



Photo: Margaret Lund

Pearl Beach named as erosion 'hot spot'

Pearl Beach has been named as one of 19 coastal erosion 'hot spots' to be targeted by special legislation to be introduced before the end of the year.

Under a coastal erosion reform package announced on October 19, the State Government will require Gosford Council to prepare an Emergency Storm Plan for Pearl Beach.

Two other beaches in the council's area, Macmasters and Wamberal beaches, were also named as hot spots and will also need emergency plans.

The new measures will allow foreshore property owners to undertake work at their own expense to protect their properties from erosion.

The measures will include a code of practice for temporary protection for threatened properties, provide mechanisms for cost sharing and give councils and the Minister powers to stop unapproved works.

Council's acting integrated planning manager Ms Ann Stewart told Peninsula News last week that the council was already on the job.

It was spending \$150,000 matched by a similar amount from

the NSW Government to review of the coastal processes and reassess hazards for open coast and Broken Bay beaches.

The review will include Pearl Beach.

The review process and opportunities for public comment would be advertised over the next few weeks, Ms Stewart said.

Announcing the new measures, Premier Nathan Rees said they would clarify the rights of councils and property owners and minimise the risk to taxpayers.

"I asked the Ministers for the Environment and Planning to come up with a balance between protecting property rights and the environment.

"Our approach will ensure key Councils have plans in place and existing home owners can act to protect their properties and share the financial responsibilities – subject to stringent environmental impact assessments.

"These are complex issues with much to learn but we will work with councils and local communities to protect our precious coast," said Mr Rees.

Minister for Climate Change and the Environment Mr John

Robertson said the Government had identified the need to plan for rising sea levels and action was underway.

"We already have the NSW Coastal Policy and Coastal Protection Act but it's clear that new tools and approaches are required.

"New powers will enable councils or the Minister to issue an order to stop unapproved action likely to result in significant beach erosion. This will be backed by increased penalties.

"Protecting homes and the environment by managing coastal erosion is one of our clear priorities," said Mr Robertson.

"Some Councils have been working on their coastal management plans for over a decade when action is required now.

"Delays are no longer an option when storms are becoming more destructive and the CSIRO tells us sea levels will rise by up to 40 cm by 2050."

**Media release, 19 Oct 2009
Nathan Rees, NSW Premier**

**See pages 5 and 6
for more details**

Dredging work to start

Preliminary work for dredging the Ettalong channel will start this week, according to Gosford Council's director of city services Mr Stephen Glen.

Council resolved to accept the tender of Dora Creek company Johnson W Marine Salvage Pty Ltd at a meeting on November 10.

A council report stated that the company was experienced in the type of work expected to be undertaken at the channel and was currently undertaking maintenance dredge sweeping within shipping channels Newcastle.

"NSW Maritime have been involved in the tender interviews and agree that the contractor is competent to undertake the works and their proposed methodology is appropriate," the report stated.

"Cardno Lawson Treloar Pty Ltd have prepared a Review of Environmental Factors report and assessed the methodology of utilising a sweeping dredge and concluded that it is a suitable method to undertake maintenance dredging works at this site.

"The main considerations of the report were the requirement to retain dredged sand within the

shoal system and to minimise impact on the adjacent sea grasses and maritime traffic.

"Due to the course nature of the sand within the shoal, the sweeping boom method is also unlikely to mobilise sand in the tidal current and create sand plumes.

"The sea grass area will be identified by marker buoys prior to the commencement of work and sand movements monitored with dredging to stop if sand plumes are created and there is a potential to impact on the sea grass area."

Mr Glen said the work was expected to be completed before Christmas to minimise the impact on holiday boating traffic on Brisbane Water.

The total project cost is expected to be \$360,000 including preparation of review of environmental factors, tender documents and project management fees, as well as the dredging works.

On this basis, council is expected to fund, on a 50/50 basis with the State Government, \$180,000 for the work.

**Council agenda COR.129
, 10 Nov 2009**

Clare Graham, 12 Nov 2009

**Interviewee: Stephen
Glen, Gosford Council**

Council gives \$5000 for Umina carols

Gosford Council has resolved to provide a one-off \$5000 sponsorship for the Umina Carols by Candlelight event next month.

The Terrigal Carols by Candlelight will also receive \$5000 in funding from council.

Both Umina and Terrigal Chambers of Commerce approached council for financial support to help meet the shortfall needed to stage the events.

Umina District Chamber of Commerce originally requested \$10,000 and Terrigal chamber \$5000.

However, councillors were divided in its decision to hand over funding to an annual event that was held in "most suburbs within the Gosford Local Government Area".

Cr Vicki Scott expressed her concern about providing sponsorship for the two events based on the precedent it may create for other organisations and community groups seeking financial help.

"We must ensure community groups seeking grants go through

the appropriate procedure," Cr Scott said.

"If we give this money out, does that mean other groups are entitled to do the same?"

Cr Craig Doyle agreed with Cr Scott but said it was important for council to try and support a broad range of festivals and events that the community would benefit from.

"It's exciting to see Umina Chamber hold an event like this and take some initiative in their community," Cr Doyle said.

"Unless you plant the seed, nothing will grow.

"This is the case with the Umina Chamber who are a relatively new organisation looking to improve and create change in the Umina CBD."

Both chambers have been advised that any future request for sponsorship or grants be made through the appropriate process.

Also, under council's decision, the Umina and Terrigal Chambers of Commerce will be required to provide Audited Financial Statements following the events.

**Council agenda NM.24,
10 Nov 2009**

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Competitions - Win Win Win

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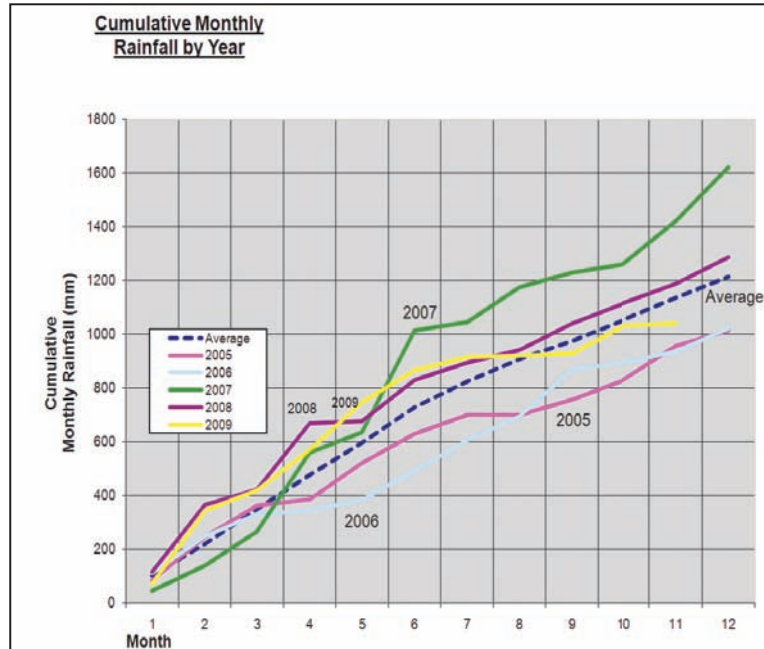
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Entries to the competition close on Thursday, November 26, 5pm.

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number on the back of an envelope and send to: Peninsula News Movie Pass Giveaway, PO Box 532, NSW, 2256.

Clare Graham, 12 Nov 2009



Dry start to month

The Peninsula has had a dry start to November with just 9.8mm of rainfall in the first 12 days. This represents just 12 per

cent of the monthly average of 83.5mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The rain fell over four days, with the highest fall being 3.2mm recorded on November 7.

At the end of October, rainfall for the year was 1031.3mm, 22.1mm below the average at the end of October of 1053.4mm.

Spreadsheet, 14 Nov 2009
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

Winner

The winner of the Live and Cooking at Lizotte's competition has been announced.

Ms Elaine Anderson of Woy Woy has won a double pass to see the upcoming performance of Mic Conway's National Junk Band on November 21.

The prize is valued at \$140 and includes a two-course meal and show.

Clare Graham, 13 Nov 2009

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CCTV cameras outside the KB Thai Restaurant in Woy Woy capture an elderly lady stealing plants on November 2

Little old lady steals plants

CCTV camera footage at the KB Thai restaurant in Woy Woy has recorded the theft of several plants from the premises by an elderly woman in the early hours of November 2.

Business owner Mr Terry Howells said the restaurant had seen a number of incidents involving the theft of plants and vandalism by drunken youth since he opened in 2000, but never from a senior citizen.

The restaurant's CCTV camera

captured footage of the elderly lady, believed to be in her late 60s, uprooting several plants at around 2.30am.

"I just can't believe this little old lady has gotten out of bed in the middle of the night to steal plants. How desperate can you get?" Mr Howells asked.

Mr Howells said he installed the CCTV system five years ago after experiencing countless incidents of vandalism, theft and malicious damage to the restaurant by drunken youth in the middle of the night.

He said although the number of incidents had reduced since installing the cameras, at least one incident a week, usually on a Friday or Saturday night, was recorded.

"It has gotten to the stage where I don't bother calling the police anymore," Mr Howells said.

"Nothing ever comes of it.

"It also doesn't help when Woy Woy Police Station is not manned 24 hours a day.

"It is very frustrating when we try and make a clean, friendly and relaxing atmosphere for customers to enjoy their food only to have it

continually destroyed."

Colonial Village Bakery baker Mr Paul Bryant said he believed he saw the same woman near the front of Woy Woy Library on the same night.

The elderly woman "hanging around" the front of the library, opposite the bakery in Blackwall Rd, holding several large buckets, he said.

