

Church celebrates 75 years

One of the oldest churches on the Peninsula will celebrate 75 years of continuous worship and service on November 19, according to Broken Bay Parish Secretary Ms Annette Strong.

Ettalong Uniting Church will celebrate the occasion with a special service and lunch.

NSW Moderator Mr Jim Mein will be the guest preacher.

"It was during the difficult days of the Great Depression that the strong faith of Methodist pioneers in the area resulted in the building of a church," Ms Strong said.

"Methodist services prior to the opening of the church were held weekly in the local cinema with attendance averaging 59, and 7/6d was paid for the use of the building.

"A Mr CE Allen was the driving force, suggesting that land be purchased to erect a church.

He said: "It would create a deeper feeling of reverence, cause more interest to be taken in the work, arrest the attention of the public, and swell attendance at worship."

Ms Strong said that with donations, and help from "church offices", land was purchased in Picnic Parade, Ettalong, at a cost of 105 pounds.

"Next, by sacrificial giving and assistance from the Ladles Church Aid, a church was eventually built at a cost of 429 pounds, three shillings and 10 pence," Ms Strong said.

The official opening and dedication took place on January 2, 1932.

Later a hall was erected, and also a small cottage for the Minister/Home Missionary.

Ettalong Church with its neighbouring churches at Woy Woy and Ocean Beach was worked from Gosford from 1932/34

and was known as a Home Mission Station.

From 1935 until 1961 retired Ministers and Home Missionaries were appointed, and were located in the cottage, and in 1962 came the first Ministerial appointment.

In the early 1960s, when the Education Department purchased Ettalong Presbyterian Church to expand the local school, a number of members of that church joined Ettalong Methodist.

Ms Strong said: "The area had a flying start to church union when the five Methodist and Presbyterian congregations on The Peninsula formed the Broken Bay Joint Parish at the beginning of 1972.

"Sadly one of those five did not gain the required majority of votes from members to become part of the new Uniting Church in Australia, but Ettalong Uniting Church was one of the two congregations of the new Broken Bay Parish."

Ms Strong said that in 1981, to mark the 50th anniversary, the cottage and adjoining land was sold, and a new manse purchased.

"With the remaining proceeds, extension and restoration of the 1931 building was carried out," Ms Strong said.

"Apart from small improvements to both church and hall since then, these 1981 extensions are the ones that are still in use for the 75th.

"Ettalong and Umina are still the two congregations which make up Broken Bay Parish/Multi-Centre.

"A perusal of the many memorials in the church indicates there is so much to be grateful for - to those whose efforts over 75 years have left a lasting memory and advanced the cause of Christ."

Press release, November 6
Annette Strong,
Uniting Church
Broken Bay Parish



Participants at the recent trivia night at the Ettalong War Memorial Club

Trivia evening raises \$7000

Nearly \$7000 was raised at a trivia evening and auction held at the Ettalong War Memorial Club in support of the Liley family on Friday night, November 3.

Ian Liley died during freakish storms on Sydney Harbour in September.

"Mr Liley 42, was working on a construction site at Sirius Cove near Taronga Zoo, when he noticed the sail of a moored yacht had come loose in the storm," said family friend Mr Glen Mawson.

"Eye witnesses report that Mr Liley was thrown from an inflatable dinghy by the wild weather while travelling to the yacht.

"Struggling to hold onto a nearby mooring buoy, he was seen to experience difficulty and slipped

below the surface.

"Efforts to revive him at the scene by rescuers were unsuccessful."

Mr Mawson said that the trivia night and auction in support of the Liley family of Woy Woy, was organised by friends and staff of Wallaby St Weenies Preschool.

"Between rounds of trivia questions, a live band played and games were organised allowing all attendees to participate in fun activities such as mini putt - putt, coin toss and paper airplane throwing contests," Mr Mawson said.

"All game winners and the runners-up received prizes, while the auction of donated items drew wide participation and strong bids."

Although unable to attend the evening themselves, his wife

Amanda 38, and children Alice 5, Brianna 3 and Millie 8 months, asked that a poem and message of thanks be read by Amanda's mother, Shirley, to the crowd of nearly 200 local people who attended in support on the night.

"As a family, we have always loved the Peninsula.

"The support from local businesses and the community has been overwhelming," Amanda said.

"We really do appreciate your thoughts and generosity."

Anyone wishing to provide donations or further support to the Liley family can contact Kirsty Ross of Wallaby St Weenies Preschool on 4342 4202.

Press release, November 8
Glen Mawson

Andrews opposes Tesrol proposal

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has warned Gosford Council about the importance of rejecting the Tesrol development proposed for Ettalong.

"The original plan considered was for a nine-storey building and rightly so was rejected by council last year," Ms Andrews said.

"Now the plan has been amended to a seven-storey development.

"This time round, it is 170 per cent above the floor space allowable under the current local environment plan (LEP).

"Gosford Council must take a stand and send a strong message to developers; adhere to the LEP or don't bother lodging an application.

"The residents of Ettalong and the Woy Woy Peninsula at large have the right to feel secure in the knowledge that they have LEPs in place to protect their lifestyle and the elected councillors have a duty to uphold those LEPs."

Submissions on the development closed last month.

Press releases, October 18
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

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Second placings for recyclers

Three local contenders in Gosford Council's Recycler of the Year Awards have received second placings.

Pretty Beach Public School took second place in the schools' category.

In the business category, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club came second, while Clayton Lombe of Railcorp Woy Woy received a special recognition award.

Umina resident Shirley Hotchkiss came second in the household

category.

In presenting the awards, deputy mayor Cr Craig Doyle said that the words "modern" and "disposable" had become interlinked.

"Let's ensure that the word 'disposable' becomes permanently replaced by 'recyclable'," Cr Doyle said.

Cr Doyle said almost 40,000 tonnes were recycled through council's kerbside recycling system during the past year.

