

## Department calls for pool project audit

**The Local Government Department has delivered a damning report to Gosford Council over its handling of the Peninsula Leisure Centre development and has recommended an independent audit of the project.**

The department has questioned "the adequacy of project and budget management, the adequacy of council's role as consent authority and the process for keeping the public informed of the project and of dealing with public complaints about the project".

The "Promoting Better Practice" report, published in December last year by the department, dealt in part with the centre because it was the subject of a "considerable number of concerns".

The findings of the report, published on the department's website, have not yet been reported to councillors or ratepayers through the council meeting agenda.

Peninsula News discovered the report through an internet search.

The report stated that "based on this review, the department believes council should arrange for an independent audit of the management of its Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre project".

The department said that concerns had been raised "generally about an alleged flawed assessment process, poor community consultation and poor financial control and management".

There were also "a number of concerns" raised about the acoustic performance of the building and the impact on surrounding houses.

The department's examination of the project and of council's performance were based on information and materials gathered in 2004 by its review team, and in particular on "select information and materials" provided to the review team by council staff during the course of the review.

The report criticised the way the council assessed its own development and other applications, when it was both the applicant and consent authority and "particularly so" in the case of



*The Peninsula Leisure Centre open day*

the leisure centre.

"A council employee issued the construction certificate for the project," the report stated.

"There are some indications of pressure being put on that officer on the matter by others at council.

"There are other potential aspects of concern in relation to the issue of that certificate."

The report stated that conflicts of roles were also noted by council's internal auditor, who "also happens to have considerable construction industry experience".

Concerns were expressed about the "blurring of roles" of consultant designer for the project and of construction manager, both being fulfilled by the same firm of consultant architects.

The report stated that questions arose as to the appropriateness of council's responses to and management of the community concerns stating that "cost escalations and public liability risks may, amongst other things, be the result of a failure to do so".

It stated that "the consultant architect was appointed under a

contract, apparently after some sort of tendering process was undertaken, despite the fact that his expected fees were estimated to be less than \$100,000.

"However, this was based on the then projected cost of the whole project of less than \$2 million.

"After various design changes and expansions of the scope of works, the project now stands as a \$25 million project.

"The architect's fees earned to July 23, 2004, amounted to \$1.239 million, out of an expected \$1.718 million at the end of the project."

The departmental report stated that "questions therefore arise as to whether there should have been a further tendering process and whether there was a sufficient review of the position and engagement of the architect undertaken".

"The evidence indicates that while council considered a report in late January 2003, at a time when all the revised design work was just about then complete, it was persuaded that it did not need to tender further, and could proceed

immediately to revise and confirm the architect's appointment, in reliance on the extenuating circumstances exemption from tendering under section 55 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993."

The report stated that "council appears to have followed an expressions of interest process for the two main items in relation to the project, being the construction of the building and the supply of pool water filtration equipment.

"When, however, it next moved to invite formal tenders from those companies selected as successful lodgers of expressions of interest, it is unclear whether council followed the requirements of clause 9(4)."

It said that clause 9(4) gave council the option to either invite tenders from all applicants, or such of them as council considered would be able to fulfill the requirements of the proposed contract, or it could decline to invite tenders from any of the applicants.

Council received 16 applications for the main building contract and on June 24, 2003, determined to invite tenders from six of them.

The report stated that "it would appear that the consultant architect recommended that two other firms be added to that list", neither of which had originally lodged expressions of interest.

Council resolved that both firms be invited to tender, and one of them won the contract.

The review stated that "the later staff report is extremely brief" and provided "no explanation for the recommendation and therefore no explanation for the basis for this action".

It also stated that it was unclear whether the community had been given sufficient information about the project cost, including additional costs for consultants and necessary roadwork in the vicinity of the centre.

It also questioned council's efforts to keep the community adequately informed in many aspects of the project.

It questioned council's use of restricted funds in its Sewer Fund for the project, stating it is unclear whether it "would amount to a breach of sections 409 and 410 of the Act" which entailed about \$400,000 of the total funding for the project.

Commenting on a loan for the centre worth \$14.7 million, partly for the construction of the centre, the review stated it was unclear whether council had duly complied with all aspects of the loan approval, and in particular with the need to conduct a full capital expenditure review, and to cover all aspects of the review.

"A question also arises as to council's reliance on section 96 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to authorise what would appear to be more than minimal changes to the DA and previous development consents for the Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre."

At the time of going to press, Gosford Council had not replied to written questions submitted by Peninsula News about its response to the Local Government Department report.

**Review report, December 2005  
Department of Local Government**

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Entries close on September 14.

Lyle Stone, September 2

Gosford Council has received a petition from residents of Albany St, Umina Beach, opposing a proposed development in the area.

The petition, with 14 signatures, strongly opposed "the development and its implications".

The petitioners stated that their major concern was the height and size of a proposed duplex building and that it was out of character with the rest of the street.

Council agenda P.50, August 22



Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews and Youth Service managers Kimberley Williams and Belinda Preston with other staff and youth at Umina PCYC for the Homelessness Week barbecue

Barbecue for homeless

A free barbecue was held on August 11 at the Umina Police Community Youth Centre for Homelessness Week.

Woy Woy Youth Cottage, Youth Angle, Umina PCYC, POEMS and the Regional Youth Services and Support staff and clients were involved in organising and facilitating the event.

Youth Angle Coordinator Ms

Belinda Preston said clients from each of the services played their part in the day.

By sharing their personal journeys of homelessness, the older clients shared some hope with fellow youth that "there is and can be success at the end of experiencing homelessness".

The day included songs performed by young people, a

puppet show, guest speakers, face painting, showbags, give-a-ways from 2GO and CFM and a free sausage sizzle.

Special guests included Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

Ms Andrews spent some time chatting with young people over lunch.

Press release, August 14  
Belinda Preston, Youth Angle

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Workshop about rare bird

A workshop about a rare bird occasionally found on the Peninsula will be held at the Erina Centre at Erina Fair at 7pm on Thursday, September 14.

The evening for local residents to learn more about the bush stone-curlew has been organised by The Friends of the Bush Stone-Curlew group, Gosford Council and the NSW Department of Environment and Conservation.

The bird is only known to nest locally in the area bounded by Davistown, Saratoga, Kincumber South, Bensville, Empire Bay and St Huberts Island, according to Gosford Council's natural resources officer Ms Nikki Bennetts.

"They have also at times been seen at Woy Woy tip and at Hardys Bay," she said.

"They live in these areas all year and return to familiar breeding grounds each year.

"They nest on the ground in open grassy areas, often in

people's front or back yards, with nearby vegetation and logs to hide in and wetlands to feed at.

"Occasionally they nest below high tide level, which is a problem."

Ms Bennetts said there were less than 20 birds left locally and only three or four breeding pairs.

"Foxes and feral cats are the main predators."

She said the meeting was intended to raise further awareness of these birds and their needs.

She hoped it would get more people involved in protecting the birds, as well as informing those people already involved what has been happening and what can be done this season to help.

For further details or to RSVP, phone Nikki Bennetts on 4325 8844

Press release, August 29  
Nikki Bennetts, Gosford Council



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## Andrews urges: Raise issues with State Ministers

**Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews is encouraging Peninsula residents to raise issues with State Government Ministers when they come to the Peninsula next week.**

Ms Andrews said the Cabinet would meet on Tuesday, September 12, at the Everglades Country Club.

She said the meeting provided a unique opportunity for the local community to meet with Ministers on issues that affect them.

Ms Andrews said: "This meeting will give local residents face-to-face access to State Government Ministers."

"Local residents, community stakeholders and business groups will have the chance to talk to Ministers about issues that matter to them."

"I encourage people across the Peats electorate to take advantage of this opportunity."

"Regional Cabinets are an important part of making sure the

NSW Government is in touch with local issues.

"They also ensure more local residents have a say and a role in the decision-making process."

"Since becoming Premier, Morris Iemma has taken his Ministers to areas such as the Illawarra, Hunter, Tweed and Bathurst."

"Not long ago I suggested the Government hold a Regional Cabinet meeting in the Peats electorate, and the Premier saw real value in that, not only for his Ministers but for our community."

"This follows a successful Regional Cabinet meeting one year ago in Wyong."

Further information on how to request a meeting with Ministers at the Central Coast Regional Cabinet meeting, visit The Cabinet Office website at [www.cabinet.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cabinet.nsw.gov.au).

"Alternatively, meetings can be requested through my office," Ms Andrews said.

**Press release, August 31  
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats**



*Ettalong Beach and dune vegetation*

## Environment report to be exhibited

**An environmental review for the Ettalong Beach Dune Management Plan is now expected to be placed on exhibition for public comment.**

Publication of the review and an extension of the exhibition period until Friday, September 15, were the outcomes of a public information session convened by Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews last Friday.

Council staff at the meeting also revealed that "late changes" to the plan were not reflected in documents on exhibition for public comment.

They told the meeting that a fenced vegetation area was now 15m wide, not 10m as shown in the plan.

When asked whether there were any other changes not contained in the documents on exhibition, Mr Glen conferred with other council and Lands Department officers and then replied that there were none that they knew of.

Mr Glen told the meeting the "View to the Future" poster that was also on exhibition was a concept that the consultants had been asked to address.

This poster included the closure of The Esplanade.

He said implementation of this concept would require Council to find additional funds, provide detailed traffic management studies, and consult with community members.

Ms Andrews announced at the start of the meeting that the exhibition period for public submissions had been extended until Friday, September 15.

Mr Glen made a presentation, saying that the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Plan of Management covered the whole Ettalong Beach area, while the Dune Management Plan only covered the Town Beach precinct.