He said a short time later he noticed around 15 plants missing from the garden beds and the lady was gone.

The crime manager at Gosford police station was unavailable for comment at the time Peninsula News went to press.

Clare Graham, 13 Nov 2009

Interviewee: Terry Howells, KB Thai
Paul Bryant, Colonial Village Bakery

First Aid for whales

Gosford Council will host a free workshop at Ocean Beach Surf Club to educate the local community on how to rescue beached whales.

Umina whale expert Ms Jeannie Lawson will run the half-day event as part of Coastcare Week on Sunday, December 6.

Ms Lawson said she has promoted the cause of whales for the past 25 years and has been involved with training National Parks rangers in whale rescue, as well as giving the annual talks on

local headlands for council during the humpback whale migration season.

Ms Lawson now gives whale talks on the whale watch cruises out of Ettalong during June and October.

"It is up to the professional organisations such as National Parks and ORRCA to ultimately do the rescuing, but the steps leading up to that are very important," Ms Lawson said.

"That's why I have put this workshop together.

"First-aid for whales will give participants an overall knowledge of the natural history of whales and will also discuss theories on why they strand themselves on beaches.

"Rescue techniques will be taught and there is a practical session on the beach at the conclusion of the workshop.

Bookings are essential and can be made by calling Gosford council on 4304 4564.

Press release, 8 Nov 2009

Jeannie Lawson

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Muddle-headed short-term thinking

In the Gosford Local Government Area, there are many pubs which are required to provide parking for their patrons.

In fact, I believe there is a formula based on the length of bar space and other factors. Patonga Pub includes accommodation which results in a number of spaces most of which are to be provided on the site as part of the development process.

Is a disabled visitor expected to park across the road when staying in accommodation?

I am not aware of any licensed premises where some if not all patrons who are not walking, drive across the footpath to access the car park, if not adjacent to the pub or other licensed venues then sometimes across the road.

Why now is it that the likelihood of pedestrian and vehicle conflict is being identified as reason to remove the requirement for onsite

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parking which was a part and parcel of the initial development approval process?

Those nine councillors have ignored the fact that our roads are for access and as population densities increase the need for access becomes more important.

Hence developments whatever they are should be mandated to require all their assessed parking requirements on private property.

Gosford Council has for years refused to plan for a future in Umina CBD.

They have ignored the real need for rear access to commercial properties.

When the opportunities presented for council to acquire residential property and remove the need for large trucks to park illegally in main streets while delivering and picking up goods.

Big transport companies

have had it pointed out to them anywhere their drivers park illegally to work, constitutes an unsafe workplace, attracts an unwelcome liability which includes and puts at risk those pedestrians who come vicariously into those illegal workplaces.

Gosford Council should come to grips with its state mandated responsibilities to ratepayers.

What has been approved in Patonga is the result of muddle-headed short-term thinking by elected representatives, the same representatives who have accommodated the conversion of many of our public footpaths to commercial use favouring some business while disenfranchising others.

The idea of a main street commercial frontage is being devalued by dodgy developments on the footpaths.

Email, 30 Oct 2009
Edward James, Umina

Build a bypass

With all the problems that have been occurring on Woy Woy Rd near Bull's Hill and at the start of Patonga Dr at South Umina, it is time that consideration be given to building bypasses or alternative routes around these hot spots.

A road should be built from Woy Woy Rd in the vicinity to the speed camera and ending up somewhere on Nagari Rd near the old abattoirs

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site.

This would alleviate traffic congestion and safety issues on the "s" bends around Woy Woy

Bay turnoffs as well as at Bull's Hill.

Additionally this road could extend through to Patonga Dr somewhere past the Pearl Beach turn off.

The benefits could be enormous through traffic and safety

improvements as well as alternative routes if there is disruptions at Bull's Hill and the hair pin bend at South Umina.

Of course there would need to be extensive studies into all the environmental issues, as well as the inevitable opposition from the greenies, but think of the benefits for the fires during the bush fire season with further access to Brisbane Water National Park.

Food for thought.

Letter, 7 Oct 2009
Kevin Martin, Umina

Officers recommend cycleway removal

The timing of the announcement for Federal funding of a missing section of the Gosford to Umina Beach cycleway (Peninsula News edition 227) was somewhat unfortunate.

At about the same time, council officers, after some 12

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months of deliberation, decided to permanently remove a vital link to the Peninsula coastal cycleway.

This link is the contra-flow cycleway along the one-way section of The Esplanade between the two surf clubs (Umina and Ocean Beach).

Cyclists travelling westwards will, therefore, be obliged to dismount and walk this 500m section or to risk life and limb on congested West St.

Concerned users and supporters of the coastal cycleway should note that this recommendation is likely to be put before council for approval early next month.

But all readers might like to note that the directional arrows repainted last February and the new symbols identifying the so-called contra-flow cycleway are now pointing in the opposite direction to that intended.

Letter, 9 Nov 2009
Malcolm Fowler, Woy Woy

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Disappointed about politicising

I was disappointed to read the article on page three of the Express Advocate on November 11, where Cr Vicki Scott has politicised an application by the Umina District Chamber of Commerce for some assistance from Gosford Council to put together a festival that would unite the people of Umina in an enjoyable Christmas event to remember.

Cr Scott has attended Umina chamber meetings and is well aware that our chamber is apolitical

In our chamber, on the executive and the festival committee, in our membership, there are people of all political persuasions.

Encouraging the community to come together and enjoy family carols is by no means politically motivated.

It is acceptable to this chamber that there is debate and opposition to matters that are put before council but it is unacceptable that Cr Scott associates this chamber, its committee or its members with political manipulation of due process within council.

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Council did ask for audited finances from both chambers and, in our response to council, we explained that the Umina chamber is not yet one year old, has not conducted an annual general meeting and therefore does not have this information available for immediate inspection.

We did however supply accurate financial information to council along with a comprehensive explanation of the activist's events and promise sponsorship.

We as a chamber, and as part of the Umina community, nevertheless express our absolute appreciation to all councillors for their generous donation to the festival committee and we also express our appreciation to those council employees who have worked tirelessly to assist our festival committee to make Umina festival possible.

We do hope that Cr Scott and other councillors come along to the Umina Festival and enjoy a community day together.

Email, 13 Nov 2009
Sharon Martin, President of the Umina District Chamber of Commerce

Easy to read

I had a look at the newspaper on the web and it is really easy to read and great way to access.

Also, thanks for supporting us over the last 12 months.

We will not be having another information session on the Peninsula until next year but we will be continuing to interview until

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early December.

Thanks again for your support.

We do appreciate the work you do for the community.

Email, 10 Nov 2009
Sharan Page, Volunteering Central Coast

Vote below the line

John Della Bosca lives locally to Woy Woy and was the Minister for the Central Coast and Minister for Health while allowing important medical infrastructure to be ripped out of the Woy Woy Public Hospital – his own local hospital.

So, Harry Triguboff thinks Della

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Bosca and Nathan Rees are both good propositions as NSW Premier.

We can only hope the voting public has enough nouse to think and vote in their own best interest below the line.

Email, 11 Nov 2009
Edward James, Umina

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Hazards to be reassessed

The State Government is encouraging all NSW councils to "re-do" coastal hazard risk assessments in light of the new sea level rise planning benchmarks, according to Director of Urban and Coastal Water Reform Ms Barbara Richardson.

Gosford Council has recently been granted funding for this work.

"The plans that we have looked at for Pearl Beach (and) MacMasters are dated in 1997 or 1995.

"We are keen (for councils) that have "hot spots" to actually review those ... and ensure we have the most up to date information," Ms Richardson said.

The Department will submit an Amendment Bill to Parliament this year, with proposed changes to the Coastal Policy and Coastal Protection Act in light of predicted

sea level rise.

Ms Richardson said: "To assist councils deal with the very challenging issues of coastal erosion along our NSW coast, we have several pieces of legislation that we're looking to amend."

Included in the proposed legislative amendments is a provision to allow "temporary erosion protection works", or sea walls to be built by property owners. This will be overseen by a proposed "code of practice", still to be drafted by the Department.

"The overall intent is that we will be able to provide clearer directions about what can and can't be done in terms of managing under storm or emergency events so that landowners, property owners, councils and the State Government are all on the page," she said.

**Gabby Greyem, 12 Nov 2009
Interview: Barbara Richardson, DECCW**

Viewing platforms at Ettalong Beach, closed circuit security cameras and new facilities at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre will all be purchased with money awarded under the Federal Government's community infrastructure program.

Gosford Council will spend more than \$250,000 on the projects after being allocated \$572,000 under round two of the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

Council has allocated \$65,000 of Federal Government funding to the \$100,000 expansion of the Peninsula CCTV network and will contribute \$35,000 of its own funds through a recurrent budget review, according to a council report.

Plans to upgrade Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre are part of a combined \$117,000 project to see four community facilities across the Gosford LGA upgraded.

Meanwhile the \$150,000 viewing platform project at Ettalong Beach will attract full funding from round two of the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

The announcement of council's plans to allocate a large portion of funding to the Peninsula has been

welcomed by business groups.

Ettalong Beach Business Group member Mr Ray Dearlove said council's approval of the viewing platform project "goes along way" towards the completion of the Ettalong Beach Plan of Management.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Mainstreet Coordinator Ms Debra Wales also welcomed the Federal Government's announcement to fund the proposed two viewing platforms on the Ettalong Beach foreshore and said the local business community had worked hard to see the completion of the Ettalong Beach Plan of Management.

Ms Wales credited the work of the Ettalong Beach Heritage Committee in seeing the foreshore come to life.

