

Property market unaffected by sea level report - agent predicts

Real estate prices are unlikely to be affected by Gosford Council's release of its 90-year projection of sea level rise, according to a local real estate agent.

Gosford Council will release maps on Wednesday showing a 91cm sea level rise by the end of the century – in line with CSIRO figures and a policy adopted by the Department of Environment and Climate Change.

The maps are expected to show that a large area of Woy Woy would be affected by such a sea level rise.

However, real estate agent Mr Greg McMullen, who is vice-president of The Bays Community Group, said "the climate change issue" did not seem to have any impact on waterfront property prices as yet.

"I think potential buyers and property owners are thinking significant rises in sea levels are a long way off to worry about.

"Other impacts such as the global financial crisis seem to be affecting sales more than anything at the moment."

Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein said it was important for the community not to panic when discussing the issues and affects associated with climate change and sea level rises.

"We want the community to be aware of the current information council has on hand from the experts into the future of the area," Cr Holstein said.

In releasing the maps, Gosford Council will not be proposing specific "management options".

Instead, it will seek comments and suggestions from the public before developing adaptive strategies.

Council's manager of integrated planning Mr Eddie Love said the public exhibition was the first stage for council to prepare for the possible effects of climate change including sea level rises.

"Council felt it was important to include the public with this issue right from the start which is why we have decided to hold the exhibition," Mr Love said.

"Community consultation and submissions will be sought throughout the exhibition.

"The exhibition also allows us to share information to the community and let them know where we are at in terms of the climate change issue.

"By sharing this information and identifying areas that are potentially vulnerable, we are able to work together with the community to respond and adapt to the effects of sea level rise."

Mr Love said low lying and waterfront properties found on the Peninsula at Woy Woy and Empire Bay as well as Saratoga and Davistown would most likely be affected by changes in sea level over the coming century."

"The information we have obtained indicates low-lying and areas already prone to flooding may be affected," Mr Love said.

Clare Graham, 7 Aug 2009

Interviewee: Eddie Love,

Gosford Council

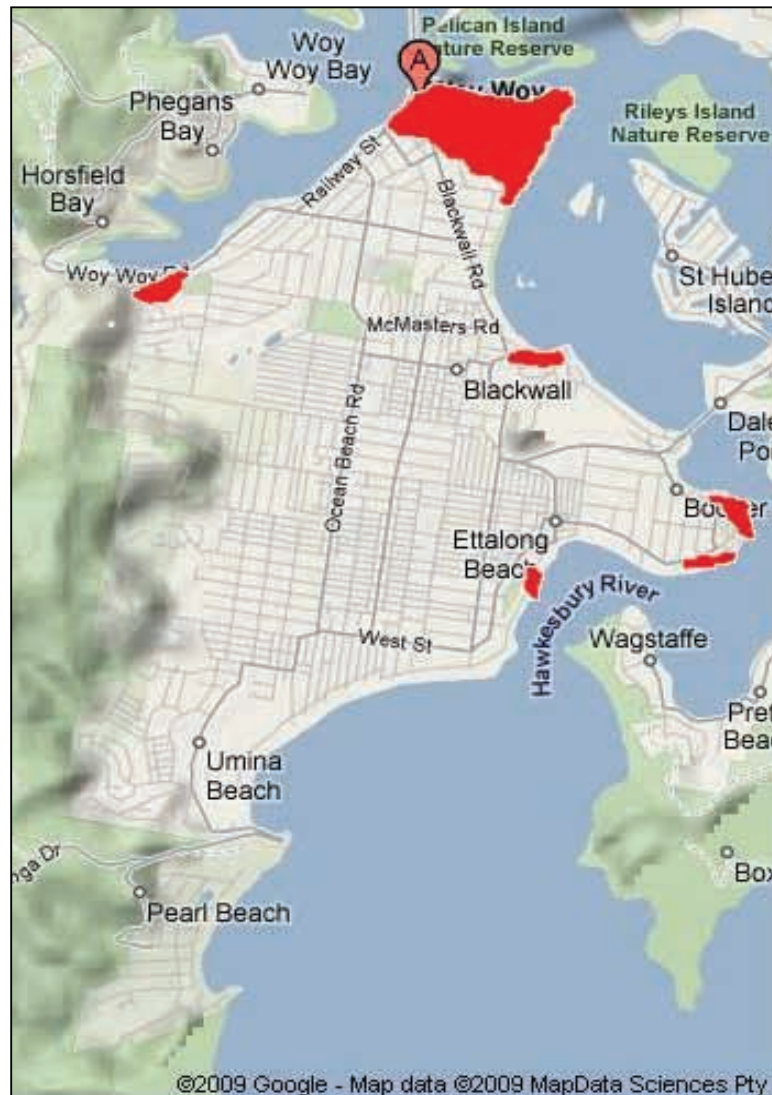
Cr Chris Holstein,

Gosford Council

Greg McMullen, Greg

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Low-lying areas of the Peninsula - based on Gosford Council's Digital Elevation Model map published in the Department of Planning's "high resolution terrain mapping" final project report May 2008.

Speed limit to stay on Woy Woy Rd

A 60km/h speed limit will continue to be enforced along a two-kilometre stretch of Woy Woy Rd despite road works not being planned until later this year.

According to Gosford Council's director of city services Mr Stephen

Glen, the reduced speed limit at the area will ensure the safety of drivers and pedestrians until the project is completed.

Mr Glen said the stretch of road near the Kariong scout camp was a known "black spot" area and had received State Government funding to make the area safer for

motorists.

He said planning surveys had recently been undertaken in the area in order to plan for the next stage of the process.

"Road work signs will soon be removed from the area however the 60 km/h speed limit will still be enforced," Mr Glen said.

"This will ensure the safety of motorists in the area until work has been completed.

"We expect work to commence later this year, if not early next year."

Funding of \$450,000 was approved earlier this year under the State Government's Ongoing

Black Spot Project Program.

Work will include the resealing of poor road surface in the area, adjustment and extension to guard fences and improved signage.

Clare Graham, 6 Aug 2009

Interviewee: Stephen

Glen, Gosford Council

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The Crossroads Festival is a

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Artists include Charmian Gadd and friends, the Orava Quartet, cellist Chris Pidcock, pianist Jeanell Carrigan and the Wilhelm Quartet from London.

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Entries close August 21.

Clare Graham, 5 Aug 2009

Council works

Gosford Council will undertake several project works locally from August 10 to 16.

A retaining wall will be constructed at Orange Grove Rd, Blackwall, while a watermain renewal will be undertaken at Echuca Rd in Empire Bay.

Council will establish a site

for the construction of a new playground at Nambucca Dr, South Woy Woy.

A site will also be established at Pearl Beach Dr, Pearl Beach, to construct drainage lines across the road.

Press release, 6 Aug 2009
Lisa Beeke, Gosford Council

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Dry period recorded

No rainfall was recorded on the Peninsula in the first week of August, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The figures show 11 consecutive days without rain from July 28, the longest dry period since a 12-day stretch which ended in the first week of March this year.

Rainfall for July was just over half its monthly average, with only 50.6mm falling compared to a monthly average of 97.6.

However, rainfall for the year to date remained above average.

The figure was 916.8mm at the end of July, which was 91.4mm or 10 per cent above the average figure of 825.4mm.

Spreadsheet, 7 Aug 2009
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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Dredging expected by December

The dredging of Ettalong channel is expected to be completed by the start of the boating season, according to Gosford Council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen.

Cr Peter Freewater asked a question without notice on the progress of the dredging at council's meeting on July 28.

"Four weeks ago council resolved to match funding with the State Government and expedite the dredging of the Brisbane Water entrance channel as a matter of urgency," Cr Freewater said.

"Given that a dredging plan and an REF have been finalised and that we have a licence to undertake the work, what has council done in the last four weeks to expedite the dredging as a matter of urgency and will the dredging be completed before the beginning of the summer boating season 2009?"

Mr Glen said council was doing

all that it could to have the dredging works completed by December.

"Council staff have met with the Department of Lands and we have reviewed the actual dredging site as well as the information that has come before us," Mr Glen said.

"We have also, as a matter of urgency, asked NSW Maritime to undertake a survey of the entrance to the estuary.

"That survey will be undertaken during August.

"At that point, once we get that information from the survey, we will be meeting with the Department of Lands and Cardno again.

"Department of Lands are reviewing the contract documentation.

"We are doing all that we can to have the dredging done by the commencement of the boating season.

"We are aiming for completion by December 2009, at this stage."

Clare Graham, 28 Jul 2009



Ocean Beach proposed for lifesaving champs

Ocean Beach and Umina Beach are being proposed as the venue for the State's lifesaving championships in 2012.

Gosford Council has resolved to submit an expression of interest submission in partnership with Wyong Shire Council to host the event as one of three consecutive NSW Surf Life Saving Championships to be held on the Coast.

They are proposing that the 2011 championships be held at Shelly Beach and North Entrance Beach in Wyong Shire.

The councils would seek to host the 2013 championships based on the success of the previous two events.

According to a council report, Ocean Beach and Umina Beach have been identified as "the most suitable" location for the event in the Gosford Local Government Area while Shelly Beach and North

Entrance Beach were suggested as possible locations in Wyong Shire.

Council also resolved to outline the funding split between Gosford and Wyong councils and options to fund the hosting fee of \$60,000 in a report if its submission proved successful.

"The NSW Surf Life Saving Championships is a major event which attracts large numbers of competitors and supporters to the local area," the council report stated.

"The economic gain to the local community from hosting the event is estimated to be a minimum of \$18 million based on statistics from Tourism Australia.

"It is recommended that council apply to host the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships in partnership with Wyong Shire Council and Surf Life Saving Central Coast."

Council met with Wyong Shire Council, Surf Life Saving NSW

and Surf Life Saving Central Coast officers on July 7, to discuss the proposed expression of interest to host the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships

"Based on these discussions, it is proposed to host the 2011 Championships in Wyong Shire and 2012 Championships in the Gosford Local Government Area," the report stated.

"The 2013 championships are only listed as a third year option based on the success of the previous two years.

"If successful in gaining the 2011 and 2012 championships and the third year option was offered, a report would be prepared for council consideration in 2012 detailing the SLSNSW preferred location for 2013 and the associated costs."

According to figures from last year's championships held at Blacksmiths Beach, the event attracted more than 12,000 visitors to the area each day.

Council agenda CIT. 37, 4 Aug 2009

Picnic in the park

The Peninsula Environment Group will hold its next monthly Picnic in the Park event on Sunday, August 16.

The event will take place from 11am to 2.30pm at Lions Park, Woy Woy, at the end of Brick Wharf Rd.

Group publicity officer Ms Zainem Ibrahim said the event was a great way to meet local eco-

minded people, while enjoying a relaxed and child-friendly afternoon at the park.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own picnic lunch.

