

Six new dredging sites identified

Six possible new dredging sites have been identified around the Peninsula for study for a management plan for Brisbane Water.

The locations identified as "possible dredging scenarios" were at Horsfield Bay, Woy Woy Channel, Cockle Channel, St Hubert's Island, Wagstaffe and Hardy's Bay.

According to a Gosford Council newsletter, the purpose of the study will be to identify and recommend appropriate actions to manage the environmental, social and commercial aspects of Brisbane Water Estuary.

"The management study will identify relevant management issues and objectives for Brisbane Water," the newsletter stated.

"A range of management options will then be identified to address these issues.

"For example, council is aware that navigation on the estuary waterways has become increasingly difficult at some locations and is working towards developing a plan for managing potential dredging works within the Brisbane Water Estuary as part of the management study and plan."

According to the newsletter, a site at Gosford had already been completed and investigations into channel alignment scenarios had been undertaken at the Ettalong Beach Channel.

"During the consultation process, input is being sought from local residents, boat users and other relevant stakeholders as to what are the key dredging and navigation issues in Brisbane Water," the newsletter stated.

A community workshop will be held from 10am on April 4 at Erina Fair "to allow for the exchange of ideas for the management study and plan".

The Management Study and Management Plan of the Brisbane Water Estuary will encompass the entire Brisbane Water estuary.

Council has engaged the services of Cardno Lawson Treloar to undertake the study, which follows on from the completion of the Brisbane Water Estuary Process Study in February last year.

The project will be jointly funded under the Estuary Management Program between Department of Environment and Climate Change and Gosford Council.

Gosford Mayor Cr Chris Holstein said he believed the study and plan would provide "strategic guidance" for future management and decision-making regarding Brisbane Water.

To attend the community workshop, contact brisbanewater@cardno.com.au by April 1.

**Press release, 25 Mar 2009
Gosford Council
Newsletter, 27 Mar 2009
Gosford Council**



Umina District Chamber of Commerce president Ms Sharon Martin meets with Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein in West St, Umina.

New chamber of commerce 'positive change' - Holstein

Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein has heralded the establishment of the Umina District Chamber of Commerce as a "a positive change" for the Umina business community.

"The benefit of the new chamber to council is that we have a proactive group on the Peninsula who will constantly keep us updated," Cr Holstein said.

"The chamber also has a benefit to the community in having the ability to get their message, needs, desires and objectives heard and addressed."

Cr Holstein was commenting after walking with Chamber representatives around the Umina commercial area on March 27.

"I have been invited here by the Umina Chamber to go out on the main street and listen to what business owners have to say," Cr

Holstein said.

"We understand business owners here in Umina have a number of issues that need to be addressed including the upgrade of footpaths, kerbs and guttering, as well as vandalism, and graffiti."

"While all of these issues may not be council's responsibility, we can be sure enough to consult the relevant parties in getting the problems addressed."

Cr Holstein said: "I was contacted by the new chamber about a month ago because they believed they weren't getting just acknowledgements of some of the issues they were having."

"They intend to build a good relationship with council which is always a positive thing."

"They might not always agree with council and there are sure to be differences in opinion from time to time but we at least have an

understanding.

"The chamber has my attention and the things that we can start addressing we will."

"Look what has been achieved in Gosford through a cooperative approach between the chamber and council and they have as many, if not more, issues than Umina have."

"But we are working on those. I can't wave a magic wand - I wish I could. And if I could, we would fix everything."

"I think the chamber's biggest challenge will be instilling acknowledgement within the business community."

"It's no secret that business people are under undue stress at the moment in these hard economic times."

**Clare Graham, 27 Mar 2009
Interviewee: Cr Chris Holstein, Gosford Council**

Information wanted

Police are seeking information from members of the public following the assault of a 20-year-old man at Woy Woy on March 13.

According to police, the victim was set upon by a group of men in

the car park of Woy Woy Leagues Club around 1.30am.

Anyone with information or who may have witnessed the attack is encouraged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

**Website, 26 Mar 2009
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Entries close April 17.

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Stuart Osbourne,
Javelin Australia

Market day at Wagstaffe

The Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association will hold a Trash and Treasure Market Day at Wagstaffe Hall on Easter Sunday, April 11.

Vice-president Ms Robyn Warburton said the annual event was sure to attract many bargain hunters to the area.

"This is a popular annual event to raise money to improve community facilities," Ms Warburton said.

"Last year we raised over

\$4000.

"All goods are donated by the community as a huge recycling project which is also lots of fun.

"It takes place irrespective of the weather and the hall is always crowded with an amazing variety of bargains including \$2 boxes in the last hour."

The market day will open from 9am until 1pm.

Letter, 26 Mar 2009
Robyn Warburton, Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association

Uniting Church Easter services

The Uniting Churches of Ettalong and Umina will conduct their regular Easter services between April 5 and 12.

The first Easter service celebrating Palm Sunday will take place on Sunday, April 5, at Ettalong from 9.30am and Umina from 9am.

Umina Uniting Church will also conduct an Easter music presentation with the Peninsula Choir from 3pm.

A special service for Maundy Thursday will be conducted on April 9, from 7.30pm, at the Umina church.

Good Friday on April 10 will see services held at Umina from 8am and Ettalong from 9.30am.

On Easter Sunday, April 12, Umina will conduct a service from 9am and Ettalong from 9.30am.

Ettalong Uniting Church is located on Picnic Pde and the Umina church on the Cnr Neptune and Ocean Beach Rd.

Email, 27 Mar 2009

Stories about medals wanted

Peninsula News is running a competition to uncover the medals in our community and the stories behind them.

As part of a national competition supported by the RSL we want you to tell us about the medals in your possession - from the stories about your relatives' service, through to your chance discovery of hidden treasure or your challenges as a collector.

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Patrol warns on shallow channel

The Central Coast Division of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol has reported a depth reading taken from the Ettalong Beach Channel as "too shallow for most boats".

Public relations officer Mr Ron Cole said the patrol was called to assist a stranded boat off Box Head around 5pm on March 21, when the depth was recorded.

"The Point Clare radio room at Central Coast Division of Coastal Patrol received a radio call for assistance from the skipper of a 4.8 metre outboard runabout," Mr Cole said.

"The vessel, with two people on board, had run out of fuel and was stranded about one km east of Box Head.

"Brisbane Water Lifeboat, skippered by Ted Leeson and crewed by Kevin O'Sullivan and Denis Byrne, was despatched to assist.

"The runabout was located and required a long tow back to Lions Park at Woy Woy.

"The lifeboat skipper reported that the depth channel between Lobster Beach and Half Tide Rocks during the tow, about 6.30pm and just two hours after the high tide was only registering 0.7 metres.

"This low depth is considered too shallow for most keel boats and boat owners should take note of the dangerous situation that has developed in this part of the channel."

Press release, 22 Mar 2009

Ron Cole, Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol



Peninsula Village residents enjoy a swim in the new hydrotherapy pool

New pool for hydrotherapy

Peninsula Village opened its new hydrotherapy pool to residents of the retirement centre recently.

Retirement centre CEO Ms Terri Parker said the new service was an exciting addition to the Peninsula Village community.

"Peninsula Village is thrilled by the opening of their new hydrotherapy pool," Ms Parker said.

"The new pool is wheelchair friendly, warm and inviting and is being used by a large number of Peninsula and Coinda Village residents and staff.

"A local arthritis group is also

enjoying the new facility on a weekly basis.

"The village physio conducts daily exercise classes with enthusiastic residents giving an alternative form of fun and healthy exercise."

Press release, 26 Mar 2009

Janice Wells, Milestone-BelaNova

Grants program opens

Applications to Gosford Council's Community and Cultural Development Grants Program will be open until Friday, April 24.

The grant program is designed to assist council in the implementation of its Cultural Plan by providing financial assistance towards projects which enhance the cultural life of the local government area through community development.

Grants of between \$500 and \$10,000 are being offered to non-profit community groups and

clubs within the Gosford Local Government Area.

All applicants will need to register as a new user if they have not previously applied for a Community and Cultural Development Grant.