"The committee formed in 1996 from a public meeting originally organised by Fitness Gym owner John Moore and has worked diligently for the past 12 years to see their plan come to fruition," Ms Wales said.

Ms Wales said the works were part of the town centre Mainstreet Program which was started with funding from the Department of State and Regional Development in 1996 with the main street receiving a facelift and shop front enhancements in an old world

theme.

"It's been a long time coming with many very difficult hurdles to overcome but are diligent and focused on this area being completed."

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said the upgrade of the Ettalong Beach Foreshore was vital to the area becoming a successful tourist destination.

"Unless the foreshore is upgraded and maintained to a high standard, visitors and tourist will not fully appreciate the unique attributes of the local area," Mr Wales said.

"We have one of the most beautiful coastal strips in NSW yet we spend almost nothing on beautifying the beachfront from Ettalong Beach to Umina Beach.

"It's time that all levels of government got serious about allocating proper funding to the upgrade of this coastal corridor."

**Council agenda COR.128,
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Coastal Erosion

Warning of sea wall dangers

The construction of sea walls would be a damaging and expensive response to the threat of coastal erosion, according to environmentalists.

"With the State Government allowing sea walls to be built, we are seeing a knee-jerk short-term response, because in the long term it will be very damaging and expensive," said the Central Coast's Community Environment Network chairman Mr John Asquith.

"It's really important for people to take the time to understand climate change.

"We need people to respond by doing their bit to reduce the carbon they produce," he said.

Greens councillor Terri Latella also warned against sea walls as being difficult to implement and as spoiling beaches.

She said that, while they were theoretically possible, "they have to be very consistent, like the ones in France".

"If you look at them, they're very large, aesthetically unpleasing structures," she said.

Cr. Latella said there needed to be more focus on bringing sand back to the beaches.

NSW Nature Conservation Council executive director Ms Cate Faehrmann was critical that private property owners in high-risk areas could appeal if their application to build their own sea walls was rejected by local council.

"The Premier's decision to override councils and potentially allow property owners to build sea walls is also going to undermine the seaside lifestyles we all treasure," Ms Faehrmann said.

**Gabby Greyem, 12 Nov 2009
Interview: John Asquith, CEN
Terri Latella, Gosford Council
Media release, 20 Oct 2009
Cate Faehrmann, NCC NSW**



Sand dune erosion between Ettalong and Umina beaches back in May of this year

Photo: Margaret Lund

Pearl Beach wins clean beach award

Pearl Beach has received a number of awards in the NSW KeepAustraliaBeautifulClean Beach Challenge at a special ceremony at Wamberal Surf Club on November 4.

Pearl Beach was declared the Central Coast regional winner of this year's Clean Beach Challenge while also winning the Community Partnerships and Action Award.

Pearl Beach also took home a highly commended award in the Environmental Protection category.

Killcare also won two awards: the Resource Recovery Award and the Sydney Water Conservation Award, together with Wamberal Beach.

"Being named the regional winner of the Keep Australia

Beautiful NSW Clean Beach Award is a feather in the cap for the Pearl Beach residents who are delighted and proud that their beach received this award," past president of the Pearl Beach Progress Association Mr Rod Craig said.

"Pearl Beach has maintained a policy of not cleaning the beach mechanically instead members of the community keep it clean and encourage visitors to do the same.

"Pearl Beach is an environmental village and that is the way we want to keep it."

In its ninth year, the Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Clean Beach Challenge enhances beachside communities by promoting environmental awareness, personal initiative and civic pride, according to chief

executive officer of Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Mr Peter McLean.

"Pearl Beach is the clear regional winner of this hotly contested award and will now be in the running, with other regional winners from up and down the NSW coast, for the state award to be announced in Sydney on December 4," Mr McLean said.

Clean Beach Challenge Assessor for the Central Coast Ms Natalie Stevens said Pearl Beach was to be congratulated for providing a beautiful coastal retreat for the community.

"Pearl Beach is a small but well known beach, family-oriented, with an environmentally aware community that is leading by example through active involvement," Ms Stevens said.

"This community deserves recognition for the way they have protected the beach in conjunction with the local council, their continuing participation in its upkeep, and the way they have provided for community education and activities regarding the beach environment. "They are outstanding in all aspects of the criteria."

**Press release, 4 Nov 2009
Elizabeth Jarrett, Keep
Australia Beautiful NSW**

Call for more action

The Pearl Beach resident who organised the Umina Beach 350 Day of Climate Action has claimed that more needs to be done to manage the likely impacts of climate change on local beaches.

Ms Rachel Lonie said Gosford Council's recent sea level rise mapping shows the predicted extent of a rise of 91 centimetres but "did not indicate the associated coastal erosion which, as a general rule, is expected to be around 50 to 100 metres inland for every metre rise".

"In addition there will be effects from storm surges and exacerbated coastal flooding," Ms Lonie said.

"Our beaches, foreshores and coastal properties are very much at risk.

"Sea levels are now rising even faster than predicted a few years ago and sea level rise would be far more severe if the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets continue to melt.

"The Umina location where the 350 group gathered provided stark evidence of recent coastal erosion.

"With five of the 19 coastal erosion 'hot spots' recently

identified in the Central Coast region, it is clear that coastal erosion is going to be a big issue in the future.

"There are some serious questions for all coastal areas about whether to allow seawalls and other armouring along our dunes and foreshores in order to protect private property as this can lead to the loss of beach areas to the detriment of all or whether to adopt a retreat policy.

"Also, will it be possible to retain natural areas on the foreshore, such as beaches, saltmarshes and mangroves, that are so important for fish breeding and other habitat?

"The likely impacts of climate change are dire and overwhelming."

**Press release, 25 Oct 2009
Rachel Lonie, 350.org**



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Residents meet to stem violence

More than 150 concerned local residents joined with community and government representatives to discuss strategies to minimise violence and anti-social behaviour in Umina late last month.

The meeting was organised by Club Umina's general manager Mr Josh Collins following a spate of violent incidents involving youth near the club.

Mr Collins said the meeting was beneficial to all parties involved including local residents, Gosford Police, Umina PCYC, the Community Drug Action Team, Gosford Council, the Department of Community Services and State Government representatives.

He said all facets of the community were given the opportunity to speak at the forum which allowed "all voices to be heard".

"There were some people who showed community spirit by joining the CDAT and PCYC committees on the evening and that was great to see," Mr Collins said.

"Out of the meeting the suggestions that have the most merit will be correlated and forwarded on in a constructive manner to the relevant people who can make the changes that are so desperately needed."

Member for Gosford Ms Andrews, who acted as chairperson for the forum, said the community meeting was the first step to reaching a long-term solution to the problem of violence and anti-social behaviour in young people.

"The forum gave residents the opportunity to raise ideas about



More than 150 concerned local residents join with community and government representatives to find a solution to the growing problem of violence and anti-social behaviour in Umina

parental responsibility, reducing anti-social behaviour and underage drinking," Ms Andrews said.

"Ideas that arose from the forum included increased parenting and anger programs, social activities for youth and the need for residents to report all incidents to police.

"It was encouraging to see over 150 people attend the community forum and to see many offer their time to volunteer in community groups to assist in addressing local issues.

"A number of initiatives will now be investigated and addressed by those representatives who attended the forum."

Minutes from the meeting reported that the problems being addressed were the responsibility of the community as a whole.

"Discipline starts in the home and, together as a community, this message needed to

publicised," Member for Wyong and Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier Mr David Harris was recorded as saying.

"A large number of young people were being supplied with alcohol by their parents and this issue needed to be addressed.

"The government will be addressing this issue but a whole of community approach was required."

Crime coordinator of the Brisbane Water Local Area Command detective senior sergeant Vivienne Crawford was recorded as stating that the local police were responsible for running a number of operations within the command and deploying troops.

"Many incidents were not attended by the police because they were not reported.

"Police are looking at the visibility of police operations; drug

operations and traffic offences. "Two patrol cars operated daily in the area.

"Umina ranked third overall in the command's crime statistics.

"CCTV cameras operating in the Peninsula area are proving to be a good police asset and more cameras were being installed.

"A school liaison officer and a youth liaison officer within the command worked with youths on a regular basis and closely with the PCYC.

"We are attempting to have R3 Squad operating over the summer months to deal with anti-social behaviour and working on a major operation entailing a community/multi-agency approach.

"More volunteers for the local neighbourhood watch team would assist in addressing anti-social issues."

Young people caught committing

crimes may be ordered to attend youth conferencing where young offenders face their victims.

She stated this form of punishment proved to be a "very effective" method of dealing with young offenders.

Meanwhile, chair of the Community Drug Action Team Ms Carolyn Carter stated that more volunteers were needed to make the program more effective.

The Community Drug Action Team provide youth with a safe recreational environment through supervised dance parties and other programs and preparing mentors for Year 7 students.

Gosford Council's public and commercial spaces officer Ms Jennie Dias would continue to support its Youth Encouragement Strategy project while running a number of projects on the Peninsula with the help of local police and through Community Development Support Expenditure funding.

Acting director of DoCS Central Coast Ms Elaine Thomson was recorded as saying the Peninsula area was "one of the busiest" for the department.

The department's Brighter Futures program to help families recognise issues of drug and alcohol abuse and domestic violence would also continue from the Gosford office.

At the conclusion of the forum, community members were invited to make suggestions.

Email, 7 Nov 2009

Josh Collins, Club Umina

Press release, 21 Oct 2009

Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford

Minutes, 19 Oct 2009

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Hydro pool to stay

Woy Woy Hospital has no plans to close its hydrotherapy pool, according to a Central Coast Health Service spokesperson.

