



## Defer substation, says Greens MP

**The Keneally government should defer construction of Energy Australia's proposed Empire Bay substation, according to Greens NSW MP Dr John Kaye.**

Dr Kaye said a report on reducing or deferring electricity network charges should be properly assessed before work proceeds.

"The report of the inquiry conducted for the government by Mr Tom Parry, the Chair of the Australian Energy Market Operator, was handed to the government in December 2010 but apparently will not be considered until the next cabinet meeting on February 1," Dr Kaye said.

According to spokesperson for Energy Australia, Mr Allyn Hamonet, work on the Empire Bay substation will begin on Monday, January 24, following the completion of consultation and environmental assessments late last year.

"The project's environmental report confirmed the project would protect dedicated bushland zones and not increase the fire risk to the area.

"In addition, about 25 kilometres of new power lines (about 90 per cent) will be underground to further minimise impacts," said Mr Hamonet.

But Dr Kaye believes that Energy Australia and the government have

not done enough.

"So far the government has shown a total disregard for the well-being and concerns of residents.

"EnergyAustralia has not implemented the principle of prudent avoidance in relation to the potential health risks from electromagnetic fields from the proposed 66,000 volt overhead power lines near residents' homes in Kincumber," he said.

Mr Hamonet said that Energy Australia has done everything they can in order to reduce the impacts of the substation.

"Since consultation started in March last year, we have answered questions and listened to feedback to do everything possible to reduce impacts from this project.

"Most recently, Energy Australia officers delivered newsletters with project updates to about 250 homes along the Avoca-Empire Bay route before Christmas, and visited 60 homes along Melville St, Kincumber," said Mr Hamonet.

"Work starts following 12 months of community feedback, including resident focus group meetings, three information display sessions and over 2000 project newsletters distributed to local homes and businesses providing information about the project," he said.

Local residents and the Greens are still concerned about the environmental and health impacts of the \$50 million Empire Bay

substation and associated high voltage transmission lines, said Dr Kaye.

According to Mr Hamonet, the majority of the power line from Avoca to Bensville was constructed in 1976 for 66,000 volt operations, meaning there would be little change to the existing streetscapes in this section.

"Electrical equipment on the existing power poles and lines will be changed to a more compact design, so it will reduce in scale and lower existing EMF levels.

"Independent modelling suggests it could be up to 15 per cent lower.

The Greens, however, are calling on the premier to defer or cancel the project.

"She has an opportunity to both allay the concerns of residents and save public funds.

"The best solution is to invest in energy efficiency and management of the demand for electricity rather than build unnecessary new electricity infrastructure.

"So far the government has shown a total disregard for the well-being and concerns of residents," he said.

**Media Release, 17 Jan 2011  
John Kaye, Greens  
Email, 19 Jan 2011  
Allyn Hamonet,  
Energy Australia**

## Murderous intent

**A 49-year-old Umina man has been remanded in custody after a 37-year-old woman was shot in her home in Huntly Rd, Bensville, on Tuesday, January 11.**

The man has been charged with shoot with intent to murder, wound with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, carry a firearm in a manner that would endanger others and firing a firearm into a building.

He is currently awaiting his next court date after attending Gosford local court on Wednesday, January 12, where he was refused bail.

Police have undertaken ground searches along Huntly Rd, and Empire Bay Dr looking for the weapon used to shoot the woman in the neck.

Police allege the woman was shot around 5:45pm, following an argument with the man.

The woman was treated at

the scene before being taken to Gosford Hospital.

She was reported to be in a serious condition.

Shortly after the shooting, police stopped a white Subaru Impreza hatchback on Empire Bay Dr and arrested the man.

Inquiries are continuing and police say they will continue to search for the weapon.

"We won't stop looking for it," said Inspector George Bradbury of Brisbane Water Command.

"We'll continue to search for it based on whatever information is available."

Anyone with information should contact Gosford police on 4323 5599 or crime stoppers 1800 333 000.

**Kaitlin Watts, 17 Jan 2011  
Interview: Insp George  
Bradbury, NSW Police**

## Water claim unjustified but testing needed, says Latella

**Gosford Greens councillor Terri Latella has cast doubt on reports that water in creeks around Hardys Bay is unsafe for swimming.**

However, she said she would ask Gosford Council to professionally test the waters surrounding Hardys Bay and Killcare following claims by the Hardys Bay Resident Group that its preliminary findings were that water quality was unsafe for people, plants and animals.

The findings showed that the water was not safe for swimming in certain areas around Hardys Bay, including Mudflat creek, RSL Creek and the area near the drain opposite, 36 Araluen Dr, according to the group's publicity officer Mr Allan Wilson.

Cr Latella said she had received calls from residents concerned about the water quality and asking whether the issue would cause devaluation to their properties.

She said that the assertions made about the water quality by the group seemed without justification and the claim that the water quality was badly affected by bacteria and other organisms that are harmful to human, wildlife and even plant health was "drastic and draconian".

"There is no current justifiable, scientific or professional proven fact that such contamination and pollution exists," said Cr Latella.

The Hardys Bay Residents Group carried out water quality

tests in line with NSW Waterwatch guidelines, with several members undergoing training courses for the testing procedures, according to Mr Wilson.

Mr Wilson stated that it was "early days in the testing program and it is necessary that further tests should be conducted in order to get a clearer indication of water issues at the various sites".

Cr Latella criticised the group for not seeking Gosford Council's assistance before making statements regarding the water quality.

"Should the assertions regarding unsafe water quality be legitimate, the suggestion should have been to gain Council's assistance or that of the Environmental Protection Agency, in proving such matters prior to making such statements."

Cr Latella said that should there be any signs of contamination in Hardys Bay once professional testing had been undertaken, she would call for urgent remediation and decontamination together with the placing of adequate signs for public safety.

"A campaign invoking fear in the lives of residents, children and tourists is not the way forward in such life threatening matters," said Cr Latella.

**Media Release, 18 Jan 2011  
Cr Terri Latella,  
Newsletter, 27 Dec 2010  
Allan Wilson, Hardys  
Bay Residents Group**



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Kaitlin Watts, 20 Jan 2011

A dry start to the New Year

The new year has got off to a dry start with only 50.2mm recorded three weeks into January, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The rainfall is less than 40 per cent of the monthly average of 132.4mm.

Temperatures this month have ranged from a top of 31.5 degrees recorded on January 1 to a low of 17.5 recorded on January 4, according to figures from www.peninsulaweather.info.

The lowest maximum was 21.7 on January 3 and the highest minimum was 23.6 on January 12.

Average maximum temperature was 27.1 while the overnight low averaged 20.8 degrees.