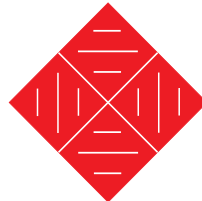
Council staff are available for advice and assistance when applying for a grant.

For more information or to apply for a grant, visit council's website at www.gosford.nsw.gov.au or email community.grants@gosford.nsw.gov.au

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Paul Franklin, Gosford Council

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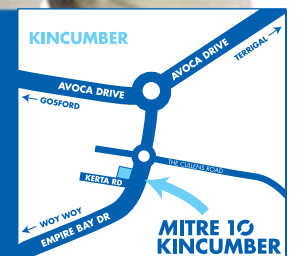
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Super playground details released

Gosford Council has released details of its proposed \$4.3 million multi-use recreation area for Umina.

According to a council project summary, the Peninsula Recreation Precinct will provide valuable open space, recreational and sporting opportunities to the community.

The proposed recreation area will be developed on the current Umina Recreation Area facility and will be managed by the Open Space and Leisure Services Business Unit of council.

The project summary states that the Peninsula Recreation Precinct will provide a place where people can experience fulfilling leisure activities in a unique and natural environment that promotes diverse

recreation opportunities and encourages and facilitates healthy lifestyles.

Funding for the project is expected to be made through the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program and council funds.

Council is yet to receive confirmation from the funding program.

The project is expected to take 70 weeks to complete.

Coordinator of parks, playgrounds and foreshores Ms Kim Radford said council would soon be commencing stage one of the playground development regardless of Federal funding support.

"We are commencing stage one of the playground even if we do not

receive the funding," Ms Radford said.

"When this occurs we will be consulting with the community and local school and getting community members involved with the implementation of stage one of the playground development."

The Peninsula Recreation Precinct is expected to include junior and senior shaded play areas with challenging and innovative play equipment, a cafe with public amenities, tennis courts, clubhouse upgrade, sports ovals, improvements to Umina Skate Park and BMX track, park furniture and new pathways.

Project summary, 26 Mar 2009

Kim Radford, Gosford Council

Email, 19 Mar 2009

Kim Radford, Gosford Council



Solar panel scheme still open

Peninsula residents interested in installing solar panels are being urged to act now before prices rise.

The Peninsula Environment Group is participating in a scheme to make 1kW domestic solar panels available from just \$1400, after the current \$8000 Federal

Government rebate.

According to group president Mr Mark Mann, the Federal Government rebate is likely to be reduced soon.

"The solar panel rebate is being replaced in June by a system known as solar credits," Mr Mann said.

"But credits for a 1kW system

are likely to amount to about half the value of the current rebate.

"That will make buying solar panels a lot more expensive."

Mr Mann said industry insiders believe the current rebate may be suspended before June, making it important to act quickly.

The Peninsula Environment Group will present a talk on

introducing solar power to the home at the Woy Woy Environment Centre on Tuesday, April 7, at 7.30pm.

The presentation will be given by Woy Woy solar engineer Dr Joachim Muller and will also cover solar hot water and other ways to use solar energy at home.

The meeting is a last chance

for people to join the group's solar panel scheme.

Anyone who can't make the meeting can sign up for the solar panel offer on the Peninsula Environment Group website at www.peg.org.au

Press release, 24 Mar 2009

Mark Mann, Peninsula

Environment Group

Weed removal at Lobster Beach

A group of more than 30 volunteers carried out weed removal in and around Lobster Beach on March 21.

CoastKeepers coordinator Ms Suji Jadhav said it was great to see the enthusiasm of local residents getting involved in their local environment.

"Close to 30 volunteers from CoastKeepers and Wagstaffe Bushcare worked with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service to clear weeds along the old path to Lobster Beach," Ms Jadhav said.

"It was great to see so many local residents lending a hand along with other volunteers, including some who had travelled from Sydney.

"We also had a large group of Central Coast Scouts who put in a great effort while working towards their environmental badge."

Ms Jadhav said the main weeds causing problems at the site included bitou bush, lantana and asparagus fern.

"Bitou bush and lantana are classified as Weeds of National Significance by the Australian Government, illustrating the destructive power of these plants to the native Australian bush," Ms Jadhav said.

"We have two more events at Lobster Beach on April 4 and 18, and would love to have some more willing hands.

"Don't worry if you have never done this before as training and tools are provided and everyone can work to their own pace."

To join in, contact Dave Roe at CoastKeepers on 9299 0000 or dave@coastkeepers.org.au.

Press release, 26 Mar 2009

Dave Roe, National Parks

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Bargain hunters search for books at last year's Easter Saturday Book Fair at Pearl Beach

Easter book fair at Pearl Beach

The annual Pearl Beach Easter Saturday Book Fair will be held at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on Saturday, April 11.

"Now in its 33rd year, the carnival atmosphere of the fair provides an ideal environment for book lovers to search among the thousands of titles for that unusual or special book bargain," said organiser Mr Vic Brown.

"Titles include children's, educational, self-help, cooking, gardening, Australia, hobbies/crafts, sport, business, art, travel, health, religion, and novels."

A café will operate from the hall with offering morning and afternoon

teas and gourmet lunches.

As well as books, there will be collectable items, bric-a-brac, home-baked cakes, native plants from The Crommelin Native Arboretum and exotic plants for sale.

The book fair will be open from 8.30 am to 5pm.

Entry is free

Pearl Beach Memorial Hall is located at 9 Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach.

Proceeds from the fair will go towards the Save Pearl Beach Rock Pool fundraising project.

Press release, 23 Mar 2009
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Easter raffle

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary will be selling tickets for its Easter raffle in West St, Umina, from March 30, to April 3.

Volunteers will be selling tickets outside the St George Bank as a fundraising activity for the local hospital.

Public relations officer Ms Pat Harding said the raffle was a good opportunity for the community to support its local hospital while being in the running to win some great prizes for Easter.

Press release, 25 Mar 2009
Pat Harding, Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary

Grants available for water and energy

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews is encouraging Peninsula community organisations to apply for grants of up to \$40,000 for water and energy upgrades.

The grants are being offered by the Department of Environment and Climate Change under the State Government's \$30 million Public Facilities Program.

"This is a great opportunity for local groups to make real improvements in energy and water efficiency by upgrading lighting systems, installing rainwater tanks, replacing electric hot water systems

and installing water-efficient toilets and fixtures," Ms Andrews said.

"The not-for-profit sector is a vital part of our community and these grants will enable groups to make real savings, both in terms of money and the environment."

Minister for Climate Change and the Environment Ms Carmel Tebbutt said the new category would simplify access to funding for non-for-profit groups to save water, energy, emissions and money on bills.

"This initiative will provide a streamlined application process for small community organisations

such as local clubs, pre-schools, aged care facilities and volunteer groups to improve efficiency in their facilities," Ms Tebbutt said.

Ms Tebbutt said the \$30 million Public Facilities Program has allocated \$10.4 million to 49 projects, saving 171 million litres of water a year and up to 9500 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions.

Full details and application forms are available on the Department of Environment and Climate Change website at www.environment.nsw.gov.au

Press release, 20 Mar 2009
Marie Andrews,
Member for Gosford

Contribution to fix roads

The Federal Government will contribute \$650,000 to fix two local roads as part of its Black Spots Program.

Woy Woy Rd will receive \$450,000 in funding to provide signage and edge line guard fence along a 1.2 km section near the Scout camp, while the single-lane roundabout at the intersection of Gallipoli Ave and Springwood St in

Blackwall will receive \$200,000.

According to Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal, the two projects were assessed and recommended for funding by a panel of independent road safety experts.

"The Rudd Government has not only honoured its election commitment to increase ongoing black spot funding by a massive 33 per cent, up to \$59.5 million

per year from 2009/10, but is also providing significant additional funding under the Nation Building packages," Ms Neal said.

"The Black Spot Program has a proven track record of saving lives and it also returns around \$14 for every \$1 invested by reducing the number and cost of crashes."

Press release, 19 Mar 2009
Member for Robertson,
Belinda Neal

Brigade speaks to residents

Members of the Killcare-Wagstaffe Rural Fire Service attended the Hardy's Bay Residents Group general meeting on February 24, to raise bushfire awareness in the community.