The confirmation from Central Coast Health Service comes after Peninsula News received an anonymous call from a concerned resident who currently uses the facility.

However, Central Coast Health Services denied the claim.

"There are no plans to close Woy Woy Hospital's hydrotherapy pool," a spokesperson for Central Coast Health Service said.

"There are also currently no voluntary redundancies being

offered to staff at Woy Woy Hospital.

"However, where the Health Service decides to review a service, the staff affected and their industrial associations are always consulted."

Clare Graham, 13 Nov 2009

Media Statement, 12 Nov 2009

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Money raised for shelter boxes

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has raised more than \$2000 for the victims of natural disasters in the Asia-Pacific.

A group of Rotary club members collected the donations at Deepwater Plaza in Woy Woy and through a trivia night at Ettalong Beach Scout Hall early this month in response to the deployment of shelter boxes to victims of natural disasters.

"The cost of one shelter box is \$1200 and thanks to the generosity of those who attended the trivia night and from previous donations,

the Rotary Club of Woy Woy will be donating two shelter boxes to the program," rotary member Ms Vicki de Carle said.

"Our club staged an amazing night of fun, frivolity and trivia to raise funds for the shelter box program.

"Local ABC presenter Brad Storey hosted the night, challenging a crowd of 65 Rotarians and trivia buffs with questions on everything from music to politics."

The total donation will be divided into three separate contributions and sent to victims of the Philippines, Samoa and Sumatra,

according to public relations director of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy Mr Tony Cameron.

"Each shelter box is a large, lightweight and waterproof box which can be used for water or food storage," Mr Cameron said.

"At delivery each shelter box contains a 10-person tent, blankets and ground sheets for warmth and protection, a multi-fuel stove which can burn anything from diesel to old paint, plus pans, utensils, bowls, mugs and water storage.

Press release, 7 Nov 2009
Vicki de Carle, Rotary Club of Woy Woy



Woy Woy Memorial Gardens on November 11

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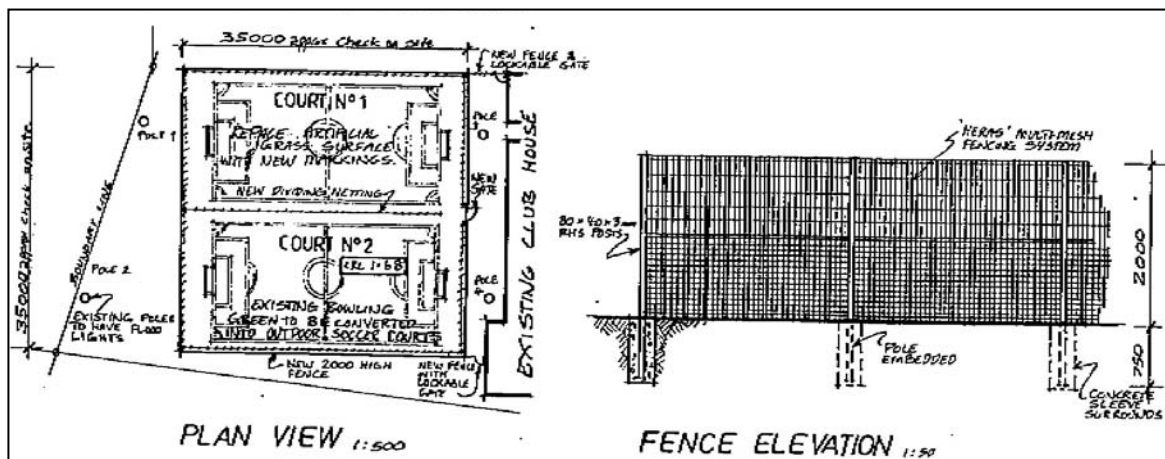
Local residents and war veterans gathered at Woy Woy Memorial Gardens to commemorate Remembrance Day on November 11.

The group stopped for a minute's

silence at the start of the service to remember the sacrifices of all members of the armed forces.

The last post was then played before audience members read aloud the Ode.

Clare Graham, 11 Nov 2009



Petition against mini soccer field

Gosford Council has received a petition containing 91 signatures objecting to a development application proposing to convert an unused bowling green at Woy Woy Bowling Club into two miniature outdoor soccer fields.

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was lodged by Kick Off Pty Ltd, a company renowned for its "expertise in the field of delivering high performance sporting venues and promoting a healthy way of life", according to an environmental impact statement lodged with Council.

"Kick Off encourages the sporting game of soccer and develops a safe venue for playing five-a-side teams on this community friendly venture," the report stated.

"The hours are within the standard operating hours of the club and they promote this sporting activity to all levels of performance."

The report states: "The proposed addition of the courts and safety fence has been designed with the elements of design and balance in mind and has no intentions of ruining the existing charm and character of its surrounds."

However, petitioners have objected to the development application on the grounds that it will cause increased noise, parking disturbance, have a lighting impact and propensity to increase outside use of alcohol.

Petitioners are also concerned that the proposal will increase traffic and is not aesthetically in harmony with the local area.

Petitioners are calling for council to reject the development application.

Council agenda P.52, 3 Nov 2009
Environmental Impact Statement, 13 Oct 2009
Jim Mahoney, Gosford Council

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Blood exhibition at festival

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service Travelling Exhibition visited the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival on November 8, giving visitors the opportunity to find out their blood type.

"We had a very busy day. There was always a line of people wanting to find out what blood group they are," Community relations officer Ms Jacqui Bell said.

"Across the day we tested 98 people's blood type, of which a large percent were Peninsula residents.

"Everyone who had their blood type tested was also given a bag filled with information about blood donation as well as either a Year of the Blood Donor hat, t-shirt, drink bottle or frisbee.

"We are now in the process of contacting all the people who found out their blood group to invite them to become blood donors, and help save the lives of someone in hospital with the same blood group as them.

"We are hoping many of the Peninsula residents become blood donors and donate regularly at

our Woy Woy Donor Centre or on the donor mobile when it visits Deepwater Plaza."

Red Cross has found that 49 per cent of Australians have type O blood, 38 per cent have type A, 10 per cent have type B and just three per cent have type AB, according to Ms Bell.

"Anyone wanting to donate blood at Woy Woy on a Tuesday or a Wednesday can make an appointment by calling 131 495."

Press release, 10 Nov 2009
Jacqui Bell, Australian Red Cross Blood Service

Contribution to ageing population

A government contribution of \$650,000 to a new dementia day care facility will ensure that the Peninsula's ageing population is catered for, according to Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

In State Parliament last week, she said: "The Gosford electorate is rated as sixth in NSW aged over 65 years at 19.51 per cent," Ms Andrews said.

"On the Woy Woy Peninsula, the concentration of older people is up to nine percent greater than that of the whole population of Gosford City.

"It is a challenge for governments to cater for this ageing population and will be even more so in the future as the baby boomers reach retirement age.

Ms Andrews said the new Yaringaa centre in Woy Woy centre provided three services to the community: Community Care Services Central Coast, the

Peninsula Community Centre and Gosford City Food Services, offering a combined venue for dementia day care, case management services and Meals on Wheels.

"The NSW Labor Government provided almost \$650,000 for the project," Ms Andrews said.

"This is in addition to recurrent funding of more than \$337,000 to Community Care Services Central Coast to provide dementia specific centre based day care and \$51,000 for transport.

"Peninsula Community Centre receives recurrent funding of \$1.15 million and Gosford City Food Services \$481,000 per year for Meals on Wheels.

"The State Government is committed to providing services to help meet the ever-increasing demand for these services on the Woy Woy Peninsula."

Press release, 29 Oct 2009
Marie Andrews, Member for Gosford

Therapists stage showcase

A group of Peninsula therapists specialising in natural healing showcased the first of a series of psychic and spiritual fairs planned for Ettalong Beach on November 8.

The Rainbow Corner Fair took place at the Ye Old Meeting Place Cafe and adjacent shops and car park on the corner of Uligandi St and Broken Bay Rd, Ettalong Beach, and coincided with the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival.

"Peninsula residents and visitors to the area were treated to a tempting smorgasbord of complementary and spiritual therapies," event coordinator Mr Graham Hood said.

"It was a great opportunity for folk to satisfy their curiosity about natural healing modalities and luxuriate in the spiritual energy of readings, medical intuition, energetic healing, kinesiology, reflexology, myopractic, emotional freedom technique, meridian tapping, Qi Gong, and Yogalates.

"There was also information about spiritual retreats and other programs as well as beautiful handmade candles."

Mr Hood said he looked forward to bringing the next Rainbow Corner Fair to the Ettalong community in the near future.

Press release, 28 Oct 2009
Graham Hood, Rainbow Corner Fair

Movember Gala planned

Woy Woy Leagues Club will host a Central Coast Movember Gala event in support of men's health on Friday, November 27.

Event coordinator Mr Shannon Dixon said that, during November, "men ... will shave off their stubble and begin the month long journey of styling and shaping their moustaches.

"During the month of Movember, we aim to raise awareness of prostate cancer and mental health while raising some serious funds

for their beneficiaries including Prostate Cancer Council of Australia and BeyondBlue.

"Here on the Central Coast our own efforts raised over \$12,000 last year."

Mr Dixon said this year's event would feature great entertainment, giveaways and a charity auction along with the crowning of Best Mo Team, Miss Movember and Man Movember Central Coast.

"Major prizes are needed for these three categories as well as first, second and third prizes for a ticketed raffle to be held on the

evening.

"We will accept all donations and participating businesses will receive signage and advertisement wherever possible."

For further information, telephone 0407 299 808 or visit the website at https://www.movember.com/au/donate/your-details/team_id/2800.