See the Peninsula Environment Group website for more details at www.peg.org.au.

Press release, 1 Aug 2009

Zainem Ibrahim, Peninsula Environment Group

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Prospect of a plebiscite

Surely, there is a lot more on the public agenda than the Global Financial Crisis and the still-inconclusive climate change debate?

The continued health governance problems may finally bring Australia back to earth.

The federal-state ramifications already beg the question: Is the piecemeal tinkering dressed up as "cooperative federalism" providing a solution at all?

The Republic issue has thankfully been raised again by Bob Brown in the form of a plebiscite bill, resulting in a completed Senate Inquiry.

Could we all hear when his Bill is going to be presented now and in what form?

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The next election would be an obvious opportunity but hopefully more questions are going to be put to the voters than just the one.

The general strategy to involve the public meaningfully

and increase the chances of successful referendums should be to offer multiple questions in non-binding, advisory plebiscites, then formulate the appropriate referendum questions based on the responses.

This common sense approach, amazingly, has hardly been used in Australia.

The health governance solution could be the first such plebiscite, even combined with the several Republic questions before the election.

Asking the public's opinions and acting on their advice is all about democracy.

We don't need more reports and delays.

Klaas Woldring,
Pearl Beach

Blast from the past

As someone who left Woy Woy a long time ago, and has only just returned as part of a change of territory, it was a blast from the past to read Fred Landman's report on the debut ball and his comments on HC Margins.

I remember very well as I lived across the road from their shop with my grandparents.

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I can remember being trained by Kevin Hartas and Pat Minns in the distant past to partner debs in their coming out and also for medals and for the then Gosford Musical Society.

They were days I will never forget as the comradeship between all the people learning to dance

was one that I think is lost in the young these days.

As I only picked up the paper today when I called at one of my new accounts, I will be going through the back copies to catch up on past events.

Keep up the great work.

Peter Sullivan,
Woy Woy

Water shutdown trials conducted

Gosford Council conducted trial valve shut downs of the water supply system in Umina and Woy Woy between July 29 and August 6.

The work was part of council's drinking water quality management program Water Quality 2010.

Umina residents living in Farleigh Ave, Pioneer Rd and Rosewood Dr

were affected following the first day of works.

Crews then moved south toward Cowper Rd, Umina Beach, along the western side of Ocean Beach Rd between July 30 and August 4.

Council also completed trial shutdowns in the area west of Blackwall Rd bounded by Terry Ave, Victoria Pde and Green St,

Woy Woy, on August 5.

Further shutdowns were trialled in the area bounded by Hillview St, Nambucca Dr, Shoalhaven Dr and Dulkara Rd, south Woy Woy on August 6.

Local water mains were also flushed after each interruption to remove discolouring from the system.

In addition, the trial shutdowns will be followed by a program of hydrant replacement to further reduce discoloured water incidence in the area.

Press release, 28 Jul 2009
Meagan Morrison, Gosford Council

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Contact wanted

Peninsula News has received an anonymous letter reporting to be a Peninsula resident in response to a Forum letter on July 13 by Umina resident Ms Zoe Russell about the Ettalong Beach foreshore.

Due to legal requirements, Peninsula News cannot publish the letter until we are able to establish the identity of the writer.

Peninsula News was established to provide information and a medium for the expression of a diversity of views about topical local issues, whether or not those views happen to align with the views of management, staff or other contributors to the newspaper.

We ask the author of this letter to contact Peninsula News to discuss opportunities for his/her views to be published.

Clare Graham, 6 Aug 2009

Thanks for the website

I just wanted to give you some positive feedback in regard to your website and the service you provide.

As an ex-resident and current property owner in Umina Beach, who is now living in Los Angeles, California, it's nice to be able to

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keep up with some local news affecting "home".

Keep up the good work.

Darren Goble,
LA, California

Lost cause?

Unfortunately, Klaas Woldring is pushing a barrow without wheels in regard to electoral reform.

The reason: the only electoral reform the major political parties are interested in is to cement them in power, so they can enjoy the perks of office (luxury trips overseas etc) and look after their mates, both large and small.

The real spanner in the works is that the majority of the voters are

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welded onto the two major parties.

There are signs of improvement, particularly in the bush and on local councils, but again these places are easily stepped on by the big boys.

Still, as the poet said, the only causes worth fighting for are lost causes.

Keith Whitfield,
Woy Woy

Planning a retreat

Much data has already been produced over the last decade on scientific evidence of environmental changes starting to occur on this planet.

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Humans develop fixed ideas on

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how things should be, and resist and object to change.

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Zoe Russell,
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Members of the Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance attend a public meeting in Woy Woy on August 1 (photo courtesy of Edward James)

Alliance asks Minister for review

The Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance has written to the Minister for Health Mr John Della Bosca urging him to review the decision to relocate the Woy Woy Hospital Rehabilitation Ward to Wyong late last year.

The letter, written by group liaison officer Mr Ivan Kinny, was tabled at the alliance's meeting on August 1.

According to Mr Kinny, the letter was enthusiastically endorsed by more than 40 Peninsula supporters at the meeting.

"The Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance is now firmly established and is receiving widespread community support," Mr Kinny said.

"It aims to secure the hospital's future as a publicly owned facility with expanded services, including the re-establishment of the rehabilitation centre which the health department closed last year.

"That downgrading of the hospital was done without community consultation and is totally at variance with the State Government's policy of increasing the population of this area."

Mr Kinny said the alliance's new motto, the latin phrase "semper vivens, semper agens" meaning "always alive, always successful", encapsulated the group's passion and drive to see Woy Woy Hospital remain a public facility for the

community.

He said the letter written to Mr Della Bosca raised a number of "vital issues" that were at stake if the hospital were to go private or become downgraded.

"The fact that this greatly valued local health facility has been visited by representatives of the Brisbane Waters Private Hospital and also that its rehabilitation centre has been closed, casts a shadow over its future," Mr Kinny said.

"A local public hospital has been downgraded in an area of growing demographic need for its expansion rather than its diminution.

"To add insult to injury, the closure of the unit has led to great public indignation and distress because the beds removed had been initially provided by local public subscription.

"There are people here who helped to buy them.

"The action to close the rehabilitation centre was taken without public consultation, and no convincing reason has been given for it.

"There is no credible reason why a rehabilitation centre should be a physical part of an acute hospital.

"Gosford Hospital does not have one, and now Woy Woy is unable to serve it as it has done for the past 30 years."

Mr Kinny said he questioned the recommendation of clinicians to close the rehabilitation centre and called on Mr Della Bosca to name and disclose how the clinicians

were consulted in the first place.

"I would be pleased if the Minister would let us know the status of these advisors," Mr Kinny said.

"Who were they and how were they consulted?

"Did any of them have a personal interest with the sale of Woy Woy Hospital, or any part of it, to the private sector?

"If so, serious questions would need to be raised."

According to Mr Kinny, if the Peninsula were to lose its public hospital, a rapidly increasing number of elderly residents would be unable to afford medical treatment in their local area and to the "detriment of their health and wellbeing".

"The general manager of Central Coast Health Mr Hanrahan has told us that the sale of Woy Woy Public Hospital is not on the Government's agenda," Mr Kinny said.

"These are evasive words and give no assurance whatsoever.

"The Minister's assurance would be more convincing."

Mr Kinny said a petition containing more than 3000 signatures in support of the Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance was expected to be presented by Member for Terrigal Mr Chris Hartcher to State Parliament in the near future.

Letter, 28 Jul 2009

Ivan Kinny, Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance

Chamber backs quick approvals

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has expressed its support for the new 10-day planning approval system for businesses in NSW that will reduce planning red tape and potentially save businesses thousands of dollars.

According to chamber president Mr Matthew Wales, business owners are currently required to lodge a development application with local councils when moving into or renovating a new shop for simple changes like shelving and signage.

"Under the new NSW Commercial and Industrial Code announced by Planning Minister Kristina Keneally, business owners will be able to use a 10-day 'checklist style' approval instead of having to lodge a development

application which takes an average of 28 days to gain approval," Mr Wales said.

"This is a practical way of helping existing small businesses update their premises and for new small businesses to get going and open their front doors.

"In an environment where we are fighting for jobs, this is a step in the right direction."

Mr Wales said the new code would remove an "unnecessary hurdle" from small business.

"It has never made sense for business owners who want to do small cosmetic changes to a shop front to have to be bogged down in planning red tape and the costs associated with getting council approvals," Mr Wales said.

Press release, 5 Aug 2009
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Church service with Latino theme

A service and festival with a Latin American theme will be held at the Good News Church in Umina on Sunday, September 20.

Umina Pastor Sam Collins said the event would be a celebration of all things Latin American.

"On the night there will be South American music and Mexican food," Mr Collins said.

"Good News Church will be

looking forward to connecting with the Latin American community on the Peninsula.

"The service will be bi-lingual (Spanish) so all people are welcome to attend from 6pm."

For more information, contact Pastor Sam Collins from the Good News Church, Umina, on 4344 3000.

Press release, 5 Aug 2009
Vivian Muraahi, Good News Church



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New phase to oyster lease clean-up

Stage three of the clean-up and removal of debris from abandoned oyster leases in Hardy's Bay is expected to resume in October.

Hardy's Bay Residents Group publicity officer Mr Allan Wilson said the cleaning was expected to get underway in early October when more favourable weather and lower tides would be more conducive to the debris removal.

He said the project to restore and remove abandoned oyster leases along Hardy's Bay foreshore would not have been possible without the campaigning of local residents.

"The long history of the campaign stretches back to mid-2004 when its pioneers Hardy's Bay Residents Group members Kay and Terry Feltham pursued the early negotiations in obtaining official removal permits to dismantle the derelict leases which had been abandoned in earlier times by disenchanted oyster farmers," Mr Wilson said.

"This approach eventually paid off when the Department of Fisheries and Gosford Council agreed to give the project the green light."

Mr Wilson said the first stage of the project involved the removal of roofing tiles, rocks and concrete from the northern side of the extension wharf in Hardy's Bay Parade.



Oyster lease campaigners Terry and Kay Feltham

"At the front line of operations were Kay and Terry who directed the arduous assignment in conjunction with other volunteers," Mr Wilson said.

"Many tonnes of waste materials were removed throughout the activities by the willing workers, all of whom had the singular purpose in mind, namely, of helping to restore the bay and the foreshore to its old charms and justifying its claims as offering one of the most picturesque outlooks in the Brisbane Water network."

"Kay and Terry's initiative in originally launching the project was openly praised for a number of reasons, not the least being a desire of its negotiators to see the foreshore returned to its natural state and, in turn, to protect seagrass beds and provide habitat for small marine life."

"This groundwork was duly recognised by the authorities and became the forerunner to a decision by the State Government to provide a generous financial grant."