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Spreadsheet, 21 Jan 2011

Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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# Learner drivers take free lesson

**More than 30 young people from the Peninsula have booked a free driving lesson under a government-funded program in its first 10 months of operation.**

NRMA Safer Driving School instructor Mr Ian Crowther said more than 30 young people from the Peninsula had registered with Keys2Drive and booked their free 45-minute lesson with the NRMA.

According to Mr Crowther, demand was expected to increase as more learner drivers become aware of the scheme, which was launched in NSW through the NRMA last March.

Mr Crowther said local supervising drivers had expressed their appreciation of the free lesson and in all cases he had received excellent feedback from the learner drivers involved.

He said the aim of the program was to help learner drivers achieve zero harm while on their P-plates.

"Currently when new drivers get their Ps, their risk of being harmed in a crash increases 20 to 30 times.

"The current generation of P plate drivers crash more and drive less than other drivers, but we're confident that by adopting this new learning methodology, we can achieve real change with our Learners," he said.

"Keys2Drive also helps parents/supervisors to be more effective in their driver training role," he said.

During the free lesson, the Keys2Drive instructor uses a train-the-trainer approach to introduce the supervisor and learner to a method which encourages learners to ask questions, better recognise risky situations and to find and fix mistakes.

"It encourages learners to take control of their learning and to practice longer with lots of variation," said Mr Crowther.

Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill has also expressed her support for the program.

"We know that young drivers are more likely to be involved in a fatal car accident than drivers from any other age group.

"Keys2Drive is a great Federal Government program that provides learner drivers with the essential skills they need for a lifetime of safer driving."

"I'd encourage all young people learning to drive on the Peninsula and their supervisors to take advantage of this free service."

The Keys2Drive program has three key components, a free lesson, a website with educational information and supporting material and a voluntary accreditation scheme for professional driving instructors wishing to participate in the program which includes initial training, ongoing professional development and commitment to a Keys2Drive code of practice developed in consultation with the driver training industry.

The Australian Government has committed \$17 million over five years to implement Keys2Drive nationally.

For further information, telephone 1300 696 762.

**Media Release, 19 Jan 2011**

**Daniel Stanton, NRMA**

**Email, 20 Jan 2011**

**Ian Crowther, NRMA**

**Email, 20 Jan 2011**

**Matt Pulford, Office of**

**Deborah O'Neill**



## Roads closed for Australia Day

**Roads around Woy Woy and Wagstaffe will be closed for Australia Day festivities.**

Brick Wharf Rd and The Boulevard in Woy Woy will be closed from 6am to 10pm.

Residents of Brick Wharf Rd will be allowed entry from North Burge Rd only, with the access lane between Brick Wharf Rd and Chambers Place one way from Brick Wharf Rd.

Brisbane Water Dr between the Spike Milligan Bridge and The Boulevard will also be closed from 9pm to 9:30pm for the fireworks

display.

Wagstaffe will experience road closures on Mulhall St, opposite Wagstaffe ferry, from 6pm on Tuesday, January 25, until 12:30pm Wednesday, January 26, for Australia day festivities.

Residents have been encouraged to use public transport to attend the celebrations to reduce traffic congestion and be more environmentally conscious.

Entertainment at Woy Woy on Australia day will include the Lantern Parade with this year's theme of Lighting the Flame of

Community Spirit.

From 2pm there will be market and food stalls, children's rides and children's activities in the CWA Hall in Woy Woy with the official ceremony commencing at 6pm.

Celebrations at Wagstaffe will begin at 8am in the Wagstaffe Hall on Wednesday, January 26, with a number of Australia day addresses, guest speakers, singing, poetry recitals, flag raising and a free community breakfast.

**Media Release, 17 Jan 2011**

**Gosford Council Media**

**Media Release, 7 Jan 2011**

**Gosford Council Media**

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### SHOW PROPERTY TO MARKET WHEN BUYER CONFIDENCE IS HIGH

**Property owners who are thinking of selling in 2011 may be best placed to do so in the first half of the year, suggests real estate specialist Linda Donovan.**

"Buyer confidence seems to be higher in the first few months of the year," said the Principal of LJ Hooker Woy Woy

"We seem to experience more genuine buyer enquiry in the first two or three months of the year, and there seems to be more optimism and energy all round.

"Many are tipping the RBA to hold off on increasing its official cash rate until the second half of the year and if this proves true it will add to the early year buyer confidence.

"Such properties may have been unrealistically priced in the latter half of 2010. I think sellers are more realistic about the state of the market than they have been, which is a good thing for them and buyers.

Linda said that serious sellers will acknowledge and respect the fact that the buyers active in the market today

are interested in value.

"The price they expect a buyer to settle on will be realistic in the current market and they will make sure their property stands out from the stale through the marketing program they and their agent choose."

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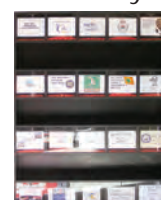
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## Raising money for flood appeal

**Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill will attend Australia Day celebrations at the Woy Woy waterfront, raising money for the Queensland Flood Appeal.**

"I have been personally moved by a number of stories, including children offering their own toys to children who have been affected by the flooding.

"So on Australia Day I'll be throwing a snag, and maybe even a prawn or two on the barbie, to raise money for flood victims."

Ms O'Neill has urged residents to keep giving to the flood appeal.

"Businesses, community groups and individuals have all contacted my office with offers of assistance



and donations.

"For those celebrating our national day at the beach or watching the cricket, you can still make cash donations through the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal,

which is the best way to directly support the emergency efforts.

"Donations can also be made in person at all of our major banks, Australia Post and Coles Supermarkets," said Ms O'Neill.

Media release, 14 Jan 2011  
Matt Pulford, Office of  
Deborah O'Neill MP

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## Fishers donate to food appeal

**A fishing club based at Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club has raised \$1500 for the Queensland Flood Appeal.**

This follows a donation of \$1000 to the burns unit at Gosford Hospital.

The money was raised through evening raffles held at the Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club every Thursday night.

The fishing club raffles off over 30 trays of seafood, red meat and poultry, conducts a regular 100 club and has eight local sponsors to raise money for a number of organisations.

"Last year we gave many thousands of dollars away to organisations such as the Leukaemia Foundation, HeartKids, Early Intervention unit at Woy Woy Primary School and Cystic Fibrosis NSW," said club secretary Mr Fred Parker.

"Our primary purpose is to conduct fishing competitions and be a friendly social club.

"We are very community-orientated and give a lot of donations to charity," he said.

The club participates in a

range of social events including a barbecue held once a month, several social nights held throughout the year and social days including visits to the Hunter Valley wineries.

The club holds monthly fishing competitions for adults and juniors with three divisions including deep-sea, inside (Brisbane Water) fishing and shore based.