Group publicity officer Mr Allan Wilson said the meeting was well attended by Killcare, Wagstaffe, Pretty Beach and Hardy's Bay residents.

"Members of the Killcare-Wagstaffe Rural Fire Brigade Service received a rousing welcome from a packed Hardys Bay Community Church Hall when they were invited to take centre stage as guest speakers at our last general meeting," Mr Wilson said.

"The visit provided the audience with an appropriate opportunity to display its heartfelt appreciation to the fires in the wake of the devastating Victorian bushfire by acknowledging the local ambassadors of the service - several of whom had carried out their duties in the stricken areas - and to become more acquainted with general bushfire awareness and the necessary measures to be adopted.

"Local fire brigade captain Mr Steve Farrell advised the meeting that the 22 brigades in the district are all comprised of volunteers and outlined some of the recent

local activities which included their response to a recent three day-and-night operation at a Peat's Ridge fire and their subsequent Victorian responsibilities."

Mr Farrell said as a result of the devastation seen last month it was important for communities to be "fire wise".

"We have all been impacted by the Victorian fires and the Rural Fire Service is committed to working with everybody to bring about a self-sufficient fire-safe community," Mr Farrell said.

Press release, 11 Mar 2009
Allan Wilson, Hardy's
Bay Residents Group

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Life at Solomon Brothers' Store

I really enjoy Fred Landman's stories on life on the Peninsula in the 1950s and have often meant to write in but not gotten around to it.

Having read Fred's latest tale where he refers to my Dad, I now really have to make the effort!

Fred refers to Mr Solomon selling fruit and veg from the back of a truck.

This was my father, Bruce Solomon of Solomon Brothers' store at Ettalong.

This mixed business later became Somersby Farm Greengrocers and more recently became a multi-level development site.

Dad and his brother Laurie ran the biggest mixed business in the area until the chain stores came to town.

Over the summer period, a large carnival would come to the vacant land behind the ambulance station at Ettalong.

This brought large numbers of holidaymakers out every night.

The ambulance people ran Housie (bingo) and Dogs (a mechanical dog race where you purchased tickets and the winning number won a cash prize).

The carnival had all the usual attractions along with a rather large (and I thought, sophisticated) merry-go-round.

How "cool" I thought I was on that as I "bucked" the horses!

My father's shop had a large milk bar and they would keep the shop open to catch the trade of the holiday-makers as they left the carnival.

So there we would be, 10.30,

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maybe 11.30 at night with customers four and five deep wanting milkshakes, ice-creams and sodas.

Everything was very labour-intensive back then and, of course, no self-serve so we raced around behind that counter at great speed.

My sister, brother and I all knew what hard work was long before

we left school and joined the work force.

Once the shop was finally closed there was of course all the cleaning up and stocking up for the next day.

And then, there were the iceblocks to make.

Solomon Brothers' store was very well known for the fruit salad ice blocks.

A large amount of fruit was chopped up and put in the trays which were topped up with milk and then all frozen.

The next day the iceblocks would be placed in cellophane bags - there were no plastic bags back then.

Any orders of groceries and fruit and vegetables would be delivered free of charge and many times I recall my mum sending me down

to Aub Robert's butchers shop to collect Mrs Smith's meat to be delivered along with her grocery order.

Because Ettalong was primarily a holiday area in those days, the winter season was a difficult time to earn a living so my father and uncle conducted a "wood, coal and coke" run in the cooler months, a very hard way to earn a dollar (or I should say "quid").

They were carefree times for genuine, hard working, honest people and us kids always seemed to have way too much to do to even dream of painting ugly drawings on someone else's property.

Thanks for the trips down memory lane Fred.

Gay Binder,
Umina Beach

We want what we want, and we won't be put off

I was with quite a large crowd of disenfranchised constituents who rallied armed with placards and a large banner proclaiming "We want our rehab back!"

They assembled outside the Ettalong Club on Thursday, March 19, to leave no doubt in the mind of MP Marie Andrews what they wanted done.

The gathering was organised

by Rona Nelson from Umina who could be seen on NBN3 News that night, forthrightly pointing out that our Woy Woy Public Hospital owes its very existence to public subscription and the hard work of hundreds of women who knitted tea cosies, sold lamingtons and ran raffles to get our public hospital in place.

This was all at a time when the population on the Woy Woy

Forum

Peninsula was perhaps one-fifth what it is today.

The same resourcefulness is happening again on the Woy Woy Peninsula with people calling for more petition forms and others calling to report they are going out door knocking for signatures these people are putting in the hard yards and it is appreciated I understand

but don't actually know the hospital property on Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy, was gifted in perpetuity for the Public Hospital.

We would all like to know for certain just what is what with our important public medical amenity.

I am confident someone who is a part of our Peninsula community will be able to write in to the Peninsula News or attend out next meeting on Saturday, April 4, at 2pm at the St Lukes Church Hall, and tell us a lot more about just what it is which is being interfered with by the State Government.

I personally find it offensive that the Minister for Health and Minister for the Central Coast John Della Bosca and the Member for Gosford Marie Andrews keep deflecting this red hot political issue away from them toward paid government minions inside NSW Health.

These are unelected people who have been running our hospital system into debts of well over \$27 million locally, much more state wide.

The same people who can't manage a budget of over \$1.5 billion all our taxes, are the ones John Della Bosca and Marie Andrews continue to hide behind.

When our community leaders delegated to go to Marie's office some weeks ago to lobby her support for the return of the 30 beds, they are blocked by Mat Hanrahan and Terry Hayes who were there to dish out the same spin handed out every time people wish to get the point across to elected reps.

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No plans yet for rehab ward

Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health has made “no final plans” for the use of the old rehabilitation ward at Woy Woy Hospital, according to a NSW Health information sheet.

The information sheet stated that Central Coast Health is “considering” using the space to allow the expansion of community health services to Peninsula.

“The priority will be to ensure that whatever decision is made is in the best interests of the health service and the community and to ensure this happens there will be consultation with the Central Coast Participation Committee and relevant staff,” the information sheet stated.

The area health service also stated it had no plans to sell or



lease the rehabilitation ward to Brisbane Waters Private Hospital.

“In January 2009, Central Coast Health received a letter from Brisbane Waters Private Hospital expressing an interest in the future of the ward,” the information sheet stated.

“The health service has not responded to the letter and no discussions have been held with Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

or any other private business.”

Central Coast Health denied any staff had lost their job as a result of the rehabilitation ward closure at Woy Woy.

It was stated: “Central Coast Area Health has been able to provide employment for all staff affected by this change and most have already accepted positions at Woy Woy Hospital in the general ward, as well as the Wyong Rehabilitation Centre and other locations within Central Coast Health.”

It was also stated by Central Coast Area Health that all services at Woy Woy Hospital would remain “unchanged” following the rehabilitation ward closure.

“All other services at Woy Woy remain unchanged, including outpatient rehabilitation services such as occupational therapy, physiotherapy and hydrotherapy.”

The information sheet also reiterated Central Coast Area Health’s reasoning behind the closure of Woy Woy’s rehabilitation ward to provide patients with an acute hospital setting.

Information sheet, 27 Mar 2009
Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health



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Local residents participate in this year's Peninsula Relay For Life at Woy Woy on March 14 to 15.

Relay for Life attracts 750

More than 750 local residents took part in the Peninsula Relay for Life at Woy Woy Oval across the weekend of March 14 and 15.

Organising committee chairperson Ms Viv Corcoran said: "We should all be exhausted but the committee and I feel completely exhilarated by what we saw on the weekend."

According to Ms Corcoran, this year's event has raised \$41,000 with more funds to be banked over the coming weeks.

She said it was fantastic to see the generosity and support of the Peninsula community with more than 65 teams participating in the 24-hour relay.

"There were so many highlights during the event," Ms Corcoran said.

"Mayor Chris Holstein had his head shaved and Cr Jeff Strickson had one leg waxed.

"We heard a passionate speech by local cancer carer Karen Poole at the Candlelight Ceremony,

followed with an incredibly moving lap of silence."

