and deeper.

If not managed adequately, acidic pollution of waterways could result, and in addition there could be adverse impacts on soil structure and arability.

It stated that during construction, care would be required to be taken to divert stormwater away from any soils stockpiles and to provide and maintain silt fences to stop any water borne dispersed soils.

It stated that factors which were expected to minimize the above risks were the shallowness of proposed excavations, the modest overall scale of the works, the use of a construction environmental management plan (CEMP) and the following of guidelines for working with potential acid sulphate soils.

The report stated that "subject to the appropriate management of any acid sulphate soils, and in view of the shallowness and scale of the proposed works, the likely impacts of acid sulphate soils are assessed as not being significant".

**Development application
30602/06**

Lyle Stone, July 29

Veron Rd petitions

Gosford Council has received two petitions from Peninsula residents objecting to further development on the Veron Rd and Hillview St block, Woy Woy.

The petitions, with a total of 110 signatures, have asked that

council purchase the land in the public interest.

There are currently two proposals for the site.

One proposal is for a subdivision while the other is for a retirement village of a slightly lesser scale than a previously proposed development.

It was also recently stated by Cr Terri Latella that the Western Coastal Open Space System committee was considering the land for inclusion in the system.

Council agenda P.45, July 25

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Graduates of the Beautifying Umina and Peninsula Project receiving their awards

Graduation ceremony

Work for the Dole project provider Choice Australia Management held a graduation ceremony at the Umina Police Community Youth Centre (PCYC) on July 19.

The ceremony was for those participants involved in the Beautifying Umina and Peninsula Project.

During the past six months the participants on the project have helped several organisations such as the Umina PCYC, Ettalong Girl Guides, Fairhaven Services and Peninsula Family Action Group.

At the Umina PCYC, the group provided landscaping and gardening of the children's activity area.

It also helped paint the Ettalong Girl Guides hall.

The group provided landscaping and gardening of grounds at Fairhaven Services.

It also partnered with the Peninsula Family Action Group in upgrading Vernon Park, Umina.

The group constructed a soft fall area around swings and planned an area for a concrete tricycle track and disabled access.

The park is fully gated and

is expected to become the first disability friendly park in the area.

Choice Australia is a non profit organisation which oversees and implements youth and community initiatives.

The group is currently seeking donations to help with the development of Vernon Park, senior project facilitator Mr Brad Thornton said.

To donate to the project, contact him on 0427 160 933.

Press release, July 17
Brad Thornton, Choice Australia Management

Rotary club presents awards

Woy Woy Rotary Club has presented two "pride of workmanship" awards, and one community service award, to members of the local community recently.

The pride of workmanship awards went to Judy Gribble and Kristy Faulkner, with the community service award going to Terry Feltham.

Judy Gribble has worked 24 years at the Woy Woy Leagues Club, starting as a waitress in the dining room.

"Her talents were quickly recognised and she has been promoted over the years to her present position of senior duty manager," said Woy Woy Rotary Club publicity officer Mr Ross Pearce.

"She has enhanced her workplace skills by attending numerous training courses and has achieved credentials such as Australian Hospitality Review Panel supervisory level, train the trainer, workplace assessor licence and Justice of the Peace.

"Woy Woy Leagues Administrator Keran Simpson stated that Judy was a formidable but fair manager."

until October.

The community service award was presented to Terry Feltham.

"Terry noticed that the debris had been left around some now-disused oyster leases," Mr Pearce said.

"This debris was not only unsightly but was also a navigation hazard to small vessels. "Terry lobbied Fisheries to get the area cleaned up but with no success.

"A new oyster farmer in the area proved to be very helpful and lent Terry a barge so that he could clean up himself.

"Terry then had to load the rubbish at low tide and wait for high tide to bring it ashore. "Then of course wait for low tide to load the next lot and so on.

"At times he was out as late as 11pm to move the barge.

"The effort took many weeks.

"The results of Terry's efforts are that Hardy's Bay is improved both visually and small craft are better able to get into this beautiful area.

"The Rotary Club of Woy Woy congratulates all of our awardees."

The pride of workmanship award is presented to those who take pride in the vocation they have chosen and who through effort ensure their work benefits both the work place and the community that the work place serves.

The community service award recognises those who work for no personal benefit to improve the community.

Rotary believes it is important to recognise these efforts and does so formally through the awards.

Mr Pearce said the awards were not given lightly and only after much deliberation.