A range of questions was asked by community members, including:

- What percentage of dune vegetation is to be removed?
- Why were some stakeholders excluded from the stakeholders planning meetings when others had been included?
- At the one stakeholder meeting the questioner was allowed to attend, why was she told by Mr Glen that she was not allowed to speak?
- Had the \$300,000 had been paid by the Club?
- How would Council commit to maintenance when they had failed so far to do this?
- How could residents be sure that our money was not being used to boost returns on the financial investments of the Resort's shareholders?
- Why hadn't the Review of Environmental Factors document used as the basis for the Dune Management Plan been placed on public exhibition?
- Why did the plans include outdated information?
- And, what recent specialist advice was included in the plans about dune and foreshore protection and rehabilitation, specifically in respect to removing dune vegetation?

In response to some of these questions, Mr Glen agreed that the \$300,000 had not been paid.

He said the payment was for

projected works in the whole Master Plan area.

He said other funds had been committed to the project, \$267,000 plus \$60,000, and that additional funds would be sought through Regional Partnerships grants when the plan was approved.

He also said the area was subject to Council's Section 94 funding allocation, through its Contribution Plan 31C.

Mr Glen said Andrews Neil consultants had ecological expertise, and their advice was that Council could remove the hatched area vegetation.

He said the foreshore plan of management had been approved by Council in 2003, and that the document date had been changed but not the data.

He said the plan had been placed on exhibition now because Council had failed to submit it to the Lands Department, as required, at that time.

Mr Glen said that, as for the selection of stakeholders, his aim was to "get those people around me to determine what should happen".

He said that the questioner had been included in the meeting.

Other comments and questions were made by the audience about the amenity of the beach, parking and access, sand replenishment, erosion and views.

Mr Glen said the plan was a compromise that would not please everyone.

After the meeting, Mr Glen said the Review of Environmental Factors would now be placed on exhibition.

**Lyle Stone, September 1**

## Council might stop using groundwater

**Gosford Council would "turn off" the \$8.2 million groundwater system if the natural environment was detrimentally affected by groundwater extraction, a meeting of the Peninsula Residents' Association has been told.**

Challenged on whether the council would really be willing to lose \$8.2 million on the project, Council's manager of asset management Ms Pam McCann told the meeting that it was "a risk"

that the council was taking.

The association was addressed by Ms McCann and Mr Lisle Butler from Gosford Council at its August meeting, as well as by Mr John Asquith from the Community Environment Network, about the region's water supply situation.

Questions asked at the meeting included some about the effect of groundwater extraction on dropping water table levels on bushland on the Peninsula and how this would be monitored.

**Mark Snell, August 19**



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# Vegetation has little impact on sand movement

**Michael Gillian's comments on the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Management Plan (Peninsula News, August 21) is a case of never letting the truth get in the way of good story.**

The Ettalong Beach Foreshore Management Plan was funded by Gosford City Council under their Financial Strategy funds and was prepared by McGregor Partners, fully qualified urban designers, at Council's instruction.

The plan was based on the 1998 Ettalong Beach Foreshore Management Study prepared by Patterson Britton Partners who have degrees in Engineering Science - Coastal Engineering.

Contrary to Mr Gillian's claims, private enterprise had no financial involvement in the planning process.

Studies, research and photographic evidence clearly show that the foreshore is constantly changing as it has done for hundreds of years.

It is identified within a 50-year coastal hazard zone and it is recognized that storm erosion would remove a major portion of the beach in a 1 in 50 year event if nothing is done.

That was clearly recognised before any studies progressed.

Mr Gillian fails to understand (or perhaps chooses not to understand) that studies to date clearly show that vegetation does not protect the foreshore against storm erosion or

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shoreline recession.

He is mistaken if he believes that vegetation will slow erosion.

In fact, vegetation will only stabilise wind-blown sand.

The periodic erosion of Ettalong Beach is caused by storm waves and the movement of the sand along the beach by tidal currents.

Vegetation has little impact on this process.

Many locals will know from experience that at Ettalong Point and the foreshore reserve there is a regular build-up of sand as is evident in aerial photographs which are taken annually.

This build up forms active "slugs" of sand which move and circulate in response to tide, currents, wind and swell waves.

These sand slugs are presently returning to Ettalong Beach as part of a natural process.

Mr Gillian sees this movement of sand from Ettalong Point as a catastrophe.

In actual fact, this is "mother nature's" way of returning the sand back into Brisbane Water towards Ettalong.

We see these changes every year and it has been recorded over the past 50 years with aerial photography.

This photography forms part of the foreshore study.

The objective of the Foreshore Management Plan is to return the beach for public enjoyment whilst

at the same time putting in place the correct management plan to protect the beach from erosion and wind blown sand.

This can be undertaken without the need to impose artificial micro-environments that rob the community of public access.

The 1998 Patterson Britton report clearly identifies that the extent of vegetation can be reduced as it only serves to trap the wind blown sand.

The plan currently on exhibition recommends minimal removal of the vegetation which will not achieve any significant improvements the beach amenity and views from The Esplanade.

That is why many of us in the community are seeking that the present plan on exhibition reflects the recommendations of the studies.

The trapping of wind-blown sand can be effectively achieved with a narrow band of low vegetation in conjunction with sand trap fencing.

This can be combined with viewing platforms and timber promenades which will ensure that the community can fully enjoy Ettalong's greatest asset ... the beach.

In Mr Gillian's world, such assets should be buried in weed infested scrub which encourages nothing but vermin, rubbish, drug addicts and the homeless.

Give us our beach back!

**Debra Wales  
Umina Beach**

# Grassy verge along The Esplanade

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Mr Gillian thinks that if we left the vegetation as it is today "it would help prevent erosion of The Esplanade, protect us against higher sea levels and adverse weather patterns".

If that is the case, then how is it the rest of the eastern seaboard has beautiful beaches and, according to Michael Gillian, we are not allowed to.

Like most locals, I want my beach back now!

**Brian Collis  
Empire Bay**

**I am astounded by the completely unsubstantiated comments from Michael Gillian and Margaret Lund over the Ettalong Beach Foreshore Management Plan (Peninsula News, August 21).**

I have lived here all my life and have never read such utter rubbish in all that time.

When I was a kid, you could go down to Ettalong Beach and sit on the grassy verge along The Esplanade and hire canoes and paddle in the safe waters to your heart's content.

# Readers are being drip-fed

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**Gosford Council has, as part of its water recycling initiative, slipped the prospect of sewer mining across to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) in March this year.**

Informed people know IPART as an information black hole!

And just when did the Central Coast become part of the Metropolitan area?

IPART was at the time reviewing recycled water and sewer mining for the metropolitan area.

Taxpayers should seriously consider why such important issues continue to be directed by individuals, who are essentially faceless, from behind closed doors.

Reporters are hand-fed information to make readers feel informed when in fact they are being drip-fed a line of conditioning.

I am not aware of any legitimate media outcry about the public meetings at Mangrove Mountain being closed to the public.

All water is community water

here on the Woy Woy Peninsula or in the aquifer under the Azzopardie farm.

Government is only the custodian, the representative of the people.

Ms McCann has a long way to go before people could consider themselves "informed" if the talk delivered to the Peninsula Residents Action Group is anything to go by.

Certainly it was a long afternoon.

But important questions were left hanging.

For example, is the new water pipeline from the Hunter to carry fluoridated water or not?

And if it is, how is that helpful to water consumers in the unfluoridated Gosford Local Government Area?

These questions were voiced and the water authority-government response was confusing.

Importantly, information which was once accessible is now restricted, possibly because it's release conflicts with what ratepayers were led to believe over the last two decades.

**Edward James  
Umina**

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# Required to report

**Jihad Jack Thomas is considered by some to be guilty without proof.**

Okay, but why stop there?

We have parliaments in each State and the ACT full of people who have repeatedly over many years failed to serve the people supposedly electing them.

Not only do they shamelessly misrepresent reality to deceive citizens but often to work to advantage their cronies.

Similarly we have the case of

perspiring applicant politicians who over their time on local council have proven their inability to attain reasonable competence, financial control and to store water.

I suggest therefore that if Jihad Jack is required to report to police three times a week and use a bugged GPS phone, our politicians should similarly be required to report to their electorate and have their telephone conversations broadcast on the Internet.

Such a move would well and truly support Prime Minister Howard's assertion that Australia does not need equality through a Bill of Rights because it has a democratic parliament.

A far stronger logic and history than that finding Jihad Jack guilty has been shown by the culpability of the politicians.

**Richard Newby  
Woy Woy**

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# Tank water cheaper than groundwater, says CEN

**Rainwater tanks could provide a more reliable, more economic and more environmentally-sustainable solution to the Peninsula's drinking water needs than groundwater extraction, according to the Community Environment Network.**

Network chairman Mr John Asquith has told Peninsula News that, based on a study the Network had commissioned from economic consultants Syneca, tanks would be cheaper per household over a five-year period.

They would also have minimal on-going operating costs beyond that period compared to the \$1.5 million estimated to operate the groundwater system, he said.

Mr Asquith said the groundwater extraction scheme would supply 7000 homes at current usage levels, at total of 1400ML a year.

"This is presumably going to be treated to potable standard and there will be monitoring, running and maintenance costs," Mr Asquith said.

"The presentation I saw by Gosford Council said they were going to inject treated effluent into the perimeter of the aquifer and this would stop the groundwater ecosystems drying out.

"But I would be surprised if NSW Health have approved this for potable usage as there is nothing to stop the mixing of treated effluent and groundwater.

"I have not had a chance to read the plan in detail, but these questions need answering as they impact on water quality and the costs."