"This then enabled the Hardy's Bay Residents Group to plan and develop a more sophisticated system in transferring the left-over piles of roofing tiles, concrete slabs, rocks and other unsightly substances from bayside to shore where they were employed for council roadworks purposes."

Following the completion of stage one and two of the project, Mr Wilson said there has been an overwhelming positive feedback from the community as it sees the foreshore area returning to its natural state.

**Press release, 5 Aug 2009
Allan Wilson, Hardy's Bay Residents Group**

Fire destroys Woy Woy Bay home

Investigations are continuing into the cause of a fire that destroyed the home of a Woy Woy Bay family on July 26.

Gosford Police Inspector Nigel Webber said it would not be known when a cause would be determined by investigators.

He said arson had not been ruled out as a possible cause for the fire which caused "extensive damage" to the Taylor St home.

"Police were called at around 2.50am on July 26, after neighbours reported a fire at the front of the home," Inspector Webber said.

"Neighbours attempted to extinguish the blaze with a garden hose but the fire was too large to contain."

"Fire crew from the NSW Fire Brigade and NSW Rural Fire Service arrived a short time later to

control the house fire.

"Luckily no persons were inside the home at the time of the fire."

According to Inspector Webber, the fire is believed to have started at a front timber decking near a dumpster at the front of the house.

Inspector Webber said police evacuated neighbouring homes to ensure the safety of residents while fire fighters spent the next two hours extinguishing the blaze of the two-storey house.

It is believed fire crews from Umina, Kariong, Terrigal and Gosford attended the scene.

The family of five were also believed to be away at the time of the fire while renovations were carried out on the four-bedroom home.

**Clare Graham, 7 Aug 2009
Interviewee: Inspector Nigel Webber, Gosford Police**

Kiosk volunteers wanted

The Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary is looking for volunteers to help out in the Woy Woy Hospital Kiosk.

Public relations officer Ms Pat Harding said volunteering was a great way for local residents to give something back to the community and get involved in raising funds for the hospital.

Ms Harding said volunteers were important in raising funds to

purchase equipment for Woy Woy Hospital.

The kiosk is open weekdays from 10am to 2pm and volunteers are required between 9am and 2pm for one day per month or per week.

For more information, contact Pat Harding on 4341 3866.

**Press release, 6 Aug 2009
Pat Harding, Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary**

WTF Council?

Evidence of 25 years of neglect

Mooney Mooney Creek,
Peats Ridge Road
Gosford NSW

Survey peg
indicating
depth of
concrete

G'day readers

These photos are just some late night photos of a Culvert beneath Peats Ridge Road. I took them on the June 10, 2009.

As Stephen Glen, Director of City Services, has said "The council inspects all its roads and structures every six months" readers this raises a question about what Gosford City Council led the coroner to believe about the councils knowledge of steel pipes and protective concrete linings.

I believe Gosford City Council had prior knowledge of how to use concrete to protect the structural integrity of galvanised and fabricated corrugated steel pipes like these in the photos I have attached.

These photos are evidence Gosford City Council had prior experience in the application of concrete to protect steel culverts from the aggressive environments of the Mooney Mooney catchment areas.

Was Coroner Mahoney misled by the evidence considered when assisted the Crown QC Menzies and police investigators?

I am concerned that the inquiry only considered what was acceptable. The truth took a holiday. But it has not gone away.

Edward James 02 4341 9140 PO Box 3024, Umina Beach NSW 2257

"Don't let the bastards get away with it."



A very ill Phil James and Edward James being 'misunderstood' by our elected representatives outside of Parliament House, Sydney

John Della Bosca is not NSW Premier material! Not as long as Gosford City Council remains in place!

As Health Minister, you have been party to the removal of our very important public amenity, the Woy Woy Public Hospital rehabilitation ward. As Minister for the Central Coast, you have ignored nine years of my published allegations outside your place of business, our State Parliament, the oldest parliament in this country, in print and in the electronic media. My father, until his death, and I, still remain victims of Gosford City Council!

For those who have pointed it out, the slouch hat is on backwards as a sign of distress!

Gosford City Council is being accommodated in its abuse of due process by every card carrying politician who has ignored the facts for almost ten years.

In fact, many politicians have actively impugned my Sisyphean attempts to defend our entitlements.

Whenever you see politicians, remember they are part of a system which has accommodated the undesirable actions of Gosford City Council in its very public abuse of due process.

This is a political issue first, because most of the main players are politicians, past and present. They will all eventually understand what some have already found out, that you can't standover and bully all of the people all of the time.

Louis Phillip Verdun JAMES fought in six of the seven theatres of war during WW2 and after he returned to Australia, attended every Dawn Service until his death.

I have no doubt that in his last years, he relied heavily on me Edward James, to act on his behalf in matters he could no longer manage.

My father, like so many who will attend the next dawn service, was a fighter till the very end of his life.

He believed in Australia and he trusted our elected representatives to act in the best interest of all of us equally.

I have grown tired of being told by politicians and citizens that they have no idea what I have been on about for almost ten years.

Here I will do what people tell me I have failed to do, explain what I am on about.

I tried to get my father his entitlements, those same entitlements due to everyone who draws breath beneath the stars of the Southern Cross.

The children and grand children of those who died and those who came back, are all entitled to benefit from the guidance which flows down from what some may identify as the birth certificate of our nation - Our Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 1901.

Phil James was bullied by Gosford City Council and his elected representatives on that council have accommodated that abuse by doing nothing.

He was told in writing, with absolutely no justification, that he would be fined well over a hundred thousand dollars for operating a building supply business without council approval.

This is total garbage. My father had a factory where he designed and manufactured TV antennas above the Umina Charcoal Chicken Shop.

I came home one day to find a Mr J Scorgy, a council officer, intent on getting a very old, infirm and bed ridden, war veteran to formally apply for a change of use on his property.

He was being pressured, for no reason which was apparent at the time.

But reading the law and understanding unfolding events made it apparent that his residential house with its existing use rights prevented the aspirational desires of the owners of neighbouring properties to the north of my father's holdings in West Street.

A residential house has entitlements to sunlight and quiet enjoyment which don't attach to commercial property.

The Development application 11923/2001 work product of Mr. David Kettle and Mr. Ian Burl for Wardend Developments made it clear that the existence of our residential house was a problem.

When it was put out for public consideration, the plan overview made no indication of a residential house.

The plan was deceiving anyone looking at it for guidance in their deliberations.

There is no reference to the 1400 square foot three bedroom, residential house on the plans which council accepted and the accompanying statement of environmental effects (in entry 14) informed the readers, there is no need to provide a shadow diagram because no shade will fall on any residential amenity.

Because I complained about the misleading information to everyone concerned and published

my complaints, there can be no doubt the application was intentionally misleading.

What is hard to understand is, it is an offence against the regulation of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act to submit to a consent authority (Gosford City Council) a development application which is misleading in no small way.

The fact that council management, assessment team four, councillors, State Ministers and many others choose to ignore the lies and cover-ups and sometimes refuse to address matters in an honest way brings the whole process and every politician connected to it into disrepute.

There are those who believe this is a matter for the courts, that may be the avenue for many, but the fact is this maladministration is a political issue because the political parties are directly tied to the inaction of our elected representatives.

No greater example of this in recent times is the Piles Creek tragedy where our community lost five of our number because no one was prepared to put up a road closed sign when the road pavement and culvert was inspected by an identified council employee on the 7th of May, 2007.

What I tried to do first for my father and then, after he died, for the wider community in the fight to have our rehabilitation beds returned to Woy Woy Public Hospital was to insist on the respect our elected representatives owe to all of us.

If I had done a better job perhaps, the council responsible for the deaths in Piles Creek would have been long gone.

In every election we give our votes in trust, only to have that trust betrayed.

The dying words of my father Louis Phillip Verdun JAMES were, **"Don't let the bastards get away with it."**

Links to my web site and some information on Piles Creek and Woy Woy rehab

<http://gosfordcouncil.tripod.com/>
<http://www.woywoypublichospitalalliance.org/>

News

Trust starts energy initiative

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust has set a goal to increase both its members' energy efficiency and the energy consumed from renewable resources by 50 per cent before the year 2020.

The "50:50 by 2020" is an environmental initiative first adopted by Bega Shire Council to combat the effects of climate change.

Trust president Mr David Legge said the community members of the trust agreed that the 50:50 by 2020 project would be a very worthwhile cause to get involved in.

He said the program aimed to help and encourage trust members

to change their energy use and work as a group with other community and government bodies to support larger environmental projects.

"To measure an improvement in efficiency we must have an idea of our starting point," Mr Legge said.

"All members are encouraged to participate by doing a basic audit of their household energy use.

"This simply involves recording basic information from your electricity and gas bills on the form enclosed our newsletter."

Mr Legge said members were also given suggestions of ways to reduce energy in their homes.

Newsletter, 6 Aug 2009
David Legge, Killcare Wagstaffe Trust



Council to look at dune erosion

A fortnightly program to monitor sand dune erosion at Umina Beach has been undertaken by Gosford Council.

Following a question without notice from Cr Terri Latella at council's meeting on May 26, council agreed to put in place a regular monitoring program of the area.

Cr Latella originally requested council monitor the beach front on a weekly basis but due to constraints on staff resources, agreed to a fortnightly schedule.

"Recent climatic patterns have resulted in erosion at several beaches within the Gosford LGA, including Umina Beach," council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen said.

"Beach erosion has also been reported at Pearl Beach,

MacMasters Beach, Copacabana Beach, Terrigal Beach and Wamberal Beach.

"Council staff have committed many hours investigating and responding to these reports.

"Given the overall situation of beach erosion and the resources required to investigate each report, a weekly monitoring program at Umina Beach is considered not to be achievable within current staff resources.

"For this reason, it is proposed that a fortnightly program be initiated to monitor erosion at Umina Beach."

Mr Glen said monitoring would be undertaken at the end of Barrenjoey Rd, Umina, from June and run through until December.

"Monitoring will be undertaken through the establishment of fixed points along the foredune that can

be utilised as reference points to measure changes to the position of the foredune erosion zone or 'drop-off point'," Mr Glen said.

"These fixed points will also allow for the establishment of photographic monitoring points that will enable visual comparisons of any changes to the position of the erosion zone to be made over the monitoring period.

"These monitoring techniques will only give an approximation in quantifying changes to the foredune at Umina Beach.

"Measurements of a more accurate nature would require a formal land survey."

According to Mr Glen, upon completion of the six-month monitoring period a report will be brought to council on dune stability at Umina Beach.

Council agenda COR.85, 28 Jul 2009

Businesses mount event

Two new businesses in Woy Woy are working together to bring "fashion with taste" to the Peninsula.