"This is the equivalent of carbon dioxide being reduced

by 5554 tonnes, 1334 cars being permanently removed from the roads and 71 Olympic swimming pools worth of water savings," Cr Doyle said.

"Our outstanding recyclers from schools, business and households now become our ambassadors for further reducing waste in the Gosford City area."

The awards presentations at the Erina Centre coincided with the first day of National Recycling Week.

Press release, November 6
Marion Newall, Gosford Council

Bensville retail student recognised

A Bensville student has been awarded Vocational Student of the Year recently at the Retail Awards for Excellence night on November 3.

Local resident Rebecca Lillas, a McDonalds employee, was presented with the award at a gala dinner at Star City.

The Retail Awards for Excellence is the premier event in the retail industry calendar, honouring the spirit, creativity, and passion that make the retail industry one of the primary contributors to our state's

economic health, according to Australian Retailers Association executive officer Mr Duncan Shaw.

"More than 40 finalists across 11 award categories demonstrated a rich diversity of retail business excellence," Mr Shaw said.

"These are the high achievers of the retail industry and their outstanding performance was showcased as achieving excellence in their field."

Press release, November 4
Duncan Shaw, Australian Retailers Association

Four more fire fighters

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has announced that four additional NSW Fire Brigades firefighters will

be stationed at Umina Fire Station from November 30.

The additional staff would be available as relief staff.

"The new service had been

planned since early this year and demonstrates the lemma Government's commitment to providing services for the Central Coast," Ms Andrews added.

Liberal Candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein expressed concern at the refusal of the lemma-Costa Labor Government to boost firefighter numbers.

Cr Holstein said that, according to Freedom of Information data obtained by the Liberal Party, Umina Fire Station had lost a firefighter since the beginning of the year.

"I'm extremely concerned the lemma-Costa Labor Government is cutting back on frontline services. "People's lives are at risk if the Fire Brigade is not adequately resourced and funded."

Press releases, November 3, November 7
Chris Holstein, Liberal candidate for Gosford
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

Move to reduce plastic bags

A local retail centre will take part in the month-long "Kick the Habit" campaign, to help reduce plastic bag use.

Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, will take part in the event, along with Erina Fair and the Gosford Imperial Centre.

As part of the campaign, random shoppers spotted carrying reusable bags will be rewarded with tickets in a prize draw for shopping vouchers totalling \$1500 from the three centres.

The prizes will be drawn at the end of the campaign on November 30.

Community displays at the shopping centres during the campaign will include plastic bag swaps, giveaways for shoppers pledging to reduce their plastic bag use, and activity areas and giveaways for children.

Launching the campaign, Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher said: "Presently, if only two per cent of used plastic bags make their way back into the natural environment, that's 80,000 of them blowing

around causing litter problems and damage, injury or death to marine life and animals."

Cr Maher said the backing of retailers, as well as shoppers, was essential to substantially decrease the number of plastic bags in circulation.

Press release, October 30, November 6
Marion Newall, Gosford Council

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Winners

The winners have been announced for the "Barmaids" competition published in the last edition of Peninsula News.

The winners were P Nelson, Ms

J Taylor and Cliff McGuckin of Woy Woy.

The winners have each won double passes to the play "Barmaids" at Peninsula Theatre.

Lyle Stone, November 10

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Ettalong drink driving targetted

Ettalong's commercial centre was one of three "hotspots" for drink driving in the Brisbane Water area, according to Brisbane Water Traffic Services' Senior Constable David O'Shea.

Sen Const O'Shea said Ettalong, Gosford and Terrigal would be targeted during Operation Drink Drive II which was held between Thursday, November 9, and Saturday, November 11.

He said it was part of a state-wide operation targeting alcohol and drug-impaired driving and non-wearing of occupant restraints.

"Locally we have experienced an

increase in crashes where alcohol was considered a factor.

"However, this had peaked during the middle of the year and since has declined," Sen Const O'Shea said.

He said that, during the Drink Drive operation last year, 1456 people were breath tested, and of those 25 were arrested and charged with drink driving offences.

He said that during the three-day operation there were 16 crashes where five people were injured.

Only one of these had alcohol as an associated factor.

Press release, November 3

David O'Shea,

Brisbane Water Traffic Services



Liberal candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein and Shadow Minister for Transport and Waterways Mr Barry O'Farrell

New poster launched

A new poster for children's services was officially launched at the Peninsula Community Centre by Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews on Wednesday, November 8.

The poster aims to help workers include children and families from a culturally and linguistically diverse background.

"The poster is designed to be displayed in staff rooms and common areas, rather than in children's rooms," said Central Coast Networks of Practice Project manager Ms Deb Tipper.

Members of the project collaboratively produced the poster.

"We wanted to produce something that is practical and easy to use as well as being educational, so the poster includes strategies such

as challenging myths, as well as recommended websites and local service information.

"Early childhood workers have also been offered cultural awareness training."

The poster was funded through the NSW Government's Families First Strategy and is being distributed throughout early childhood services on the Central Coast.

Ms Tipper said: "We'll be targeting children's services; primary schools; early childhood health services; family support and neighbourhood centres across the Coast, but we encourage all organisations who are interested to contact us if they would like a copy of the poster."

Press release, November 6

Deb Tipper,

The Benevolent Society

RTA parking is moved

Gosford Council has resolved to move the RTA Traffic Commander parking space from outside the Clocktower building in Railway St, Woy Woy, to a new location outside The Pavillion, Woy Woy.

The RTA asked that the parking space be moved from its current site in Railway St, adjacent to the Clocktower building to a new location in George St.

Council has also resolved that the previous space in Railway St revert back to one hour parking.

Council agenda TR.06.095,

November 7

Transport focus to Peninsula visit

Public transport on the Peninsula was a focus of a visit to the Peninsula by Deputy State Liberal Leader and Shadow Minister for Transport and Waterways, Mr Barry O'Farrell, last week.