Several Peninsula community groups participated in the relay including Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club, Empire Bay Public School, the Rotary Club of Woy Woy and Brisbane Water Secondary College.

To date, the Peninsula Relay For Life fundraising campaign has raised more than \$295,000 for the fight against cancer.

Cancer Council Central Coast community relations coordinator Ms Lesley Chart said the event was a spectacular turnout for the local community.

"Money raised through the Peninsula Relay For Life will help the Cancer Council improve the lives of local cancer patients and their families through initiatives like the Support and Information Pack which put patients in touch with the closest sources of support."

Peninsula Relay For Life survivors coordinator Ms Vicki White said the organising

committee was already looking for volunteers to help out at next year's event.

"We would also like to call for more local volunteers to join us on the committee for Peninsula Relay 2010," Ms White said.

"Planning for next year's event starts almost immediately, we have a few weeks off then back into it again."

For more information contact info.centralcoast@nswcc.org.au

Press release, 25 Mar 2009

Lesley Chart, Peninsula Relay For Life

Email, 25 Mar 2009

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Thank you to all those citizens who, after several meetings at Saint Lukes Church Woy Woy, ventured out onto Memorial Avenue at Ettalong on the 19th of March with your banners and placards. Your support of the very noisy and public rally to call for Marie Andrews, the Member for Gosford, to start working in the best interest of her constituency was very much appreciated. I hope she heard us call to her in the Club for the return of our very important medical amenity.

If you are reading this advertisement and don't already understand that there is a concerted attack on our communities' assets including a public medical amenity, then I and hundreds of others have been wasting considerable time, effort and money fighting the State government which keeps hiding behind those incompetents and scallywags, the NSW Health spin doctors, who have been in charge while we, the NSW taxpayers, have been buried by millions of dollars in debt.

Do you fancy travelling to Kanwal, where the Wyong hospital is located, to visit a grandchild who may have had an accident and needs rehabilitation, or a friend or family member who has had a bad stroke and needs to re-learn how to walk?

This is a matter for the broader community to get fired up about. Woy Woy Public Hospital belongs to all of you and rather than sit by while it is cut to bits, you should be out there, on the internet and putting letters in the papers and under the noses of your politicians insisting our Woy Woy Public Hospital not just get its thirty rehabilitation beds but be upgraded to an acute care Hospital befitting an area with over 9000 of its 36,000 residents over 65 years old. Unless elected representative come out from behind spin doctors and taxpayer funded policy advisers and speak to their constituents in person, they are perceived to be hiding something really bad.

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St Hubert's Island residents Neville and Marilyn Smith hosted the St Patrick's Day community fundraiser

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St Hubert's Island residents raised more than \$700 for a rescue helicopter service as part of St Patrick's Day celebrations on March 17.

St Hubert's Island Residents Association president Mr Ron Spratt said the day was not only a fun day for locals who attended but proved to be a successful fundraising effort.

"The community turned out in force with 80 people attending over the period of several hours," Mr Spratt said.

"The day was a most enjoyable one which contributed more than \$700 to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service through gold coin donations and raffle ticket sales.

"Prizes for the raffles were donated by St Hubert's Island beautician Karen Austin, Neville and Marilyn Smith; and Ken and Astrid Lummis.

"The idea for the fundraiser came after a presentation to St Hubert's Island Residents Association general meeting last year by Shannon O'Hagan community liaison officer of Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

Press release, 18 Mar 2009
Ron Spratt, St Hubert's Island Residents Association

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Presented with awards

Peninsula residents Geoff and Norma Turner were presented with State Government Community Service Awards at the Seniors Week Concert held at Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club on March 19.

Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews hosted the 14th annual concert and said the event was once again popular.

"Mr and Mrs Turner, two wonderful locals, are very worthy recipients of the NSW Government's Community Service Award," Ms Andrews said.

"Mr Geoff Turner has 40 years involvement in Central Coast Swimming and Woy Woy Swimming Club.

"Mr Turner joined Umina Neighbourhood Watch in 1989

"As well as holding the position of coordinator for some time, he has been the treasurer for the past



Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews with award recipients Geoff and Norma Turner at this year's Seniors Week Concert in Ettalong

been heavily involved with the Woy Woy Swimming Club and Central Coast Swimming for 40 years.

"Mrs Turner has strongly supported her husband Geoff in his many community roles."

Press release, 20 Mar 2009

Member for Gosford, Marie Andrews

10 years.

"Mr Turner is very involved in the Central Coast and Brisbane Waters Branches of the World War II Veterans Associations and is actively involved in the Grandfriends program at Umina Public School.

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Kite surfer thanks donors

Woy Woy resident Mr Richard Johnston has said he was "eternally grateful" to the Peninsula community for its generosity and support following a kite surfing accident which left him critically injured last December.

More than 200 residents attended a benefit night at Woy Woy Sporties on February 28, to raise \$7645 for Mr Johnston and his family through ticket and auction sales.

Event organiser Mr Bob Jackson said Mr Johnston and his wife Caroline were bowled over by the attendance and generosity shown on the night.

"A couple of the main auction items attracted a lot of attention including a Balmain Tigers signed and framed jersey which went for \$870 and a signed surfboard by Tom Carroll which went for \$1000," Mr Jackson said.

"Richard intends to use the money to pay a number of outstanding bills that have

accumulated while he's been laid up and to help with upcoming medical costs.

"In addition to raising much needed funds for a struggling local family, the night went over extremely well and everyone commented on what a good time was had by all."

Mr Johnston thanked everyone who contributed to the evening including entertainers, club staff, event organisers, local media and residents.

"To everyone involved, you have helped us through a traumatic and difficult time for which we are eternally grateful," Mr Johnston said.

"As Murphy's law would have it, the accident couldn't have happened at a worse time as I hadn't paid my insurance to help afford some Christmas presents for the kids.

"The bank account was empty, the credit card maxed out and I was scratching around for work."

Email, 16 Mar 2009
Bob Jackson, Pluggedin Music



Artists' showcase

Members of the Avoca Dr Artist Group will showcase their latest work at the Gnostic Mana Cafe in Woy Woy from April 4, to May 2.

Group member Ms Ruth

Eager said the exhibition will give the Peninsula community the opportunity to enjoy a bite to eat or coffee at the cafe while enjoying some of the latest artwork from local artists.

"The works will be of various

subjects and media, with more than 30 paintings on display," Ms Eager said.

Press release, 19 Mar 2009
Ruth Eager, Avoca Dr Artist Group



Workshop for 10-minute playwrights

One of the world's best 10-minute playwrights will host a workshop at the Peninsula Theatre, according to Short and Sweet artistic director Ms Darlene Cole.

"Alex Broun, the successful writer, who has had works produced in the US, South Africa, Canada, Singapore, the UK, Taiwan, The Phillipines, Pakistan, Japan and Australia, will run a three-hour intensive workshop with local talents on Wednesday, April 1," Ms

Cole said.

"In recent years, Alex has had over 40 short plays produced in over 200 productions across the globe and will inspire participants to write a 10-minute play, by acknowledging and embracing their own inherent stories and natural creativity, and then inform them with the basic techniques and tools to write the play.

"Many participants from the Short and Sweet playwright workshops have gone on to write plays that have been performed in

Australia and across the globe.

"The Central Coast workshop is designed to encourage all those prospective playwrights for Short and Sweet Central Coast 2009 to hone their skills for what promises to be one of the most exciting events on the theatrical and festival calendars this year."

Bookings for the three-hour workshop can be made through Laycock St Box Office on 4323 3233.

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Press release, 18 Mar 2009
Darlene Cole, Short and Sweet Central Coast



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Bouddi Society hosts variety concert

The Bouddi Society will host a variety concert to highlight the talent of young performers on Sunday, April 5.

Vice president Mr David Duffy said the concert was also a great opportunity to demonstrate to the local community the role of the Bouddi Society in fostering local culture.

"The Bouddi Society centred in the Killcare-Wagstaffe area now sponsors a scholarship for woodwind at the Central Coast Conservatorium," Mr Duffy said.