Press release, 27 Oct 2009
Shannon Dixon, Movember Central Coast

Morning tea for Christmas

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre will host a special morning tea to celebrate Christmas at 10am on Wednesday, December 2.

Community development worker Ms Kate Bradfield said the event was an opportunity for centre staff and volunteers to say thank you to the many women in the local community who have supported them.

"It is also an opportunity for any women who are new to the

community or to the centre to come along, see what we have planned for next year, meet some new people and share in some Christmas food and fun," Ms Bradfield said.

For more information, call the centre on 4342 5905.

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre is located at 20A McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

Press release, 10 Nov 2009
Kate Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre

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Festival crowd estimated at 15,000

More than 15,000 attended this year's Brisbane Water Oyster Festival on November 8, according to organisers.

Event coordinator Ms Debra Wales said it was fantastic to see the festival grow each year and

"The atmosphere was one of great fun and enjoyment with over 50 stalls winding around the streets of Ettalong Beach waterfront.

"The Woodchopping Spectacular drew an excited crowd to watch the

famous wood choppers in action throughout the day."

Ms Wales said the food, wine and craft stalls reported a great day out with many selling out by the end of the day.

"Over 4000 dozens oysters and kilos of fresh prawns were consumed at the festival with the Brisbane Water, Hawkesbury farmers and local sellers having a successful day," Ms Wales said.

"The 'How many oyster can you eat in 30 seconds' competition

drew hundreds of spectators to the centre stage to watch nine contestants compete for the festival trophy as well as a lunch for two on Captain Cook Cruise thanks to Harvey World Travel Umina Beach.

"The winner, Michaela Pratten of Daley's Point, consumed 27 oysters in 30 seconds and walked away wanting more."

**Press release, 12 Nov 2009
Debra Wales, Brisbane
Water Oyster Festival**



Tony Arico, Lesley Chart, Tienielle Reeson, Remmi Grainger and Matthew Wales at the Queen of the Festival Ball

Umina festival is planned

West St in Umina will be transformed when local residents and business owners hold the inaugural Umina Festival on December 12.

Umina District Chamber of Commerce president Ms Sharon Martin said the festival would celebrate and showcase all the fantastic things Umina had to offer.

"For many months now, a small group of wonderful people have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to bring together a festival for the Umina community," Ms Martin said.

Ms Martin said there would be business stalls, entertainment, art and events such as a pie eating competition.

"The day will conclude with carols in Umina Precinct Park.

"Santa will also arrive at the carols on a fire engine.

"Umina is a wonderful village that has much to offer residents and visitors alike and this festival is designed to promote Umina as a great place to bring your family and enjoy the hospitality."

**Press release, 12 Nov 2009
Sharon Martin, Umina District
Chamber of Commerce**

Raising \$5000 for MS

A team of staff and customers of a local hardware store have thrown away their razors and trimmers to help raise money and awareness of men's health issues for November.

"Movember is a fun challenge for people to get involved in, raising money along the way for a serious issue," team leader Mr Rob Gassman from Campbell's Building Materials in Woy Woy said.

"All the money raised this month will go to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and BeyondBlue, the national depression initiative."

Campbell's Building Materials is a continued supporter of causes that affect the community and was keen to get behind Movember and make a significant contribution to the worthy cause, according to Mr Gassman,

"We wanted to build awareness in our community and get everybody involved.

"It is a fun and unique way to come together to build awareness and raise funds for issues affecting men's health."

**Press release, 29 Oct 2009
Belinda Campbell, Campbell's
Building Materials**

Riley's Island regeneration

A group of volunteers and staff from the National Parks and Wildlife Service joined together to regenerate bushland on Riley's Island on November 8.

Riley's Island, just north of St Hubert's Island, makes up around 48 hectares of bushland and encompasses a variety of habitats

including seagrass, mangroves, dry sclerophyll and coastal saltmarsh, according to event coordinator Ms Deb Holloman.

The group targeted and removed a number of weeds in the area including lantana, bitou bush, asparagus fern, whiskey grass, arum lilly and pampas grass

**Email, 2 Nov 2009
Kate Consterdine, Gosford Council**

Entrants raise \$37,000 for Cancer Council

Entrants in the Queen of the Oyster Festival fundraising campaign raised a total of \$37,600 for Cancer Council's Pink Ribbon events, according to event coordinator Ms Debra Wales.

Ms Wales said the total amount raised was announced at the Festival Ball in Ettalong on November 6.

Ms Wales said all seven entrants in the fundraising competition, each sponsored by a local business, had done a wonderful job.

"The girls had worked so hard in such a short time and raised a total of \$37,600 which was an outstanding effort and we are very proud of our entrants," Ms Wales said.

"Remmi Grainger sponsored by Club Umina was crowned 2009 Queen of the Oyster Festival while Tienielle Reeson sponsored by Ettalong/Woy Woy Centrelink was crowned Miss Charity Queen having raised nearly \$12,000."

Cancer Council NSW representative Ms Gill Batt was guest speaker at the Festival Ball and spoke of the importance of community donations towards the fight against breast cancer.

"We rely more and more on the dedication and generosity of the community who give so much financially to help us support families during such a stressful period," Ms Batt said.

**Press release, 12 Nov 2009
Debra Wales, Brisbane
Water Oyster Festival**

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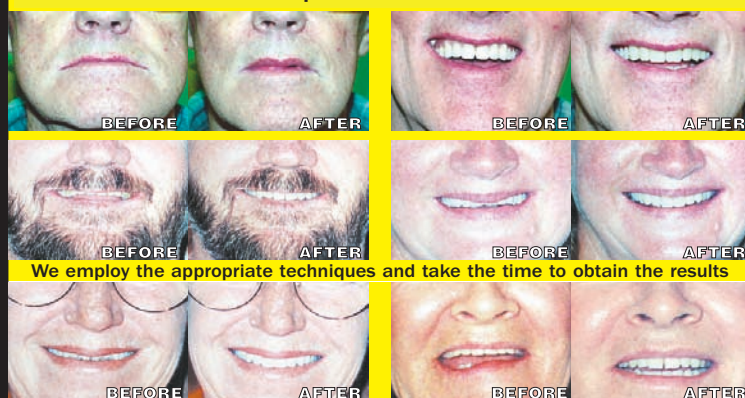
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Open day at Umina oval

Gosford Council will host a community open day at Umina Oval on November 29, to showcase plans for the Peninsula Recreation Precinct.

The event will feature a number of activities and entertainment to celebrate the start of the \$4.3 million project.

The Central Coast Mariners team will host an open coaching clinic at the event along with Skate With a Pro sessions at Umina Skate Park, a performance by Drumbala and community stalls.

Children will also have the opportunity to create sand and tile art for inclusion in the play area construction and play on the jumping castle and have their face painted.

Two half-hour environmental education tours will be held from 10.30am and 12pm to promote awareness on the importance of local vegetation.

Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein said the community open day was an opportunity for community members to take ownership of the precinct and gain an understanding of how the Peninsula and wider

Central Coast community would benefit from the project.

"The open day will feature plans and conceptual images of the community and amenities building and the playground area, along with images of play equipment that has been selected by the community which will be on display for public viewing," Cr Holstein said.

"There will also be an opportunity for community members to create artwork which will be incorporated into the landscape designs through tile art sessions and tours of the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland will help heighten people's understanding of the sensitive nature of the area.

"In addition to providing state of the art sporting facilities for the Gosford City community, the precinct offers a variety of health, socialisation and recreation opportunities and local businesses will benefit from increased visitation to the area, which will create a positive flow-on effect for the entire community."

The open day will run from 10am to 1pm.

Press release, 12 Nov 2009
Shari Timothy, Gosford Council

Former art dealer found

A former multimillionaire art dealer accused of defrauding clients of more than \$30 million has been found working as a taxi driver on the Peninsula.

After declaring bankruptcy almost 10 months ago, Mr Ron Cole disappeared from public view until reporters from the Sydney Morning Herald found him filling up his taxi at a petrol station in Woy Woy on October 22.

Mr Cole attempted to run after realising he was being photographed by media, according to a news article by Sydney Morning Herald journalists Mr Steve Barrett and Mr Les Kennedy.

"He attempted to run but changed his mind, stopping to declare he, too, was a victim in the extraordinary saga that has rocked the Australian art world," the article stated.

Website, 24 Oct 2009
Steve Barrett and Les Kennedy,
Sydney Morning Herald

Third in national fleece judging

A 22-year-old Killcare resident has finished third in the Australian National Merino Fleece Judging Competition at the Royal Hobart Show recently.

Mr Stuart Miles first competed in wool judging competitions in Castle Hill where he became the Sydney Metropolitan Champion.

This earned him the right to compete in the State Championships that were held at this year's Sydney Royal Easter Show.

After competing in only his second wool judging competition, Mr Miles won, making him the NSW State Champion.

The long wait from April to the national competition in Hobart late last month was worth it for the

22-year-old.

With six competitors representing each state, Mr Miles placed third after Queensland in second and Western Australia in first place.

All competitors were asked to judge eight fleeces, including four fine and four micro-fine fleeces, based on integrity, strength and yield.

Mr Miles works for Schute Bell at the Wool Auctions of Australia in Yennora as a cadet wool classer.


His employer Mr John Gray was also in Hobart to support his young employee.

Mr Gray said he had high accolades for Mr Miles' achievements and his skills as a wool classer.