Coffee at 115 and Runway Fashion in Blackwall Rd will each showcase their newest products and services by putting on a fashion parade on August 21, from 10am.

"The corner of Blackwall Rd and Victoria St, Woy Woy, is now buzzing with the addition of two new shops," coffee shop owner Ms Gwen Cheverall said.

"Both shops are thrilled to provide new patrons and clients

with a fashion parade of new stock at Runway Fashion while enjoying coffee and cake with us.

"Amy from Runway Fashion will be releasing her new spring range, catering for sizes six to 24 for all ages, which is fantastic to see since there can be limited retail outlets for Peninsula residents.

"As seats are limited it's a great idea pre-purchase your tickets at \$5 per person from either shop."

For more information phone Coffee at 115 on 4344 4008 or Runway Fashion on 4341 7558.

Clare Graham, 7 Aug 2009
Interviewee: Gwen Cheverall, Coffee at 115 Woy Woy

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Sea level exhibition opens Wednesday

An exhibition featuring Gosford Council's estimation of the effects of projected sea level rises, of up to 91cm over the next 90 years, will be open for public viewing from Wednesday, August 12.

The exhibition will feature maps of the effects of sea level rise, which will also be available on the council's website.

The exhibition will be staged at Woy Woy library, and other regional libraries, and is based on information from international, Federal and State authorities about the possible impacts of sea level rise on the local region over the next century.

According to council's environmental education officer Ms Maree Whelan, the Future Planning for Sea Level Rise exhibition will feature proactive strategies and

advice on broader climate change issues that community members can use to reduce their individual impact.

"In addition to presenting the possible impacts of sea level rise and climate change, the exhibition will offer residents information about the current energy efficient rebates, green power and provide hints and tips on how to save energy around their homes," Ms Whelan said.

"There are small changes we can all make in our homes right now that can make a big difference to the future impacts of climate change."

Council is inviting community members to make formal submissions in response to the exhibition up until September 18.

Press release, 3 Aug 2009
Alison Hood, Gosford Council



Based on best advice

Gosford Council's projection of sea level rise and its local effects over the next century has been based on information from international, Federal and State authorities, according to the council's manager of integrated planning Mr Eddie Love.

"We were guided by the State Government's draft policy statement in determining our 100-year time period,"

"Using this guidance we

preferred to go with the long term of 100 years rather than a shorter term period.

"We are expecting the rise in sea levels to be a very slow and gradual process therefore using the 100 year time period we could determine the full affect.

"We are trying to be as adaptive and resilient for the long term future of the area and not about the here and now.

"We could assume the sea will rise one cm per year but the likelihood of it actually happening that way is not certain."

He said council was not legally required to publicise the issue of sea level rises in the area but saw it as a "duty of care" to involve the community from the very start.

"Following the exhibition process a report will be brought back to council," Mr Love said.

"From there an outcome will be determined and council can look at developing management options to address the issues raised from the exhibition."

Clare Graham, 7 Aug 2009
Interviewee: Eddie Love,
Gosford Council

Don't panic, says mayor

Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein said it was important for the community not to panic when discussing the issues and affects associated with climate change and sea level rises.

"We want the community to be aware of the current information council has on hand from the experts into the future of the area," Cr Holstein said.

"We cannot afford to bury our heads in the sand and ignore the issue.

"That is why council is taking a proactive approach to the issue and coming up with some long-term options.

"Climate change and the affects of sea level rises may or may not happen.

"But it's council's duty of care to monitor the situation and continue to educate the community in what information is brought to us.

"By planning for the future, we can position the Central Coast as an attractive area for long-term investment, by responding and adapting to changes in our surrounding environment."

Meanwhile Peninsula real estate agent Mr Greg McMullen said "the

climate change issue" did not seem to have any impact on waterfront property prices as yet.

"We still seem to be getting a lot of enquiries and interest in waterfront properties on the Peninsula," Mr McMullen said.

"I think potential buyers and property owners are thinking significant rises in sea levels are a long way off to worry about.

"Other impacts such as the global financial crisis seem to be affecting sales more than anything at the moment.

"However, there are a lot of sceptics out there who believe it will happen quicker than expected."

Mr McMullen said he believed council was showing good initiative in declaring to the public exactly where they stand with the issue and how they will be addressing the problem.

He said waterfront properties such as those at St Hubert's Island and Daley's Point were still averaging in excess of \$1 million while waterfront houses along Woy Woy Bay remain at around \$700,000.

Clare Graham, 7 Aug 2009
Cr Chris Holstein, Gosford Council
Greg McMullen, Greg McMullen Real Estate

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Health

Knitting group starts

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre will hold its next Wrap With Love knitting group on August 19.

Community development worker Ms Kate Bradfield said Wrap With Love was a not-for-profit organisation that distributes blankets to the needy.

"The organisation was started by Sonia Gidley-King in 1992 and since that time beautiful handmade wraps have been lovingly crafted by more than 25,000 volunteers throughout Australia," Ms Bradfield said.

She said that more than 184,000 knitted blankets had been sent to people in over 75 countries, including Australia.

"Volunteers from the Peninsula Women's Health Centre host its

own Wrap with Love knitting group and meet on the third Wednesday of the month to knit squares, create wraps, to knit and donate these to Wrap with Love.

"The group also teaches and supports women to knit the squares.

"We also share a delicious morning tea, while enjoying a chat and a laugh."

Ms Bradfield said the group was free and welcomed gold coin donations and wool.

The group is held from 10am to 12noon at 20A McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

No bookings are needed.

Call the centre on 4342 5905 for more information.

Press release, 5 Aug 2009

Kate Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre



Senior citizens at Mangrove Mountain Coastlink Respite Care enjoying a game of bingo

Day care for frail aged

Coastlink Respite Care will open an adult day care centre in Woy Woy to provide the frail aged the opportunity to socialise with other people.

Coastlink chief executive officer Ms Lynne Rainford said the Woy Woy centre was expected to open at the end of the month in the South Woy Woy Progress Hall in Woy Woy Rd.

"The need for respite and adult care services on the Peninsula is huge and Coastlink is expanding its services to people who are ageing," Ms Rainford said.

"At the end of August we will be opening an adult day care centre at Woy Woy for people who are

frail aged and like to get out of the house to meet other people.

"Our centre is in Woy Woy Rd and will provide opportunities for elderly people living with a carer to socialise with people their own age.

"As people age, many feel lonely and isolated and our services helps to break down those barriers.

"We'll encourage people to play games like cards, to do arts and crafts or just to sit and chat with other people the same age as themselves.

"A hot lunch will be served and dessert, as well as cups of tea and coffee all day long."

Ms Rainford said the aim of the service was to get people together to make friends in order to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation in the ageing population.

"The emphasis will be on providing respite for carers of a frail aged person so their job of caring is made a little easier," Ms Rainford said.

"The person who attends our centre will be provided with lots of different things to do and see including monthly bus trips to some local attractions in the area.

"Hopefully people will get together and make friends so their social networking increases and they feel less isolated and lonely.

"We operate a very successful adult day care centre at Mangrove Mountain and we intend to do the same thing on the Peninsula.

"We can help with transport to and from the centre from around the Peninsula area if required."

Coastlink is a not-for-profit organisation which has been established on the Central Coast for 25 years providing support services for people with disabilities.

According to Ms Rainford, Coastlink also provides respite and social support services for people with disabilities as well as the frail aged.

"People are welcome to call us to find out how we can help them," Ms Rainford said.

"We will be starting our adult day service by the end of August and you can contact Coastlink on 4321 1022 if you would like further information on this important addition to aged care services on the Peninsula as well as information on any of our other services."

Press release, 6 Aug 2009
Lynne Rainford, Coastlink

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A loss of normal motion or position of these bones can impair the function of the nervous system," he says.

The most common procedure is a spinal adjustment, where the chiropractors use their hands to free up a locked-up joint.

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Extra day for blood donations

The Woy Woy Blood Donor Centre will open an extra day each month due to an increased demand for flexible collection hours

It will open on the third Wednesday of the month between 1pm and 7pm, as well as for the existing afternoon session every Tuesday.

Australian Red Cross Blood Service Central Coast marketing coordinator Ms Jacqui Bell said the additional service to the Peninsula would mean the need for blood continues to be constant and ongoing in the area.

"The additional session on the third Wednesday of the month will provide Peninsula donors with a greater range of available times in which they can donate and a greater capacity for the Red Cross Blood Service to collect much needed blood," Ms Bell said.

"The Woy Woy Blood Donor Centre was chosen to host the additional session because of the large number of Central Coast residents living on the Peninsula and currently only having access to the donor centre one day a week.

"Peninsula donors can now

donate every Tuesday and the third Wednesday of the month between 1pm and 7pm at Woy Woy Donor Centre or on the donor mobile which visits Deepwater Plaza approximately every 12 weeks.

"The decision was made to open the additional Wednesday session from 1pm to 7pm to continue to meet the needs and lifestyle of the busy commuting population.

"The additional session at Woy Woy Blood Donor Centre will hopefully see a rise in blood donations for the Australian Red Cross Blood Service on the Central Coast and allow us to continue to provide life saving products to those with cancer, burns and accident victims as well as those undergoing surgery."

To make an appointment at Woy Woy Blood Donor Centre or at Deepwater Plaza, phone 131 495.

Press release, 6 Aug 2009
Jacqui Bell, Australian Red Cross Blood Service

Afternoon tea for Rainbow Love

Local charity Rainbow Love has joined the Super Arts Project in the Tuggerah Supa Centre to host an afternoon tea fundraiser event on August 30.

Umina resident and charity founder Ms Susie O'Donnell said it was great to get back into raising funds for Rainbow Love after more than six months break.

"After leaving Rainbow Gate at 207 West St, Umina, in December last year we look forward to organising more fundraising events to assist Central Coast children in need," Ms O'Donnell said.

"Rainbow Love embraces the use of art, music, dance and alternate therapies to raise funds for children on the Central Coast who suffer from complicated disorders and require a high level of care."

"Our first event will be held on August 30 from 12pm to 4pm at the Tuggerah Supa Centre," Ms O'Donnell said.

"There we will be sharing a space with Peninsula artist and sculptor Roger Heighington. "Roger has also been organising a group of artists to participate in a group painting.

"When this painting is completed it will be raffled or auctioned at a future fundraising event for Rainbow Love.

"I hope that all the wonderful supporters we had at Rainbow Gate in West St will be able to join us."

Any artists or alternate therapists who would like to be involved with Rainbow Love, contact Susie on 0409 774 467 or via email at susieodonnell@gmail.com

Press release, 7 Aug 2009
Susie O'Donnell, Rainbow Love

Birth screening at Ettalong

Local birthing group The Birth Circle will host a film screening at Cinema Paradiso in Ettalong on September 4.