"At our last competition, we had 32 weigh-ins, catching 152 fish for 66kg clean.

"Plenty of flathead were caught outside and a lot of good bream were landed inside," he said.

Mr Parker said despite already having over 200 members, the club was always happy to welcome new members.

"The best time to catch-up with the Ettalong Bowling Club Fisho's is on a Thursday evening when we conduct our raffle in the licenced club," he said.

The club also has a junior tinnie fishing day at Patonga planned in March.

Email, 18 Jan 2011  
Fred Parker, Ettalong  
Memorial Fishing Club

## Restaurant holds flood benefit

**A Killcare restaurant is holding a flood benefit night for the Flood Victims Appeal on Friday, January 28, with all staff wages and the band fee, going to the appeal.**

The restaurant will host a fixed three-course menu and an auction of donated items will also be held

for the flood appeal.

A Central Coast auctioneer has offered his services for the auction free of charge.

Donations of items for the auction are still being sought.

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## Party aids flood victims

Local firemen Billy MacLean and Gary King have organised a Triple Zero party that will be held at Woy Woy Leagues Club on Friday, January 28, to raise money for Queensland flood victims.

The party will be held from 8:30pm and will feature raffles, auctions and performances by Ron Sinclair, King Rhythm and DJ Sultan.

The \$20 entry fee will go directly to those affected by the floods in Queensland, according to Mr MacLean.

The event is open to all emergency personnel and partners as well as the general public.

"We are inviting all fires, cops, ambos and nurses and any one of our friends who wants to have a great night out while helping our fellow Aussies," said Mr MacLean.

The Woy Woy Leagues Club is also collecting contributions and on Australia Day will hold a barbecue and meal deal with \$2 from every meal sold donated to flood victims.

A raffle will be drawn at 3:30pm on Australia Day with prizes including crocodile and kangaroo sausages, six packs of beer, legs of lamb and a major barbecue prize.

Email, 20 Jan 2011  
Josh Collins, Woy Woy Leagues Club

## Picnic money goes for floods

The staff, parents and students at Wallaby St Preschool have raised over \$100 for those affected by the Queensland floods by holding a teddy bear picnic every day from Monday, January 17, to Friday, January 21.

Preschool staff helped children to cook homemade biscuits and requested gold coin donations from anyone who attends the picnic with all funds raised going to the flood appeal.

"This is a great experience for the children.

"They enjoy eating a special picnic outside with their teddy bears and they really like the cooking experience and eating what they have made," said Wallaby St Preschool centre manager Ms

Danielle Leete.

"Some of the children have been coming to the preschool looking for the donation box and putting their money in with a huge smile on their face."

Staff and parents decided to raise money for the Queensland Flood Appeal following the evacuation of Wallaby St Preschool's head office in Queensland, along with staff's family members and a number of other child care centres.

"The children were coming into the centre and at our group time were talking about what they had seen on the TV," said Ms Leete.

"We decided that we needed to turn this into positive learning experience and also somehow help the families in Queensland."

Email, 18 Jan 2011  
Danielle Leete, Wallaby St Preschool

## Wildlife corridor created at arboretum

A wildlife corridor has been created at the Pearl Beach Crommelin Native Arboretum with local food trees for the grey-headed flying fox and the koala as well as the local bird species.

The corridor was developed with Gosford Council and the Sydney University landscape school program and was designed and planted by the arboretum committee.

A number of different eucalypt species were planted along with fruit bearing trees such as blueberry ash for the satin bower bird and grey gum for the koala population.

The committee also recently installed an understorey corridor of native flowering shrubs including bolwarra, celerywoods and narrow-leaved red-orange plums, with fencing to stop wildlife from eating them.

The Crommelin Native Arboretum was established over 34 years ago as a native botanical garden and is managed by a local volunteer committee, according to committee president Mr David Singleton.

The arboretum had some of the last remaining burrawang shrubby woodland in NSW and was continually visited by garden clubs, university students, locals and visitors from around the world, he said.

"One of the aims of the Arboretum is to promote and encourage conservation of native trees and shrubs at Pearl Beach and to increase the use of indigenous native plants in the village," he said.

"Some plants are grown in the arboretum shade house by volunteers and have been propagated from stock currently growing in the arboretum, as plants grown from healthy local stock have the best chance of success."

The arboretum has a number of theme areas including an open area, a riparian walk, The Pleasance, The Windbreak and



This large Sydney Red Gum (*Angophora costata*) has been in the open area in front of Crommelin Cottage for many years.

now a wildlife corridor.

The open area located in front of Crommelin Cottage has a number of eucalypt tree species from around NSW including a large Sydney Red Gum.

The riparian walk exhibits both rare and common rainforest species collected from northern NSW and southern Queensland.

The Pleasance also has rainforest species including hairy rosewood, magenta lillypilly and rusty plum.

These have been planted around the edges to form a theme of shade and tranquillity, said Mr Singleton.

The Windbreak was planted to combat the hot westerly winds that

were affecting the trees planted in the open area.

This area comprises quick growing flooded gums and brush box and some locally common yellow bloodwood.

"Over the years, many thousands of trees have been planted by the volunteers in the arboretum's 5.5 hectares," said Mr Singleton.

"New tree labels are now being installed to help identify some of these mature and/or interesting trees," he said.

Email, 19 Jan 2011  
David Singleton, Crommelin Native Arboretum

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## Police baffled by death

**A 45-year-old Woy Woy man has died after walking into the side of a moving bus on Wednesday, January 12.**

The incident occurred in North Burge Rd, near Park Rd, around 1:30pm.

The man was knocked over by the bus and died at the scene from severe head and other multiple injuries including significant chest trauma.

Police are unsure how the accident happened.

"We don't know why," said Inspector George Bradbury of Brisbane Water command.

"Whether he just hadn't seen the bus or was distracted, we just don't know why."

The driver was taken to Gosford hospital suffering shock.

The three passengers on board the bus declined ambulance

treatment.

About 100 metres of North Burge Rd was closed for about five hours from 1:30pm to 5:30pm while police investigated.

Police are currently taking statements from witnesses, however, according to Insp Bradbury, few people were at the scene.

Results of the driver's mandatory blood and urine tests are expected to take around six weeks.

However, at this stage, police do not believe the driver was at fault.

Anyone with information can contact Gosford Police on 4323 5599 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Kaitlin Watts, 17 Jan 2011

Interviewee: Insp George Bradbury, Brisbane Water LAC

## School for Seniors resumes

The Woy Woy School for Seniors has announced that classes will return early next month at the Peninsula Community Centre with the first class held on Tuesday, February 1.

The first session for the year will be a Have A Chat meeting from 10am and will provide seniors with the opportunity to discuss what the group has planned for the coming weeks and months.