Online submission, 11 Nov 2009
Jane Miles, Killcare

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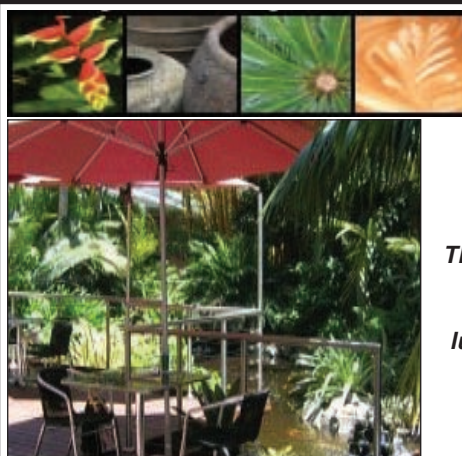


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Arts & Entertainment



Acoustic songwriters perform

The inaugural Song Feast acoustic songwriter performance evening has been held at Ettalong Beach on November 4, according to event organiser Ms Lisa Butler.

Ms Butler said performers and the venue host were also delighted with the evening's success.

"Eight talented local songwriters performed their original songs to an appreciative audience in the warm and intimate ambiance of the Beef and Barramundi Bar and Grill at the Ettalong Beach Tourist

Resort," Ms Butler said.

"The evening encompassed a variety of music genres from folk to rock, country to dance/R&B, and the solo performing songwriters, through to a five-piece rock band all played acoustically.

"It was a dynamic mix.

"Songwriters are already booking in to play at the next Song Feast to be held in December."

Song Feast will become a regular monthly event on the Peninsula and give songwriters a place to play their original material, as well as offering the community an entertaining evening of food

and music in the middle of the week, according to Ms Butler.

The next Song Feast will be held on Wednesday, December 2, at the Beef And Barramundi Bar and Grill in the Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort.

Restaurant bookings can be made by phoning 4344 6828.

Songwriters wishing to play on the night must book in advance by visiting www.ascsa.org.au or by phoning Lisa Butler on 0412 149 094.

**Press release, 10 Nov 2009
Lisa Butler, Song Feast**

Significant men identified

A group of 13 men from the Peninsula have been included in the Significant Men of the Central Coast book.

The book features 114 Central Coast men who have made a significant contribution to their community in some way.

The book was compiled after the success of the book series Significant Women of the Central Coast, according to book editor Ms Margaret Hardy.

The book will be launched at a ceremony in Gosford on November 21.

"When men began to ask, 'What about us', and I looked around and talked with people, I discovered some wonderful stories of men working together to help build communities, facilities and infrastructure, plus helping people in the community in many ways through their professions, business or community spirit," Ms Hardy said.

"It has been a pleasure meeting many of these men and hearing their stories.

"I am only sorry some of the

men nominated didn't answer our request for their stories. "Maybe they are so busy doing good deeds, they didn't have time!"

Significant Peninsula men featured in the book include the late Harry Boyle of Phegan's Bay, Merv Bray of Ettalong, Bill Clark of Woy Woy, the late Jack Clark of Umina, Stephen Clarke of Umina, John Greenway of Pearl Beach, Don Leggett of Woy Woy, John Irvine of Pearl Beach, Noel Olive of Umina, Bob Puffett of the Bays, the late Vincent Serventy of Pearl Beach, Ron Sharp of Woy Woy and Fritz Baumung of Phegan's Bay.

Other local identities to be included in the book are Gordon Ferguson, Barney Waters and Patrick Donnellan of Empire Bay, and David Dufty of Killcare Heights.

Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein is also featured in the book for his contribution to local business in Woy Woy as well as Peninsula News publisher Cec Bucello.

**Press release, 11 Nov 2009
Margaret Hardy, Significant Men of the Central Coast**

Preparing for choral evensong

The Peninsula Choir are preparing to sing the service of Choral Evensong at St Luke's Anglican Church, Woy Woy, from 6pm on Sunday, November 29.

Choir publicity officer Ms Maria Collins said the group was looking forward to performing for the local community once again.

"As the pre-Christmas season of Advent draws near, the Peninsula Choir is in readiness once again to sing the service of Choral Evensong as well as its annual presentation of joyous Christmas music," Ms Collins said.

"Evensong dates from the mid-16th century and is a lovely service

of worship, although not often heard in these times of modern liturgies.

"It is largely offered nowadays in cathedrals and larger city churches.

"However, when we have a choir with the expertise to sing the appropriate parts of the service, there is an opportunity for local people to experience the delights of this beautiful part of our devotional heritage.

"It will include plenty of scope for congregational participation, including favourite hymns for Advent with their atmosphere of joyful expectancy."

**Press release, 8 Nov 2009
Maria Collins, Peninsula Choir**

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Variety night raises \$800

A fundraising variety night held by the Integrated Community Development Foundation has raised more than \$880 for Ugandan orphans.

The event was held at Everglades Country Club on October 17 with entertainers donating their time for the cause.

Foundation publicity officer Ms Sue McCarthy said that MC was Rob Parnaby, while Dave Pross gave a "welcome to country" and helped with stage management.

The Akabaga Boys provided the dance music and the rock quiz.

Drumbala and Behind the Veil belly dancers also provided entertainment.

Ms McCarthy said the Foundation supported an internet cafe and secretarial bureau in Uganda.

She said: "The money raised will go towards the re-establishment of the internet cafe in Wandegaya, a suburb of Kampala, Uganda."

"At present, the premises are being refurbished and prepared for the computers."

"This money will go towards servicing the computers, rewiring for UPS to cope with frequent and lengthy power failures."

"Some of the existing computers are totally destroyed from damage from power failures and dust, so future fundraising will focus on raising funds towards replacing some of the desk top computers."

"Our dream is to fund solar power, as the diesel generator is noisy and expensive to run."

Ms McCarthy said the Woy Woy Rotary Clubs' Gift Card Project raised \$115 on the night, which was banked through Woy Woy Rotary Club.

For orders for more gift cards, \$5 for mosquito net gift and \$10 for clean water project gift cards, contact Sue McCarthy on incodefo. inc@gmail.com or phone 4344 3044.

Press release, 17 Oct 2009
Sue McCarthy, Incodefo

Soprano heads opera line-up

Soprano Amelia Farrugia will head the line-up of the annual Pearl Beach Opera in the Arboretum to be held next year on March 20.

Event coordinator Mr John Greenway said: "Earlier this year Amelia had a stunning success with her debut as Nedda in Pagliacci and last year was honoured to sing for the Pope at a mass for World Youth Day."

Others to sing on the day will be mezzo soprano Louise Callinan, tenor David Kidd and baritone David Thelander.

"Sydney born Louise Callinan who is based in Paris made her debut with the Opera National de Paris as the page in Rigoleto."

"She has since performed Zweiter Zofen in Der Zwerg, Un Patre La Chouette and Une bete in L'enfant et les sortilège."

"Tenor David Kidd secured a role in The Ten Tenors in 1998 and was hailed internationally as an Australian sensation."

"In 2002, David was awarded a Centenary Medal for Outstanding Contribution to the Australian Music Industry."

"Baritone, David Thelander graduated from the Elder Conservatorium in 1997 with an



Stars from this years event

Associate Diploma in Music and then again in 1999 with a Bachelor of Music, gaining entry into Honours in 2000.

"He became a full-time soloist with Opera Australia in 2008 and performed in Strauss' Arabella."

"The pianist next year will be Tamara Anna Cislowska who has been acclaimed by The Times of London as 'Skillful and poetic - a true artist'."

"Tamara is one of the best known and awarded Australian pianists of her generation."

"She was the youngest pianist ever to win the prestigious classical

music award The ABC Young Performers Award.

"We also welcome back the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music String Orchestra under the baton of Chris Bearman."

"This group of 18 young people has been a great success over the past two years and its members are looking forward to their return to Opera in the Arboretum next year."

Mr Greenway said tickets to the concert would be available in January next year.

Press release, 30 Oct 2009
John Greenway, Opera in the Arboretum

Eighth blues festival planned

The eighth annual Patonga Blues Across the Bay festival will be held on Saturday, November 21.

Event organiser Ms Jill Tweedie said: "Although Blues Across the Bay is only a very small event by festival standards, we do manage to pack a huge show into a four-hour time period."

"There is only enough space for 600 people but those 600 always go away with great memories of a special day at the Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre."

"It's just a short ferry ride from Patonga."

Ms Tweedie said the event will begin with a Darkinjung Welcome to Country ceremony.

"New local Jack Evans and The Spyders will be playing some very edgy blues to warm us up for the afternoon," Ms Tweedie said.

"Next, the amazing barrel-house piano-playing and gravel-voiced Pugsley Buzzard will delight and entertain."

Featured artist will be the multi-award winning Australian queen of blues Ms Gail Page with the wonderful Parris Macleod Band.

For more information, visit or phone 0417 671 261 to purchase tickets.

Press release, 28 Oct 2009
Jill Tweedie, Patonga Blues Across the Bay

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What's On in and around the Peninsula

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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

WWEC, 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 **WWEC**

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, **WWEC**

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

Legacy Ladies, 9am, **EBWMC**

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**

School for Seniors Bushwalking; **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: 4340 4160, **EBWMC**

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

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.

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.

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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**

Kilcare 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,

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**

Short and Sweet shows sold out

The Short and Sweet Central Coast theatre festival attracted three sold out shows when it hit Peninsula Theatre late last month.

Event coordinator Ms Darlene Cole said the entire event was a success for all writers, performers and behind-the-scene workers involved.

"Guest presenters at the awards ceremony included Cr Terri Latella and Federal Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal.

Ms Cole said John Fraser's *Catch A Falling Knife* proved to be popular taking out the peer vote for best script, best actor award for

Greg Eccleston's portrayal of the character Jake and best script.

Bangers by Donna Cameron also saw success in receiving the best overall production award and best actress award for Yvonne Berry-Porter Larimore's performance as Joelene.