"This year's winners were clarinettist Selina Foo and flautist Alyse Faith.

"They will be featured performers at our variety concert by the bay at Wagstaffe Hall.

"Selina will play sonatas by Saunt-Saens and Brahms plus Blues for Two by Don Banks. "Alyse will play from a Boccherini concerto.

"Also on the program will be two brackets arranged by local musical treasure Narelle Jones, including solo and ensemble numbers featuring other young artists: Naomi Jones on violin, Elissa Koppen on flute, Riley James on guitar plus Narelle on piano.

"They will perform varied numbers from classical, jazz and

world music sources.

These three students attend Kincumber High School and study at the Conservatorium.

"Riley composes some of his own numbers."

Mr Duffy said skilled local guitarist-singer Les Dupont, together with blues harmonica player Chris Dick, would also provide further variety to the program.

"To prove that an older generation can still present highly entertaining music, baritone Russell Smith from Avoca will be performing two well known comic opera arias," Mr Duffy said.

"Paul Edgar will be his accompanying artist.

"Russell is a pioneer of television opera in Australia.

"He will also present two stirring ballads reminiscent of past great baritones like Lawrence Tibbett."

The program starts from 2.30 pm and entry to the concert starts from \$5 for students, \$12 for Bouddi Society members and \$15 for non-members.

Drinks and refreshments will also be served.

The funds raised from the concert will go towards next year's scholarship fund.

Press release, 14 Mar 2009
David Duffy, The Bouddi Society

Cake stall raises \$400

Animal Welfare League Central Coast raised \$400 towards animals affected by the Victorian bushfires as part of a two-day cake stall in Woy Woy.

Fundraising committee manager Ms Carol Thompson said the cake stall proved to be a great success

for the local animal welfare league branch.

"We had a very successful two days in Woy Woy with a large number of customers arriving early on each day," Ms Thompson said.

Press release, 22 Mar 2009
Paula White, Animal Welfare League Central Coast

Artists to help Rainbow Love

More than 52 Central Coast artists have joined together for a special arts project aimed to raise money for local charity Rainbow Love.

The Community Artwork for Charity initiative was founded by artist Mr Roger Heighington after he became involved in the Super Arts project at Tuggerah nine months ago.

The Super Art Project involved local artists who had taken up residence in several empty shops in a Tuggerah shopping outlet under the supervision of fellow artist Mr Yianni Johns.

Rainbow Love founder Ms Susie O'Donnell said the project was an innovative and creative way to assist the charity in reaching its true potential.

"Roger has been a supporter of Rainbow Love since its formation a year ago," Ms O'Donnell said.

"He came up with the idea to invite artists at the Tuggerah centre to become involved in a group work after being impressed by their level of talent.

"The artwork will be comprised of 14 canvases with the theme of community and it is expected to be



Cousins Roger and Chris Heighington lend a hand to Peninsula charity Rainbow Love

completed within three months."

Ms O'Donnell said it was also great to see the support of Mr Heighington's cousin West Tigers NRL player Chris Heighington in the initiative.

"As we all know Chris Heighington is a hard worker on the field.

"But there is another side to Chris and he is working just as hard off the field raising funds for

various charities including Rainbow Love.

"The joint venture between Chris and Roger is also to support the Super Arts Project at Tuggerah.

"Raffle tickets will be sold during the next few months and the public are invited to come and view the progress along with the other many artworks by talented local artists.

"Chris is also keen to help out will be contributing memorabilia to raffle and auction off.

"Once the artwork is completed a large fundraising day will be held at the Tuggerah centre with local craftspeople, stallholders, musicians and various dance and theatre schools invited to participate.

"A date for this special day will be advised closer to the artwork's completion."

Rainbow Love raises much-needed funds for children on the Central Coast with chronic and complex conditions and their carers.

Press release, 24 Mar 2009
Susie O'Donnell, Rainbow Love



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Enq: 4379 1717

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Education



Students learn of cultural diversity

A group of students from Umina Public School celebrated national Harmony Day on March 21.

Beachside Family Centre facilitator Ms Debbie Notara said the students from stage one and three of the school enjoyed the

day.

"Students from stage one and three at Umina Public School had fun constructing a map of Australia in the playground to celebrate Harmony Day on March 21," Ms Notara said.

"The map was drawn up by stage three and stage one put

orange cardboard hands around the Australian map.

"The hands showed how each child and their family had come from a different and unique background to emphasise that 'Everyone Belongs in Australia'.

"The children at Umina Public School learnt that there were 120 different religions in Australia, that 11.2 per cent of the population at Umina Beach were born overseas, 576 community members of Umina Beach are from a non-English speaking background and that one in five families in Umina are one parent families (ABS Statistics, 2008)."

Press release, 27 Mar 2009
Debbie Notara, Beachside Family Centre

Community workshop

Pretty Beach Public School will participate in a Schools First community workshop at Gosford on March 31.

The workshop is designed to encourage and award best practice in school through community partnerships that demonstrate improved outcomes for students.

The Gosford workshop is part of a number of workshops being conducted across regional areas of NSW.

Through the Schools First initiative NSW schools have a chance to share in \$5 million

annual awards from the National Australia Bank, Australia Cares, Australian Council for Educational Research and Foundation for Young Australians.

The Gosford workshop is designed for schools and community groups to strengthen existing partnerships or establish new partnerships.

The workshops will focus on how schools and community groups can develop or enhance a partnership and also how they can apply for an award.

Press release, 16 Mar 2009
Brooke Tully, Schools First

Cross country run raises \$700

Students from St John the Baptist Primary School have raised \$700 for Project Compassion through its annual cross country event.

P&F publicity officer Ms Stacey Saul said students from across all grades got involved in the fundraising initiative.

"Project Compassion is the largest humanitarian fundraising campaign in Australia and the staff and students of St John the Baptist chose the annual cross country as a perfect opportunity to fundraise," Ms Saul said.

"The cross country became known as Caritas K's and students were sponsored per lap. "Students

were reminded that the laps they were running would help raise funds for those who have to cover many kilometres each day to fetch water, obtain food, get to school or market or simply to survive.

"Teachers Ms Helen Crawford and Ms Mary-Anne Diorio have been coordinating the Caritas fundraising event which ended up raising \$700.

"The Project Compassion appeal falls across the six-weeks of Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 25, and ends on Easter Sunday, April 12."

Press release, 26 Mar 2009
Stacey Saul, St John the Baptist Primary P&F



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Umina surfer takes national title

Umina surfer Glen Hall has taken out a national Boardriders' Cup for club champions after defeating 40 national champions in the final at North Narrabeen Beach on March 13.

Hall received \$2000 cash, a motor scooter and the champion title as part of his prize.

"Boardriding clubs have never been stronger and I'm proud to win this not just for myself but also as Umina Boardriders Club representative."

Hall defeated veteran Association of Surfing Professionals World Tour surfer and former world number three Dave Macaulay from Margaret River in a one-sided final.

Hall opened with an outstanding 9.33 and shortly after backing that score up with an excellent 8.33 in the exceptional clean one-metre surf.

Hall's exceptional opening rides left Macaulay in a combination score requirement throughout the final.

"I never expected to do so well in this event so I'm pleased," Macaulay said.

"It really was a blast from the past for me out there.

"I used to surf the Classic events here 20 years ago so it definitely brought back memories for me out there today."

Umina surfer Drew Courtney has also won the Boardriders Cup National Title in 2006 and at last year's competition.

**Press release, 13 Mar 2009
Jim Beam Surftag National Series**

Umina boxers compete at Gosford

Umina boxers Chris Hodder, Jessie Cody and Tony Inkersole will compete for state and national honours in the City vs Country Boxing Championships at Gosford RSL on Saturday, April 4.

Event organiser and competitor Mr Chris Hodder said the night was sure to be a sell-out crowd and encouraged people to get in quick with reserving tickets to avoid disappointment.

"Australian champions Josh Byrne and Michael Perry will defend their Australian title with undefeated challengers zoning in from Sydney," Mr Hodder said.