The meeting will also provide members with the opportunity to discuss interesting subjects and voice their individual views on current issues both local and international in the Current Affairs Forum.

The Tuesday Have A Chat meeting is held every week.

Meetings and events run from Tuesday through to Friday every week with a number of events and activities available including bushwalking once a month, a bus

trip every second Thursday, an Australian history group and a Wednesday painting and multi-crafts group.

Members are able to attend all or one of the meetings depending on their interests.

Meetings may also feature a guest speaker, which previously have included a police officer or naturopath who made presentations and talked about their work.

The Woy Woy School for Seniors has been together for 21 years and had over 75 members last year aged from 60 to 90.

Email, 18 Jan 2011

Louise Manson, Peninsula

Community Centre

Interviewee: Michelle Remy

## Group holds annual meeting

**The Peninsula Environment Group is holding its annual meeting on Monday, February 7, at 6:30pm.**

It is inviting members of the community who want to be part of the group and help organise its program of activities for the year, to come along.

The meeting will be held at Woy Woy Environment Centre and will be directly followed by a 2011 Woytopia Festival Planning Meeting at 7:30pm.

"Our biggest event in 2011 is again likely to be our Woytopia Festival in October," said group president Mr Mark Mann.

"Last year's festival was a great

success, which we hope to repeat this year, but we need a few new faces to join the organising committee.

"This meeting is to decide whether we have enough people to go ahead, so I'd urge anyone who wants to be involved to attend."

The Peninsula Environment Group was a voluntary group promoting sustainable living and green networking in the Woy Woy area, he said.

The group organises activities including talks, films, bushwalks, green festivals, discount solar panels and an organic food buying group.

Press Release, 20 Jan 2011

Mark Mann, PEG

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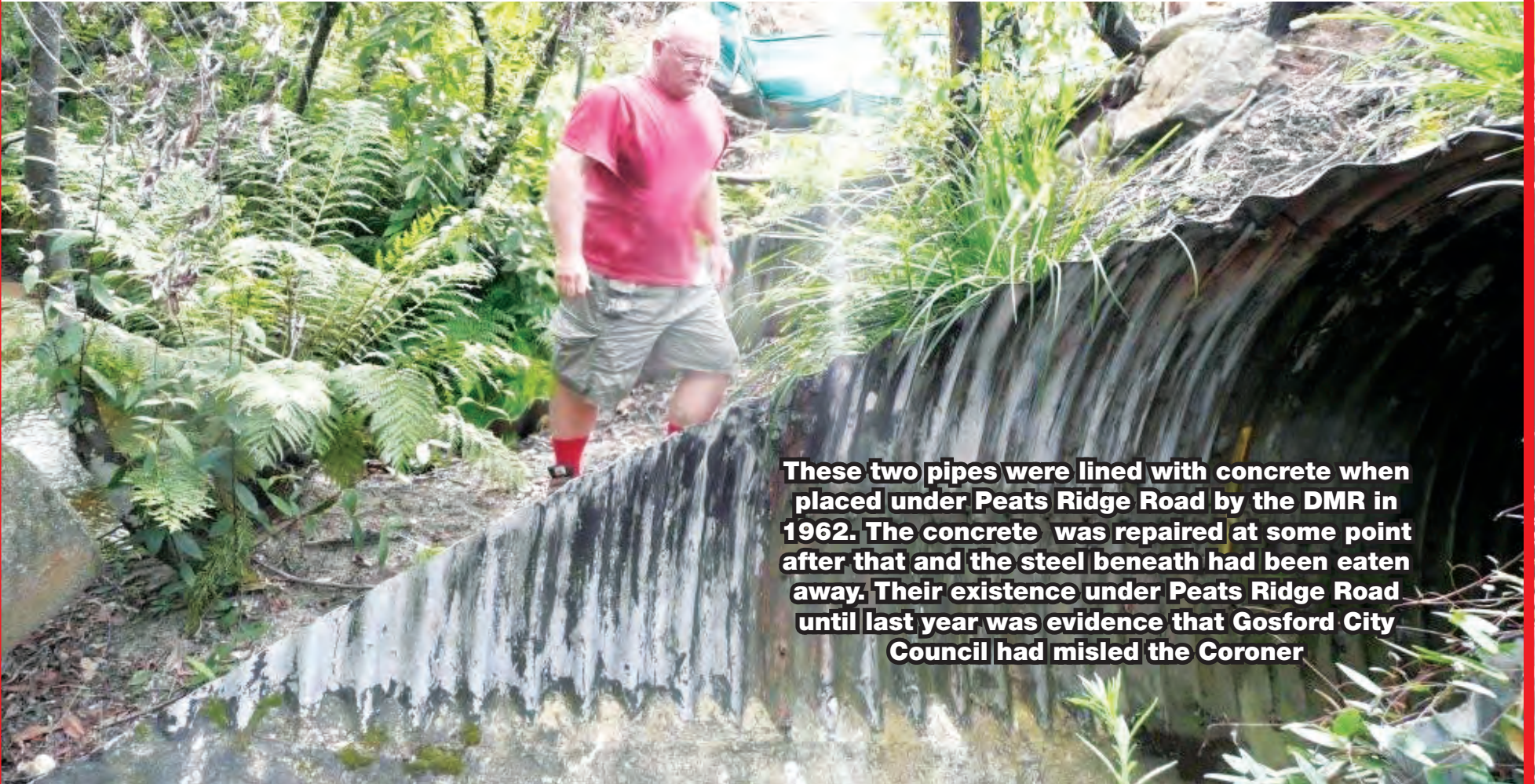
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# Murder Suicide



**These two pipes were lined with concrete when placed under Peats Ridge Road by the DMR in 1962. The concrete was repaired at some point after that and the steel beneath had been eaten away. Their existence under Peats Ridge Road until last year was evidence that Gosford City Council had misled the Coroner**

## **The Labor Party has, with its insistence on Public Private Partnerships, murdered our public assets - Power, Hospitals, Water, Roads!**

Last week, when Keneally and Roozendaal turned up to the Power Supply inquiry identified by the Premier as "illegal", they committed political suicide.

The Telegraph and the Sydney Morning Herald papers ignore the public issues which I raise in paid advertisements in the Peninsula News and the Gosford Central Community News.

They may be of the opinion that these accusations of systemic corruption, wrongful deaths and no action by dead beat politicians, who are simply time serving until their pension is due, is local and of no interest to a state wide readership.

I believe they are more concerned about the threat of what is sometimes identified as public trust journalism, which represents an inroad into their main stream dominance of what gets reported for the people to consider as they go about living their lives.

Roads Minister and Minister for the Central Coast, John Robertson is clearly a politician of state significance as Labor leader in waiting.