Mr O'Farrell said he was on the Peninsula last week to discuss Labors "failure to deliver to Central Coast train commuters the improvements they were promised".

"In February 2003, Central Coast commuters were promised these new carriages would be in service by 2005," Mr O'Farrell said.

"Long suffering Central Coast commuters are still waiting and in the meantime they're paying higher fares to travel in carriages that should have been retired."

Liberal candidate for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein said the new delays were a "kick in the teeth" for train commuters who were still experiencing evening delays.

"Despite slashing services and slowing trains, commuters are still late getting home to the Central Coast and missing out on time with their families," Cr Holstein said.

Mr O'Farrell said that whether

it was upgrades to stations, the audit of infrastructure, or issues with road crossings such as the one on Rawson Rd, a Liberal State Government would remove the complete lack of focus.

He said that governments should not just make announcements; they should work with the community.

Mr O'Farrell said that in finding solutions to issues, it was important to sit with council and form a solution and then a program to get it done.

Mr O'Farrell also spoke about the increase in jetty rental fees, and said that there was a perception that the people who rent the jetties were rich and "well off" following concerns from local Bays residents.

He claimed it was another case of labor's "one size fits all" policy.

"We've got a lot of pensioners hit with fees for jetties," Mr O'Farrell said.

"These people have held their properties for years."

He said there needed to be recognition of people's ability to pay.

Mr O'Farrell said that his government would commit to

boosting public transport usage, and would be looking at better bus services, and the need to attract people to use the rail system.

"There needs to be a big push, we need to expand to attract people to use the rail system," Mr O'Farrell said.

"We want to grow the usage, continue to experience growth, and give the people as little excuse not to use the rail system as possible."

Mr O'Farrell noted that the he would also look into more commuter car parking to encourage people back on to trains, but noted that any commitment towards extended commuter car parking may be viewed skeptically due to repeated promises from the Labor party.

He said that better linkage to buses was important and avoiding conflict between shopper and commuter parking at Woy Woy.

Cr Holstein echoed the comments made by Mr O'Farrell, that there was not enough parking, and that an improvement with rail services was needed.

Media release, November 8

Barry O'Farrell,

Deputy NSW Liberal Leader

Lyle Stone, November 8

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Valuable diverse opinions

We are very fortunate here on the Peninsula to have contributors to the Forum who express a diverse range of honest opinions.

How different this is to other Central Coast newspapers who do not seem to have contributors of equal calibre.

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In particular I single out your contributors Serventy, Woldring, Whitfield and James from the last issue.

Even though I do not always agree with them, I thank them for their valuable opinions and

Peninsula News for publishing their letters.

Wouldn't it be nice to similarly hear from our local councillors and politicians other than through the party approved spin-doctored media releases?

Richard J Newby
Woy Woy Bay

Blood money up for grabs

Forum

I read recently that there is to be a review of the terms and conditions under which blood is collected and used in Australia at a meeting of the Federal and State governments on 1 January 2007.

This review comes about because of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the US.

The purpose of the review is to open up the possible use of Australian blood to the US and the reverse.

As a blood donor, my obligation is to my fellow humans.

I am appalled at the direction that the FTA is seeking to take us.

I have donated blood as an act of citizenship, freely entered into with no thought of financial reward.

The direction that the FTA proposes is not humanitarian but consumerist, and is unprincipled.

I would not give blood under such circumstances where it is up for sale and purchase.

The Medical Journal of Australia says: "At the moment, Australia is largely self-sufficient in its supply of safe, fresh blood products because of the goodwill of non-remunerated, volunteer donors, plus rigorous testing and processing standards."

It seems to me that this priceless circumstance is 'up for grabs' in the FTA negotiations.

Australian Governments must protect Australians by terminating these blood(y) discussions.

Noel Olive, Umina

Can't look after own backyard

I am just stunned to read recently that Cr Chris Holstein, the new Liberal candidate for Gosford, is putting the boot into the State Government for their lack of funding for roads on the Peninsula.

Let's just remember that most of the roads on the Peninsula are council roads and are in deplorable state.

If the truth be known, Cr Holstein is one of the councillors who, over the years, have ignored calls to improve our roads while he spends

\$29 million of our ratepayer dollars on an aquatic centre that is running at huge losses.

Only \$1.5 million is actually allocated for roads by Holstein's Council and that's for the whole region, not just the Peninsula.

It is a disgrace to knock the State Government when council can't even look after its own backyard.

Is it any wonder that Gosford Council doesn't hold the respect of the ratepayers when it totally ignores the loud and constant call for better roads and drainage?

Jack Galway
Woy Woy

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Object to obstacle course

Gosford Council is trying yet again to appease the need of business to encroach on public footways.

They have now on display until November 22 at libraries (under counter available on request) the draft proposals for new leasing conditions.

Anyone wishing to walk unimpeded, as you have every right to do whilst on the footway, should make time to read the proposals and submit comments and objections to council, before it is too late, and what is now a dodgem track becomes an obstacle course.

Submissions should be in writing and addressed to the General Manager, PO Box 21, Gosford or email to goscity@gosford.nsw.gov.au - Reference No 2685169.

The very least we must demand, is a clearly defined two metre wide clearway, rigidly maintained.

All areas leased should be also clearly defined with permanent

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markings and a plan of the areas leased, with lease authority, displayed in shop windows.

Dean Hartigan
Umina Beach

Contributions

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What about Lone Pine Ave?

What an insult to the people of the Peninsula when Cr Chris Holstein, the Liberal candidate, criticises the State Government for lack of road funding for State roads when he has been a councillor in Gosford Council for over 16 years and has done nothing to improve our local roads.

But to add insult to injury, Cr Holstein now states that he will, if elected, realign and straighten Woy

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Woy Rd at the Bulls Hill section because he says "it's an accident waiting to happen".

What about the death trap on the intersection of Lone Pine Ave and Ocean Beach Rd which has had a fatality and has the highest accident figures and he does nothing?

Where's the commonsense?