Group supporter Ms Helen Macnair said the screening was a great way to teach expectant mothers to enjoy the birthing process rather than endure it.

"Five years in the making, Orgasmic Birth challenges cultural myths by revealing the emotional, spiritual, and physical heights attainable through birth," Ms Macnair said.

"Viewers witness the passion of birth as 11 women have their babies in unhurried, non-medical settings (including hospital birth centres) where they feel supported and safe. "According to birthing experts who provide commentary in the film, a pleasurable birth that is allowed to take its time is an

integral part of women's sexuality and a neglected human right.

"Women's health advocate Christiane Northrup observes in the film that people have been brainwashed to view birth not as a natural process but as an emergency waiting to happen.

"Yet birth is an everyday miracle that the body is well equipped to handle, given the proper setting and caregivers and ample time."

Ms Macnair said she would be recommending the film to participants of her pregnancy and post natal yoga classes as well as other expectant and new mums.

The film will screen from 7pm followed by tea, coffee and cakes.

Tickets to the screening cost \$12 and can be purchased by emailing thebirthcircle@gmail.com

Email, 22 Jul 2009
Helen Macnair, The Birth Circle

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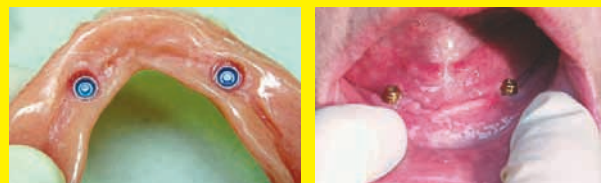
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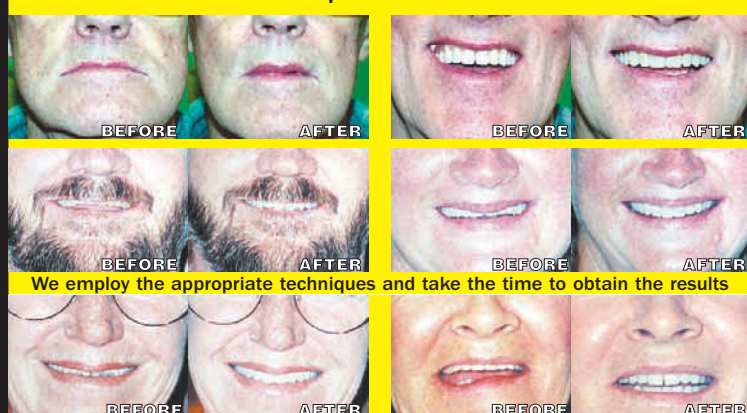
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Association raises \$45,000 for pool

The Pearl Beach Progress Association has raised \$45,000, more than halfway to its target, just seven months into its campaign to save Pearl Beach Rock Pool.

Work to restore the 80-year-old heritage-listed landmark is expected to cost up to \$250,000.

However, the association has been told that, if the local community can raise \$80,000, Gosford Council will contribute to the project's completion.

Association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico said this was an amazing result.

Ms Lillico said the recent success of last month's wine tasting day and collectables appraisal event enabled the association to pass the \$40,000 half way mark comfortably.

"The Pearl Beach Ocean Rock Pool fundraising barometer hit \$45,000 following two extremely successful events attracting large crowds during July," Ms Lillico said.

"Visitors from near and far

supported these unique activities commencing on July 18, when Wollombi Wines returned to Pearl Beach bringing with them a range of gourmet Hunter Valley products.

Ms Lillico said the Collectables Appraisal Day also proved to be extremely successful for the fundraising campaign.

"Crowds gathered early with small and large packages to find out What It's Worth on July 26," Ms Lillico said.

"The Sydney experts were kept busy dealing with a variety of items including ceramics, jewellery, silver, art, watches and clocks as well as other collectables."

Event organiser Bill Blinco said these included a French flappers dress, Morse Code machine thought to have been used on the Kakoda Trail during World War II, a Donald Bradman cricket bat and a St Andrews wooden golf club from the early 20th century as well as interesting and valuable pieces of silver.

Press release, 6 Aug 2009
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Students visit Mary Mac's

A group of students from Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School in Terrigal have visited Mary Mac's Place as part of their social justice study.

The Mini Vinnies group consisting of Year 5 and 6 students went to Mary Mac's Place to learn more about the day-to-day struggles of local disadvantaged families and individuals.

The program is an initiative of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Mary Mac's project coordinator Ms Robyn Schacht said the volunteers at Mary Mac's Place were delighted to receive a visit from the local school.

"These Year 5 and 6 girls and boys selected this social justice program in order to gain a hands-on experience and an understanding of the circumstances of families and individuals in our community who struggle with disadvantage and multiple difficulties in their lives," Ms Schacht said.

"These energetic young people collected a huge quantity of tinned fruit and assorted food, donated by the families of their classmates.



Alan French, Robyn Schacht, Peter Smith, Pat Slattery, Di Lucas and students from Our Lady Star of the Sea

"Some of these groceries will be used in Mary Mac's kitchen over the coming months, and the rest distributed to our companions in the form of emergency food parcels.

"The students and their teacher Ms Di Lucas joined Mary Mac's volunteers for a special morning tea and were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation as a token of our gratitude for their

outstanding efforts.

"It is truly inspirational to see the great enthusiasm of these young people for assisting those in need."

Anyone wishing to make a donation of tinned food, sleeping bags and men's warm gloves is invited to contact Mary Mac's Place on 4341 0584.

Press release, 6 Aug 2009
Robyn Schacht, Mary Mac's Place

Visit for village

Residents of Peninsula Village were treated to a special visit from the baby animals of Taronga Zoo on July 27.

Peninsula Village staff member Ms Paula Newman said the visit was the "special wish" of resident Ms Irene Kundervich, a long time supporter of the zoo.

"Irene has always sponsored animals at Taronga Zoo," Ms Newman said.

"Unable to travel down to the zoo to see the animals, staff at Peninsula Village arranged for the animals to come to her.

"This was a wonderful chance for Irene to get up close with some of the animals and have her wish granted.

"Irene had a great time holding and interacting with the animals brought along by staff from Taronga Zoo."

Email, 6 Aug 2009
Paula Newman, Peninsula Village

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(l to r) Simon Sawell, Dr Jerry Schwartz and Paul Haggith

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A new mural featuring native flora and fauna has been unveiled at Deepwater Plaza shopping centre in Woy Woy.

Local artists Mr Paul Haggith and Simon Sawell created the mural which is located on the western external wall of the centre along Railway St.

According to centre manager Ms Julie Marr, the concept for the mural was initiated by the owners and managers of Deepwater Plaza to complete the refurbishment of the centre and create an exciting new focal point and attraction for local residents and visitors.

"It is hoped that the mural will become a talking point for both the local community and the wider building industry," Ms Marr said.

"It is a truly spectacular art work that has already generated very positive comments and feedback.

"The mural is a showcase of the genuine community spirit that Deepwater Plaza is renowned for and is here for the enjoyment of the Woy Woy Peninsula community and visitors to the area.

The mural was officially unveiled at a special ceremony on August 3, to celebrate the completion of the project with the Peninsula community.

The event featured a "welcome to country" ceremony by a Darkinjung Aboriginal elder as well as performances by Aboriginal dancers, local entertainers, a local school and a narration of the story of the mural.

Dr Jerry Schwartz, representing the owners of Deepwater Plaza shopping centre, and Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein were in attendance.

Ms Marr said the completion of the mural marked two-and-a-

half years of planning by centre management.

"This process involved the formation of a consultative committee that included representatives from Gosford Council, Deepwater Plaza, the RTA and local art consultants.

"An expression of interest was advertised in both Sydney and Central Coast newspapers, with artists given a design brief to depict the important role of water in shaping the Woy Woy Peninsula community.

"Submissions were then displayed in the centre for the local community to vote on the mural they would like to see on the wall.

"The winning entry was by local artists, Paul Haggith and Simon Sawell, who both thoroughly enjoyed completing the project.

"The title of their mural 'Land Sea and Air' reflects its aim to create an image of the environs of Woy Woy and a connection for those that lived in or passed through the area now, before or in the future."

Mr Haggith said he was proud to be a part of the mural project that captured native flowers, sea life and birds.

"The mural has already been well received by the people of Woy Woy, if the passing comments are anything to go by," Mr Haggith said.

"During the project, we had comments from many of the drivers and commuters, and some drivers even stopped to tell us how much they liked it.

"The stylised wave reeds and fish represents the ocean, waterways and deep water thus connecting the centre and the Aboriginal word Woy Woy meaning deep water."

**Press release, 27 Jul 2009
Sue Fowler, Deepwater Plaza**

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Emerging on the Peninsula

A festival showcasing the most popular and emerging talent in theatre on the Central Coast is coming to the Peninsula.

Short and Sweet Central Coast has been described as the "biggest little play festival in the world" by artistic director Ms Darlene Cole.

Ms Cole said the festival was a great way to feature the talent of local playwrights, directors and performers across one weekend.

"An action packed five hours over two days, with a bevy of actors and directors all in the same room, has ensured the energy levels of this year's Short and Sweet Central Coast remain high," Ms Cole said.

"The biggest little play festival in the world returns to the Central Coast this year with some familiar and fresh faces - a bounty of talent set to light up the Peninsula stage from September 23 to 26."

According to Ms Cole, a group of more than 20 local actors will take on 28 roles across 10 plays to bring audiences this year's Short and Sweet festival finalists.

"The actors, an impressive selection of the diverse pool from the coast, range between 16 and 65 years of age," Ms Cole said.

"Last year's best actress Sierra Phillips is back for her third dose of Short and Sweet and says she 'loves the excitement and energy of presenting bite-sized theatre'.

"Sierra thinks the audience will enjoy the variety again this year and be impressed by the ten playwrights, ten directors and ten casts who all work together to present an action packed evening of entertainment.

"This year's bite-sized dramatic treats range from a tense drama about a meeting between father and daughter to an exaggerated and humorous look at a couple with 'things' on their mind."

Bookings are open now for the festival which will run nightly from 8pm at the Peninsula Theatre, Woy Woy, from September 23 to 26.

For more information and bookings, call 4323 3233.

**Press release, 30 Jul 2009
Darlene Cole, Gosford Council**



Good turnout at opening night

More than 100 people attended the opening night of the Rotary Club of Umina's annual Portrait Prize held at Kariong on July 31.

Club publicity officer Mr Geoff Melville said the event received a wonderful turnout and support of art lovers interested to see who would take out the top prize.

"Judges Robert Gillett and Paul Davis announced the winners on the night," Mr Melville said.

"The Portrait Prize went to Graham Balchin with his oil on linen work entitled The Recipient.

"The Open Prize went to Robyne Palmer with her gouache painting

Summer Landscape.