Mr Asquith said the \$8.3 million cost to construct the groundwater extraction infrastructure would not include yearly operating costs.

He said yearly operating costs would be high due to the use of effluent, pumping and the need for monitoring of water quality.

He estimated these costs would be as high as \$1.5 million per year.

Mr Asquith said that the Syneca report assumed a conservative yield of 81,000 litres per year from a 3000-litre tank.

"This is close to 40 per cent of the average households usage," he said.

"So the equivalent water saving with tanks requires 16,800 tanks."

He said that based on Syneca report costings, this would amount to \$37.8 million.

"The Syneca report was based on a loan from council for a 3000 litre tank system to keep costs down."

Mr Asquith said the Community Environment Network had wanted to determine the financial impact of the two scenarios on the customer:

He said groundwater cost per household would be \$1400 for the first year with an additional \$214 per year to run for four years.

After five years, the total cost to each ratepayer would be \$2256 plus externalities in environmental costs.

The comparable figures for tanks were \$2250 plus about \$20 for electricity for the pump.

"After five years cost is \$2350," said Mr Asquith.

"But tanks save you about \$150 per year in water rates.

"So the net cost to ratepayer after five years is about \$1600 plus there is a reduction in externalities costs with tanks.

"These calculations are usually done to minimise cost to council not the ratepayer.

"Tanks are about twice the dollar cost for councils as twice as many are required.

"However, they reduce costs to residents over time due to free rainwater."

Mr Asquith said the report did not include subsidies "as these distort the economic model" but if they were taken into account they would make a significant cost difference to the consumer.

Mr Asquith was critical of the "Not for Drinking" labelling required as part of the rules by NSW Health which council have to enforce in any tank installations it approves.

However, he said: "Changing the rules to allow the use of rainwater for laundries, toilets and in hot water systems involved a huge amount of campaigning over five years.

"So we are much better off now.

"Some studies have shown that rainwater tanks actually purify the water provided they have strainers.

"Councils and water authorities always make it hard for tanks.

"Why? Less income from water rates? A reduction in their power and control? Distrusting the public?

"There are probably a few other reasons as well."

**Media statement, August 31**  
**John Asquith, Community Environment Network**



The Woy Woy bridge

## Bridge closed

**The Woy Woy bridge is expected to be closed temporarily on Sunday, September 24, as part of a bicycle event.**

Gosford Council's traffic committee has recommended that approval be given for the temporary closure of The Boulevard and a section of Brisbane Water Dr

to the Woy Woy bridge from 8am to 8.15am on September 24 to coincide with the start of the Central Coast Community Chest "Community Pedal" event.

The event would commence in The Boulevard, Woy Woy, and then proceed along Brisbane Water Dr and finish at Gosford.

**Council agenda TR.06.073, September 5**

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# Peninsula Perspective

by  
**Chris Holstein**  
Liberal Candidate 2007

I chose to live and raise a family on the Central Coast because of the lifestyle and opportunities it provides – it's a great place to live. I believe that with our special way of life comes the responsibility to protect and improve our community.

After nearly 15 years on Council, I am proud to have contributed to the establishment, planning and construction of such infrastructure as the Central Coast Stadium, Peninsula Leisure Centre, Niagara Park Sports Centre, Umina PCYC, Caroline Bay Arts Centre, Peninsula Community Centre and Peninsula Theatre; as well as smaller, street-by-street improvements that give one even greater self-satisfaction.

Two years ago circumstances in my life made me redouble my desire to make a greater difference within this community.

I saw that the lifestyle we had fought to protect and improve was under threat from a Labor Government that put more effort into making excuses than actually fixing things. It is clear that Labor's "safe seat" mentality has not delivered for the Peninsula.

Pardon the cliché, but it's time for change on the Peninsula. I believe the best way to provide higher standards and better services for our community is as a Liberal Member in a Liberal Government.

Liberal Party values of family, community, sound economic management and a strong, effective, policing and judicial system confirmed for me my decision to run as the Liberal candidate for Gosford.

I know Liberal Leader Peter Debnam has our best interests at heart and if elected we can make a real difference to protect and improve our valuable way of life on the Peninsula.

The local support I have had over the years has come from people of all political persuasions who care about getting results for our area. That is what I care about and my commitment and determination to fight for what's right will never change.

**Regards**  
**Chris Holstein**

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## More rain

**Rainfall on the Peninsula has been above average for the second month in a row.**

August rainfall totalled 86.2mm in Hillview St, Woy Woy, six percent above average for the month, according to resident Mr

Jim Morrison.

Falls of more than 20mm were recorded on August 5 and 29.

However, rain for the year to the end of August was only 76.4 per cent, about three quarters, of the average rainfall.

**Mark Snell, September 1**

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# Brigade celebrates 40 years

**The Bays Rural Fire Brigade will celebrate its 40th anniversary with an open station on September 16.**

The day will include activities for children, information on fire protection readiness for the coming fire season and a barbecue.

"We welcome all our neighbours and the community to the station located at the corner of Woy Woy Rd and Wattle Crescent, Phegans Bay," said senior deputy captain Mr Chris Francis.

Mr Francis also provided some history of the 40 years the brigade has been operating.

"Although the brigade came into existence in 1966, it only purchased its first fire tanker in 1967," Mr Francis said.

"This was kept at the Phegans Bay Post Office as there was no station, and members raised funds to purchase the necessary equipment for fire fighting.

"The tanker was then kept at T Brown's property until a fire shed was built in 1976 at its present location."

Mr Francis said the station remained as a single bay with one tanker until the members built an addition in 1986 which consisted of a kitchen area, toilet and a second bay area that was used for training.

"In 1996, the next addition with a training room and office was completed," Mr Francis said.

"This gave the members a proper area for training, as it was a requirement that all fire fighters obtain qualifications before working on the fire ground.

"In 2000 interior modifications

were made to accommodate the newly acquired Cat 7 tanker.

"Presently, plans are being made for further modification to raise the roof level so the latest model of tanker will be able to fit into the station."

Mr Francis said the brigade had two tankers including a Cat 1, a large fire-fighting tanker which carried 3000 litres of water, and a dual cab Cat 7, a smaller more mobile tanker.

"Prior to 1994, the brigade's tankers were reconditioned used Bedfords," Mr Francis said.

"In December 1990, the old Bedford tanker overturned on its way to a fire at Pearl Beach and seven members were injured, with one hospitalised.

"The fire destroyed the tanker.

"In 1994, the brigade took delivery of one of the latest tankers, built on the Isuzu frame, and significantly more comfortable than the Bedford.

"Recently, the Isuzu (Cat 1) has been replaced with a later model from another brigade, and in 2000 we received a second smaller tanker, the Cat 7, in recognition of our commitment to fire fighting and high membership.

"An upgrade of the Cat 7 has taken place and so we now have a dual cab Cat 7, which means that six members can go out on it rather than three."

Mr Francis also thanked the community for its generous donations to date.

"The brigade has been able to exist through the generous donations of the public, and our community," Mr Francis said.

"After the recent January 1

fires, the brigade received many donations from local families and neighbours, including a large donation from the local community group, and from Woy Woy Meals on Wheels.

"Throughout its history, the brigade has had to purchase many things with its funds including its first tanker, various fire fighting equipment, fire ground radios, overalls, helmets and maps.

"Fortunately, now most of the more expensive items, including tankers, are supplied through the Gosford District of the NSW Rural Fire Service."

Mr Francis said that fluctuating membership had been a problem since the brigade was founded.

"However, there always seems to be a core of individuals that manage to keep the brigade functioning," Mr Francis said.

"The brigade has members with experience that range from less than one year to more than 23 years of fire-fighting.

"Regular weekly training takes place to keep our skills to an acceptable level as well as maintaining the equipment.

"The brigade not only attends bush fires, we also respond to motor vehicle accidents and structural fires.

"With the summer quickly approaching, the brigade will be preparing itself for the fire season."

Anyone is interested in joining the brigade may attend the open day or phone 4342 3584.

**Press release, August 27  
Chris Francis, The Bays  
Rural Fire Brigade**

# Rawson Rd refuge recommended

**A pedestrian refuge has been recommended for Rawson Rd between Vidler Ave and Greene St, Woy Woy.**

The recommendation from Gosford Council's traffic committee was expected to come before council at its meeting of September 5, following a petition from 102 petitioners.

A survey of pedestrian movements showed that 51 pedestrians crossed Rawson Rd between 7.30am and 9.30am, and 72 pedestrians crossed between 2pm and 4pm.

A plan was prepared and local residents consulted.

A report from council staff stated that one resident was concerned with a loss of on-

street parking, over-lighting of an adjacent bedroom and noise from pedestrian movements, while another resident raised concerns regarding night time visibility and considered the proposed refuge to be unnecessary.

Another resident was of the opinion that the refuge should be constructed in Greene St.

Four residents had no objections to the proposal.

The report stated that the concerns raised by local residents were taken into consideration.

"However, those concerns are outweighed by the enhancement of pedestrian safety that a crossing facility would provide on this section of Rawson Rd."

**Council agenda  
TR.03.011, September 5**

# Roads may be widened

**Gosford Council's traffic committee has recommended that upgrading and widening to sections of Woy Woy Bay Rd and Phegans Bay Rd be referred to its engineering investigations unit.**

It has also recommended that "Road Narrows" warning signs be provided on the roads as an "interim treatment".

The Bays Community Group had asked for Give Way signs so that motorists entering and leaving Woy Woy Bay or Phegans Bay gave way to on-coming traffic.

A report from council staff stated that "the winding nature and length

of Woy Woy Bay Rd and Phegans Bay Rd make it impractical to provide Give Way signs for the purpose of regulating motorists leaving the bay areas to give way to traffic coming into the area".