"Byrne continues to impress after his most recent win over highly experienced Rob Coorey at the Entrance Leagues Club, now the stakes are raised a bar higher with undefeated knockout specialists Chris Jones the next on the hit list.

"Michael Perry will also be in for a tough night when he takes on the strong and durable Jacob Brady.

"Perry seems to be a very smooth boxer while Brady is rugged and strong. It is the styles that make fantastic bouts and these two are

perfect for one another."

Mr Hodder said two Central Coast Mariners players would be getting in on the action and sorting out their differences in the ring in a Big Glove Challenge.

"This bout will not go to the judges but will be decided by the crowd's applause," Mr Hodder said.

"It doesn't stop there, with one of the Central Coast's hardest security guards Tony Inkersole of Umina taking a bout at short notice in a heavy weight clash titled Heavy Weight Thunder.

"Umina boxer Jessie Cody won't be leaving anyone in the dark to his intentions when he puts the gloves back on.

"Jessie is undefeated and is planning to keep it that way."

Boxing trainer Freddy Wicks will also bring a strong force with him, with Chris Hodder coming out of retirement to take on Andrew Eastmon.

Also fighting from Wick's Kincumber gym is Russell Wilding who is set for a return bout.

**Press release, 19 Mar 2009
Chris Hodder, City Vs Country
Boxing Championships**

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Holiday junior rugby development day

Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club will hold a player development day in the Easter School Holidays to help improve the skills of junior players.

The player development day will take place at Rogers Park in Woy Woy on Wednesday, April 22.

"We are pleased to announce that as part of our 2009 Development Program we can offer this School Holiday Coaching Clinic for children between the age of 5 and 12, giving them the opportunity to learn the skills of Junior Rugby League," club secretary Mr Russell Downey said.

"Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club is committed to helping the children of the Woy Woy Peninsula learn about the benefits of a community sport, and the clinic along with our Books In Schools donations is just part of

our strategy."

The three-hour coaching clinic will be available for \$10 which includes a football, t-shirt, drink bottle and lunch following the clinic.

Registrations are essential as only 100 places are on offer.

For registration forms and further information can be found at www.woywoyjrlfc.leaguenet.com.au.

Enquiries can be made to Scott Jones on 0466 660 138.

**Press release, 25 Mar 2009
Russell Downey, Woy Woy JRLFC**

Schools attend AFL day

Three Peninsula primary schools will compete in the AFL Paul Kelly Cup Gala Day at East Gosford on April 1.

Woy Woy South Public School, St John the Baptist Primary School and Ettalong Public School will take part in the AFL gala day along with 22 other Central Coast primary schools.

The gala day at Hylton Moore Oval, East Gosford, is one of two to be held on the Central Coast.

AFL Central Coast development manager Mr John Deitz said the gala days have had a huge response with more than 600 Year 5 and 6 students taking part.

"The two winners from each

carnival will play each other in a Central Coast final in term two, with the winner of this match advancing to the state final in Sydney on September 14," Mr Deitz said.

He said 36 teams from a total of 25 primary schools have entered into the Central Coast gala day event.

"This is a fantastic result which shows extremely positive signs for the sport with so many schools and children willing to part and play AFL," Mr Deitz said.

"These positive signs were also on the back of an intense period of promotional activities throughout the school community."

**Press release, 24 Mar 2009
Dave Dunning, AFL NSW/ACT**

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What's On in and around the Peninsula

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

Many events listed take place at the following locations:

BFC, Beachside Family Centre, Umina Public School

CWA, Country Women's Association Hall, Anderson Park, Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy

EBACC, Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre, Kitchener Park, Cnr Picnic Pde & Maitland Bay Dr, Ettalong, enq: 4341 8344

EBWMC, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 211 Memorial Ave, Ettalong, enq: 4341 1166

ECC, Everglades Country Club, Dunbar Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4341 1866

EMBC, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, 103 Springwood St, Ettalong, enq: 4341 0087

EPH, Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong

ESCC, Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, Cnr Karingi St & Broken Bay Rd Ettalong, enq: 4341 3222

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

PBPH, Pearl Beach Progress Hall, Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach, enq: 4342 1459

PCC, Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4341 9333

PCYC, Osborne Ave, Umina Beach, enq: 4344 7851

PWHC, Peninsula Women's Health Centre, 20a McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 5905

RBG, 207 West Street Umina - 0409774467

UCH, Umina Community Hall, 6 Sydney Ave, Umina Beach, enq: 4343 1664

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

WWAC, Woy Woy Aged Care, Kathleen St, enq: 4353 4224

WVEC, Woy Woy Environment Centre, 267 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 6589

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

WWPH, Woy Woy Progress Hall, 76 Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy

DAILY EVENTS

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

Playtime Mon-Fri 9am, Little Gym

PCYC
Better Hearing Class Mon-Fri 1.45pm, ESCC

TUESDAY

First Tuesday of every month

Buffalo Primo Lodge No 9, 7pm, UCH.

The Peninsula Environment Group (PEG), 6.30pm, WVEC

Second Tuesday of every month

True Blue Meeting, 1.30pm; Toastmasters, 7pm, EBWMC

Get Together afternoon tea, ESCC

Pearl Beach Craft group, 1.30pm, PBPH

Stroke recovery group, 11.30am, MOW.

Diabetics Support Group, 10am, ECC

CC Animal Welfare League

Woy Woy-based group monthly meetings from 11am at CC Leagues Club, enq 4344 6650.

Third Tuesday of every month

Burrawang Bushland reserve bushcare, Nambucca Dr playground, 9am, enq: 4341 9301

Buffalo Lodge Knights Chp9, 7pm, UCH

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

ACF meeting, 7.30pm, WVEC

Fourth Tuesday of every month

Toastmasters, 7.15pm, EBWMC

Combined Pensioners assoc afternoon tea, enq: 4341 3222, ESCC

Every Tuesday

Living with Teens course 10am runs until 26th August PWHC,

Woy Woy Blood Bank @ Hospital Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy, 1-7pm

Chess Club, 1pm, enq: 4341 8748, EBWMC

Silk craft 10am

Mums & bubs playgroup 1pm

Pastel classes for kids 4pm RBG

Scrabble 9am, Empire Bay Progress Hall, enq: 4369 2034

Free Tax Help by appt; School for Seniors Have a Chat, 10am;

U3A Discussion Groups, 11am; Cards, 1pm-3pm; Over 55s Learn to Play Bridge, 1pm; Stroke Recovery, 2pm; Playgroup, 9am;

Occasional Care, 9am-3pm; The Web, From 2pm;

Dance & Theatre School, 3.45pm; Brophy Circus Academy, beginners 5pm; Kids Belly Dancing, 4.30pm; Physical Culture Ladies, 7.15pm-9pm; Pre/Post Natal Yoga, 9.30am;

Motivation & Empowerment classes, PCC,

Rotary Club of Woy Woy, 6pm, ECC

Handicraft, 9am; Latin Dancing, 9.15am; Cards, 12.30pm ESCC

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

Carpet Bowls; 10am; Card Club 7.15pm; Chess Club, 1pm, EBWMC

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

Folk Art, 9.30am; Silk Dyeing, 1pm, EBACC

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

Sahaja yoga meditation, 10.30am only, enq: 4368 2847, CWA

Playgroup, 10am, Kids 0-5yrs, enq: Juhel 4342 4362, WWPH

Woy Woy Blood Bank, 11.15am to 8.45pm, session time 1pm to 7pm, Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy

Tap Dancing, 6pm, enq: 0438 033 039, EPH

Tai Chi, 9:30 am, enq: 4360 2705, WH

Supported Playgroup for first time and single parents, 12.30pm-2pm, enq: 4340 1111, BFC

WEDNESDAY

First Wednesday of every month

CWA 10am, handicrafts, enq:

4372 2069

Coffee Morning, social get-together, 10am, PWHC

Second Wednesday of every Month

Red Cross, Umina branch meeting, Umina Uniting Church Hall, 1.30pm.