Rex Mayes
Ettalong Beach

Scary madness

A leading Sydney developer said recently that all Sydney's green space should be built on, and that the population should rise to 20 million.

What's scary about this type of madness, is, that these are the people who bankroll the major political parties.

Keith Whitfield
Woy Woy



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Concerns about siltation

Sedimentation campaigner Graeme Smith has expressed "grave concerns" over the "dramatic increase" in silt and other substances which are threatening to clog up Brisbane Water, according to Hardys Bay Residents Group secretary Mr Allan Wilson.

"In particular, he identifies the Hardys Bay-Pretty Beach zones as problem areas where the buildup has intensified markedly in recent times," Mr Wilson said.

"Addressing a packed meeting of the Hardys Bay Residents Group, in tandem with resident, Bill Egan, Graeme provided telling evidence of the waterways' gradual deterioration through a series of photographs on screen which graphically illustrated a worsening situation."

Mr Smith said: "At present, our major worries are the sedimentation, flooding, pollution and erosion into the bay".

"We must take prompt action to protect our bays and foreshores from further decline."

"It is frustrating when the evidence is there of thousands of tons of sediment that has gone into the bay over the years."

"There is a proliferation of mangroves and blue metal at least a metre down on Mudflat Creek."

"Twenty years ago, you could row a boat under the bridge."

Mr Wilson said that Mr Smith was



Graeme Smith presenting information to a meeting of residents

a temporary member of Gosford Council's Floodplain Committee, and provided a comprehensive outline of projects which were currently being addressed.

These included the Mudflat Creek/Fraser Rd and Turo Creek sectors, where flood studies have been completed, and a Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan was presently underway at the Mudflat Creek/Fraser Rd, Turo Creek and Brisbane Water zones.

Mr Smith also nominated six major concerns in addition to flood risks.

These were the adverse effects of sedimentation and foreshore erosion within the Brisbane Water Estuary, a lack of sedimentation traps in some local stormwater drainage systems, a lack of an effective Brisbane Water

maintenance plan, neglect of Pretty Beach public swimming pool and foreshore reserve, the adverse effects of unrestrained growth of mangroves in some sediment-affected areas and the need for a wide, safe walking track around the bayside of Pretty Beach.

Mr Smith recommended a reduction in the size of sediment deltas, the eroded bay foreshores to be replenished and rehabilitated, the installation of sediment traps on all high flow rate drains, the deepening of Mudflat Creek, the limiting of mangrove growth, the removal of disused oyster lease rubbish, and regular liaison and a monitoring program with Government departments.

Press release, October 31
Allan Wilson, Hardys Bay Residents Group

No Parking signs to stay

Gosford Council has resolved to retain the existing No Parking signs at the end of Taylor St, Woy Woy Bay, following a recommendation from its traffic committee.

A request had been made by a local resident to alter the wording of the No Parking signs in the cul-de-sac at the end of the street.

The cul-de-sac was recently upgraded to "improve the turning area for vehicles", according to a council staff report.

No Parking signs were erected to "discourage the parking of vehicles in the cul-de-sac".

The resident claimed that prior to the upgrading works, the No Parking signs displayed the word "Tuesday" so that waste service vehicles could manoeuvre at the dead end while collecting bins.

The council report stated that

the resident "is of the opinion that a ban on parking did not apply to other days of the week".

It stated that no history of the signposting records for Taylor St could be found in council's recording system, and referred the matter to council's traffic committee to determine the most appropriate signposting for the turning area.

The committee considered that

the major upgrading of the turning area at the end of Taylor St "now provides a practical facility for local residents, visitors to the area and for emergency service vehicles" and that "any modification of the signs to allow parking would have a detrimental impact on traffic turning movements".

Council agenda TR.06.090,
November 7

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Ettalong taxi rank moved

Gosford Council has resolved that a taxi rank and shelter be relocated from the western side of Memorial Ave, in front of Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, to the western side of Memorial Ave, south of the Ocean View Rd intersection.

Council adopted a traffic committee recommendation on September 5 that a proposal to move the taxi rank from its present position be deferred to allow for an investigation of several options.

The options included relocating the taxi rank to the western side of Memorial Ave, south of Ocean View Rd, to the eastern side of Broken Bay Rd, also south of Ocean View Rd or on the eastern

side of Memorial Ave, adjacent to the post office.

Council's traffic committee stated that it preferred the western side of Memorial Ave, south of Ocean View Rd, as it provided easy access for all users.

The taxi rank was located at this site prior to redevelopment of the club.

The committee stated that the eastern side of Broken Bay Rd, south of Ocean View Rd was not favoured due to its remote location at the rear of the club.

It also stated that placing the taxi rank opposite the post office would mean two road crossings by some club patrons that "may be effected by alcohol" and for this reason it was not supported.

Council agenda TR.06.061,

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AFTER 12 YEARS OF LABOR, MORE PROBLEMS FOR LATE PENINSULA TRAINS

More than a year after they were scheduled to be in service on the Central Coast, problems with RailCorp's Outer Suburban Carriages (OSCAR's) means commuters still don't know when they will be in service.

The Lemna-Costa Labor Government revealed the problem and additional delays at a Transport Estimates Committee hearing last week.

In the hearing, RailCorp chief Vince Graham revealed a 'range of issues have developed', and there were 'ride quality' issues with the upper decks of the new carriages which resulted in 'a vibration' when travelling at speeds of 90km/h and above.

After 12 years of Labor, the Lemna-Costa Government still can't deliver sought after transport improvements for the Central Coast on-time or on-budget.

At the last election, Labor claimed these carriages would be on the rails by 2005.

Despite being originally costed in the 2002/03 State Budget at \$135 million, last year the Audit Office revealed a new figure of \$172 million – a \$37 million blowout.

Central Coast commuters are suffering at the hands of Labor's media strategy.

These long awaited and needed trains have only seen service at Labor's media conferences. Long-suffering commuters are left waiting.