It stated that Give Way signs "would relay an unclear message to motorists, giving rise to the accident potential along these roads".

It further stated that upgrading of the narrow roads would provide areas of sufficient width to enable vehicles traveling in opposite directions to pass.

**Council agenda  
TR.06.064, September 5**

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# No Parking removed

**Gosford Council's traffic committee has recommended the removal of the No Parking Zone in Edward St, Woy Woy, and that directional arrows on the school bus zone be adjusted.**

A request for the removal of the No Parking zone came from the principal of Brisbane Water Secondary College, Woy Woy campus.

The No Parking zone was provided some years ago adjacent to the old entrance to the school car park.

The submission to council stated that the car park entrance was no longer in use and the signposting should be removed.

A report from council's traffic committee stated that as the entry was located within the School Bus Zone, the directional arrows on the Bus Zone signs would need to be modified.

**Council agenda  
TR.06.068, September 5**



# Woy Woy effluent may go to Mooney dam

**Gosford Council is considering pumping treated effluent from Woy Woy Sewage Treatment Plant to Mooney Mooney Dam for drinking use.**

The project would be a long-term alternative to injecting the water into the "groundwater mound" being used for the Council's groundwater extraction scheme.

It would involve "indirect drinking reuse from a water factory built at Woy Woy sewage treatment plant".

"The Woy Woy aquifer storage recovery (groundwater injection) project and the Woy Woy indirect drinking to Mooney Mooney projects are mutually exclusive because of the limited amount of treated water available," according to a staff report to this week's council meeting.

Council was told that when the groundwater extraction scheme became operational an existing pipeline to the dam would "become redundant" and could be used to pump water from the sewage treatment plant to either Lower or Upper Mooney Mooney dams.

Costings prepared by consultants

Kellogg Brown and Root found that the upper dam scheme would cost about \$34 million, translating to a "levelised cost" of \$1.51 per kilolitre.

The upper dam scheme would cost close to \$30 million, with a cost of \$1.33 per kilolitre.

In its report to Council, the consultants said: "Successful implementation of such a recycled water scheme will rely heavily upon public acceptance of treatment technologies, risk mitigation strategies and other management measures."

They recommended the program be implemented in two main stages.

The first should aim "to inform the community and involve them in the decision-making process".

The second stage involved the implementation of the preferred option.

The other option being considered involved pumping treated effluent to Mooney Mooney dam from Kincumber sewage treatment plant, for a cost of \$1.39 per kilolitre.

**Council agenda SF.35, September 2**

# Red Cross seeks helpers

**The Red Cross is seeking for volunteers for its Home Support Service which helps elderly, disabled, socially isolated people undertake basic tasks such as banking, shopping and going to the doctor.**

"We always have a large number of clients who need assistance on the Peninsula and therefore are always looking for volunteers to match up with those clients," said public relations officer Ms Katherine Wicks.

The Red Cross is currently looking for 20 new volunteers over the next few months to continue to run the service at its current level.

Operated with friendly visits and a haircut service for several

years, the service has expanded to offer clients access to the local community through assisted shopping, banking and other essential activities.

Red Cross coordinator Ms Debbie Walters said that the program now supports over 200 clients, and was growing at such a rate that 20 new volunteers were required by the end of September.

"I don't think people realise how many elderly and disabled people simply can't leave their house to do all the basic things we take for granted.

"Over the past 12 months, we've received over 500 referrals and we desperately need more volunteers to keep up with the demand," Ms Walters said.

"We're looking for volunteers

who have compassion for the elderly and people with disabilities, have a drivers licence and reliable car, and can commit to helping out once a week particularly with shopping.

"It's an opportunity to form a genuine friendship that will really brighten someone's day and our volunteers seem to get as much out of it as the people they help."

Red Cross is running a training session for new volunteers in the next month and encouraged anyone who would like to help a socially-isolated person access the community to contact 4324 3411.

**Press release, August 30  
Katherine Wicks, The Australian Red Cross**

# Financial workshop for grandparents

**The Peninsula Grandfriends Group will be holding a financial issues workshop on September 5 at the Mingara Recreation Club, Tumby Umbi Rd, Tumby Umbi.**

The workshop will be held from 10.30am to 2.30pm.

Local grandparent support group "Grandfriends" has joined forces with The Central Coast Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Project to run the series of workshops.

The project represents grandparents who have fulltime care and responsibility of their grandchildren across the Central Coast.

The purpose of the two-year project is to increase support and information for these families.

Grandfriends has played a key

role in this broader project.

Grandfriends is working with the larger project to create a resource kit and run a series of workshops covering areas of interest for grandparents such as legal and financial issues, parenting skills, self care and health, respite and governance for support groups.

The financial issues workshop will cover all relevant Centrelink and DoCS payments, allowances and entitlements, including explanation of family tax benefit, child care benefit, vacation care, disability payments, non-parental care allowance and authorised relative carer

Lunch will be provided, childcare will be available and transport can be arranged.

Contact 4340 1585 to register for this workshop.

Grandfriends has been established on the Peninsula for the last seven years and its members are grandparents who are raising or significantly involved in raising their grandchildren.

The group is keen to welcome new members to the group.

Long time member Mary Surman said: "We are always interested to have new members.

"Our aim is to support every grandparent who is raising a grandchild across the Peninsula."

Grandfriends meets at The Web, Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, on the first Monday of every month at 9.30am.

**Press release, August 9  
Anne Charlton, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Project**

# No 'significant development'

**Further "significant development" on the Peninsula may not be considered in the near future, according to a comment from Minister for Planning Mr Frank Sartor reported in the August edition of the Central Coast Business Review.**

Speaking on a comprehensive

plan for the Gosford area, Mr Sartor said he would be "reluctant to consider further significant development on the Woy Woy Peninsula".

"We will focus growth in the existing areas of Gosford including East and West Gosford," Mr Sartor said.

**Magazine, August 31  
Central Coast Business Review**

## FREE PROSTATE CANCER ADVICE FOR PEOPLE ON THE CENTRAL COAST

Each year 190 people will be diagnosed with prostate cancer on the Central Coast and around 55 will die as a result.

The Cancer Council NSW is urging residents in the Central Coast to take advantage of free specialist advice during a Prostate Cancer Call-In on Thursday 7 September.

By calling the Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20, people in the Central Coast can receive expert advice about risks, symptoms, early detection, treatment and prevention for prostate cancer.

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The Water Main Cleaning program is designed to reduce the frequency and severity of discoloured water in the Peninsula area, using air scouring and mains flushing techniques.



The current stage of the program commenced in the Woy Woy area, with cleaning taking place over the last couple of weeks within streets bound by Blackwall Rd, Memorial Ave, Barrenjoey Rd, Ocean Beach Rd and Edward St. Operational evidence from these areas shows the system is much cleaner and there is minimal discoloured water.

Over the next few weeks, areas around Booker Bay, Ettalong Beach and some parts of Umina Beach are due to be cleaned. As the water mains in each street needs to be interrupted in order to be cleaned, Council's contractor will deliver a notice of 'Interruption to Supply' to all affected properties at least 48 hours prior.



Gosford City Council would like to assure local residents that the majority of water used during the program is captured and re-treated before being returned to the system. With more than 95% of water used in the program so far being captured and re-used.

For further information on what to do if you experience discoloured water, or to view a map showing streets to be cleaned over the coming weeks, please visit Gosford City Council's website at [www.gosford.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au). Alternatively you can call the Council's Customer Service Centre on 4325 8222.



Gosford City Council appreciates the continued support of the local community during the program and is making every effort to minimise any impacts on residents while improving the water quality in the long term.

Pictures from top to bottom: a glass of discoloured water, street signage and a water tanker used during the program, a local water treatment plant, a council worker using water captured during the program to irrigate a local sporting field.

Crossing may  
be relocated

Gosford Council will consider relocating a poorly-lit pedestrian crossing in Hobart Ave, near Melbourne Ave, in Umina.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd asked on behalf of Ms S MacKillop for improved lighting at the crossing.

Council officers were awaiting a quote from Energy Australia to improve the street lighting at its location.

A council report stated that the crossing was suited to its present location, providing lighting was improved.

It stated that arrangements had also been made for council's tree assessment officer to remove tree limbs that were presently "shadowing" the pedestrian crossing.

The traffic committee has recommended that consideration be given to relocating the crossing further to the east if the lighting upgrade proved to be too costly.

It also recommended installing concrete median islands at the crossing.

Council agenda  
TR.06.063, September 5



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## Kiosk staff wanted

**The Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary is currently looking for volunteers to help staff its kiosk at the hospital.**

The auxiliary manages the kiosk at Woy Woy Hospital on a voluntary basis, serving a range of sandwiches, pies, hot and cold drinks and snack foods are available as well as a number of craft items.

All proceeds go to improving facilities at Woy Woy General

Hospital.

"We would appreciate the help of any volunteers who would be willing to give a few hours a month to help in this fundraising activity," publicity officer Ms Pat Harding said.

Anyone wishing to help out can contact 4341 3481.

**Press release, August 22  
Pat Harding, Woy Woy Hospital  
Auxiliary**

## Selling daffodils

**Members of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy gathered on August 25 to sell daffodils to commuters at Woy Woy Railway Station.**

Their combined effort raised \$683 for the Cancer Council.

Rotary Club of Woy Woy community service director Mr Charles Brock said that, combined with other service clubs' and volunteer efforts, the overall effort would go a long way to assist with cures and assistance to cancer sufferers.

Mr Brock said he would like to thank all those commuters who stopped to purchase merchandise and also to those people who simply just gave a donation to the worthy cause.