His refusal to do something productive while he is responsible, through continuing succession, about the years of corruption allegations which John Della Bosca several Premiers and others have ignored, is important information for NSW readers to be aware of coming up to the March 26 election.

John Robertson is hiding away in Gosford and main stream media are giving him the same sort of protection they give Gosford City Council.

As the Minister for the Central Coast John, I expect you to have done much more than pose for a feel good photo like that embarrassing one taken outside Gosford Station, telling us that we have a new bus interchange. That sort of spin is not even funny John.

I must remind my readers that you have never addressed the issue of the shifting of insurance liability onto customers for that part of the energy supply infrastructure which lies outside their private property.

Regulation of the Electricity Supply Act in March 1999 left energy customers with a hidden liability for a lethal entity, their power supply cable, running outside their property to the low voltage supply pillar, sometimes across the road.

Your outgoing government has failed to publish an

assurance that those thousands of customers have no liability through ownership of energy supply cables outside their property.

Like the Attorney General John Hatzistergos, you clearly enjoy the position of power, but neither of you are willing to start acting on behalf of your constituents to clean out entrenched corruption, allegations that I have published many times.

These allegations which the First Law Officer, John Hatzistergos has been photographed reading, identifying Gosford City Council and describing exactly how the council misled the Coroner during his inquiry into the deaths of five people at Piles Creek, Somersby, can only be ignored by gutless politicians, because that is what the state government is doing.

But I don't intend to be quiet about Labor's sins against the people and I believe the people will not forget either if I continue to publish my photos and allegations as well as I can in our local papers.

If you and other Labor Party members are working towards avoiding the political suicide of your party, I take this opportunity to tell you that you will need to change your ways of doing things during the next decade if you are to survive.

How you intend doing that while Labor is being publicly accused of accommodating systemic corruption is hard to understand.

Do you and the other Cabinet Ministers honestly believe that proroguing the 54th Parliament then attempting to stonewall the NSW voting public, when caught out acting like carpet baggers, was anything other than misgovernance? When others write about the lack of political will your kind exhibit they are trying to get something done about the obvious political sins against the people?

The sort of sins which have been accommodated by Labor Party Members who have a presence in so many of our local councils, not just Gosford City Council.

Aggrieved writers baulk at using much stronger language for fear of being sued.

Why is it that the Office of Premier and Cabinet and all the other Labor party members do nothing about the obvious conflict of non-pecuniary interest which exists when the Minister for Local Government, Barbara Perry not only ignores the findings of the State Ombudsman in the matter of Mallone v Canterbury City Council, but in fact advises the General Manager of Canterbury Council that she does not want to be written in on the

Ombudsman's findings about the Mallone affair?

The Mayor of that local government heap of dysfunctional garbage is the State Member for Lakemba, Robert Furolo.

I believe he should have been censured, if not kicked out of the Labor Party, for what he has presided over.

The continuing bad politics all around NSW, not just Gosford City Council, is increasing the public's perception that Labor, from the top to the bottom, is just not fit to be in power or opposition.

By the way, there is a reason why people who start out with one complaint and escalate.

It is simple.

When we stand up to complain, we are able to see just how buggered our political system is.

Identifying people as difficult complainants, then isolating them, and restricting access is an attempt to dismiss people who insist their rights and entitlements is being denied them.

When political "devils" and their supporters abuse the public process by attacking people on the ABC and commercial stations, they invite personal and often ill-informed and witless attacks.

For example, the injurious language published in the Express Advocate which confuses the "front gates" of my residential house with a "shop", which, for the record, I have asked to be corrected on several occasions, are still there.

What continues to be ignored in Gosford by senior Labor party members Premiers and Cabinet Ministers is an indicator of what continues to be ignored across NSW.

If politicians do not want or are incapable of acting in our best interest, why then do they continue to ask us to give them our votes in trust?

*This is an intentional attempt to combat the spin my taxes pay for each time a politician goes into print*

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## Why was Minister devious?

In your edition of January 10, it was reported that the Minister for Planning had approved the seven storey high apartment block at Ettalong proposed by Tesrol.

This would be more than twice the number of storeys recommended by the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy for development along The Esplanade at Ettalong.

I immediately checked the Department of Planning website for information about the Minister's approval.

The Department is required under its Act to place the Department's report and the Minister's approval on the website within 14 days of the approval being given.

There was no new information about the proposal on the website and it had not been updated since September 2010.

After two phone calls to the Department and two e-mails, the required information was uploaded to the website on the evening of January 11.

This revealed that the Minister had approved the development on November 24.

So it took the Minister's office at least a month to advise the local

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media of the Minister's approval of this gross overdevelopment and it took the Department 48 days to place the required information on its website.

Why were the Minister and the Department being so devious about releasing this information and why had they approved a development that is contrary to the recommendations of a strategy that was funded by the Department?

In their development application in April 2009, Tesrol signed a declaration that they had not made any political donations in the two years prior to lodging the application.

Although this may be true, the Electoral Funding Authority website shows that Tesrol made

four donations totalling \$38,000 to the NSW ALP between 2004 and March 2007.

It appears that Tesrol have found a neat loophole in the NSW Government's laws on political donations.

If Tesrol had lodged their development application one month earlier, they would have had to declare the 2007 donation and the Minister would not have been able to consider their application.

Instead the application would have been referred to the Planning Assessment Commission for its independent determination.

It is no wonder that the Minister and the Department were trying to minimise the publicity about their approval for this very questionable development.

Incidentally, while searching the records of Tesrol's donations on the Electoral Funding Authority website, I discovered that Tesrol had also made a significant donation to Debra Wales' election campaign in March 2007.

Perhaps Matthew Wales should declare this pecuniary interest in Tesrol's affairs when he makes public statements in support of Tesrol's proposed development.

Email, 18 Jan 2011  
Mike Conroy, Ettalong

## Peninsula is not ready for disaster

## Forum

If the Peninsula was in a situation of disaster, I worry if residents would be unable to evacuate.

This concern has arisen after fears for friends and family living in areas of Queensland affected by the floods.

We have three main evacuation points including Kariang Hill/Gosford, the Rip Bridge and Bulls Hill.

According to Gosford Council, in the case of a one per cent AEP (Flood Inundation Map), Woy Woy Rd at the old abattoir site and Correa Bay boat ramp would be flooded.

Brisbane Water Dr would be flooded at Point Claire and Woy Woy which would leave the Rip Bridge as the only evacuation point besides the Umina Heights area.

This is noted in static calm water and not inclusive of king tides, so further flooding is possible.

It is estimated that the population of the Peninsula in 2011 is approximately 55,000 from estimates of the 2001 ABS with 2.29 per cent growth per annum.