Other awards for the festival included the audience choice award for Rose Cooper's *Double Take* and best director award in David Kerslake for *Hardmen* from Mudgee.

Press release, 6 Oct 2009
Darlene Cole, Short and Sweet Central Coast

Annual meeting

The annual meeting of the committee which manages the Woy Woy Environment Centre will be held at 2pm on Saturday, December 6.

The meeting will hear reports of achievements over the past year and will elect a committee for the coming year.

More committee members are

wanted.

The meeting will be held at the centre at 267 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

For further information, telephone Mark Snell on 4342 5333.

Media release, 14 Nov 2009
Mark Snell, Woy Woy Environment Centre

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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Kinder- garden orientation

Woy Woy Public School held a kindergarten orientation evening for parents on October 27.

School principal Ms Ona Buckley said it was great to see a large number of interested parents attend the information night.

"Parents were given important information about our school, about the orientation process and sound tips to help their children be ready and have a smooth transition to school," Ms Buckley said.

"Our first of five Ready Set Go days was held on November 3, with all the new kindergarten enrolments attending school for a half-day session.

"Over the next four sessions these students will become very familiar with all school routines and expectations.

"It will give their teachers time to get to know them and be able to assess their learning needs."

Newsletter, 3 Nov 2009

Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School



College principal Mr Steve Harris (right) and teacher Ms Genelle Farquhar (rear) oversee the laptop rollout

Laptop rollout at Umina campus

Year 9 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus have received laptops as part of the Federal Government's \$2.2 billion Digital Education Revolution scheme.

The rollout to the college is the second largest distribution of laptops to Year 9 students in NSW, according to relieving coordinator of teaching and learning Ms Genelle Farquhar.

"This is a unique opportunity for students at Brisbane Water Secondary College to pioneer a new

way of learning in the 21st century.

"It is the beginning of a new generation in learning and we are very excited to be involved in this initiative.

"By receiving a laptop, students at the college have agreed to abide by the conditions of use of the laptop as outlined in their User Charter Agreement.

"This includes care of the laptop; a commitment to take the laptop home and charge the battery each night and leave power cords at home; acceptable computer and internet use including privacy issues, cyber-safety and classroom protocols; and

abiding by existing school policies including those about anti-bullying, homework, cheating, bringing the required equipment to school.

"This initiative will test each child's responsibility.

"They will be encouraged to use their laptop at school and at home.

"Students will be supported in their learning and use of the laptops.

"They will learn about ergonomics, classroom protocols, camera use, non-educational use, teacher email contact, emailing assignments, filtering and safe charging."

**Press release, 2 Nov 2009
 Genelle Farquhar, BWSC Umina**

Video conferences used for study

Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus took part in two video conferences recently.

School teacher Ms Genelle

Farquhar said the new technology was changing the face of teaching.

Year 9 elective history and dance students took part in a live interview with author Jan Sardi of Mao's Last Dancer with 14 other schools

including Kincumber and Lisarow high schools.

"This was a valuable experience to lead students into a consideration of the process of adapting a print text into a film and the different techniques that composers use to represent ideas," Ms Farquhar said.

"The live interview provided valuable experience for students to engage with the author and receive instant feedback."

Ms Farquhar's Year 7 class also participated in a series of writing workshops with author Paul Stafford.

"Inspiration came from the Somerville Collection of fossils and minerals from the Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum," Ms Farquhar said.

"The aim was to develop narrative skills.

"Students participated in a scaffolded writing workshop with Paul Stafford, discussing story plans and developing stories.

"As a result of engaging with 12 other schools, students have increased their imaginative skills and shared their learning experiences."

**Press release, 5 Nov 2009
 Genelle Farquhar, BWSC Umina**

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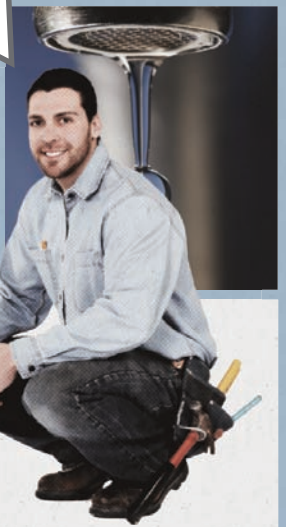
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Families invited to forums

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families on the Peninsula have been invited to a Parent and Communication Engagement forum to be held at Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus on Wednesday, November 18.

Parent and Communication Engagement is a community-driven program which aims to improve the education of local students through enhancing parental engagement

with schools.

The forum will explain in detail what the program is and how the program can assist in the support and direction of students' education.

Two forums will be held on the day with the first starting from 10am and the second from 5.30pm.

A light supper will be supplied. Contact Denise Markham on 4350 2640 or 0429 210 024 to attend.

Newsletter, 10 Nov 2009
Ettalong Public School



Debating championship for primary schools

The Peninsula Debating Championship was held at Umina Public School on October 27.

The event was a joint initiative between Umina Public School and Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus and included local primary schools from the area.

Students from Years 7 to 9 adjudicated the event and mentored timekeepers and chairpersons throughout the day, according to College event coordinator Ms Genelle Farquhar.

Ms Farquhar said the primary schools that took part included Umina Public School, Woy Woy South Public School, Ettalong Public School, Point Clare Public School and Empire Bay Public School.

"Students learn best by doing, so this was an excellent opportunity for our students to improve their skills," Ms Farquhar said.

Event organiser Ms Laura Vella said this year's competition had been one of the most successful held so far.

"It is great to see so many Year 5 and 6 students connecting," Ms Vella said.

"All participating schools said that it was a great opportunity to develop positive learning experiences for students on the Peninsula."

Ms Farquhar said the final debate for the championship was between Umina and Empire Bay primary schools.

"Both teams have outstanding speaking and listening skills and

our Year 9 students were excited about them joining the debating teams when they come to high school," Ms Farquhar said.

"The winners, Empire Bay Public School, defeated Umina Public School in a close final debate.

"The topic was 'That it is better to plant cabbages than flowers'.

"Empire Bay was the negative team and successfully proved that society needed to grow plants that provided food, beauty and medicines to help us to live.

"They proved that all had an important role and one was not 'better' than the other.

"Next year the event will be held at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus."

Press release, 5 Nov 2009
Genelle Farquhar, BWSC Umina

Police talk about mobile phone use

A Gosford police officer has addressed Year 5 and 6 students at Woy Woy Public School about the improper use of mobile phones and email at school.

School principal Ms Ona Buckley said recent inappropriate behaviour with students and their mobile phones in the school grounds had causing huge concern

at the school.

"There has also been some improper use of emails on the Department of Education and Training portal student email system," Ms Buckley said.

"Bullying in the school yard at break times between some senior students has come to light too.

"Students know they will have their mobile phone taken and that their parent then will be required to pick it up.

"Unless it is absolutely necessary for your child to have a mobile phone at school, don't allow them to bring it.

"A note to the school giving your permission for your child to have one is required.

"Senior constable Tomerup addressed our Year 5 and 6 on these issues and has made it clear where young offenders (age 10 to 18) stand with the breeches of the law particularly in the area of cyber bullying and the inappropriate use of mobile phones.

"Bullying, intimidation, verbal assault and physical assault were also addressed and how retaliation stands in light of the law.

"Our students are now well informed and know that breeches in any of these areas will not be treated lightly.

"This sort of information is very important for our students to have as they grow into young adults in our society."

Newsletter, 10 Nov 2009
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

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Information for new students

Brisbane Water Secondary College will hold an orientation day and information evening for local students interested in starting Year 7 at Umina Campus next year.

The orientation visit will be held across two days to accommodate the large number of Peninsula students expected to attend the college next term.

The first half-day visit will be held on November 26, for students from Woy Woy South, Ettalong and Empire Bay public schools.

The second visit will be held on November 27, for Umina, Woy Woy and St John the Baptist primary schools as well as other out-of-

area students who wish to attend the Peninsula high school.

The students will have the opportunity to explore the campus and participate in welfare activities with peer support leaders.

Meanwhile, the parent information evening will be held in the Umina Campus gymnasium from 7pm on November 26.

The evening will introduce parents to facilities, welfare

programs and student expectations.

Parents will have the opportunity to meet campus principal Mr Frank Gasper and relieving coordinator of teaching and learning Ms Genelle Farquhar.

The school's uniform shop will be open from 5.30pm to 6.30pm prior to the evening commencing.

Email, 6 Nov 2009
Genelle Farquhar, BWSC Umina



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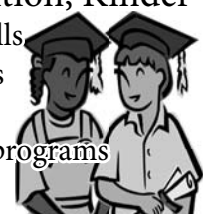
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Under-10s undefeated

The Woy Woy Junior Rugby Union Club's Under-10s side has finished this year's season undefeated, according to team coach Mr Bill MacLean.

Mr MacLean said he was pleased with the result and looked forward to seeing the team perform in next year's season.

"The Woy Woy Lions Senior Rugby Union Club has a bright future with class juniors heading up the ranks," Mr MacLean said. "Lions Junior Rugby Club produced two premierships teams this year with the Under-14s and Under-10s as well as several of the clubs other teams making the semi finals.

The Under-10s went through

the entire season without a loss.

"Five of the Under-10s players also helped the clubs Under-11s team turn their season around and make the semi finals.

"It is the most talented team I will ever have the privilege of coaching."

Email, 26 Oct 2009
Bill MacLean, Woy Woy Junior Rugby Union Club

Courtney makes quarter finals

Umina surfer Drew Courtney has seen some successful results in the last two legs of the Association of Surfing Professionals World Tour last month.

Courtney managed to get through to the quarter finals of the competition in Spain in early October, finishing fifth overall.