**Press release, August 29  
Charles Brock,  
Rotary Club of Woy Woy**



*Daffodils on sale at the Woy Woy Railway Station*

## Football is raffled

**Boronia Court Auxiliary is currently hosting a raffle with first prize being a signed Mariners' football.**

Second prize is a Mariners' beach towel.

Tickets are on sale with three

tickets for \$1, with the raffle being drawn on September 5.

Tickets are available from Boronia Court Hostel.

**Press release, July 22  
Boronia Court**

## Housie

**Fairhaven Services will be moving its cash housie sessions to Ettalong Bowling Club as of September 4, according to public relations officer Ms Sue Chidgey.**

The sessions will now operate on Monday nights at Ettalong Bowling Club at 7.30pm.

All proceeds from housie go to providing services for over 150 adults who have a disability and live on the Central Coast.

"We provide supported employment programs at Point Clare, West Gosford and Tuggerah, a residential site at Kincumber, two independent living cottages and a new respite house at Kincumber," Ms Chidgey said.

**Press release, August 18  
Sue Chidgey,  
Fairhaven Services Ltd**

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**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 Picnic Pde & Maitland Bay Drive, Ettalong 4341 3599  
**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. Karangi St & Broken Bay Rd Ettalong 4341 3222  
**MOW**, Meals on Wheels Hall, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd.  
**NPWS**, National Parks & Wildlife Service, www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au, 4320 4205  
**PBPH**, Pearl Beach Progress Hall, Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach 4342 1459  
**PCC**, Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy 4341 9333  
**PCYC**, Osborne Ave., Umina Beach 4344 7851  
**PWHC**, Peninsula Women's Health Centre, 20a McMasters Rd Woy Woy 4342 4905  
**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  
**WVEC**, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 267 Blackwall Road Woy Woy 4341 7974  
**WWLC**, Woy Woy Leagues Club, 82 Blackwall Rd Woy Woy: 4342 3366  
**WWPH**, Woy Woy Progress Hall, 76 Woy Woy Rd  
**DAILY EVENTS**  
Woy Woy **Pelican Feeding**, 3pm Pelican Park, Fishermans Wharf.  
**Playtime** Mon-Fri 9am, Little Gym  
**PCYC**  
**TUESDAY**  
**First Tuesday of every month**  
**Buffalo Primo Lodge** No 9, 7pm, **UCH**.  
**Second Tuesday of every month**  
Playgroup for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island families, **BFC**  
**Senior's Idol**, 1pm; **Toastmasters**, 7.30pm, Seniors Day 12 noon, enq: 4341 6842, **EBWMC**  
**Get Together** afternoon tea, **ESCC**, **Pearl Beach Craft group**, **PBPH**, 1.30pm.  
**Stroke recovery** group, 11.30am, **MOW**.  
**Diabetes Support Group**, 10am, **ECC**  
**Third Tuesday of every month**  
**Buffalo Lodge Knights** Chp9, 7pm, **UCH**  
Woy Woy Peninsula **Arthritis** Branch, 10am, enq: 4342 1790, **MOW**  
**Fourth Tuesday of every month**  
Playgroup for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island families. **BFC**  
**Toastmasters**, 7pm enq: 4341 6842, **EBWMC**  
**Combined Pensioners** association afternoon tea, enq: 4341 3222, **ESCC**  
**Every Tuesday**  
**The Web**, Drop in centre 12-18yrs 12pm - 5pm, **TWYS**  
**Butterfly Group** for Women who have suffered domestic violence 12.30pm **PWHC**  
**Empire Bay Scrabble Club** 9.15am-12.45pm, enq: 4369 2034  
**Judo** 5pm, **Playgroup** 9am, **Peninsula**

**Dance and Theatre School** 3.45pm, **Dragon Kung Fu** 6.30pm, **Gambling Counselling** by appointment, Latin Salsa Dance 8pm, **School for Learning - over 55's** 10am, **Belly Dancing**, 1pm, **PCC**.  
**Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior), **Breakdancing**, 5pm; **Gym Sessions** 8am; **Gym Circuit** 9:15am & 6pm; **PCYC**  
**Rotary Club of Woy Woy**, 6pm, **ECC** Ladies **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Handicraft**-9am; **Cards**-12.30pm; **Computers**, 9am, **ESCC** .  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** 6pm John the Baptist Church Hall, enq: 4379 1132  
**Bowls**; 10am, Card Club; 7.30pm, **Chess Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC**  
**Tai-Chi** classes, 9.30am (ex sch hols), enq 4360 2705, **WH**  
**Folk Art** 9.30am, **EBACC**  
**Children's story time**, Umina library, 10.30 am (Except Jan).  
**Sahaja yoga meditation**, 10:30am enq: 4328 1409, **CWAHWW**  
**Playgroup** 10am Kids 0-5yrs, **WWPH**, enq: Juhel 4342 4362  
Butterfly Group Drop In (**Domestic violence** support), 12.30pm **PWHC**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**First Wednesday of every month**  
Older women's network, 10.15am, enq:4343 1079, **WWLC**  
CWA social day, 10am, handicrafts, 1pm, enq: 4344 5192, **CWAHWW**  
Ettalong Ratepayers & Citizens Progress Association, 7.30pm, **EPH**  
**Second Wednesday of every Month**  
**Woy Woy VIEW Club**, Friendship Day, **MOW**, 10.30am, enq: 4344 1440.  
**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**, 9.30am, **ECC**  
**Third Wednesday of every month**  
**Woy Woy VIEW Club** - Luncheon, 10.30am, enq: 4344 1440, **ECC**  
**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.  
**Brisbane Water Bridge Club**, 9.30am & 7.30pm enq: 4341 6763,  
**Oil Painting**, 9am, **Scrapbooking** 9am, **Multi-craft needlework** 10am, **BJP School of Physical Culture**, 3.30pm, 4-13 yrs enq: 4344 4924  
**Playgroup** 10am, **Weight Watchers** 5.30pm, **Belly Dancing** 7.30pm; **School for Learning** 9am, **Gambling and general counselling** by appointment, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** from 3.45pm **The Web**, 12pm - 6pm; **PCC** .  
Peninsula **Choir** rehearsal 7.30pm St Andrews Hall Umina.  
Brisbane Waters **Scrabble Club**, **MOW** 6pm, enq: 4341 9929.  
**Seniors fitness** **EPH** 9am, enq: 4385 2080.  
**Indoor Bowls** - 9am; **Fitness** - 1pm  
**Leatherwork**-9am; **Table Tennis**-9am. **Scrabble** 1pm; **Computers**, 1.30pm, **ESCC**  
**Gym Sessions** 8am (Incl Self Defence for Young Women 1pm; **Gym Circuit** 6pm; **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) 5pm (Senior), **PCYC**  
**Oils & Acrylics** 9am, **Pastels** 11.30am, **Drawing** 2pm **EBACC**  
**Children's story time**, Woy Woy library, 10.30- 11.30am (Except Jan).  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** 12.15 & 6.30 , St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.  
**Handicraft** **CWAHWW**, 9am, enq: 4341 1073.  
**THURSDAY**  
**Second Thursday of every month**  
Outsiders Club, 9am; Brisbane Water **Seniors** 1pm Enq: 4344 5670 **EBWMC**  
**Women's Health Clinic** Enq 4320

3741 **PWHC**  
**Australiana Bus Trips** **PCC**  
**Women's Health Clinic**; **PWHC** 4320 3741  
**Fourth Thursday of every month**  
9am **Free immunization** clinic for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island children 0 – 5 years, **BFC**  
Umina Probus, **ECC**, 10am.  
**Women's Health Clinic**; **PWHC** 4320 3741  
**Every Thursday**  
**Creative Writing** **CWAHWW** Enq 4369 1187  
**Silk Painting** 1pm **EBACC**  
**Gambling and general counselling** by appointment, **Music 2-5yrs** 9am, **Yoga** 10am, **Brophy Circus Academy** 5pm, **Brisbane Water Bridge Club** 12.30pm, enq. 4341 6763, **Judo**, 5pm Enq: 43424121; **The Web**, 12pm - 6pm **Young Men's Groups** 12-18 yrs, 4342 3684; **PCC**  
**Free entertainment** 6.30 pm, **Senior Snooker** 8.30am **Ballroom Dancing**, 10am, Trivia, 7pm, **Indoor Bowls**, **Fishing Club Raffle** 5.15pm, **EMBC**.  
Bouddi Women's **Drumming**, 2pm, 73 Highview Rd Pretty Beach, enq: 0425 229 651.  
**Scrabble**, 12.30pm.**WWPH** ,  
**Children's art classes** 4.30pm, **EBACC**  
**Tai Chi**-11.35am; **Dancing** 9am; **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Table Tennis**-1.45pm; **Cards** 12 noon, **ESCC**  
**St John's Ambulance**; Brisbane Water Cadets, 7pm, Enq:4341 3341.  
**Children's story time**, 3 - 5 yrs Umina library, 10.30am (Except Jan).  
**Gym Sessions** 8am, **Gym Circuit** 9am & 6pm **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) **PCYC** .  
**Social Tennis** 9am-12pm, Pearl Beach Courts, enq: 4369 3195.  
**Adult tap dancing**, **EPH** 10am; enq: 4342 3925  
**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**  
**Cash House Nights**, Gosford progress hall, 7.30pm, 4325 3608  
**Kids entertainment** Yrs 7 -12, 7.30pm, **Playgroup**, 10am Umina Uniting Church.  
**Bingo** 11.30am, **UCH** Enq:4343 1664  
**Lollipop Music** Playgroup **BFC** 9.15am. Enq: 43 431929.  
Old Wags **Bridge Club**, **WH** (except 4th Fri) 1:30pm, enq: 4360 1820.  
**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  
**Watercolour Painting** 12.30pm **EBACC**  
**Painting** 9am, **Computers** 1pm, **Scrabble** 1pm **ESCC**  
**Gym Sessions** 8am, **Gym Circuit** 9am **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9am, **Boxing/fitness training** 4pm (Junior) 5pm (Senior) **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.  
Hardys Bay Community Church, **indoor bowls**, **canasta**, **scrabble**, **morning tea** 10am, enq 4363 1968.  
**Kids Club** (Primary) .4pm, **Brisbane Water Bridge Club**, 12.30pm, enq. 4341 6763, **Weight Watchers**