Those interested in Rotary can contact Chris Nelson on 4344 3599.

Press release, July 11
Ross Pearce, Woy Woy Rotary Club



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Volunteer information

Volunteering Central Coast will be holding an information session for volunteers conducted at the Peninsula Community Centre on August 28.

The free "Bridge to Volunteering" information session is for people interested in doing volunteer work.

The session will explore types of volunteer positions available on the Central Coast, volunteers' rights and responsibilities, the benefits and pitfalls of volunteering, and will focus on how to maximise a



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positive volunteer experience for the volunteer and the organisation they chose to work in.

The sessions are designed for people who are either starting out as a volunteer or would like to know more about working as a volunteer in the community sector on the Central Coast.

The session will operate from 9.30am to 11am at the Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

More sessions are planned for October 9 and November 20.

Volunteering Central Coast Inc currently has over 300 positions listed for volunteer work.

Some positions include working outdoors, cooking, working with animals and receptionist work.

To join the volunteering workforce on the Central Coast contact 4329 7122.

Press release, July 18
Eddie Kain, Volunteer Central Coast

Police would be 'visible' under Liberals

The Peninsula could expect a larger police presence and tougher policing under a Liberal State Government, according to Shadow Police Minister Mr Mike Gallacher.

Speaking on a visit to the Peninsula with Liberal candidate Cr Chris Holstein, Mr Gallacher said he would commit to a visible police presence on the Peninsula and to reform the police structure.

"What I have seen, since the pulling away of resources in this area, is a steady increase in anti-social behavior and street crime," said Mr Gallacher, a former police officer.

"The government's police

structure is not conducive to the police being able to tackle street crime.

"Until they admit they have got the structure wrong by pulling cops out of the Woy Woy Peninsula, they won't be able to get on top of the problem."

Mr Gallacher said the relocation of some of the area's police force to Gosford had been bad for the Peninsula.

"They need street directories to find their way around," Mr Gallacher said.

"Police are now spending more time responding to crime than preventing."

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews refuted Mr Gallacher's

claims that police resources had been taken out of the Peninsula.

Woy Woy Police Station operated 24 hrs per day, seven days a week, she said.

Ms Andrews said it was the Liberal Party that removed police from Ettalong when they were last in power.

Under the Labor Government the authorised strength of Brisbane Water LAC has increased from 173 in 1994 to 221 in 2006.

"This represents an increase of 48 authorised police officers or 27.7 per cent," said Ms Andrews.

**Lyle Stone, July 12
Press release, July 20**

Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

Water Mains Cleaning Program Peninsula



The Water Mains Cleaning Program for the Peninsula Area will be continuing over the next few months. The initial stages of the program have been successfully completed, with some preparatory works still being undertaken on sections of main.



The program has been designed to minimise the effects on local residents, with any residents directly affected given written notice by Council.



The Council has also managed to capture the majority of water used during the program in water tankers and reuse on local sporting fields or transport for re-treatment. This means there is minimal wastage of water during the program.

A contractor is currently being appointed and is due to commence planning works for the second stage in the next few weeks, with work to commence on the main program in late August.



The program is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The Council appreciates the continued support of the local community during the program, which is expected to improve water quality in the area over the long term.

Laneway may be named

Gosford Council officers have recommended that council name an unnamed laneway between Grandview Crescent and Beach Dr, Killcare, Grand Beach Lane.

A council report stated that in adopting a consistent approach to the naming of laneways, which was acceptable to the Geographical Names Board of NSW, it was proposed to incorporate two street names immediately fronting the blocks of land which back onto the laneway, Grandview Crescent and Beach Dr.

Council had received correspondence from Mr Thomas Hamel, who is constructing a house in the unnamed laneway, asking that council name the laneway.

The naming of the laneway would provide an address for Mr Hamel's property and other properties

within the laneway.

The un-named laneway was created in 1992 as part of subdivision.

Following a survey of residents, submissions received included Beach Lane from Mr W Cairns and Darkie Lane or Darkie's Lane from Mrs M Fromel, after a former local resident who lived in Beach Dr between 1958 and 1983, David "Darkie" Nathaniel.

The council staff report stated that, while the names were credible, they did not support the philosophy of consistency in naming.

If the recommendation was accepted by council the proposal would be placed on public exhibition for a 30 days and, if no significant objections were received, the process to formally name the laneway would be continued.