Woy Woy Auxiliary, 10am, enq: 4344 2599

Probus Club Umina Beach, 9.30am, ECC

CWA 10am, handicrafts, enq: 4372 2069

Fourth Wednesday of every month

Woy Woy CWA 10am craft, 1pm business meeting, enq: 4372 2069

CWA

Everglades Probus Club, 10am, ECC, enq: 4341 0664

Drumballa Drum Circle 7.30 RBG

Every Wednesday

Al-anon/Alateen family support group, Uniting Church Hall, Picnic Pde, Ettalong, 7pm.

Woy Woy Women & Children's domestic violence group runs until 24th September PWHC,

St John's Ambulance, 7pm, -St John's Ambulance; Brisbane Water Cadets, 6.30pm-8pm, enq: 0404 748 471 MOW

Craft for love & Garden club 10am RBG

Free Tax Help by appt; Occasional Care, 9am; School for Seniors Oil Painting, 9am-12;

Multicraft Needlework, 10am-12; Playgroup, 10am - 12;

Bridge Club, 9.30am & 7.30pm, The Web, 2pm;

Physical Culture Club, 4pm; Coast Care Counselling; Judo, 5pm; Weight Watchers, 6pm;

Belly Dancing, 7.30pm; Dance & Theatre School, 3.30pm; Motivation & Empowerment classes, PCC

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

Brisbane Waters Scrabble Club, 6pm, enq: 4341 9929,

MOW -Seniors fitness, 9am, enq: 4332 8550, EPH

Oils & Acrylics, 9am; Pastels & Drawing, 11.30am, EBACC

Children's story time, Woy Woy library, 10.30 (Exc Jan)

Alcoholics Anonymous, 12.30pm & 70pm, St John the Baptist Hall, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy

Handicraft, 9am, enq: 4341 1073, CWA

CWA Umina Beach craft day, 9am-12, CWA Hall, Sydney Ave, Umina, enq: 4341 5627

Rotary Club of Umina, 6pm, enq: 4369 2275 ECC

Dance Club, 1pm, EBWMC

Empire Bay Tennis, 9am-12am, Shelley Beach Rd, Empire Bay, enq: 4341 4125

Leatherwork, 9am; Table Tennis, 9am; Bridge, 12.15pm; Scrabble, 12.45pm; Group Fitness, 1pm; Yoga, 2.30pm ESCC

THURSDAY

First Thursday of every month

Brisbane Water Senior Citizens, 1pm, EBWMC

Second Thursday of every month

Women's Health Clinic, enq: 4320 3741, PWHC

Australiana Bus Trips, PCC

Third Thursday of every month

Brisbane Water Senior Citizens, 1pm; EBWMC

Fourth Thursday of every month

Free immunization clinic, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island children 0 - 5 years, 9am BFC

Umina Peninsula Mixed Probus Club, 10am, new members welcome, enq: 4343 1039 ECC

Women's Health Clinic, enq: 4320 3741, Craft and creativity group - women in stiches 1pm PWHC

Women's Friendship Group, women with disabilities, 10am-12pm, St Lukes Church, Woy Woy

Every Thursday

Al-anon/Alateen family support group, Uniting Church Hall, Picnic Pde, Ettalong, 12:30pm

Creative Writing, enq: 4369 1187, CWA

Occasional Care, 9am; Yoga, 10am; School for Seniors, 11.30am & 7.30pm; Bridge, 12pm; The Web, 2pm; Brophy Circus Academy, 4pm; Yoga, 10am; Belly Dancing, 7.30pm; Coast Care Counselling, Dance & Theatre School, 3.30pm; Motivation & Empowerment Classes, PCC

Free entertainment, 6.30 pm; 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

Card Club, 1pm; Chess Club, 7.30pm, EBWMC

Tai Chi 11.30am & 3.45pm; Dancing 9am; Indoor Bowls, 9am; Table Tennis, 1.45pm; Cards noon, ESCC

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

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

Fairhaven Services Cash Housie, Ettalong Bowling Club 7.30pm

Dance, 9am; Cards, 12pm; Tai Chi, 1pm; Table Tennis, 1pm, ESCC

Pilates, 9:30am, enq: 4384 5005; Mah-jong, 2pm, enq: 4360 2178; Yoga, 5:30pm, enq: 4323 1859, WH

FRIDAY

First Friday of every month

Legacy Ladies, 9am, EBWMC

Second Friday of every month

Book Bazaar, book Club, 10:30am, enq.42422482

RSL Sub Branch meeting, 2.30pm, EBWMC

Third Friday of every month

Legacy Ladies, 9am, enq: 4343 3492, EBWMC

Fourth Friday of every month

South Bouddi Peninsula

Community Assoc, 1.30pm, enq: 4360 1002, WH

Civilian widows, 1pm, ESSC

School for Seniors Bushwalking, PCC

Every Friday

Kids entertainment, Yrs 7-12, 7.30pm; Playgroup, 10am, Umina Uniting Church

Bingo, 11.30am, enq:4343 1664, UCH

Lollipop Music Playgroup (0-4 years), enq: 4343 1929, BFC

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

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

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

Watercolour Painting, 10am, EBACC

Painting, 9am; Line Dancing, 9am; Bridge, 12.15pm; Scrabble, 12.45pm 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, enq: 4343 1237

Alcoholics Anonymous, 12.30pm, 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

Occasional Care, 9am; Kindy Gym, 0-3s, 9.15am, 3-5s, 10.20am; Weight Watchers, 9.30am; Smart Recovery, 10am; Samaritans Support Group, 10.30am; Bridge Club, 12pm; The Web, 2pm; Brophy Circus Academy, 5pm; Kempo Karate, 5.30pm; Judo, 7.15pm; Dance & Theatre School 4pm U3A Courses, PCC

Women's walking group, 9am-11am, PWHC

Fishing Club, EBWM

Krait RSL Day Club, 10:30am, Kooinda Village, enq: 4341 8151

Fairhaven Services

Cash Housie, East Gosford Progress Hall, 7.30pm

Old Wags Bridge Club (except 4th Friday of month), 1:30pm, enq: 4360 1820, WH

Friendship for Seniors, Hardys Bay Community Church, 10am-12pm, enq: 4360 1598

SATURDAY

First Saturday of every month

The National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Assoc. meet, 2pm, enq: 4340 4160, EBWMC

Second Saturday of every month

Book Club, 10:30am, enq: Mandy 4342 2482

Alliance Française, French conversation, 11am, enq:0412 252 709

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

What's On in and around the Peninsula

Bushcare group, Pretty Beach, end Araluen Track, 8am
Ex-Navalmen's Assoc, Central Coast Sub-Section, 10am, **WWLC Scrapbooking**, 12pm, enq: 4342 3712, **PCC**

Third Saturday of every month

Umina P&C Bushcare, 9am, Umina Campus of BWSC, Veron Rd, Umina, enq: 4341 9301
Peninsula Residents Association (PRA), 3PM **WVEC Market Day**, 9am, Sydney 2000 Park, **UCH**

Fourth Saturday of every month

Troubadour Acoustic Music Club, 7pm, enq: 4341 406, **CWA Last Saturday every month**

Bushcare Wagstaffe group, meet Half Tide Rocks sign, 8am
Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group, Boronia Ave, Woy Woy 8am

Every Saturday

Vision Impaired Woy Walkers Fisherman's Wharf, Woy Woy, 7.15am, enq: 4325 3686
Chess Club, 1pm, enq: 4341 8748, **EBWMC Children's Pottery**, 9am; **Silvercraft Class**, 1pm **EBACC Weight Watchers**, 8.30am; **Dance & Theatre School**, 9.30am; **Bridge Club**, 12pm; **Soft Stone Sculpture** (monthly); **The Web** 4.30pm-9.30pm; **School for Seniors** social outings arranged throughout year, **PCC Cash Housie**, St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd, Ettalong, 7.30pm
Chess Club, 1pm, **EBWMC 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, enq: 4342 6589, **WVEC Social Dance**, New vogue, old time, \$3 (inc. afternoon tea), 1pm, enq: 4344 3131, **ESCC**

SUNDAY

First Sunday of every month

Umina Boardriders meet at Umina Beach at 7am. All ages, male and female. All experiences welcome