Peninsula commuters have been given no advice on when all of the 41 carriages will enter service on the rail network.

These new problems show that after 12 years of excuses, commuters continue to pay more for late and inadequate trains services.

FINAL WORD ON THE PENINSULA LEISURE CENTRE

On another topic near and dear to me I can't let the 1st anniversary of the leisure centre opening past without congratulating the management and staff of the centre, for a great job done in the at times difficult first year of operation.

With over 370,000 people having used the centre in the inaugural year, I know that the detractors have been silenced and that the community are showing support with their feet.

Sometimes you have to fight hard for what you believe in, and I must thank my colleges at the time Lynn and Judith as well as the dedicated community reps that had the vision and will to see the project through.

Regards

Chris Holstein

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Umina Public School students check stream water for bugs

Students survey water bugs

Umina Public School students recently took part in a State-wide spring water bug survey to investigate the health of local waterways.

“Children were pleased to be out of the classroom and learning about the natural environment,” said teacher Ms Sonja Stein.

“They used dip nets to catch small insects and bugs in the waterway and then had to identify each creature.

“They were pleased to report that, although the water level in the creek was lower than when they investigated last month, there was quite a diversity of bugs recorded.

“Some of these included pollution-sensitive bugs such as

damselfly nymph and the water mite, which indicates a relatively healthy waterway.”

The children also took a sample of the water and carried out other tests such as temperature, acidity, turbidity and salinity in the water.

“There were many discussions about the results and how we could all help improve our waterways and look after all the bugs that live there,” said Ms Stein.

“Many key learning areas were used - maths, science, reading, recording, drawing the bugs and environmental issues, which just proves learning can occur inside and outside the classroom.”

**Media release, November 9
Sonja Stein, Umina Public School**

Fundraiser

Leslie St Veterinary Clinic will present a film on the work that its vets have been doing in India.

The film will be shown on Thursday, November 16, at 7.15pm at the clinic in Umina.

The film shows how the vets have been doing their work in conjunction with Maitri, a Buddhist centre in Bodhgaya, India.

The vets worked to eradicate diseases such as rabies, mange and worms “because not only do dogs and other village animals suffer, but humans suffer by contracting these diseases from the animals”.

The cost of entry is by donation and refreshments will be provided.

For bookings, phone 4342 0500.

Monies collected will go towards vaccinations and treatments for Indian animals when the vets next visit India in two weeks time.

**Press release, November 10
Leslie Street Veterinary Clinic**

Funding for HACC services

Four Peninsula Home and Community Care agencies will receive a total of \$414,000 to provide services to the frail aged, people with a disability and their carers.

NSW Minister for Ageing and Disability Services Mr John Della Bosca said several agencies would be able to do more to help the most vulnerable in Umina, Ettalong and Woy Woy.

Peninsula Community Centre will get \$100,000 to provide lawn mowing and gardening services and home modifications.

Central Coast Dementia HACC Service will get \$100,000 to provide counseling, support, information and advocacy services.

Sue Mann’s Nursing Service will get \$147,000 to provide domestic assistance and personal care to those who require it.

Coastwide Community Transport will get \$66,815 to provide transport services for medical, shopping and social needs.

“The jointly funded State-Commonwealth HACC program helps create caring communities and fulfils the wishes of older residents and people with a disability who are increasingly seeking to live as independently as possible in their own homes,” Mr Della Bosca said.

“A total of \$31.4 million in growth funding is being released this financial year as part of the HACC State Plan.”

**Press release, November 1
John Della Bosca,
Minister for Ageing**

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Water Mains Cleaning Program Peninsula



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

In the last fortnight, the suburbs which have been cleaned include Umina Beach and Blackwall. This includes the area between Karloo Road, Ocean Beach Road, Patonga Drive and Memorial Avenue, Cedar Crescent and Orange Grove Road.



These areas will continue being cleaned until mid November and will then be continuing through to the Pearl Beach area. As the water main 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 a map of areas due to be cleaned over the next few weeks please visit Gosford City Council’s website at www.gosford.nsw.gov.au, or visit one of Council’s Customer Service Centres. Information is also available on the causes of discoloured water and what to do if you experience it within your home. 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, pipework.

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Joint opening for boat ramp

Gosford Mayor Cr Laurie Maher and the Minister for the Central Coast Mr Grant McBride, jointly opened the new boat ramp and pontoon wharf at Pretty Beach on November 3.

The new ramp has been extended to improve access at low tide and a finger pontoon added to allow vessels to moor next to it.

A sandstone seawall has also been constructed to minimise erosion from waves.

The ramp was constructed during August and September this year, with the pontoon wharf installed shortly after.

The project cost of \$375,000 was jointly funded by Gosford Council and the NSW Maritime Authority under the Maritime Infrastructure Program.

The funding followed representations from member of the Pretty Beach, Wagstaffe and District Progress Association Mr George McDonald.

Cr Maher said the new ramp was largely as a result of Mr McDonald's "persistent efforts to set the wheels in motion".

"From 2003 to the first half of 2005 Mr McDonald and the Pretty Beach, Wagstaffe and District Progress Association worked extremely hard moving the project forward," Cr Maher said.

"In 2003, George met with the then Labor Party candidate for



Minister for the Central Coast Mr Grant McBride

Gosford, Deborah O'Neill, (now Labour candidate for Terrigal) who set the political ball rolling."

As well as lobbying for funding, Mr McDonald developed detailed plans and drawings for the project.

Now living at Greenwell Point, illness prevented Mr McDonald attending the opening.

He was represented by his daughter, Sharon Doust of Sydney.

Ms O'Neill said she had worked tirelessly with Pretty Beach residents during the last State election to successfully secure \$225,000 in state funding for the project.

"This was an important project to the Pretty Beach community," Ms O'Neill said.

"We worked long and hard together to get it off the ground."

"George McDonald approached

me during the last election about the state of the boat ramp facilities.