Council agenda COR.91, July 25



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Arts & Entertainment

Focus on children

Local artists will feature in performances at a "Cultural Laboratory" event at the Woy Woy Theatre on Friday, August 4, at 7.30pm.

The August event will focus on Children on the Central Coast, and showcase their cultural and creative ambitions and achievements.

"It is a chance to see the diverse range of performance and visual artforms being undertaken by our young children," said marketing director Ms Lisa Kelly.

The presentations from local childrens' groups will include

Mad Cow Theatre, Brophy Circus Productions, Chris King Entertainment, the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music and Gosford Regional Gallery.

A presentation will be made by Bryce Gleeson, a 12 year old from Woy Woy Bay who has been busy compering a children's fishing program in Broome WA.

The Cultural Laboratory arose from Gosford Council's five-year Cultural Plan that aims at developing and nurturing cultural groups, venues and activities on the Central Coast.

Council has offered the Peninsula

Theatre for cultural activities to be presented on a regular basis.

"I see the Cultural Laboratory being something akin to an open space where people can come to be inspired and entertained and/or present their own artistic creation while mixing with local artists," said Manager Arts and Culture Ms Debra Schleger.

"The Laboratory will be organic and will in time create its own atmosphere and spirit."

Bookings can be made by contacting 4323 3233.

Press release, July 20
Lisa Kelly, Laycock Street Theatre

Film shown at Pearl Beach

The Pearl Beach Progress Association will present the film "Trois Couleurs Rouge" on Friday, August 4, at the Pearl Beach Arthouse Cinema in the Pearl Beach Café.

The 1994 film stars Irène Jacob and Jean-Louis Trintignant.

"A beautiful, mysterious and unusual story dealing with contemporary French society, it concerns an electrifying encounter between a young model and her neighbour, a reclusive retired judge, who is keen on invading other people's privacy," said Pearl Beach Progress Association representative Ms Kay Williams.

"Rouge" is much more than your average movie romance.

"Krzysztof Kieslowski's final film is a sublimely magical, haunting-and more than a tad disturbing-

meditation on fate, time, good, evil, love, redemption, and the human need for soulful communion.

"Stunningly beautiful camera work by Piotr Sobocinski and powerfully scored by Zbigniew Preisner, it earned three Oscar nominations and was winner of Cannes Golden Palm for director Krzysztof Kieslowski."

The film runs for 96 minutes.

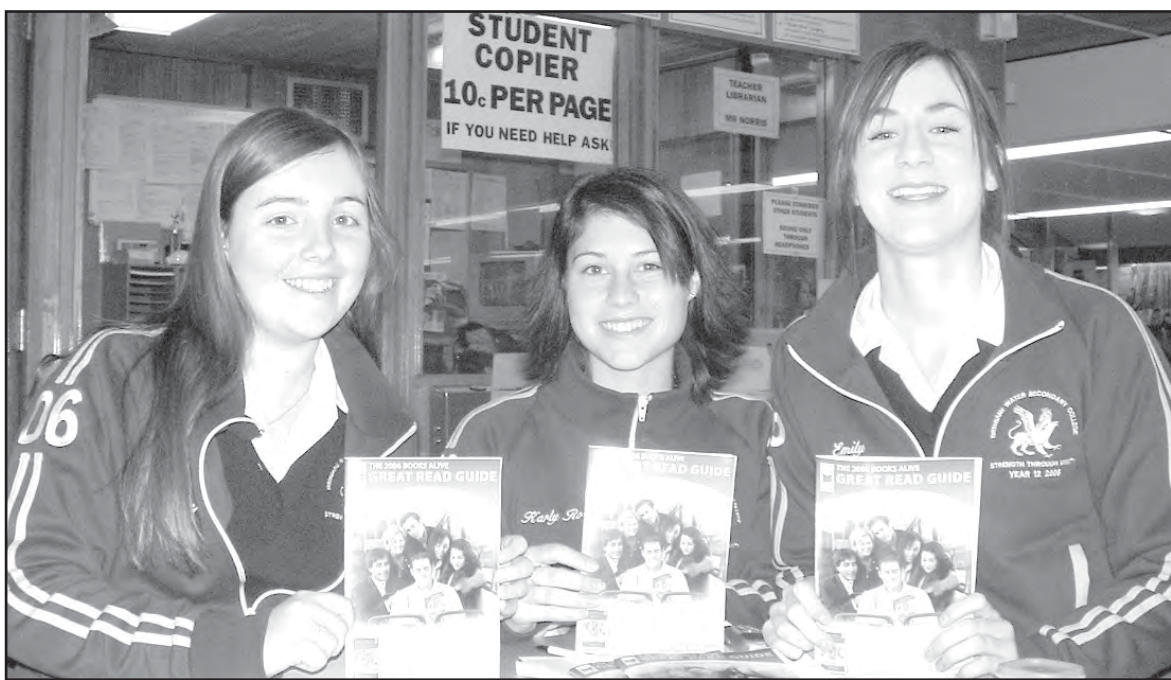
There is an a la carte menu at 6pm with various prices.