10am, **Gambling Counselling** by appointment, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** 3.45pm; **The Web**, 2pm-9.30pm **Doctor & Nurse** for 12-18 yrs old, **Brophy Circus Academy** 5pm **Kindygy** 0 - 3yrs 9.15am, 3 - 5yrs 10.20am **PCC**  
**Women's walking** group, 8am **PWHC**  
**Fishing Club**. **EBWM**  
**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**, 1pm, ph: 4342 2251 **WWPH**  
**Ex-Navalmen's** Assoc, Central Coast Sub-Section, **WWLC** 10am.  
Scrapbooking 12pm, **PCC**. enq 4342 3712  
**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, **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; **Weight Watchers** 8am, **PCC**  
**Cash Housie** St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong 7.30pm .  
**Cabaret** dance & floor show, 8pm free, Men's 18 hole **golf**; Men's triples **bowls** 1pm; **ECC**  
**Dancing Club**; 1pm, Enq: 4341 2156  
**Snooker** 8.30am **EBWMC**  
**Childrens Pottery** 9.30am **Silvercraft** 1pm, **EBACC**  
**Gym Sessions** 9am, **Drama & Discovery** 9am **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.  
**Woy Woy Environment Centre** 10am-. 267 Blackwall Road. Enq 4342 6589.  
**Car Boot Sale**, Ettalong Markets. Community Dance, 1pm to 4pm, \$2, **ESCC**, Ph:4344 3131/4341 3222  
**Social Dance**, New vogue, old time, \$2, refreshments, 1pm, **ESCC**. ph:4344 3131/4341 3222.  
**SUNDAY**  
**First Sunday of every month**  
Blackwall Mountain **Bushcare**, 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, 1.30pm **CWAHWW** Enq: 4342 9099  
**Third Sunday of every month**  
**Bushcare** Group, Tennis Courts, Empire Bay, 9am Enq: 43692486  
**Vietnam Vets**, 11am. **Bootscooters**, 2.30pm **EBWMC**  
Ettyalong Creek **Landcare**, Ettalong Rd, Umina, 8am, ph: 4342 2251.  
**EBWM Fishing Club** competition at Club House in Beach St, Ettalong.  
**Fourth Sunday of every month**  
**Buffalo Lodge** Woy Woy 381 11am; **Buffalo Lodge** Gosford No 63 **UCH** 1pm.  
Burrawang Bushland reserve **bushcare**, Nambucca Dr playgrnd 9am 4341 9301.  
**Last Sunday of every month**  
Ladies Auxiliary of Vietnam Vets, 10 am, **EBWMC**  
**Lions Club** Boot Sale & Mini Market Enq: 4341 4151

Open Acoustic Mic Afternoon, 1pm to 5pm, **WWBC**  
**Every Sunday**  
Coast Community **Church Services** 9am & 5pm Enq 4360 1448  
**Al-anon/Alateen** family support group "The Cottage" Vidler Ave Woy Woy 7pm.  
**Patonga Bakehouse Gallery** 11am Enq: 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.  
**Grandparents Parenting Support Group**, the Cottage, 91 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, ph: 4342 9995 or 4341 2072.  
**Second Monday of every month**  
**Save the Children** St Andrews Church Hall, Ocean Beach Rd Umina 1-30pm Enq 4324 4389  
**Women 50+ Group Chat**, **PWHC**  
**RSL Women's Auxiliary**, **EBWMC**, 9am.  
Pretty Beach/Wagstaffe **Progress Assoc** **WH** 7:30pm, Enq: 4360 1546  
Killcare Heights **Garden Club**, 10:30am, Enq: 4344 4520  
Coastal **Crones** (over 50's), **PWHC**  
**Third Monday of every month**  
**War widows Guild**, **EBWMC** 1pm, Enq: 4344 3486  
**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** Enq: Liz Poole 4320 3741  
**3Cs**–Craft, Coffee & Conversation, 12.30pm **BFC**. Enq: 43 431929  
**Yoga** **WH** 9.30am Enq: 4360 1854.  
**Computers**, 1pm, **ESCC**  
**Dancing** 9am; **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Mahjong** 1pm; **Fitness** 1pm; **Yoga** for beginners 2.30pm; **ESSC**.  
**Gym Sessions** 8am, **Tiny Tots** 9:15am, **Circuit Boxing** (Women) 9.00am, **Boxing/fitness training**, 4.00pm (Junior) , 5pm (Senior) **PCYC**  
**Fairhaven Cash Housie** 7.30pm & **Bingo** 11am **EMBC**  
**Arts and Crafts** for people with a disability 11am, Enq. 4341 9333  
**Patchwork & Quilting**, 9am & 12.30pm, **Pottery** 10am & 1pm **EBACC**  
**Children's Story Time**, Woy Woy Library. 10.30 am  
**Gentle Exercise** for over 50's, 9.30am, **Yoga**, 10am, **Brisbane Water Bridge Club**. 12.30pm, **BJP School of Physical Culture** 3.45pm, **Peninsula Dance and Theatre School** 3.45pm, **Gambling & general Counselling** by appointment, **Music** 2-5 yrs 9am **PCC**  
**Craft group**, 1pm **BFC**  
  
**Current Events**  
**September 6:** Personal dilemmas 10am **PWHC**  
**September 7:** Enamel bead making 10am-1pm, continues 14th September, **EBACC**  
**September 9:** Talk on nature photography **WVEC**  
**September 16:** Beading - make your basic jewellery look professional, 9.30am, **EBACC**  
**September 19:** Gosford Council Water Forum, 1pm, **ESCC**  
**September 20:** Make your own earrings 10am **PWHC**  
**September 21:** Make your own greeting cards 10am **PWHC**  
**September 23:** EcoVillages **WVEC**  
**September 26:** **PWHC** 30th Birthday celebration 11am  
**October 5:** Menopause talk 10am **PWHC**  
**October 7:** How to cut your water use **WVEC**



## Annual concert for choir

The Peninsula Choir and the Gosford City Band will present their annual joint concert, "Spring Song in Ettalong" in the Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd, Ettalong, on Sunday, September 17, at 2pm.

The choir, directed by Ivan Kinny and accompanied by pianist Joan Edwards, will perform popular ballads and items from "well loved" musicals, as well as items of folk music, according to Mr Kinny.

Australian compositions also feature in the selection.

"The Gosford City Band, conducted by Philip Rutherford, is in top form, as those who heard its recent concert will testify," Mr Kinny said.

"The sparkling spring offering will include a sing-along, with the audience participating in some old favourites.

Admission is \$12, with proceeds going to community services.

**Press release, August 22**  
Ivan Kinny, The Peninsula Choir

## Fashion parade fundraiser

A business in Umina Beach will be holding a fashion parade to help raise funds for the Woy Woy branch of Save the Children.

Jodi of Uminia will be holding the fashion parade at St Andrews Church Hall, Ocean Beach Rd, Umina Beach, on Saturday, September 9.

The event will start at 1.30pm.

Entry to the event is \$7 which includes afternoon tea and lucky door prize.

For more information, contact Nola on 4324 4389 or May on 4341 1104.

**Press release, August 14**  
Save the Children Woy Woy branch

## Crooner set at theatre

The Rat Pack Tribute Show with Andrew Godbold and the Andrew Swan Trio will be appearing at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, at 11am on September 11.

Marketing coordinator Ms Lisa Kelly said: "The success of the Rat Pack renaissance has led to many male vocalists putting together a crooner set.

"However, when they are delivered with the panache of Andrew Godbold and the Andrew Swan Trio, you simply cannot complain.

"With the band in fine form, backing easily recognisable standards, prepare to be transported back 40 years to the exciting atmosphere of Las Vegas, 1966, with all the music and comedy that made Frank, Dean and Sammy's on-stage party a must-see event.



Andrew Godbold

"Songs include favorites like Mack the Knife, Mr Bojangles, Lady is a Tramp and many more."

For more information or to book contact 4323 3233

**Press release, August 30**  
Lisa Kelly, Laycock Street Theatre

## Patonga holds market day

Patonga will hold its first market day in 10 years on September 10.

Pearl Beach Progress Association representative Ms Gerri O'Keefe said the market would be held to raise funds for the Patonga Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade and to thank its members for their "valiant efforts" during the New Year's fires when all power and telephones were cut off.

"Many of Patonga's elderly and less mobile residents were alone and concerned, and as a result fire captain Mark Zwan and

deputy Colin Zwan came up with a contingency plan in case there were any more disasters in the future," Ms O'Keefe said.

"They approached the Patonga Progress Association and suggested making a list of locals who might need help in such times.

"They formed an emergency response team to follow up the welfare of these residents."

The progress association would also open up the hall during emergencies for anyone wanting information or wanting company

and a cup of tea.

"The Emergency and Information Response Team is now being run by the Progress Association, but we would like to show our thanks to the volunteer fire fighters who always have the community at heart."