"The boat ramp was an important facility for the locals and it was in desperate need of attention.

"Boats were getting damaged because they were getting stuck on the ramp.

"I took this up with the State Government and lobbied the then Minister for Ports who approved a \$225,000 grant through the State Government's Maritime Infrastructure Program.

"The project has been a long time coming as it had been delayed a number of times by Gosford Council, so I'm excited to finally see the end result."

Press release, November 7
Marion Newall, Gosford Council

Press release, November 3
Deborah O'Neill,
Labor Candidate for Terrigal

Rumble bars at Haynes Ave

Gosford Council has resolved that rumble bar traffic delineators will replace the existing raised pavement markers at the staggered intersections of Haynes Ave and Ryans Rd, and Lovell Rd and Ryans Rd, Umina Beach.

Local resident Mr B Phillips had asked for the provision of a concrete median island.

A council report stated that that vehicles cut the corners when crossing Ryans Rd to travel to and from the nearby staggered intersections of Haynes Ave and

Lovell Rd.

Mr Phillips asked that council place a concrete median island at the intersection of Haynes Ave and Ryans Rd to prevent the practice.

The report stated that "double centerlines and raised pavement markers are currently provided at the staggered intersections of Haynes Ave/Ryans Rd and Lovell Rd/Ryans Rd".

"However, it is considered that larger delineators such as rumble bars should be provided to further encourage lane discipline at these locations."

Council agenda TR.06.089,
November 7

Car boot sale

The Lions Club of Woy Woy Peninsula will be holding a car boot sale on November 26 at Rogers Park, Woy Woy.

Vendors are welcome at \$10 per stall.

The profits are distributed to local causes.

A barbecue will be held at the event with drinks, plants, tea and

coffee on offer.

The monthly car boot sale is held on the last Sunday of every month.

The car boot sale will run from 8am to 1pm and is located on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and Erina St, Woy Woy.

Press release, November 10
Elmo Caust, Lions Club Woy Woy

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Arts & Entertainment



The Bouddi Voice Choir Will sing at the St Joseph's Convent Chapel

Peninsula singers in choir concert

The Peninsula will be highly represented in the Bouddi Voice Choir when it sings at 3pm on November 18, at the St Joseph's Convent Chapel, Humphrey's Rd, South Kincumber.

Seven of the 25-strong a capella choir are currently living on the Peninsula, including Sam Bukenya who is visiting from a Ugandan orphanage that will receive proceeds from the concert. The choir's repertoire is drawn from various musical cultures and

styles, and "weaves a musical garment of human emotion and expression in their passionate performance", according to choir directors Chris and Christina Sainsbury. The choir has invited "Hands Heart and Feet" to do a performance of their work in which a story is danced out to narration and drum, "a style of music and dance primarily from Guinea in West Africa". "I saw them a few months ago and was staggered and mesmerized by their exquisite performance,"

said Earth Central world music promoter Ms Ylenna Zajec. Tickets will be on sale at the door and will cost \$15 for adults, \$10 concession and children may enter by donation. Afternoon tea is included in the price and all proceeds go to Mr Bukenya's Integrated Community Development Foundation orphanage in Uganda. With inquiries, telephone 4368 3270. Press releases, October 24, November 9 Ylenna Zajec, Earth Central Bouddi Voice Choir

Karina stages dance concert

Local 13-year-old Karina Russell recently put together the dance concert "Move 'n' Groove" for 150 people, to raise money for Telstra Child Flight.

The concert was held on Saturday, October 14, at Brisbane Waters Secondary College and was endorsed by the Peninsula Lioness Club of Woy Woy. The event involved 40 dancers ranging in age from five years to 18 years, performing individual and group dances. Performances ranged from classical ballet to modern hip hop. "All dancers performed beautifully and both charmed and delighted the audience," Peninsula Lioness Club member Ms Joanne McGill said.

"Karina displayed superb organising and project management skills, far beyond her years. "In addition to arranging the performers and performing herself, Karina organised lighting, sound, programs, sponsorship and refreshments and then delegated the associated tasks.

"Lighting was managed by stage production students from Brisbane Waters Secondary College and sound was managed by Robert Russell, Bronwyn's father.

"Overall, stage production was superb and all involved did an excellent job.

"As Karina said at the event, she couldn't have put together the concert without the help and support of her family, including her parents, Bronwyn and Robert, and her brothers, Daniel and Michael who were also amongst the performers."

Ms McGill said Bronwyn and Robert run Dancin' Mates at Umina and many of the dancers at the concert were students from their studio.

"So far, Karina has raised some \$1700 which is going to the

Peninsula Lioness Club of Woy Woy to present to Telstra Child Flight," Ms McGill said.

"Further pledges are anticipated, including from local artists who exhibited their works at the concert.

"Each artist has pledged 20 per cent of any concert-related sales."

Ms McGill said that in addition to endorsing the charity event, the Lioness Club and Lions Club assisted with selling entry tickets to the event and the guessing competition, running the canteen and photography.

"Both the Lioness and Lions Club members are enormously impressed with Karina's community-mindedness and view Karina as an inspirational young woman," Ms McGill said.

"Sponsors and donators have also been an instrumental part of the event's success and Karina secured the participation of Dancetera, Rainbow Dancewear, Duckies Dancewear, Danz Factory, Gosford, Dancin' Mates, Education First Learning Centre East Gosford, The Body Shop Erina Fair, McDonald's Woy Woy, Bourke Road General Store, Speedykeys Woy Woy and Mrs Robin Robins of Ettalong Beach."