He bowed out in the quarter final with a 10.10 against fellow Australian Chris Davidson's 13.40.

Courtney made it through the first three rounds successfully with the highlight of beating Australian

and world number two surfer Joel Parkinson in round two by more than two points.

Meanwhile, the first-time ASP World Tour competitor was defeated by world number eight Bobby Martinez from the USA and finished ninth overall in the competition in Portugal on October 27.

Courtney managed to win both heats in the first and second rounds of the competition which began in Peniche, Portugal, on October 19.

He defeated Hawaiian Dustin Barca in round one with a score

of 17.17, one of the highest on the day, while achieving a 15.67 score against world number eleven Taylor Knox of the USA in round two.

Courtney now sits at number 25 out of 46 competitors going into the final competition for the year in Hawaii from December 8.

Fellow Australians Mick Fanning and Joel Parkinson currently dominate the leader board in first and second places respectively on the ASP World Tour ladder.

Website, 10 Nov 2009
ASP World Tour

Club announces coaching staff

Umina Beach Rugby League Football Club has announced its committee and coaching staff for next year's season.

The announcement came following the club's end of season presentation night at Woy Woy Sporties on October 30.

Mr Kevin Hulls will begin the year as president of the club while Mr Ian Sonter will take over the position of secretary and Mr Matt Harvey treasurer.

Mr Harvey will also coach the Bunnies' reserve grade side and

Mr Hulls will lead the Under-17s.

The club's first grade coach will be Mr Mare Matthews while Mr Shannon Sharpe will coach the open grade side and the Under-19s will be coached Mr Frank Johnson.

Other significant positions to be announced by the club include the position of senior vice president to Mr Scott Ford and junior vice president Mr Troy Downton.

Newsletter, 31 Oct 2009
Kevin Hulls, Umina Beach Rugby League Football Club

Junior cricket starts

The junior cricket season kicked off at Rogers Park, Woy Woy, on November 6.

"A great turnout of kids saw a successful start to the junior season," Woy Woy Cricket publicity officer Ms Gayle Downey said.

"New players are still welcome

and we encourage all junior and first time cricketers to come along and join in the fun."

Enquiries can be made to Kylie Cunningham on 0412 367 041.

Website, 10 Nov 2009
Gayle Downey, Woy Woy Cricket Club

Defeated by Narara

Umina Cricket Club was defeated by Narara in all four grades at the end of round three of competition on November 7.

Results were:

First grade Narara 9/252 (Ryan Clement 3/66, Nathan Carmody-Smith 2/9, Dan Fiddock 2/64) defeated Umina 99 (Craig Brown 45 and 136, Nick Garnett 28, Craig Di Blasio 25 and Brad Jones 25).

Second grade Narara 122 (Lachlan O'Donnell 3/16, Cameron

Dunn 2/3, Ross Watson 2/37, Dave Ford 2/38 and 0/15) defeated Umina 44 (Lachlan O'Donnell 20 and 91, Lachlan O'Donnell 20).

Third grade Narara 204 (Josh Wakem 5/97, Andrew Glasscock 2/14, Dan Campbell 2/53) defeated Umina 139 (Dan Campbell 44).

Fourth grade Narara 4/249 (Ashley Jones 2/8, Michael Baxter 2/35) defeated Umina 228 (Ashley Jones 92, Michael Baxter 39, Rick Jones 36 and Paul Broad 28).

Website, 10 Nov 2009
Umina Cricket Club

No success for Woy Woy

Woy Woy Cricket Club had an unsuccessful end to round three of competition across all four top grades recently.

Round three was played out against Kincumber on October 31 and November 7, at various venues across the Central Coast.

Results as follows:

Woy Woy first grade 268 (T McDonald 173, LC Taylor 37, AJ Masters 6/91 and JO Rowe 2/38) defeated by Kincumber 6/269 (D Way 62, DJ Rowe 43, CA Masters 37, C Clement 36, ED Braunstein 3/43).

Kincumber second grade 223 (CH De La Motte 53, D Britton 51, HL Drysdale 40, DS Beier 26, CS Wills 4/21, A Kelly 3/60 and BD Leslie 2/75) defeated Woy Woy 197

(BD Leslie 140, B Hanson 4/55, DS Beier 3/19 and DW Chambers 2/31).

Woy Woy third grade 105 (T Barnett 43, J Cunningham 4/22, AJ Danckert 3/23, GL Kirkman 2/19 and 2/175, JF Taylor 65, SN Taylor 52, B Herbert 27* and PJ Robinson 2/46) defeated by Kincumber 5/222 (C Marland 70, J Robinson 64, J Howe 45, B Herbert 2/19 and GC Dreves 2/45).

Kincumber fourth grade 3/229 (DJ Hancock 78*, DJ Koen 52, GC Swanson 40*, AD Halton 3/30) defeated Woy Woy 98 (P Pavitt 31*, RJ Lavery 3/15, RK Champion 3/30, BJ Dawes 2/4 and 6/97, JJ Cutts 27, M Ford 25*, PA Koen 2/17, RK Champion 2/24).

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Woy Woy Cricket Club

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Water polo juniors chosen

Five juniors from Woy Woy Water Polo Club have been selected to represent North Sydney primary schools at a gala day on November 23.

Vice president Ms Vanessa Henderson said this was a fantastic result for the club.

"Lana Queripel from our Under-12s team as well as Rosie Soundy, Nikki Sillato, Becky Sillato and Matt Evans from our Under-14s side were selected," Ms Henderson said.

"Senior club member Mitchell Baird will also be heading to Brisbane later this month to represent NSW at the Australian Institute Challenge.

"He will then fly out to Brazil to compete in the National League final series in Sao Paulo for three

weeks."

Meanwhile results in the Central Coast Water Polo competition has seen Woy Woy compete against Wyong at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on November 11.

The women's and men's A class division each managed a win against Wyong with the Woy Woy women defeating Wyong 14 to five and in the men's 17 to nine.

The Woy Woy women B class division beat Wyong seven to two, while the men saw a six-all draw at fulltime.

The men's C class division saw Wyong defeat Woy Woy six to three.

**Email, 12 Nov 2009
Vanessa Henderson, Woy Woy Water Polo**

**Email, 12 Nov 2009
Jan Sillato, Woy Woy Water Polo**

Amenities building will be opened

The new \$170,000 amenities building at Rogers Park in Woy Woy was officially opened at a special ceremony on November 4.

Member for Robertson Ms Belinda Neal and Gosford mayor Cr Chris Holstein attended the event along with local sporting clubs set to benefit from the new facility.

The new building is one of the many regional and local community infrastructure projects recently completed and will provide Woy Woy Cricket Club, Woy Woy Junior Rugby League, Peninsula Junior Touch Football and Woy Woy Swans AFL Club with a new clubhouse.

The project also included the addition of new flood lighting poles which will aid in training and evening events such as the Woy Woy Junior Touch training sessions every Thursday.

Woy Woy Cricket Club president Mr Greg Alce and club secretary Mr David Gemmell have been a driving force in obtaining funding for the project and have been involved with the planning and design of the new facility with Gosford Council.

"From a cricket perspective, Rogers Park has been a work in progress now for some six to eight

years starting when past president Kevin Dewar was in office," Mr Alce said.

"As funds were raised through club sponsorships, we have added training nets, fencing to the turf wicket area to the Rogers Park No 1 oval, and now the new lighting and massive improvements with additions to the club house.

"The initial construction of the clubhouse started during the 2006/07 season.

"However, it was always well short of providing true quality amenities with only two sets of change rooms and a small kiosk.

"Now we have excellent amenities and it is fitting that in the Woy Woy Cricket Clubs 80th year, we can now add items of historical value and memorabilia to our own clubhouse rooms that will see the Woy Woy Cricket Club institution through many seasons to come.

"The new club house facility that includes shower and change rooms for home and visiting teams, a kiosk, storage area and the new spacious social club room/meeting room."

Ms Neal said she was pleased to see the Federal Government contribute more than \$5 million in direct funds to upgrade parks, playgrounds and community buildings in the Gosford Local

Government Area.

"As a response to the global economic crisis, these projects stimulated our local economy in the short term, supported local jobs and built practical infrastructure that improves the quality of life in our communities over the long term," Ms Neal said.

"The construction of the Peninsula Recreation Precinct at Umina Beach – which is currently underway with more than \$3 million in RLCIP funding – will address a real need for more and better quality sporting and recreation facilities on the Coast."

Cr Holstein said work on the precinct was progressing to provide residents across the Central Coast with first class sporting and community facilities.

"Council has engaged in extensive community consultation, working with individuals and community groups to provide a Precinct in response to the needs of our local community and many features of the new Precinct are already taking shape," Cr Holstein said.

Press release, 29 Oct 2009

Jim Martin, Woy Woy Cricket

Press release, 4 Nov 2009

**Belinda Neal, Member for Robertson
Cr Chris Holstein, Gosford mayor**

Selected for squad

A student from Woy Woy Public School has been selected for the Central Coast Under-13s development squad for rugby league.

Year 6 student Liam Stone was selected from around 100 young players for a team of 35.

A final squad of 20 players will

be selected in the coming weeks.

"Liam has played terrifically well for the school on a number of occasions this year," school rugby league coach Mr Dan Betts said.

"He gives 100 per cent at all times and always conducts himself in a sportsmanlike manner."

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Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School**



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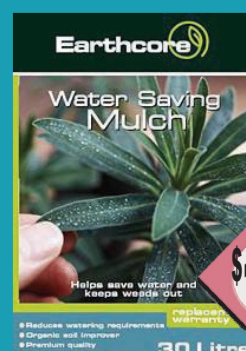
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