According to Gosford City Displan 2009, those items identified at an extreme risk level requiring additional planning in flood and bush fire events.

Items identified as high risk for the Peninsula are tsunamis.

The Rip Bridge and associated road infrastructure would not be able to cater for an influx of evacuees from the Peninsula.

Bulls Hill is an obvious solution where a large proportion of Peninsula residents can easily access.

The problem is that the road leading into Bulls Hill would be inadequate for the high demand of traffic if ever in an evacuation situation.

A State election is coming up and I feel this is an issue that needs to be taken up.

We need two lanes uphill around Bulls Hill that is likely required to pass through or around the old abattoir site.

Bulls Hill by-pass has been in the pipe line for decades.

All future politicians please advocate for the needs of Peninsula residents, so that if evacuation is required in the event of a disaster, similar to the magnitude we have witnessed in Queensland, we are ready.

Email, 17 Jan 2011  
Michael Magro, Horsfield Bay

## Another big zit

So our bankrupt State Government has not only sold off much of our farm, the power and the waste services, but is now getting a golden handshake for giving the green light to a building development in Ettalong known as the Tesrol development.

This is simply not acceptable and all residents of the Peninsula should object most strongly to the environmental abuse about to befall a once beautiful waterway.

How dare they!

Be sure to have your say in

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March.

The State Government thinks that it's all right to plonk developments all over prime dunes.

This build on sand bit, was discovered to be not a very wise or intelligent thing to do way back in the middle of last century, when the Northern Beaches were subjected to high rises on the beach front and the beach simply disappeared due to the change in wind flow, thus affecting wave and sand performances.

Knowing what damage will occur and that it will result in high maintenance and ongoing costs to local council, why would you persist?

It will not attract tourists or visitors.

And it certainly doesn't impress ratepayers.

I can only imagine that placed beside the existing club, another similar structure will make the distant view from Church Point or Pittwater appear like a weird of pair of boobs hanging at the base of Blackwall mountain.

Interesting maybe, but not pretty!

I have known overseas visitors who saw the Mantra from Church Point for the first time, and cancelled their booking there for the next day because they thought it looked like a big zit.

Letter, 17 Jan 2011  
Zoe Russell, Umina

## For the developers

## Forum

The decision by the Keneally Government to overrule Gosford Council and all relevant resident groups and approve a seven-storey unit development at the Ettalong waterfront, proves one thing conclusively.

This is a Government for the developers, of the developers and

by the developers.

You can build all the high rises in the world, but when shopkeepers are being held up at knifepoint, social infrastructure not overdevelopment, is what Ettalong needs most.

Email, 20 Jan 2011  
Warren Cross, Wagstaffe

## No spin

## Forum

Two positive elements have come out of the tragic Queensland floods.

One is the true Aussie spirit of courage, tenacity and ingenuity.

The other is the emergence of a politician with true heart and spirit, not seen since the days of Ben Chifley.

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Fabricated spin is nowhere to be seen at last.

Letter, 17 Jan 2011  
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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## Slow down at Umina oval

The recently-opened recreational park at Umina has bought an influx of people to the area and at this time of the year lots of tourists, which in turn has

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bought a lot more traffic.

On this access road, there are no speed signs and there have been a few near misses with children running in excitement across from the car park to the beach access ramps.

The northern part of the beach is an off-the-leash zone for dogs and they (as they should be able to) enjoy their fun in the surf.

Children and dogs are unpredictable and drivers need to be more careful when driving in such areas.

Slow down!

Friends of mine had their dog hit by a four-wheel-drive (guests at the caravan park) on this access road.

The dog was chased on the beach by two bigger dogs and ran so fast with my friend in chase.

By the time she caught up with her dog, he was standing by her motor vehicle and witnesses stated the four-wheel-drive was speeding and the driver after hitting the dog did not even stop to render assistance, which is a shameful thing to do.

The new recreation park is a wonderful addition to Umina for both the younger and older children and families alike.

However, one would expect that as the emphasis of the park is for children it would be an alcohol free zone.

Lift your game Council.

Speed limit signs now, and stop the grog.

Email, 14 Jan 2011  
Vic Jefferies, St Huberts Island

Email, 20 Jan 2011  
Naomi Mitchell, Umina

## Who is accountable for 'red cent' loss?

### Forum

It absolutely horrifies me remembering his famous words in 2009 to the public, "we haven't lost one red cent".

Fast forward to October 2010 and it is reported in the Gosford Council Business Paper that Gosford Council's latest investment portfolio has matured bringing the

losses to an incredible \$38 million dollars with an expectation of more losses to come.

To date, no one has been made accountable for the appalling decision in 2005 to invest \$100 million of our public funds in what was considered, even then, risky investments.

No one has explained to the people of Gosford why so much of our money was gambled away when other Councils risked little or in Wyong Council's case, risked none at all.

It was reported on the ABC 7:30 Report that Gosford Council had the most losses in the country.

So was anyone made accountable?

No, in actual fact, those who are responsible, who are complicit in this extraordinary scandal have been rewarded and, for Cr Holstein, he will no doubt be elected as the next State Member for Gosford to represent us in Parliament because people just don't care anymore.

Email, 14 Jan 2011  
Debra Wales, Umina

## Stage set for big moolah

The latest abomination approved by the Minister for Ugly and Destruction, Mr Kelly, at Ettalong Beach is a start for the big spenders to hit Ettalong.

With a string of like developments along the beach and an ostentatious casino perched on the dunes, the stage is set for people with big moolah to visit.

### Forum

High rollers and big Chinese Communist Party bosses will flock to the place once called the Venice of Australia to spend their ill-gotten gains.

We're in the Money will be back on the hit parade.

Letter, 13 Dec 2010  
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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by Peter Grieve of the Umina Chiropractic Centre

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We certainly trust that you and yours likewise made the most of the season of peace and goodwill to all.

We hope you are well rested and fired up to have a great year where you can achieve better levels of health and share the benefits of positive wellbeing with a world that needs it.

Speaking of rest, it is probably a commonly misused term as it implies laying down and perhaps having a doze. The well-rested person is usually bubbling with energy and raring to go and does enjoy quality rest between 9.00pm and 5.00am...ish. I guess we all get caught up with looking at our dietary regime and exercise programmes to lose weight or find more energy. It may be worth considering avoiding over stimulating programmes on tele and doing some quiet recreational activity such as a cross word, a family game of cards, some art work and so on, prior to retiring of an evening. If your kids are 'hyper', then stay away from or strictly control the time spent with multi-media, .....go on, be brave and say the NO! word to your young ones and even your older ones

For those who do have trouble 'switching off', eat a 50% smaller meal of a night and increase your breakfast quality, join a meditation group, avoid using unnecessary pharmaceuticals.