Press release, October 29 Joanne McGill, Peninsula Lioness Club of Woy Woy

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The Brewster Brothers, Jim Conway, Paul R Burton and Glenn Cardier will perform with local musician Earlwood Greg in a concert at Peninsula Theatre on December 1. Glenn Cardier was described by ticket agent Ms Marilyn Russell

of Peninsula Music as a "King of Quirk". She said he had toured the world with Spike Milligan and Frank Zappa and written songs for Olivia Newton-John. "He has an uncanny ability to capture his audience and transport

them with his songs." Supported by Earlwood Greg, the other musicians were described as "an act that is packing out around the country, bringing their world class sound back to Woy Woy". Press release, November 4 Marilyn Russell, Peninsula Music

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Drugs forum for parents

An open forum for parents on the Peninsula about alcohol and other drugs will be held in the Club Umina Auditorium, Melbourne Ave, Umina on Thursday, November 23, 7pm to 9pm.

Entitled "But all the other Parents...", the forum will feature a panel of members of supporting agencies to provide parents with information and answer any questions that parents may have in relation to alcohol and other drugs.

Representatives from Area Health, Umina Police and Community Youth Club, Licensing Police, and The Web Youth Service will take part.

The chairperson of the Peninsula Community Drug Action Team, Ms Carolyn Carter said that alcohol in particular could be very dangerous because it was legal and used by 95 per cent of the adult population.

"We are so familiar with it, we sometimes forget the harm it can do," Ms Carter said.

"Alcohol is related to a very high percentage of road accidents and violent assaults. "One major concern is about the sexual assaults that happen amongst the teenage girls who have been at drinking parties on the Central Coast.

"Nothing is worse for a parent than to lose their child or to have their child's life destroyed in such tragic circumstances."

The Peninsula Community Drug Action Team is sponsoring the forum for parents to help them help their children with issues associated with alcohol and other drugs.

"It's never too young to start teaching your children about managing the risks around alcohol and other drugs, or to work together to prevent the supply of alcohol and drugs in the first place," said Ms Carter.

"One of the aims of the forum is to help parents to come up with strategies to cope positively with pressure applied by their young teenage children when they want to go out to parties where adult supervision is uncertain or non-existent."

She said Club Umina was providing the venue for free and tea and coffee would be available.

Parents who would like to raise questions relating to alcohol and other drugs in advance of the forum are invited to send these to ccar6071@bigpond.net.au or phone 4342 3799.

**Press release, November 8
Carolyn Carter, Peninsula
Community Drug Action Team**



Senior students with Principal Mr David Beattie and Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews

Woy Woy works are completed

Work has been completed on the Stage Two upgrade of the Woy Woy Campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College, according to Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

During a tour of the school, Ms Andrews said she was delighted the construction work was now complete and students and staff could enjoy the new facilities.

"The upgraded accommodation will become a focal point for Woy Woy Campus," Ms Andrews said.

Stage Two of the upgrade of Brisbane Water Secondary College was included in the Department of Education and Training's 2004/5 Major Capital Works Program.

Stage Two at Woy Woy Campus comprised a refurbishment of an existing tiered learning space to a

movement studio, refurbishment of an existing kitchen to include a commercial bay, refurbishment of an existing cafeteria, major landscape and stormwater works throughout school and external works and services.

The project was jointly funded with the Federal Government.

"Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus is an exceptional school and I know staff and students will greatly benefit from these new facilities," Ms Andrews said.

At Umina Campus, work included a new administration building, refurbishment of block AM for staff facilities, back conversions of existing staff facilities to seminar rooms, stores and general learning classrooms, carpark and external works and services

Ms Andrews said it was

anticipated work at the Umina Campus will be completed and ready for handover by April next year.

"The lemma Government is determined the State's students and teachers have access to high quality educational resources and facilities."

In 2006/07, the lemma Government is investing a record \$10.7 billion on education and training, including more than \$712 million on upgrading and maintaining NSW public schools.

**Press release, November 10
Marie Andrews, Member for Peats**

Students entertained

A musical group entertained students at Woy Woy Public School recently.

Principal Ms Ona Buckley said: "Musica Viva group 'B'tutta' have mesmerized our students with their exciting performance of drums and percussion instruments," Ms Buckley said.

"They had amazing instruments like the marimba, vibraphone,

hand drums, mallets and a range of different unusual percussion instruments.

"Lots of students got to play along to the music with some of the instruments and all students participated with body percussion and movement."

**Newsletter, November 8
Ona Buckley,
Woy Woy Public School**

Last for the year

Ettalong Baptist Church will conduct the last of its quarterly "Hymns That Live" programs for the year on Sunday, December 3, at 2.30pm.

Guest artists will be the Alloura Waters Village Choir conducted by Joan Edwards, and the emphasis will be on Christmas music.

The segment "Great Hymn Writers" will be a feature of the program, followed by a hymn written by the featured composer.

The hymns will have organ and piano accompaniment.

**Press release, November 1
Rus Jones, Ettalong Baptist
Church**

Christmas raffle

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary will be selling Christmas Raffle tickets on the Peninsula during late November and early December.

It will sell tickets outside the office of Member for Peats Marie Andrews, in Woy Woy, on Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24.

It will also be selling raffle tickets outside Book Bazaar, 327 West St, Umina Beach, on Wednesday, November 29, Thursday, November 30, and Friday, December 1.

**Press release, November 6
Pat Harding, Woy Woy Hospital
Auxiliary**

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Presentations

Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club held its presentation night on Saturday, November 4, with over 200 supporters, committee, players and sponsors attending the event at the Woy Woy Leagues Club.

Central Coast Division Rugby League president Mr Joe Smith presented the division's trophies for the Top Try Scoring Club, First Grade Minor Premiers' Trophy, First Grade Premiers' Trophy and the coveted Club Championship Trophy.

The division president also acknowledged the achievements of Leigh Nissen Second Grade Highest Point Scorer (234 pts) and Troy McLellan First Grade Highest Point Scorer (288 pts).

The President's Trophy (service to the club) went to Geoff McMahon.

In the Under-17's division, Zac Costelloe was awarded the coach's

encouragement award, Brendan Dwyer the most consistent back, John Moore the most consistent forward and Richard Walker the best and fairest.