Second Sunday of every month

Ladies Auxiliary of Vietnam Vets, 10 am; **Vietnam Vets**, 11am, **EBWMC**
 Umina P&C **Bushcare**, 9am, enq: 4341 9301, **BWSC**

Third Sunday of every month

Bushcare Group, Tennis Courts, Empire Bay, 9am, enq: 4369 2486
Ettalong Creek Landcare, Ettalong Rd, Umina, 8am, enq: 4342 2251
EBWM Fishing Club competition, Club House in Beach St, Ettalong.
EBWM Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers, Peacemakers meeting, enq: 4344 4760

Fourth Sunday of every month

Old Time/New Vogue Dancing, 1pm-4pm **ESCC**

Last Sunday of every month Alliance Française "La Petanque" (the game of boules), 11am-5pm, enq: 0415 309 074
Lions Club Boot Sale & Mini Market, Rogers Park Woy Woy, enq: 4341 4151

Every Sunday

Fijian Cultural Group, 11am-4pm, **PCC Coast Community Church Services**, 9am & 5pm, enq: 4360 1448
Al-anon/Alateen family support group, Uniting Church Hall, Picnic Pde, Ettalong, 7pm
Patonga Bakehouse Gallery, 11am, enq: 4379 1102

MONDAY

First Monday of every month

RSL Womens' Aux, 9:30am, **EBWMC Endeavour View Club** Luncheon, enq: 4342 1722, **ECC Pretty Beach PS P&C**, Resource Centre, 7:30pm, enq: 4360 1587
Grandparents Parenting Support Group, Web Riley Room, Catholic Church, Woy Woy, enq: 4342 9995
Country Women's Association meeting, 10am, CWA Hall, Umina, enq: 4341 5627

Second Monday of every month

Book Club, 7pm, enq: Mandy 4342 2482
Women 50+ Group Chat, **PWHC RSL Women's Auxiliary**, 9am; **RSL Sub Branch**, 2.30pm; **Card Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association**, 7:30pm, enq: 4360 1546, **WH Killcare Heights Garden Club**, 10:30am, enq: 43601595
Coastal Crones (over 50's), Friendship group **PWHC Labor Party** Umina/Ettalong Branch, 7.30pm, Umina Library Tearooms, Bullion St, Umina, enq: 43417323

Third Monday of every month War Widows, 1pm, 43410286, **EBWMC**

Fourth Monday of every month

Toastmasters Speechcraft Classes, 6pm, **EBWMC Labor Party** Peninsula Day Branch, 1pm, **CWA Carers support group**, Group room, Health Service Building, Woy Woy Hospital, enq: 4344 8427

Last Monday of every Month

WWLT Playreading, Woy Woy PS, 7.30pm, enq: 4341 2931

Every Monday

Kidz Drumming . 4-5pm, Rainbow Gate, 207 West St,
Umina Cash Housie, 7:30pm, enq: 4323 3566, **EMBC Walking with other Mums** enq: Liz Poole 4320 3741
Early Childhood Clinic and Koori Cuppa for Aboriginal families, (0-5 years) inc. immunisation, 9am-10.30am, enq: 4343 1929; **3Cs-Craft, Coffee & Conversation**, 12.30pm, child care avail, enq: 43 431929, **BFC Yoga**, 9.30am, Ph.4360 1854, **WH Mums Meditation** 10am, Drumming classes 4pm **RBG Dancing**, 9am; **Mahjong**, 12.30pm; **Fitness**, 1pm, **ESCC Gym Sessions**, 8am; **Tiny Tots**, 9:15am; **Circuit Boxing** (Women), 9am; **Boxing/fitness training**, 4pm (Junior) & 5pm (Senior), **PCYC Carpet Bowls**, 9am; **Card Club**, 1pm, **EBWMC Fairhaven Cash Housie**, 7.30pm; **Bingo**, 11am, enq: 4323 3566, **EMBC**

Arts and Crafts for people with a disability, 11am, enq: 4341 9333
Patchwork & Quilting, 10am; **Pottery**, 10am & 1pm, **EBACC Children's Story Time**, Woy Woy Library, 10.30am

Occasional Childcare, 9am; **Central Coast Volunteering**, 9am; **Over 55's Gentle Fitness**, 9am; **Supported Playgroup**, 9.30am & 12.30pm; **Yoga**, 10am; **Mad Monday Craft & Cooking**, 11am; **Bridge Club**, 12pm; **Physical Culture Club**, 4pm; **Coast Care Counselling**, 3.45pm; **Dance & Theatre School**, 3.45pm; **Judo**, 5pm; **U3A Courses**, **PCC Craft group**, 1pm, **BFC Fairhaven Services Cash Housie**, 7.30pm, **EMBC Yoga**, 9:30am, enq: 4360 2705, **WH**

Pilates, (except 2nd Monday of month) 6pm-7pm & 7pm-8pm, **WH Tai Chi**, Empire Bay Progress Hall, 9:30am, enq: Clare 4369 1075
Sea scouts, 6pm, Nth Burge Rd, Woy Woy, enq: 0437 590 354
Girl Guides, 4pm, Cnr of Lurline & Memorial Ave, Blackwall, enq: 4328 3247

Indian Dancing for Kids, 3.30pm, enq: 4342 4395, **WVEC**

Dawn service

The Woy Woy-Ettalong-Hardy's Bay RSL sub-Branch will hold its regular Anzac Day dawn service and march in Woy Woy on April 25.

The dawn service will be held at 5.30am at the Woy Woy Memorial Park.

The march will set off at 10am from the supermarket carpark, outside Deepwater Plaza, Woy

Woy.

The march will head through George St, Victoria Rd, Blackwall Rd and Brickwharf Rd before ending at the memorial park.

Another service will be held at the Woy Woy Memorial Park from 10.30am.

Letter, 3 Mar 2009

Woy Woy-Ettalong-Hardy's Bay RSL sub-Branch

Anzac service at Empire Bay

The Empire Bay community will conduct an Anzac Day Service at the Cenotaph near the waterfront on April 25, from 11am.

Empire Bay Anzac Committee member Mr Geoff Melville said last year's service saw overwhelming participation from the community.

"The service is conducted annually and last year attracted around 500 people with over 20

wreaths laid by ex-Serviceman, and children representing their fathers and grandfathers and wearing their medals," Mr Melville said.

"Anzac Day is a very important event in our calendar.

"Recently we won a Federal grant to have the cenotaph restored and we have pleasure in continuing to unite to commemorate this special day."

Press release, 13 Mar 2009
 Geoff Melville, Empire Bay

Plaque to be refurbished

The Pearl Beach Progress Association will receive \$1091 to help refurbish the Second World War and Korean War plaque on the Pearl Beach War Memorial.

"As we prepare to commemorate Anzac Day, I am pleased to announce funding for a range of projects including wartime exhibitions, restoring and upgrading memorials and cenotaphs and publishing previously untold unit histories," Minister for Veterans' Affairs Mr Alan Griffin said.

"In particular, this funding will help regional and rural communities across Australia maintain their memorials, as those memorials play a central role in honouring locals who have served the nation."

The association is one of more than 170 organisations nationally to

receive a financial boost as part of the Federal Government's Saluting Their Service grants program.

Press release, 25 Mar 2009
 Alan Griffin, Minister for Veterans' Affairs

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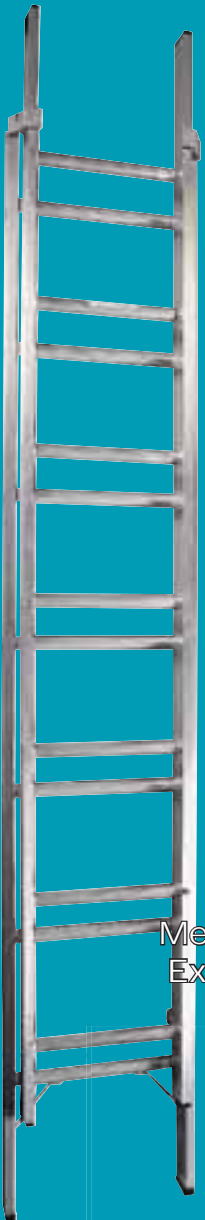
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