I witness every day the array of 'pills' people are taking and I wonder how they are still alive.

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## Health



Master of the Lodge Morning Star, Mr Noel Higgs and Woy Woy Stroke Club representatives, Ms Helen Anderson and Ms Judy Shearman.

# Stroke group receives donation

The Lodge Morning Star has donated \$1000 to the Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club and Working Age Group at a presentation night and Christmas social dinner.

The evening was held at the Gosford Masonic Centre on Monday, December 20, and was attended by about 100 people.

The Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club regularly use the hydrotherapy pool at Woy Woy hospital and takes members who are disadvantaged on monthly bus trips to various venues around the

Coast.

Master of the Lodge Morning Star, Mr Noel Higgs, said the Masonic group originating from the Peninsula liked to help organisations whenever they could.

"We support any charity organisations that are in need, we have fundraisers and if we have enough money we support them,"

he said.

Representatives of the Woy Woy Stroke Club, Ms Helen Anderson and Ms Judy Shearman, expressed their gratitude for the donation and thanked all who supported the fundraiser.

Email, 19 Jan 2011

Noel Higgs, Lodge Morning Star

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The Peninsula Women's Health Centre has increased its space with a pre-fabricated room installed just before Christmas.

The Health Centre received \$66,004 in area assistance funding from the NSW Department of Community Services in the 2009 round of funding.

The room was designed and built by Timberline and includes an accessible toilet and kitchenette.

Gosford Council also supported the project by waiving development application costs.

The room is currently undergoing the finishing touches including paint, floor coverings, electricity and plumbing.

Woy Woy specialized employment service Break Thru People Solutions has agreed to build an accessible ramp to

the room as part of their work experience program which will commence in February.

Peninsula Women's Health Centre community development worker Ms Kate Bradfield said that, once the ramp was installed, the room would be used for groups and workshops.

"Having more space will also enable us to run some groups for mothers and their children and also establish some childcare for some of the groups we run," she said.

"As part of the Area Assistance funding, we will also be able to purchase some equipment for children."

An open day will be held once the building is complete.

Email, 18 Jan 2011

Kate Bradfield, Peninsula Women's Health Centre

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# Out and About



## Good response but no sales

Despite making no sales, local wood and stone sculptor Mr Piers Jones from Killcare Heights said he was pleased with the response at the Killcare Art by the Sea exhibition last month.

Mr Jones had four sculptures on display at the exhibition held from January 2 to January 11, three of which were made from wood and one from stone.

"I mainly work with wood, but I put that one [stone] in to demonstrate that I'm not confined to wood," said Mr Jones.

Mr Jones said he had no expectations to sell but was pleased with what people had to say about his work.

"I got the same response that I usually get from exhibitions, mostly of appreciation and admiration for

my work.

"The biggest compliment is when someone says they've never seen anything like it before, which is what I'm trying to do.

"I'm not taking my inspiration from any other artist," said Mr Jones.

Mr Jones entered the exhibition at Killcare for the second year in a row.

The average price for one of Mr Jones' wooden sculptures lies at around the \$4000 mark.

However, Mr Jones said he had a fairly large price tag on his biggest sculpture this year, which was well over two metres high, and wasn't expecting even a nibble.

"There weren't too many things this year that sold over \$1000 in the whole exhibition, last year was much better," he said.

Mr Jones has had success in previous art shows, being selected twice as a finalist in the Gosford Art prize and also winning first prize twice at the Sydney art show, Timber and Working with Wood.

Mr Jones' sculptures are non-representational and are often described as abstract sculptures for people who don't like abstract.

"I deliberately don't work by process.

"I start with what the wood offers like knots and cracks and weathering.

"I use the expressions of the wood that are produced by growth or decay," he said.

Mr Jones works with the expressions of the wood to find form and space and patterns of light and shade to create something aesthetically pleasing.

He has been working with wooden sculptures for around 30



Mr Jones' major sculpture at the Art by the Sea exhibition in Killcare last month

years and said he has always been interested in art.

"I've always had an orientation to artistic creation but it probably really kicked off in my early 20s."

Mr Jones started his career with painting before going to an art school in England.

"It had no bearing to what I'm doing now.

"No one taught me what I'm doing.

"I've always liked complicated detailed work," he said.

Mr Jones completed an honours degree in art history and fine art at the age of 32, after which he began sculpting.

Kaitlin Watts, 18 Jan 2011  
Interviewee: Piers Jones

## The Blues Angels at folk club

The Troubadour folk club will feature rootsy blues band The Blues Angels at its next meeting on Saturday, February 26, from 7pm at the CWA Hall in Woy Woy.

The trio of Cec Bucello, Tom Flood and Frank Russell will perform with a lineup of banjo, double bass, guitar, mandolin and harmonica.

"The Blues Angels will swing you with a hoedown, lonesome back hills harmonies, rip-roaring bluegrass and foot-stomping blues, gentle love ballads, miserable late night blues, swinging folk, and general acoustics," said club president Ms Marilyn Russell.

Troubadour aimed to preserve the traditions of heritage music and poetry and encouraged participation by everyone and to provide a place for beginning and advanced artists to get involved and support local artists, she said.

The group generally meets on the fourth Saturday of the month.

It also offers jam sessions, blackboard concerts and sessions, group camping trips and a collection of frequent activities including performances at nursing homes, fetes and other community events.

Members and the general public are encouraged to bring along their own instruments and singing voices to contribute to concerts.

Local artists are also often invited to teach workshops to members and friends of Troubadour and are used to encourage both beginners and professionals.

Floor spots will be available and supper is provided at the February concert.

With inquiries, phone 4341 4060.

Email, 19 Jan 2011  
Marilyn Russell, Troubadour  
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"The festival created such a

sense of community pride and spirit in the town," said committee member Ms Ylenna Zajec.

The festival will be held on Sunday, March 20, from 10am to 4pm.

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## Aboriginal artists visit Killcare

Two Aboriginal artists from the Central Desert visited the Bouddi Gallery in Killcare on Friday, January 14, to demonstrate painting styles and chat with over 200 visitors.

Rene Kulitja who designed artwork for the Olympics Qantas plane and Janet Inyika are both painters from Maruku Arts at Uluru.

The women were in Sydney for the opening of the Mantanguru Urukutu (From the Desert to the Sea) exhibition at Bondi pavilion until January 30, when they decided to visit Killcare.

Aboriginal leader Mr Gabi Duncan welcomed the women to Darkinjung country on behalf of the local Land Council.

"The day was a huge success in raising awareness of Indigenous desert culture," said Bouddi Gallery director Ms Jody Deamer.

"People travelled from Newcastle and Sydney to the gallery to meet the desert painters.