In the Under-19's division, Alex Brown was awarded the most consistent back, Ryan Varley the most consistent forward and Aaron Bull the best and fairest.

The Brad McKee Memorial Award for the Under-19 player with the most potential went to Chris Hyde, who played the season in First Grade.

In Second Grade, Adrian Overton was awarded most consistent back, Matthew Cowan most consistent forward and Craig Rogers best and fairest.

In First Grade, Troy McLellan was awarded most consistent back, Daniel King most consistent forward and Jade Mason best and fairest.

Press release, November 8
Richard Smithers, Woy Woy
Rugby League Football Club



Ettalong Pelicans swimmers with championship trophy

Pelicans win 43 medals

Masters swimmers from the Ettalong Pelicans Club won 43 medals in the NSW Masters Swimming Short Course Championship held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre, Woy Woy, with 350 swimmers representing 34 clubs.

Tom Tseng won one gold and one bronze, Cameron Horn one gold, four silver and second overall, Gavin Fitzsimons one silver, two bronze, Roger Belmar two gold, two bronze, Tony Curran two gold, one silver, one bronze and third overall, Bill Cook one gold, one bronze, Russell Thompson one silver, one bronze, Fred Elsom three gold, two silver and second overall, Colleen Garland one silver, Irene Collins three silver, one bronze and Opal Eddy three gold, two silver and second overall.

Nine relays were entered, with the Pelicans winning gold in one, and two silver and three bronze in subsequent events.

Pelicans finished in fourth place in overall point score and fourth place in the average point score.

"They were also winners of the second division trophy for the average point score," said Pelicans publicity officer Mr Fred Elsom.

"For a team of only 14 swimmers, this was an excellent performance.

"The event was successful and well organised, running smoothly

throughout the two days, a credit to the 40 volunteer organisers among whom were two members from Ettalong Pelicans, Gordon Ferguson and Opal Eddy."

Mr Elsom said visiting swimmers and officials were "very impressed" with the Leisure Centre and expressed a wish to return in the future.

"Competition was of a high standard with two world records and 25 Australian National records and many State records were set over the two days," Mr Elsom said.

"The Ettalong swimmers all performed exceptionally well, with particular mention to Colleen Garland producing five personal best swims also to Wendy Cook returning to competition after

recent ill health.

"Irene Collins and Judy Brown returning after several years layoff performed very well.

"Gavin Fitzsimons competing in his first Masters Championship performed above expectations including a magnificent swim in the anchor leg of the 60-years-plus men's relay coming through from third position at takeover to win by 0.14 seconds over the strong Seaside Pirates' team."

The club meets at the Peninsula Leisure Centre each Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7pm.

With inquiries, contact Gordon Ferguson on 4369 3194.

Press release, November 7
Fred Elsom, Woy Woy Pelicans

Oval lighting recommended

A Council staff report has recommended increased lighting on Peninsula sporting fields to allow more night training.

Both Ettalong Oval and Rogers Park Ovals two and three were listed as urgent priority.

Ettalong Oval requires eight 2kw lights, while the Rogers Park Ovals require five 20 metre poles, 11 2kw lights, five footings and installation.

The council report stated that Ettalong Oval, with its new amenities, would be ideal as a club base for rugby union and "therefore requires lighting for training".

It also stated that the upgrade of lighting on the oval would "assist greatly" with reducing load on Woy Woy Oval number one.

The report stated the improved lighting for Rogers Park would give more opportunities for training and would alleviate the wear and tear on certain fields, especially Woy Woy Oval number one, and would allow multiple codes to use the oval.

McEvoy Oval was listed as a high priority, requiring six 30 metre poles, 18 2kw lights, six footings and installation.

The project would include a new power board as well.

James Browne Oval number one was listed as a high priority, requiring two 17 metre poles, two 20 metre poles, eight 2kw lights, four footings and installation.

The project would include new mains.

Completion of the urgent priority projects would cost \$516,000, according to council.

Upgrading of floodlighting for the remaining grounds is estimated to require more than \$1.24 million in funding.

The report was from council's strategy and policy workshop held on October 17.

Council and the Gosford City Sports Council (GCSC) previously put together a Sportground Lighting Priority Listing with lighting requirements as determined by Sylvania Lighting.

The council has now resolved that the listing be considered for funding through a future capital works budget.

It is also resolved to source external grant money to supplement the funding required.

The requirements would make the fields comply with Ball and Physical Training (50 lux) standards.

Council agenda SF.44,
November 7

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Charity day held

The Ettalong Memorial Women's Bowling Club has held a charity day on October 17, raising \$3159 for the State Emergency Service.

"The goods were made and donated by the members and the Club waived the green fees," said publicity officer Ms Narelle Richardson.

Press release, November 10
Narelle Richardson, Ettalong
Memorial Women's Bowling Club

Long-time resident dies

Allan Whitfield, a long-time resident of Empire Bay, died suddenly at his home on October 19.

Allan was a keen "fisho" and held the position of treasurer of the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Fishing Club for a record 20 to 25 years.

He was a regular fisherman on the old club fishing boats, Irene H and Delia J, and often caught the fish of the day.

Allan was also a weightmaster for a time, with the Woy Woy Sea


Anglers Club.

A boilermaker by trade, he worked at Tulloch's Engineering, at Rhodes and the Kent Brewery at Broadway.


With his brother, Charles, he moved to the Central Coast in the 1970s and operated a general store at Wyong and then Booker Bay.

A sporting and sociable man, he will be missed by all who knew him.

Media release, November 8
Keith Whitfield



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Medals from Masters Games

Local Woy Woy resident Derek Travers has won two gold and one silver athletics medals in the Pan Pacific Masters Games held on the Gold Coast recently.

Mr Travers competed in the 70 to 74 age group.
He won the long jump event with a record jump of 4.34 metres.
He also won the triple jump with a

record jump of 9.11 metres.
Mr Travers came second the hurdles in a record time of 17.69 second.
**Press release, November 9
Joan Pollard**



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