Bookings can be made on 4343 1222.

The movie will be screened at 7:30pm.

Entry is \$10 and all proceeds go to the Progress Hall Building Fund.

Press release, July 20
Kay Williams, Pearl Beach Progress Association



Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College's Woy Woy campus with The Books Alive 2006 Great Read Guide - Emily Francis, Kimberly Williams and Karly McLaren

Book review competition

A book review competition for students of the Peninsula is being run by a Umina bookstore.

Local schools have been approached to take part in the competition and there are categories for all year groups.

Book Bazaar is running the competition in which students are asked to review a book from "The 2006 Books Alive Great Read Guide".

The guide has been published with funding from the Australia

Council for the Arts to encourage Australians to read and buy books.

Students may pick from children's picture books, teen fiction, thrillers or any of the other books listed in the guide.

Reviews should be no longer than one A4 page in length for older children and may be a drawing for the Kindergarten to Year 2 age group.

Many of the books in The Guide are also available at schools or in local libraries.

Winners in each category will receive vouchers to buy books and may have their reviews published in the Peninsula News.

Entry forms for the competition are available from Book Bazaar in West St, Umina, the Peninsula News office on Kateena Ave, Tascott, or from school libraries across the Peninsula.

Contact Mandi or Tracey on 4342 2482 for further details or contact your school librarian.

Press release, July 20
Book Bazaar

Dance competition

A Peninsula Dance Competition will be held over the coming months at the Ettalong Beach Club.

The competition will consist of three heats and a grand final.

The heats will be held on Tuesdays, August 29, September 26 and October 31.

The heats will be held in the main room of the club, with free dance instruction from 2pm to 3pm and the competition proper from 3pm.

The grand final will be held from 2pm to 4pm on Tuesday, November 28.

The competition kicks off with Heat 1 on Tuesday, August 29, on the club's main stage.

Each heat is open style, meaning couples may perform a ballroom-style dance of any format, including

tango, waltz, samba and freestyle.

A three-minute limit applies to each dance.

Performances will be judged on effort and entertainment value.

The competition is aimed toward amateurs and first-timers, so potential entrants do not have to worry about competing against seasoned professionals.

Entry to the competition is free.

Minor prizes will be awarded at each heat, with heat winners moving on to the grand final, which will have a prize of a family holiday to one of 100 destinations around Australia.

Anyone wishing to watch may come along to any heat or the grand final free of charge.

Press release, June 21, July 20
Scott MacKillop, Ettalong Beach Club

Seniors promote art competition

Gosford's Grandma Moses art competition is being promoted at the Ettalong Senior Citizen Centre, on the corner of Broken Bay Rd and Karingi St, Ettalong.

The Grandma Moses art competition is open to all people 50 years of age and over.

The competition has five

categories.

Last year Peninsula resident Judith Hoste was awarded first prize in section five, Open - Central Coast Inspired Work.

Four of her students also received awards in the competition.

Entries were submitted by 61 people last year.

This year entries close on Friday, August 11.

Press release, July 17
Rhonda Gibson, Gosford Senior Citizens Centre

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Schools to perform in Sydney and Newcastle

Ettalong and Woy Woy Public Schools will be participating in J Rock, a non-competitive junior version of the Rock Eisteddfod.

The two schools will join three other Central Coast primary schools in the competition.

Ettalong Public School will be performing "Wild Thing" on Monday, August 7.

Woy Woy Public School will perform "The Money Trail" on the same day.

The schools will take part in the Sydney section of the event.

The following week, the five schools will also perform in the Newcastle event on Monday, August 14.

Their performance on these days is the result of months of rehearsals involving parents, teachers and the wider community.

J Rock was introduced in 2004 in an effort to help combat the nation's increasing childhood obesity rate.

More than just a dance, drama and design performance opportunity, J Rock presents a unique learning opportunity for primary school students; teaching them valuable and beneficial health messages in a fun, hands on environment.