The market opens at 10am on the reserve opposite the beach with live entertainment, portraits by Jocelyn and Robin, a sausage sizzle and "plenty of fun for all", Ms O'Keefe said.

**Press release, August 4**  
Gerri O'Keefe, Pearl Beach Progress Association

## Annual hospital fete

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary is planning to hold both a stall and a fete this month.

Woy Woy Hospital's Annual Fete will be held on September 9, with a stall to be held outside Flemings, Umina Beach, on September 14.

The fete will be held in the hospital grounds on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and Kathleen St, Woy Woy, on Saturday, September

9.

It will run from 8am to 1pm and will feature stalls, raffles, entertainment, food and drinks.

The stall will be outside Flemings in West St, Umina Beach, on Thursday, September 14, from 9am to 3.30pm.

**Press release, August 22**  
Pat Harding, Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary

## Village to benefit from exhibition

The Peninsula Village will hold its second Art and Craft Exhibition on September 8 and 9, to raise funds for the village.

"We are hoping to raise our profile in the community and also support our talented local artists and craft persons," said hostel supervisor Ms Susie O'Donnell.

The opening night will be held on Friday, September 8, with wine and light supper and a special showing of paintings by Russell Drysdale, Sally Morgan and Margaret Olley.

Tickets cost \$20 per person.

Saturday, September 9, will feature entertainment from Drumbala rhythm group, along with belly dancing and a performance by Peninsula School of Dance.

The day will also feature craft demonstrations and displays in

alternate therapies. Devonshire Teas and sausage sizzle will be served throughout the day.

Peninsula Village is a not-for-profit aged care facility located in 91 Pozieres Ave, Umina.

The community-based organisation is committed to caring for its 367 residents.

It is presently fundraising to buy specialised palliative care mattresses for its nursing home.

For more information contact Paula Newman or Susie O'Donnell on (02) 4344 9199, Monday to Friday, 8am to 4.30pm.

**Press release, August 31**  
Susie O'Donnell, Peninsula Village

An exhibition of sculpture by local and invited artists

## Reflections by the sea

Exhibition dates 2 to 24 September, 2006

View between 10am and 3pm from Sunday to Thursday and between 10am and 5pm on Friday and Saturday

Staged opposite spectacular Pearl Beach in the Pearl Beach Café, this unique exhibition is an opportunity to view and purchase from an outstanding collection. Remember to cast your vote for the 'people's choice' and the chance to win dinner for four in the café.

Admission to the exhibition is free, however you are invited to make a gold coin donation (proceeds to the Umina Police Boys Club and the Pearl Beach Progress Association's hall renovations appeal).

The Pearl Beach Café is open for breakfast and lunch seven days plus dinner on Friday and Saturday evenings. Phone 02 4343 1222 for bookings.



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## Ensemble Three Colours

A performance of works written for flute, voice and piano

From Classical to Cabaret, from Folk to Funk.

**Sunday 24th**

**September 3pm**

Pearl Beach Community Hall, Diamond Road, Pearl Beach

**Tickets \$18/\$12**

**Bookings: 4342 1999**

**or 0409 903 151**

## Save the Children Woy Woy Branch

Fashion Parade by

**Jodi of Umina**

Held at St. Andrews Church Hall Ocean Beach Road, Umina Beach Saturday 9th September Time: 1.30pm

**Entrance \$7 inc Afternoon Tea and lucky door prizes**

Contact Nola 4324 4389 or May 4341 1104

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## Education

# Action group receives grant

**The Peninsula Families Action Group have been successful in a grant application for a "fun day" to launch their playground projects and initiate a process of community consultation regarding future playground developments.**

Gosford Council's community grants program awarded the group \$2000 to hold the fun day, with offers of help from local individuals and community groups assisting in covering any shortfalls.

The group have been focusing on redeveloping Peninsula playgrounds, which they believe poorly service the community.

"We are delighted with the success of our grant application," said the group's secretary Ms

Deretta Brown.

"We are a small group of volunteers trying to better our local area and this will enable us to engage the community and really start building a sense of community ownership and pride in our open spaces."

The group has already had a successful partnership with Choice Australia in the first stage of upgrades at Vernon Park in Umina and is negotiating with Gosford Council on the second stage of the works, which would include repainting of the existing play structure and the installation of a disability swing.

The group is also hoping to be successful in a CDSE funding application for money for a shade to go over the play equipment at

Lions Park in Woy Woy.

"We are really excited by our recent successes," said Ms Brown.

"Our long-term goal is to gain support for a regional park on the Peninsula.

"We believe this grant will help build that support and result in a better Peninsula for the whole community."

The fun day will be held at the start of next year in one of the Peninsula parks.

The group meets twice a month at the Beachside Family Centre and is looking for assistance from both individuals and local businesses to help make it a successful event.

For more information, contact 4343 1929.

Jenni Darwin, August 17

# Woy Woy South in spelling finals

**Woy Woy South Public School has entered students in the regional finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee.**

The competition has two divisions, one for students in Years 3 and 4 and one for students in Years 5 and 6.

At Woy Woy South, the competition was extended to Year 2.

The competition started with class spelling bees, encompassing a wide range of spelling activities for every child.

Each class then nominated one student for the grade finals.

"All students performed exceptionally well and enjoyed their participation in the competition, which followed the strict guidelines set for the regional finals," according to teacher Ms Olwyn Lewis.

Grace Chapman from Year 3, Michael Pain from Year 4, Caitlin Blair from Year 5 and Samantha Jones from Year 6 were grade winners and will now represent Woy Woy South Public School at the regional finals.

The regional finals will take place on September 28 at Berkeley Vale Public School.

The State final will again be broadcast live on ABC Radio.

The competition was introduced in 2004 by the NSW Premier, as a way of encouraging young people's interest in spelling.

The Premier's Spelling Bee is open to students in New South Wales Government primary and central schools.

Press release, August 31  
Olwyn Lewis, Woy Woy South Public School

# Students plant vegetables

**Umina Public School has taken advantage of the recent rain falling on the Peninsula to increase their vegetable garden plants.**

Students from the primary classes have been involved with the school vegetable garden and grow a variety of vegetables for the canteen.

The environment group meets each week at lunch time and

spends time weeding, planting, watering and picking ripe plants.

Last week students were able to pick lettuce, bok choy, celery and parsley.

"They also planted some carrot seeds in the garden and look forward to watching them germinate and grow," said teacher Ms Sonja Stein.

There were a few weeds that students removed and immediately recycled by giving them to the worm

farm to feed the worms along with canteen and lunch food scraps.

"The vegetable garden has been a great success over the past year and is now quite a focal point in the school grounds," said Ms Stein.

"The fact that children have an active role in growing their own food will have long lasting benefits to all those involved."

Press release, August 16  
Sonja Stein, Umina Primary School

# English writing exams held

**Woy Woy Public School students have sat writing English exams in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools.**

"Sixteen students sat for the writing test," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"Eleven students received participation certificates, three students gained credits and two students were successful in receiving a distinction."

Ze Hoe Lee and Nicole Green were the students who gained distinctions.

Ms Buckley said 18 students sat

for the English competition.

"Seven of our students gained credit certificates and 11 gained participation certificates," Ms Buckley said.

The competitions are developed by Educational Assessment Australia at the University of NSW.

The competitions test skills in English, mathematics, writing, spelling, science and computer skills.

They are conducted annually across Australia and 12 other countries with over 1.7 million entries worldwide.

Newsletter, August 2  
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

# Pre-school receives funding

**Walsingham Community Pre-School at Pretty Beach has received \$10,000 in poker tax funding.**

The funding, from Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, was part of the Community Development and Support Expenditure Scheme.

"Walsingham Pre School is appreciative of its successful application and will use the grant to upgrade their playground by purchasing new play equipment and soft fall, giving the children of the local community loads of fun and a safer play environment,"

said Walsingham Pre School Committee grants coordinator Ms Leah Bennetts.

Press release, August 21  
Leah Bennetts, Walsingham Community Pre School

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Athletic activities will commence on Friday 29th September.

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For further information please contact the Secretary:  
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## Mudlarks turn 60

**The Woy Woy Mudlarks Social Tennis Club celebrate its 60th birthday on September 7.**

The group originally formed in 1946 with Mona Humbles (Ford) who is now 97 years of age, Bobby Bryce, Gladys Margin, Pearl Ryan and Jean Watson.

The group was the foundation of a club which later adopted the name Mudlarks due to its willingness to play in all weather.

The Mudlarks are the oldest and longest running social tennis club on the Peninsula commencing on the old Woy Woy clay courts which were then in Oval Ave.

"Mr O'Leary, a railway worker, was the first to take care of the courts in his spare time.

"It was a big job for someone otherwise employed, with all the wet weather preparations needed to keep the courts playable," said Mudlarks representative Mr Bruce McDonald.

"The courts were moved some years ago to the present site."

A big birthday celebration is planned with current players attending, together with Lyn Connors and Sue Pfahl who joined in 1968, and are the longest serving members of the present group.

The Mudlarks meet each Thursday in sunshine and showers.

**Press release, August 18**  
**Bruce McDonald,**  
**The Mudlarks Social Tennis Club,**  
**Woy Woy**



## Commitment to education or employment

**Students at Brisbane Water Secondary College publicly committed themselves to be in full-time education and training or full-time employment by March next year, during a ceremony at Woy Woy Campus on Wednesday, August 30.**

"This is a significant event for our students and part of an initiative called Creating Our Future," said senior campus principal Mr David Beattie.

"Aimed at students in Year 10, they have completed a variety of learning activities designed to

better equip them for the future.

"Many students will continue into Year 11 or TAFE and will have a pathway to the higher school certificate, while some will join the workforce.