"The sculpture section was won by John Fitzmaurice with his entry Serious Stuff and the students section was won by Jordan Richardson with his oil on canvas Lautan Hijau (The Green Ocean)."

Mr Melville said profits from the exhibition would be donated to the Coast Shelter which looks after displaced people on the Central Coast.

**Press release, 6 Aug 2009
Geoff Melville, Rotary
Club of Umina Beach**

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Authors to speak at literary dinner

Two Australian authors will visit the Peninsula as part of their national tour this month.

Autobiographer Ms Esther McKay and young West Australian writer Mr Craig Silvey will speak at a literary dinner at The Boathouse Waterfront Restaurant in Koolewong on Wednesday, August 12.

"This dinner is the chance to hear both a fiction and a non-fiction author speak about their published books and to meet other people who also love great books," said Ms Mandi McIntosh, owner of Umina bookstore Book Bazaar, who is arranging the visit.

"Esther McKay served 17 years in the NSW Police Force, attaining the rank of detective senior constable.

"She worked in the area of forensic services for 15 years, attaining expert status in crime-scene examination and vehicle identification.

"She was discharged from the force in 2001 with post-traumatic stress disorder as a direct result of her forensic work.

"Her best-selling autobiography Crime Scene: True Stories from the Life of a Forensic Investigator was published by Penguin in 2005.

"With a new book due out this month, we are very lucky to have Esther come to the Central Coast to speak."

Ms McIntosh said Peninsula readers would also enjoy the talent of young writer Craig Silvey.

"Craig Silvey is a young West Australian writer who is winning more and more fans with his fabulous novels," Ms McIntosh said.

"He has recently appeared at the Sydney Writers' Festival and is also speaking at the Byron Bay Writers' Festival before coming down to the Central Coast.

"His new book Jasper Jones is brilliant, funny, heartbreaking and incredibly wise."

The literary dinner will cost \$40 per head and bookings can be made by visiting Book Bazaar at Umina or over the phone with your credit card on 4342 2482."

**Press release, 23 Jul 2009
Mandi McIntosh, Book Bazaar**



Reverend Penny Jones

Church will show local artworks

St Luke's Anglican Church in Woy Woy will soon begin exhibiting the work of local artists.

According to the Reverend Penny Jones, the exhibition of works was a great way to support the local community and its talented artists.

"A group of committed parishioners have been working hard to organise a space within the confines of St Luke's Anglican Church for local artists to exhibit their work," Ms Jones said.

"St Luke's has been serving the community on the Peninsula since 1912.

"We became an independent Parish in 1945.

"We are always looking for new and innovative ways of serving our local community and our parish.

"The original church is now used as the Peninsula Environment Centre and our current church was built in 1975.

"It provides a bright and airy space for our parishioners to worship.

"With ample wall space to exhibit we have decided once again to support our local community by offering local artists a space to exhibit their works."

Ms Jones said a small commission from the sale of artworks would go towards the parish.

"With the ever growing creativity on the Peninsula and always a shortage of exhibition space we hope this will benefit both the artist and our need to raise funds to support our parish," Ms Jones said.

"We will be exhibiting works for a period of three months and then renew the exhibition to allow a variety of artists a chance to join us.

"Our first will be of a series of Season of Creation exhibitions.

"Where Earth meets Sky and will be launched on October 3,

from 3pm.

"The event will begin with a formal welcome by the local indigenous community member Kevin (Gabby) Duncan accompanied by dancers as well as a performance by the Peninsula Choir.

"Australia Walkabout Wildlife Park will also be joining us to share information on native flora and fauna.

"We also look forward to being joined by local members of Gosford Council and Parliament.

"On Sunday, October 4, we will be holding a ceremony for the Blessing of the Animals after services for the celebration of the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi.

"The events hopefully will fulfil our desire to play our part in supporting and forming a closer bond within our community."

**Press release, 5 Aug 2009
Susie O'Donnell, St Luke's Anglican Church Woy Woy**



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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
CLOSED TEMPORARILY, Call 4325 8292 for relocation details

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

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 5333

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, more info @ www.peg.org.au **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, 11am,

PCC.

Diabetics Support Group, 10am, **ECC**

Animal Welfare League, Central Coast Branch monthly meetings from 10am at Spike Milligan Room, Woy Woy Library. enq. 4344 6650

Third Tuesday of every month

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

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

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

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

Free herbal clinic, enq: 0437 401 810 **PWHC**

Woy Woy Blood BankA @ 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;

U3ADiscussion Groups, 11am;

Cards, 1pm-3pm; **Over 55s Learn to Play Bridge**, 1pm; **Playgroup**, 9am; **Occasional Care**, 9am-3pm; **The Web**, From 2pm;

Dance & Theatre School, 3.45pm; **Kids Belly Dancing**, 4.30pm; **Physical Culture Ladies**, 7.15pm-9pm; **Motivation & Empowerment classes**; **Craft**, 9am, **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**

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

Third Wednesday of every Month

Wrap With Love knitting group 10am, **PWHC**

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

Women's Health Clinic, three times a month, enq: 4320 3741; Counselling by Donation

PWHC

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

St John's Ambulance, Peninsula Division 7.30pm, enq: 0404 440 808 or 4353 4224 **PCC**

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, 3.30pm; **Coast Care Counselling**; **Weight Watchers**, 6pm; **Belly Dancing**, 7pm and 8pm;

Dance & Theatre School, 3.30pm; **Motivation & Empowerment** classes; **Brisbane Water**

Scrabble Group, 6pm; **St John Ambulance Service** Peninsula Division meeting 7.30pm

PCC

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

Seniors fitness, 9am, enq: 4332 8550; **Woy Woy Judo Club**, 5.30pm, enq 0434000170 **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 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**, **Australiana**, 10.30am; **Bridge**, 12pm; **The Web**, 2pm; **Yoga**, 9.30am; **Coast Care Counselling**, **Dance & Theatre School**, 3.30pm; **Motivation & Empowerment** Classes; **Drumbala Kids** Drumming 4.30pm; **Adore Music** Tuition 4.30pm; **Community** College courses inc. painting, drawing, beading, languages and meditation; **Ballroom Dancing**, 9am, **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**

St John the Baptist Craft Group, 9am to 12pm, \$3 for morning tea, all welcome, enq: 4344 2064, meet at

Walter Baker Hall (opp church)

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**

SchoolforSeniorsBushwalking; **Civilian widows**, 1pm, **ESCC**

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**

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; **Bridge Club**, 12pm; **The Web**, 2.30pm; **Kempo Karate**, 5.30pm; **Dance & Theatre**

School 4pm U3A Courses; Free financial counselling, alcoholics anonymous, 6pm; **Pilates**, 8.15am; **Overeaters Anonymous** 7.30pm; **Painting**, 9.30am, **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

Woy Woy Judo Club, 5.30pm, enq 0434000170 **EPH**

Tai Chi for blind or vision impaired, 2pm, enq: 4324 064 **Umina Uniting Church**

SATURDAY

First Saturday of every month

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

What's On in and around the Peninsula

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

Bushcare group, Pretty Beach, end Araluen Track, 8am

Ex-Navalmen's Assoc, Central Coast Sub-Section, 10am, **WWLC Scrapbooking**, 12pm, enq: 4342 3712; **Chatterbox Group**, **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; **Photography course (monthly)**; **The Web** 5pm-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

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

Ettymalong 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

Peninsula Environment Group, Picnic in the Park, 11am-2.30pm, Lions Park, Woy Woy, info @ www.peg.org.au

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

The Bays Community Group Monthly Aussie Hot Breakfast \$8.50 adults, \$4 kids Bays Community Hall, Woy Woy Bay

Every Sunday

Fijian Cultural Group, 11am-4pm; **Coast Community Church Services**, 9am & 5pm, enq: 4360 1448; **Full Life International Church**, 10am-3pm, **PCC**

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

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery, 11am, enq: 4379 1102

Umina Blue Swimmers Mens Winter Swimming Club.

swim at the Pearl Beach Rock Pool at 9.00am. All ages. New members welcome. until October. 0417655182.

MONDAY

First Monday of every month

RSL Womens' Aux, 9:30am, **EBWMC**

Endeavour View Club Luncheon, enq: 4344 3825, **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**

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**

Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association, 7:30pm, enq: 4360 2945, **WH**

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

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; **BFC**

Yoga, 9.30am, Ph.4360 1854, **WH**

Mums Meditation 10am,

Secret business revealed

Dealer's Choice by playwright Patrick Marber will be performed at the Peninsula Theatre on August 19 and 20.

Marketing coordinator Ms Terri Graham said the play proved to be a popular theatre production after being named one of the best productions of the year by the Sun Herald newspaper.

"The production appeals to both men and women and could be described as a bit of a secret men's business," Ms Graham said.

"Dealers Choice is much more than just a comedy.

"It is a compelling and compassionate story about father-son relationships, men's bravado and the search for direction and connection.

"With a gripping plot set in a restaurant after closing time, it's usually the same old guys and their weekly friendly poker game, but on this particular night there is a ring-in.

"There is one last dinner guest lurking in the restaurant who volunteers to join the game. "Unknown to the amateur poker players, he is a mean, uncompromising professional gambler, owed a large sum of money by the restaurant owner's compulsive son.

"In the build-up to the inevitable poker game, resentments are stripped bare and the men's secrets divulged.

"The final act involving the game crackles with scalding wit and edge-of-your-seat suspense as the stakes are driven to an almost unbearable knife-edge."

The play is being brought to the Peninsula Theatre by production company Critical Stages for three performances.

The first performance will take place on August 19, from 8pm, followed by a performance on August 20, from 11am and another at 8pm.

Press release, 5 Aug 2009
Terri Graham, Gosford Council

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, 9.30am; **Mad Monday Craft & Cooking**, 11am; **Bridge Club**, 12pm; **Physical Culture Club**, 4pm; **Coast Care Counselling**, 3.45pm; **Dance & Theatre School**, 3.45pm; **U3A Courses**; **Ballroom Dancing**, 9am, **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**

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**

Woy Woy Judo Club. 5.30pm, enq 0434000170 **EPH**

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Education



Litter discussed in internet hook-up

Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus recently took part in an internet discussion with other schools on the issue of litter.

The event was organised by Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre teacher Mr Mark Attwooll.

College teacher Ms Linda Langmaid said it was amazing to see students take part in the discussion with other Central Coast schools without having to

leave the classroom through the use of screens at each participating school.

"Mrs Lesley Ryan has been responsible for the technicalities of using our amazing new technology to allow our students to learn from afar without leaving their own school grounds," Ms Langmaid said.

"Students watched those from other schools on a screen and took their turn in speaking on the forum.

"The idea was to come up with solutions to the problem of litter in

schools.

"The issue requires student input to find solutions and drive initiatives.