On event days, students take part in a series of workshops, games and activities which educate them about ways to regularly exercise, balance their diets and maintain their health.

Participating J Rock schools also receive educational material that can be incorporated into the classroom, enhancing the learning experience and resulting health benefits gained from involvement in the event.

Tickets can be purchased for each event at the Sydney State Sports Centre, Olympic Park, on 132 849, and Newcastle Civic Theatre on 4929 1977.

Press release, July 21
Matthew Henry, J Rock



Education Week songs

The three Kindergarten classes from Woy Woy Public School have featured in local Education Week celebrations

They performed three songs to a "very captive audience of mums,

dads, grandparents, friends and shoppers alike" at Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, according to publicity officer Ms Kerry Stewart.

"The children were excited by the whole experience and sang beautifully," Ms Stuart said.

Principal Ms Ona Buckley said: "The experience was a positive one for our young students and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves."

Press release, July 15
Kerrie Stewart,
Woy Woy Public School



Positive parent program planned

A Positive Parenting Program, called Triple P, will be held at the Beachside Family Centre in Term 3 for parents of children aged between five and eight.

Beachside Family Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara said Triple P was a group program where parents could learn effective parenting strategies.

These included how to promote their child's development, how to manage common child behaviour problems, and principles to help parents deal with almost any situation that might arise.

Triple P suggested simple routines and small changes that could make a big difference to a family, she said.

"It helps you understand the way your family works and uses the things you already say, think, feel and do in new ways to create a stable, supportive and harmonious family," she said.

"It helps you encourage

behaviour you like, deal positively, consistently and decisively with problem behaviour, build positive relationships with your children, plan ahead to avoid or manage potentially difficult situations and take care of yourself as a parent," Ms Notara said.

The program will be held on Wednesdays from August 3 to 23, 9.30am to 11.30am.

There will also be two follow-up phone calls after the program.

The program will be held at the Beachside Family Centre in grounds of Umina Public School, Sydney Ave, Umina.

The program is free with a Triple P Booklet also supplied free of charge.

Child Care is available for children under six for a gold coin donation.

Bookings are essential.

For more information, contact 4343 1929.

Press release, July 17
Debbie Notara,
Beachside Family Centre

Gym success

Empire Bay Public School has had success recently in the NSW State Gymnastics Championships, according to principal Ms Sharon McEvoy.

Hayley Norris, Sian George and Montana Lapich all completed at the championships.

In the team events, the girls were representing the Hunter region.

Hayley's team placed first in the state for level 1A, and Sian and Montana's team placed second in the state for level 2B.

Sian also achieved an individual placing of a fourth overall in the state for level 2B, while Hayley achieved fifth overall in the state for level 1A.

Newsletter, July 18
Sharon McEvoy,
Empire Bay Public School

English results

Pretty Beach Public School has received results from the recent English competition.

"Our school has again produced excellent results in the English competition held earlier this year with one high distinction, two distinctions and 10 credits from 29 children sitting the test," said principal Ms Vicki Redrup.

Liam Newall received the high

distinction.

Students to receive distinctions were Marielle Birchall and Isabella Sanasi.

Students to receive credits were Bella Bowman, Eliza Cross, Tom Passmore, Kane Tufuga, Oliver Sanasi, Nina Attwooll, Naomi Jones, Patrick Weine, Ella Canty and Aidan Clout.

Students who received

participation awards were Janine Joseph, Rafael Lagos, Emily Cameron, Joseph Cole, Tom Hagistefanis, Luke Hayter, Ben Canty, Jessica McCarthy, Georgia Urie, Nyana Waters, Sean Spencer, Archy Obradovic, Ziki Whitfield, Jessica Joseph, Erin Cox and Jake McCarthy.

Newsletter, July 18
Vicki Redrup,
Pretty Beach Public School

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Hat Fitz'n'Itchy will be performing at the Patonga Creek Juke Joint in Bay St, with special guest the Reverend Darren Robert Fitzpatrick on August 12.

The performance is a fundraiser for the Patonga Beach Rural Bushfire Brigade and starts at 8pm.

Tickets are strictly limited and available from the door for \$15.

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Press release, July 13

Garrie Sinclair

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Water polo sponsored

Water polo players Mitchell Baird of St Huberts Island and Daniel Robinson of Umina are among nine Central Coast sports stars to receive \$1000 sponsorship each recently.