"We want all our students to have the necessary skills and abilities to make a contribution to society."

The initiative has been running all year and students have learned about learning styles, social skills, jobs and careers, subjects for the HSC, and have developed skills that employers require, such as communication and teamwork.

All students have also developed a personal education and training plan where they have mapped their pathways to future jobs and careers.

A careers expo held last June was also an important part of this process, Mr Beattie said.

Students had the opportunity to talk to employers and training providers about their options.

The college also runs an extensive work experience program and had a number of senior students completing school-based part-time traineeships.

"The support from our local community, especially the Chamber of Commerce, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club and Woy Woy Leagues Club has been a real feature," said Mr Beattie.

"We are always on the lookout for opportunities for our students with traineeships and apprentices being high on our list."

The college offers more than 45 subjects in Years 11 and 12, providing personalised programs of study for the students.

"We are confident that students who graduate from the college are well prepared for the workforce," said Mr Beattie.

"It is the real focus of everything we do."

**Press release, August 29**  
**David Beattie,**  
**Brisbane Water Secondary College**

## Focus on air

**Ettalong Public School has decided to focus on funding air conditioning for six classrooms at the school.**

P&C members voted on Wednesday, August 16, to make the air conditioning of the last six classrooms a focus for their fund-raising efforts.

A report from the P&C stated: "It is hoped that the classrooms maybe air-conditioned before the intensity of summer arrives."

**Newsletter, August 22**  
**Jenny Jackson,**  
**Ettalong Public School**

## Choir sings

**Pretty Beach Public School choir has performed at Wagstaffe Hall.**

"Many people remarked on their excellent behaviour while watching the show," said principal Ms Vicki Redrup.

"They sat and listened to other acts for quite a while before they performed and were a credit to the school and their families."

**Newsletter, August 9**  
**Vicki Redrup,**  
**Pretty Beach Public School**

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**Centre wants storage shed**

**Peninsula Community Centre Inc has asked council for permission to erect a storage shed.**  
 It has told Gosford Council that it currently has an "old rusty" 12m shipping container in the rear yard.  
 A report from council officers stated that "this is considered to be not only unsightly, but also prevents a clear line of supervisory vision, a direct breach of duty of care for children".  
 It stated that the removal of the shipping container meant the need for the construction of an alternative storage facility, a "modern 6m x 3m x 2.4m garden shed".  
 The association leases the community centre at McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, from council, and an adjoining building for Before and After School Care.  
 The council report stated that it was imperative that Peninsula Before and After School Care Service had direct on-site access to safe and secure storage for play equipment and archive storage.  
 The shed would be located at the rear of the existing premises on the opposite side to the car park fence.  
 The report stated that "it is envisaged that the shed will be visible from the car park but not from the street".  
 The centre would cover all costs for the construction and ongoing maintenance of the shed.  
 Council officers have recommended that council approve the construction of the shed and waive the development application fees.  
**Council agenda COM.32, August 22**

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Long term peninsula resident Derek Britton passed away on the evening of August 31.  
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## Council funding for community projects

**A number of Peninsula-based groups and projects will receive funding Gosford Council Community and Cultural Development Grants announced last week.**

They include Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation, Mary Mac's Place, Peninsula Families Action Group, The Gals, Woy Woy Little Theatre, Central Coast Poets Society, Empire Bay Progress Association, PIPA Turrongankal Mulbari, Troubadour Central Coast Incorporated and three council community development projects.

A presentation ceremony was held at the Erina Centre on August 30, with Gosford Mayor Cr Laurie Maher presiding.

The three community development projects include a community safety forum, "Celebrate Safely - Umina Beach" and Harmonize Events.

The aim of the community safety forum is to gather the community and relevant government agencies to discuss safety concerns in the Gosford Local Government Area (LGA).

The forum is scheduled for late July.

Celebrate Safely - Umina Beach is an alcohol and drug free community-event aimed towards younger residents of the Peninsula.

It will be held in conjunction with "schoolies week".

As part of the event, a free afternoon of bands, "mocktails" and celebrations is proposed for Umina Beach.

Harmonize Events is a pilot action research project that aims to address the deficiency in safe and accessible entertainment opportunities for young people, under 18, in the Gosford area.

One of the areas that would be targeted would be Umina Beach.

Mary Mac's Place received funding to expand its services, including programs, training and equipment.

The grant was in response to a 40 per cent increase in demand for its meals in the last year.

The Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Corporation will receive funding for both its "Sistas Surviving Together, Achieving Strength" program and its "Deadly, Young and Indigenous" Project.

An inaugural meeting of "Sistas Surviving Together, Achieving Strength" was held in May, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island (ATSI) women from the local area attending as a branch of the Marawarpina ATSI Womens Program.

The project provides scope for the inaugural year activities to bring women together.

Activities include getting to know one another, support and encouragement, cultural awareness and self empowerment.

The "Deadly, Young and

Indigenous" project is an indigenous youth program targeting young people in the Gosford LGA.

The project will further develop a structured youth initiative and will provide an opportunity for the Mingaletta Youth Liaison to establish formal links with youth services, schools and young people to recognise and promote talents, personal pursuits or goals addressing personal and community struggles.

It will involve mentoring, advocacy, support and referral.

The Peninsula Families Action Group will receive funding to hold a community event in a local park to launch its "Proud of our Parks" project and raise awareness of the group and its activities.

The event will include a sausage sizzle, information stalls and children's activities.

The Gals will receive funding to provide a variety concert at the Ettalong Senior Citizens' Club.

The Woy Woy Little Theatre will receive funding so that HSC VET Entertainment students can stage the Australian play "Second Childhood" by Glenn Perry.

The students will be fully involved in all aspects of the production such as designing, backstage and front-of-house.

The Central Coast Poets Society will launch its national poetry competition, The Henry Kendall Award, on the Peninsula.

The funding will assist in promoting and administering the running of the competition.

The funds will also assist with compiling and professional printing a quality 140-page poetry anthology.

It will also assist in widely promoting and launching the anthology at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, on December 9.

The Empire Bay Progress Association received funding to operate an art and craft show to support Peninsula artists and provide artists with their first chance to exhibit.

PIPA Turrongankal Mulbari received funding to provide the traditional indigenous dance tuition to youth in the Gosford area.

The tutoring would include singing workshops, cultural workshops and art workshops.

The project will be a pilot project within the Gosford area, which aims to provide each student with at least a minimum of one dance and song from their own clan, nation or language group.

Troubadour Central Coast Incorporated received funding to promote and preserve traditional and cultural music from Australia and other parts of the world by presenting a series of concerts at the Peninsula Theatre.

All non-profit community groups in the local area were eligible to apply for the grants.

**Press release, August 28  
Sharon Moore, Gosford Council**



*The Cheque presentation at Soul Pattinson, Umina Beach*

## Aussie Day 'a success'

**An "Aussie Day lunch" held by a local pharmacy has been described as a "huge success" by its owner.**

Mr Michael Cunico owner of Soul Pattinson Chemist Umina Beach said the purpose of the day held on August 24 was to promote Australian-owned products and support Australian companies.

"The staff have been inundated with letters and phone calls thanking

and congratulating them."

Mr Cunico said he and his team were kept busy serving more than 400 sausages, and presenting \$15,000 in prizes and free giveaways.

"The highlight was the presentation of a \$10,000 cheque to the winner of The Special Privileges Club competition."

Mr Cunico presented the cheque to Ms Beverly George.

Ms George said "I have shopped at this Pharmacy since moving to the Central Coast five years ago.

"I have always been very impressed by the courtesy and professionalism of every member of staff nothing is ever too much trouble".

**Press release, August 29  
Michael Cunico, Soul Pattinson  
Chemist**

## Newsletter launched

**Residents in the Hardys Bay and neighbouring communities have "warmly greeted" the first issue of Bay News, according to Hardys Bay Resident Group secretary Mr Allan Wilson.**

Mr Wilson said the newsletter had been described as "one which focuses most comprehensively on a number of concerns vitally relevant to the local region's welfare".

An initiative of the Hardys Bay Residents Group, the newsletter was officially launched recently and will be produced on a quarterly basis.

In a front page column welcoming readers to Bay News, the president of the Residents Group Mr Adrian

Williams commented: "Our group's commitment to our communities is to assist in providing and sustaining a healthy environment and lifestyle for all.

"We firmly believe its effectiveness is based on a positive approach of finding solutions rather than seeking objections."

He said: "In this initial issue, Bay News provides a sweeping review of the various matters the Hardys Bay Residents Group is currently addressing.

"I would like to acknowledge the wonderful encouragement and help the local media has given us in setting up our first publication.

"Additionally, I am grateful to the many people in our community

who are supporting us and working so hard to achieve successful outcomes."

Among the broad range of issues featured in the newsletter are those relating to the Salt Marsh Mosquitoes, Baywatch, sedimentation, oyster leases, traffic and safety, law and order, and doggie bags, in which group members have introduced a program designed to clear the areas of dog waste, through the placement, and constant monitoring, of bio-degradable bags in four Hardys Bay and Pretty Beach locations.

**Press release, August 26  
Allan Wilson, Hardys Bay  
Residents Group**

## Water questions answered

**A question and answer session on the current water situation will be held by a Gosford Council officer at the Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre.**

The council staff member will be

available to answer questions and receive feedback on the current water situation and to discuss what council is doing, how to conserve water and how to water gardens.

The meeting will open at 1pm on Tuesday, September 19, at Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre on

the corner of Broken Bay Rd and Karingi St, Ettalong.

Afternoon tea will follow talk.

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**Press release, September 1  
Rhonda Gibson,  
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