"Ideas ranged from using litter collection as punishment (as it is an act in society punishable by fines), educating reasons for against littering to using reward systems to encourage students to do the right thing."

**Press Release, 7 Aug 2009
Linda Langmaid, Brisbane Water Secondary College**

Umina campus hosts speaking final

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus hosted the regional final of the NSW Premiers Junior Legacy Public Speaking Competition on July 30.

Brisbane Water Secondary College were joined by students from Henry Kendall, Gosford High, St Edwards College and Central Coast Grammar School for the event.

Peninsula Legacy president Mr Max Davis said the day was a great success and he had "already booked in for another great day next year".

"This is the closest competition I have adjudicated and the quality and depth of knowledge displayed by all the students was

outstanding," adjudicator Ms Sue Macneil said.

Event coordinator Ms Genelle Farquhar said it was encouraging to see senior students volunteering their time to help the junior students.

"Recent changes in the HSC mean that students who obtain speaking skills early will be at an advantage," Ms Farquhar said.

Principal Mr Frank Gasper praised the performances of Peninsula students Kalina Knight and Bianca Torossian.

Student Sandeep Deol of Gosford High was the winner on the day.

**Press Release, 6 Aug 2009
Genelle Farquhar, Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus**

Positive behaviour program starts

Woy Woy South Public School is taking a new initiative with a Positive Behaviour for Learning program.

The program aims at teaching social values and establishing standards of behaviour.

Three focus areas of respect, responsibility and relationships will be the groundwork of the program.

Students will be taught acceptable behaviour for in the classroom, on the playground and

other areas of the school.

Social skills will be taught to the students enabling them to develop a set of core values and behaviours that will impact on the positive way in which they will contribute to their world.

Principal Mr Terry Greedy will be providing further information on the direction of the program throughout the term.

**Newsletter, 28 Jul 2009
Woy Woy South Public School**

Admin block completed

Construction has been completed on the Pretty Beach Public School administration block and library.

Demountable buildings on the grounds were removed recently for the first time in many years.

Building programs at the school will continue throughout the year with the construction of a covered outside learning area, general assistant's shed, vegetable garden and new turf on the oval.

By early 2010 a new roof is expected to be completed on the kindergarten rooms and the old library and a new fence around the school.

In 2010 work will begin on new classrooms and a special programs room and a sports' shed.

**Newsletter, 6 Aug 2009
Pretty Beach Public School**

Warning follows near miss

Woy Woy South Public School principal Mr Terry Greedy is reminding parents and students of the importance of road safety after a "near-fatal" incident recently.

Mr Greedy said the school received a phone call from a "distressed parent" telling school staff of the incident.

"We received a phone call from a distressed parent telling us of a near fatal accident as children were leaving school," Mr Greedy said.

"She told the story of three children who raced from the school playground and without any thought for their own safety proceeded to run across the road without using the pedestrian crossing and without checking the traffic.

"Had she not been driving slowly and watching carefully for people leaving school she would

have almost certainly hit the three children.

"I implore parents to take the time to speak with their children about the importance of using the crossing when leaving school.

"This is such a busy time of the day and regardless of how careful drivers are it is up to children to adhere to the road safety rules and ensure we do not have a catastrophe on the roads outside our school."

**Newsletter, 4 Aug 2009
Woy Woy South Public School**

Outdoor painting

The Central Coast Art Society will host an outdoor painting day at Lions Park in Woy Woy on August 11.

The group will meet behind Woy Woy Sporties Club to paint landscapes of the surrounding area.

The group will also hold "paint outs" at East Gosford, Kincumba Mountain and Jiliby throughout August.

**Newsletter, 5 Aug 2009
Central Coast Multi Arts Confederation**

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Storytime in Lions Park

Peninsula families will have the opportunity to enjoy a special reading event at Lions Park in Woy Woy on Tuesday, August 25.

Storytime in the Park, organised by the Peninsula Start Reading Project, is an annual event aimed to encourage parents and their young children to read regularly, according to event publicity officer Ms Frances Giunta.

The event is also part of Gosford Council's Gosford City Reads program.

Ms Giunta said the event would be a great opportunity for parents and children aged six and under to start reading.

"Peninsula families showed their great support of reading to young children with a huge turnout at the inaugural event last year," Ms Giunta said.

"Organisers are planning for it to be even bigger this year.

"Families will be able to come down with a rug and move around the various reading stations where different stories will be performed.

"Some stories will be sung, some have movements for the children to do, some will have an indigenous theme and we even have a Spanish reading station.

"Children can dress up as or

bring their favourite jungle animal to add to a really relaxing and enjoyable event.

"Families can then stay and have a picnic lunch."

According to Ms Giunta, Gosford Library will be available on the day to provide families with information about reading to children and choosing age-suitable books.

"Sharing a story, rhyme or song with family members for at least 10 minutes a day is all it takes.

"It is probably the single most important activity that you can undertake to develop a child's skills in reading and writing for them to achieve well at school," Ms Giunta said.

"We will also have some prizes valued up to \$50 for families who have their Reading Passport stamped at the reading stations and enter in our lucky draw.

"Every child will receive a Start Reading badge to take home.

"So put Storytime in the Park in your diaries for August 25, 10am to 12noon, and if the weather is wet the event will be held at Umina Public School Hall."

For more information, contact Debbie Notara at Beachside Family Centre on 4343 1929.

**Press release, 5 Aug 2009
Debbie Notara, Beachside
Family Centre**



Showcase for HSC students

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus hosted a HSC Showcase for students, parents and staff on August 5.

Teacher Mr John Lynch said the event was lots of fun and entertainment for all involved.

"Many works of a practical nature in the creative, performing and practical arts were displayed or performed," Mr Lynch said.

"A short welcome and the

service of finger-food started the evening in A block.

"The exhibition space in A block corridor was put to good use with a display of woodwork, visual arts and textiles student projects as well as personal interest projects and Extension English.

"The majority of works on display were close to completion but at a stage where audience feedback was still useful to students.

"The audience then moved to the Performing Arts Centre where

12 performances took place: four in drama, two in dance, four in music and a reading of an Extension English radio play.

"This program kept the audience entertained for an hour-and-a-half and showed the versatility of our students as well as providing a good dress-rehearsal opportunity for those participating."

**Press release, 6 Aug 2009
John Lynch, Brisbane Water
Secondary College**

Applicants wanted for scholarship

The St Hubert's Island Residents Association is calling on local residents to take advantage of its inaugural scholarship program.

Association president Mr Ron Spratt said the program was a great opportunity for St Hubert's Island residents and their family members.

"The association committee recently resolved to establish the St Hubert's Island Residents Association Scholarship to reward high achieving residents of St Hubert's Island, including family members, in their chosen endeavour," Mr Spratt said.

"We are looking for people with an interest in education, music, the arts, sport or any other field considered appropriate by the

St Hubert's Island Residents Association executive committee.

"The scholarship can be awarded only once annually, at the absolute discretion of the association committee, to the value of \$250.

"Interested residents may now apply for the inaugural St Hubert's Island Residents Association Scholarship.

"Applications must be in writing and be accompanied by relevant documentation to establish the credibility of the activity applied for, and an agreement to provide a written report and presentation on the success of the activity."

Applications can be made to Ron Spratt via email at ronspratt@bigpond.com

**Press release, 6 Aug 2009
Ron Spratt, St Hubert's Island
Residents Association**

Members and staff of the winning 1999 Umina High School Buchan Shield Rugby Union Tournament team will hold a 10-year reunion next month.

The reunion will be held at Everglades Country Club in Woy Woy on September 12, for members of the team and teachers who were at the school at the time.

Event organiser Mr Ian Willis said the reunion was sure to be a great night for former teammates and teaching staff to share past memories and achievements.

"In 1999 our Umina High School team won the state wide Buchan Shield Rugby Union Tournament," Mr Willis said.

"This was and still is a knock-out competition for under-15s' players. "Our team won the state final by

beating Endeavour Sports High, 17 to 15.

"We were the first and only Central Coast team to win this competition."

Mr Willis said the team was coached by Larry Thompson, president of Central Coast Rugby Union, with the support of school principal Mr Frank Gasper.

"The team was captained by Shane Wilson who played the state final with chicken pox.

"We found out two days later but we all knew he was sick in the lead-up and he was physically sick on the field during the game.

"It would be great to get

everyone there as we are going to play a video of the state final on the big screen and we are also trying to source videos from some of the other games to play as well.

"Another highlight for the team was beating Granville Boys High in the state quarter final, 14 to 12, as we played as the curtain raiser to an Australian Barbarians versus Fiji game at North Sydney oval in front of 15,000 people."

For more information, contact Ian Willis at i.willis@wilsons-agency.com.au

**Email, 1 Aug 2009
Ian Willis, Woy Woy**

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Application forms can be obtained from the Secretary, Ellie Hamilton by phoning 0411 161 547.

**Entry forms should be returned to the Secretary,
P.O. Box 152, Ettalong NSW 2257
by close of business 8th August 2009.**

We are also holding our 2010 Rep selections for players on the following dates:

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The Gosford Sub-branch of the Vietnam Veterans', Peacekeepers' and Peacemakers' Association of Australia will commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day in Ettalong on Saturday, August 15.

All veterans, peacekeepers and peacemakers are invited to attend the special event which will commence at 3.45pm with an afternoon march on the corner of Beach St and Broken Bay Rd, Ettalong, followed by a service at the Ettalong Beach foreshore adjacent to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Participants will then be invited back to Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club for dinner and musical entertainment at 6pm.

All members of the public are

welcome to attend.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the band Short Notice and soloist Bronwyn Hawkins.

In addition, an auction will be conducted during the dinner and will consist of two limited edition prints.

The first print features a well-known photograph of the 11th Battalion Western Australian Light Horse prior to embarkation for Gallipoli.

The second print features photographs and citations of the Gallipoli Anzac VC recipients.

This print also shows the names of all VC recipients from Australia and New Zealand up to and including the VC awarded for Afghanistan.

Collectors of military memorabilia, RSL Sub-Branches, or any other interested parties can

participate.

The cost of attending the dinner starts from \$35 for association members and their partners and \$40 for non-members which include dinner, entertainment and four drink vouchers.

Tickets can be purchased during trading hours at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, or from the office of the Vietnam Veterans, Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association situated on the corner of Beach St and Broken Bay Rd, Ettalong.

The Veterans office is open every Monday and Wednesday between 9.30am and 1pm.

For more information, contact 4344 4760.

Press release, 29 Jul 2009
Denise Martin, VVPPAA
Gosford City

Camel trek on its way again

Former Empire Bay resident Roslyn Consoli and partner Russell Osborne have resumed their 6000 km camel trek across Australia after a five-month break in Alice Springs.

According to Roslyn's parents and Empire Bay residents, Jan and Santo Consoli, the couple are still in good spirits after embarking on the journey more than 16 months ago.