The money came from the Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils (CCROC) to put towards attending international competitions.

The pair will join Libby Magann

and Michael Magurren, both from Gosford, to compete at the Hawaiian Invitational Water Polo Championships

The four will all attend the competition from August 7 to 13.

The Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils is a joint initiative of Gosford and Wyong Council.

Press release, July 10
Marion Newall, Gosford Council



Hugh Pattinson and David Clarke leap in

Pool in record attempt

Two Sydney swimmers have swum at the Woy Woy pool in attempt to swim in at least 400 pools in Australia.

David Clarke of Camden and Hugh Pattinson of Chatswood have the ultimate aim being 1000 pools.

They took the plunge at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on Friday, July 14, at 11.15am.

Both Mr Clark and Mr Pattinson have swum in over 350 pools each around Australia, plus a few dozen overseas.

"I think we just sat down one day and worked out that we must have swum in about 30 or 40 different pools and thought 'Well, let's turn this into a mission'," said Mr Clark.

"That must have been about 10 years ago, because we've been averaging 25 to 30 pools each year since."

The pair spend about one or two weeks a year on the road traveling around various parts of Australia, sometimes swimming up to six or seven pools a day.

"Australia has more swimming pools than any other country in

the world, there are over 1200 including 200 in the Newcastle-Sydney-Wollongong area alone," said Mr Clark.

"We contacted the Guinness Book of Records a couple of years ago.

"Not surprisingly, they don't have it as an official category, but they said come back when you've done 400 and we'll put you in.

"At this rate, we should make the 2009 edition."

Press release, July 7
Andrew Stuart,
Peninsula Leisure Centre



Winning skip of the Umina Beach Kingfisher Triples for 2006 Danny McNeilly of Ettalong shows his winning delivery style

Bowls success for Ettalong

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club has had success in the Kingfisher Crown competition recently.

Two days of triples competition were held with three games of 21 ends, followed by two 25-end games.

The Ettalong team was one of 42 teams visiting Umina Beach for the competition.

In the last game for Ettalong, The Entrance skipped by Dick Thornton led by 15 shots over Ettalong Memorial skipped by Danny McNeilly.

Ettalong pulled out a stunning 34 to 11 victory in their last game and retired to the clubhouse to watch

the battle between rival Entrance teams skipped by Dick Thornton and Billy Constantine.

It was only on the 25th end when successive drives by Thornton failed to dislodge their target that the Ettalong team breathed a sigh of relief as they retained the lead to win the competition.

The winning team comprised Paul Parsons, Ray Wright and Danny McNeilly with five wins +71, followed by J Ellison, R Baker and D Thornton from The Entrance five wins +66, and local team M Gallagher, M McHale and A Rhodes finishing in third place with five wins+54."

Newsletter, July 22
Bob Penson, Coast Bowls News

Swimmers win medals

Swimmers from Woy Woy pool have won 20 medals at the 2006 NSW Winter Country Swimming Championships, held at the Sydney Aquatic Centre, Homebush Bay, on July 8 and 9.

The Peninsula was represented by 21 swimmers, with Ryan Kenny and Lucy Wild leading the way in the medal count.

Kenny picking up six medals, including three gold in the 14 years 200m Individual Medley, the 100m freestyle and the 100m butterfly.


Kenny was supported by teammate Lucy who was victorious

in the 100m breaststroke and the 200m Individual Medley events as well as competing in the freestyle events.

Senior coach Kim Taylor described the performance as "a great result for the centre".

Swimmers will now focus on the upcoming State Open Championships, which will be held at Homebush in August.

Press release, July 10
Andrew Stuart,
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Recipients of Central Coast Community Chest funding

Charities benefit

Two Peninsula charities received donations recently as part of the Central Coast Community Chest's second allocation for the year.

The charities were Mary Macs and Woy Woy Community Aged Care.

Mary Macs received \$10,000 towards fitting out its new kitchen.

Woy Woy Community Aged Care received \$4796 for four new tilt chairs.

The cheques were presented on Friday, July 21, at Deepwater Plaza.

Community Chest general manager Mr Chris Holstein said this was the second allocation for the year with another three more to be done by year's end.

Mr Holstein said that, with over 85 charities to support, demand always outweighed the resources.

Last year the Community Chest was able to put 96 cents in the \$1 back into the community for every donation raised.

Press release, July 17

Hilda Gibbs,

Central Coast Community Chest

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