Ms Consoli said the couple and their seven camels decided to spend a few months in Alice Springs during the hottest months in the area.

"After an official send off by the mayor of Alice Springs, Roslyn and Russell headed south towards Oodnadatta following the route of the old Gahn rail line," Ms Consoli said.

"From here they followed the Oodnadatta track to William Creek and then to Marree.

"They met many tourists in these towns because of an influx of people wishing to see the profusion of wildlife at Lake Eyre.

"They have stayed a couple of days at Beltana property, which was established by Thomas Elder in 1855, and was instrumental in the importation of camels for use in travel and exploration of the outback.

"There have been some very difficult days, with rain slowing them down and some very strong winds coming from the west."

The aim of the Darwin to Melbourne camel trek is to raise funds and awareness for Moira Kelly's Children First Foundation.

The Melbourne-based charity provides life changing medical treatment and support for some of the most disadvantaged children in the world.

The Empire Bay community has raised up to \$4000 in funds so far to go towards the cause.

Ms Consoli said the Empire Bay community would continue to hold fundraising events until the journey is completed.

"We appreciate the generosity and support of the residents of Empire Bay," Ms Consoli said.

Letter, 28 Jul 2009
Jan and Santo Consoli, Empire Bay

Hazard reduced at Lobster Beach

The NSW Rural Fire Service has undertaken extensive hazard reduction burning at Lobster Beach in preparation for bush fire season.

With the assistance of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, the rural fire service covered the Bouddi National Park at Lobster Beach and has worked

with residents in the area to ensure a swift, clean burn.

The National Park and Wildlife Service had 15 officers covering the area on August 6, along with officers from the Rural Fire Service.

The burning covered an area of eight hectares and is part of Gosford Council's Fuel Management Plan.

Hazard reduction is an essential

part of reducing the risk of wildfires which could present a danger to the local community.

The community safety officer for the Gosford District, Mr Rolf Poole, said all agencies were working collaboratively to achieve the goal of reducing bush fire hazards.

Press Release, 5 August 2009
NSW Rural Fire Service



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Woy Woy stays sixth

Woy Woy Rugby Union Club remains at sixth place on the ladder after being defeated by Northlakes in round 15 of the Central Coast first grade competition.

Northlakes came out on top against Woy Woy after a 43-17 victory at Slade Park on August 1.

Central Coast Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson said the Northlakes side kept its top four place after its success on the day.

"Northlakes finished the stronger but certainly they did not have it all their own way in the early stages of this game," Mr Thomson said.

"The first half was a hard fought affair with both teams controlling the game at various stages.

"In fact, neither team had the ascendancy by the half time break.

"Northlakes held the lead on the scoreboard by one point to 10 at half time but Woy Woy were certainly still very much in the picture.

"Woy Woy were definitely in the game and only had to score early on in the second half to open up the game.

"However, the further the game went on the stronger the home team became.

"Stars for Northlakes were fullback Wade Dignam who scored two tries, and Kalem Abbott and Scott Godfrey also had strong games.

"Number eight Glen Stone was also tireless for Northlakes and

was never very far from the ball.

"It was a strong performance by Northlakes against a very determined Woy Woy side and the win keeps their slim semi final chances alive.

"Woy Woy had several very good players, but none were better than Angus Stewart and Luke Serevi who each scored a try.

"Woy Woy will continue to trouble all sides in the final three rounds of this year's competition."

In other round 15 grade games, Woy Woy's second grade team were defeated by Northlakes 47 to 14, and Woy Woy's third grade side also suffered a defeat with a final score of 49 to nil.

Press release, 2 Aug 2009

Larry Thomson, Central Coast Rugby Union

Trivia night for Woy Woy Juniors

Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club will hold a trivia night at the Peninsula Community Centre on Saturday, August 15.

Club secretary Mr Russell Downey said the night was sure to be full of fun, laughs and great opportunities to win some fantastic prizes.

"Woy Woy Juniors Trivia Nights have always been a hugely popular event," Mr Downey said.

"All funds raised by Woy Woy Juniors are returned to our juniors in the form of equipment and

development.

"This is a very worthwhile cause and we encourage all locals to get involved in supporting their local rugby league club.

"Trivia minded people can either book a table of eight or alternatively join a table."

The event will kick off from 7pm with tickets on sale for \$10 per head.

For bookings, contact Tiffany Jones on 0432 169 164.

Press release, 29 Jul 2009

Russell Downey, Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club

Win against Warnervale

Woy Woy Rugby Union Club's first grade team saw a win against Warnervale in an away game at Warnervale Oval on July 25.

At full time, Woy Woy had proved a convincing win against Warnervale with the final score of 54 to 10.

Central Coast Rugby Union

president Mr Larry Thomson said Woy Woy was a dominant force from start to finish.

"Centre Angus Stewart scored three personal tries and was a great performer for the visitors.

"Others to play well were Paul Gooley and Shane Lloyd.

"Warnervale never gave in and remained committed for the entire

80 minutes."

Woy Woy also defeated Warnervale in the second grade competition 26 to 21, but did not manage to come out on top against the third grade side and were defeated five to nil.

Press release, 26 Jul 2009

Larry Thomson, Central Coast Rugby Union

Progress on Rogers Park and lookout projects

Gosford Council has provided an update on the progress of three local projects under its Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

A report released on August 4 details the progress of the Rogers Park in Woy Woy upgrade, Marie Byles Lookout in Killcare upgrade and the upgrade of sportsground lighting at Rogers Park.

According to the report, lighting designs and structural footing designs have been completed on the Rogers Park sportsground lighting project.

The project includes other sportsgrounds in the Gosford Local Government Area including Duffy's Reserve and Adcock Park and totals \$332,500 in cost.

"Footings have been received and a contractor is scheduled to begin works on August 3," the report stated.

"All other associated materials, including poles, lighting etc. have been ordered and expected to arrive early September for installation by end of September."

According to the report, the \$76,000 general upgrade to Rogers Park has already commenced and is due to be completed by mid-September.

The Marie Byles Lookout project with a total cost of \$111,000 is expected to commence by the end of the month.

The report stated: "Redesign undertaken as a result of community consultation and construction is anticipated to commence early August".

"Informational and educational signage is 50 per cent complete," the report stated.

The Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program is an initiative of the Federal Government to stimulate growth and economic activity across Australia while supporting national productivity.

Gosford council received funding for nine community projects after its submissions were approved by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government in March this year.

Council agenda CIT.40, 4 Aug 2009

Building projects approved

Woy Woy Public School has received funding for school building projects after a meeting with project officer for National School Pride Funding for Central Coast schools Mr David Hartney late last month.

The \$200,000 given to fund new projects will be spent on an extension to the covered outdoor

learning area, new bus shelter, new verandah, new carpet in B Block and interactive white boards for eight classrooms.

Any funds left over from the projects will be spent on additional upgrades to the school.

Work has nearly been completed on a new roof for the library and B Block classrooms and will soon move onto a new roof for the

Community Access Room.

In addition to this funding the school will also receive funding for five new classrooms and a Special Education block, under round three of the Building the Education Revolution funding from the Government.

Funds left over from this extension will be re-allocated to the school.

Newsletter, 4 Aug 2009

Woy Woy Public School



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Bunnies hold fundraiser

Umina Beach Rugby League Football Club will host its major fundraising event for the year at Woy Woy Sporties Club on Friday, August 21.

Club secretary Mr Kevin Hulls said the evening was a great opportunity for people to win a share at \$4500 prize money while supporting the local sports club.

"This is our major function for the year," Mr Hulls said.

Mr Hulls said the club relied on the function to fund its operation throughout the season.

"We will have a couple of special guests as entertainment and some red faces acts to make you laugh throughout the night.

"We sell 150 tickets that all go into a draw.

"Throughout the night tickets are pulled out and those holding the last 10 tickets come up on stage and we draw down one by one till we have the winners.

"Should it be agreed at any stage to share the prize money it is divided between those left. "So the 10 last ticket holders can take \$450 each, then a number is drawn and the last nine can take \$500 each, and so on.

"The last five may take \$900 each or it may go down to the last ticket.

"Majority rules and a tie means a ticket is drawn, that is, if six are left and three want to share and three want to draw, a ticket is drawn and we revote at five left.

"The vote will be done silently.

"NRL jumpers and other NRL merchandise will be auctioned, and a Chinese raffle will be held with some great gifts supplied by local business owners.

For more information, contact Kevin Hulls on hullsey@dodo.com.au or phone 0413 874 577.

**Newsletter, 30 Jul 2009
Kevin Hulls, Umina Beach
Rugby League Football Club**



Family fun for Swans

Woy Woy Peninsula Swans Football Club will host a Family Fun Day to celebrate the end of this year's AFL season at Rogers Park, Woy Woy, on August 15.

"As the 2009 season is drawing to an end we have our last two games at home, Rogers Park, Woy Woy," said Club secretary Ms Jenni Brown.

"Our final game is on August 15 which is against Killarney Vale.

"After the under-14s' game we

will be holding a Family Fun Day which will consist of a barbeque, lolly drop and parent versus children games."

Ms Brown said the year had been a "remarkable season" for the club, taking on increased numbers and fielding an under-16s' team for the first time in many years.

"The club is growing stronger and returning to its former glory of being one of the bigger and stronger clubs on the Coast," Ms Brown said.

"This year we have been lucky to have nine representative players for the Central Coast. "The players are Tristan Stewart, Marley Brain-Pererira, Jarrod Taylor, Dale Walker, Jacob Mandy, Shane McGuirk, Jaden Johnson, James Biles and Nathaniel Stewart."

The club will also hold its end of season presentation night on September 5, at Ettalong Bowling Club from 7pm.

**Press release, 6 Aug 2009
Jenni Brown, Woy Woy
Peninsula Swans**

Deferred match at Woy Woy

The deferred round seven Central Coast Rugby Union match between Terrigal and Kariong was played out at Woy Woy Oval on August 4.

The game finished with a 20-all draw that saw the lead change several times.

"It was a most entertaining game played before a good crowd," according to Central Coast Rugby Union president Mr Larry Thomson.

**Press release, 5 Aug 2009
Larry Thomson, Central
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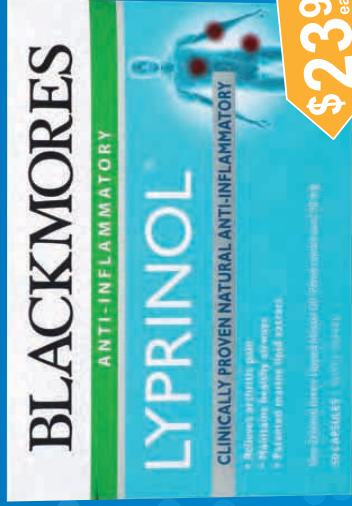
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