"Those in attendance expressed

gratefulness for the experience and a renewed motivation to learn more and travel further into Aboriginal Australia," she said.

In the late afternoon, 50 local invitees attended a picnic hosted by Helena Hanson from the Killcare Kiosk, and children from Pretty Beach Primary School guided the women onto the beach and rocks at Killcare.

Maruku Arts manager Mr Clive Scollay played guitar and taught bush songs.

The women also taught the children a number of traditional dances and invited them to travel to Uluru later in the year as a school excursion.

"The children were overcome by the invitation and have already started planning the trip," said Ms Deamer.

"Rene and Janet said they felt very welcomed by the local community and would like to return later in the year for an exhibition."

Email, 9 Jan 2011

Jody Deamer, Bouddi Gallery



Rene Kulitja with Pretty Beach Public School Kids at Killcare Beach

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## Out and About



Marijke Greenway's painting Bush Yarns

## Marijke enters summer exhibition

Pearl beach artist Marijke Greenway was one of the many artists who entered the Central Coast Art Society Gosford Arts Centre Summer Exhibition held from Friday, January 21, to Sunday, January 23.

Ms Greenway entered an oil painting titled Bush Yarns.

"It was painted from life in Pearl Beach behind the tennis courts a few months ago over a painting I did not like any more," said Ms Greenway.

"Size wise it was a real adventure, as it did not really fit onto my little outdoor easel and the trees that were my inspiration were so numerous and so colourful that I felt I was doing a jigsaw puzzle getting the branches spatially correct.

"But I like painting this way, every brush stroke is then a challenge, taking a little view of the bush and making it into a painting.

Ms Greenway said the Bush Yarns painting was also featured as part of her exhibition in the Palm House in the Botanic Gardens,

Sydney, during November.

The Summer Exhibition featured work by most members of the Central Coast Art Society with each member able to submit a maximum of three works.

"As an artist one is always painting toward an exhibition," said Ms Greenway.

"This keeps the artists motivated.

"We always need to have a carrot dangling to stay excited," she said.

Email, 17 Jan 2011

Marijke Greenway, Pearl Beach

## Little Theatre season announced

Woy Woy Little Theatre has announced its 2011 season, with the first productions set to hit the stage on February 18.

First will be the Steve Martin adaptation of The Underpants by Carl Sternheim, directed by John Hickey.

This comedy-farce written in the early 1900s will be performed at the Peninsula Theatre until March 6.

Mr Hickey is a veteran actor and director of well over 47 productions

with Woy Woy Little Theatre spanning as many years.

His recent credits include Doubt as director and the blind Peter Ravenswaal in Wrong Turn at Lungfish.

The cast features Alf Taylor, Shaun Tinkler, Sierra Phillips, Christine Vale, Alan Bird, Adam Young and Brendon Flynn.

Woy Woy Little Theatre will go on to present its Season of One Act Plays in the style of shoestring theatre from May 6 to May 15.

Several one act plays will be presented giving new directors,

playwrights and actors the chance to build their skills.

The theatre will present Boy Gets Girl, directed by Barbara Hickey, from July 15 to 31.

The final production will be the Mousetrap by Agatha Christie, directed by Brendon Flynn, showing from October 28 to November 13.

Email, 17 Jan 2011

Patrice Horne, Woy Woy Little Theatre

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## Gold Coast created at Ettalong, says councillor

The approval of the Tesrol development at Ettalong will create "another Gold Coast-style over-development", according to Gosford Greens Councillor Terri Latella

She said the project was "another unsightly building approved by the Minister who does not live on the Central Coast and does not need to ask for public comment or approval".

Cr Latella said: "Council has, in the past, refused high rises such as the Ettalong Club, and spent ratepayers' money to defend planning standards.

"We want livable and exciting villages that are easily connected with public transport and offer a wide range of economic and social services that provide beachside living and socializing without creating extreme social barriers."

Cr Latella said she would submit a question on notice to the next Council meeting, asking whether a submission was provided to the Minister on the Tesrol Development Application and asking that it be made public.

"I feel it might be important to understand Council's true position," said Cr Latella.

"Why are we not questioning the Minister's approval and whether he/she inspected the area.

"The passing of Tesrol is the erosion of our democratic rights, our rights as residents and home owners who came and purchased believing that the planning laws were the same for one and all," said Cr Latella.

Email, 17 Jan 2011  
Cr Terri Latella

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## Sale for Nambus trip

The Gosford City Sub-Branch of the Vietnam Veterans Federation of Australia will hold a trash and treasure sale on Saturday, February 5, from 8am at the office of the Vietnam Vets in Ettalong.

The sale will raise money for the Vietnam Vet's Nambus trip to Cobar High School on Sunday, March 13.

During the Nambus's trip to Cobar, it will visit a number of high schools along the way including Orange and Dubbo to educate school children on Australia's involvement in the Vietnam war, the history preceding, during and the aftermath of Australian military conflict.

The Nambus also aims to provide a form of therapy for the veterans who voluntarily man the bus, give educational talks and hold discussion with the students as well as promote and support the ethos of the ex-service and service community in the spirit of ANZAC.

The bus will leave on March 13, and will visit Orange and Dubbo before arriving in Cobar on March, 17.

It will depart Cobar on March 21, for Nyngan and then on to Dubbo and Orange again before arriving back on the Coast on Saturday, March 26.

The Nambus's trip to Cobar will be the first time it has travelled so far out West and was initiated by an email from Cobar High School history teacher Mr Ross Cain.

Mr Cain asked that the bus visit the school as students in the area miss out on the opportunity to see projects like the Nambus, due to their isolation.

Letters requesting donations were sent out once the decision



was made to travel to Cobar and donations were received from a number of organizations all over NSW, Victoria and Queensland.

A number of fundraising activities were also organized

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Email, 19 Jan 2011  
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If you would like your Community Organisation listed here, see www.duckscrossing.org contact Peninsula News on 4325 7369



# Funeral was well-attended

The funeral of Peninsula resident Ms Deb Russell was held on Friday, January 14, at the Greenway Chapel, Green Point, after her recent death from cancer.

More than 500 people attended the funeral and about 150 people attended a wake.

Ms Russell had been living on the Peninsula for around 35 years and dedicated herself to her family and various charities including

volunteer work, Volunteers in Policing, Blue Light Discos, religious teachings, fundraising, charity work and as a marriage celebrant.

Ms Russell had begun collecting cabbage patch dolls in an attempt to keep herself occupied while quitting smoking and to raise money for needy children.

"Each one of my more than 100 cabbage patch dolls was chosen with a real love of the healthy looking and gorgeous kiddiness

I feel for these quirky little dolls," said Ms Russell in a biographical story on her website.

"They make me smile as I pass by them, they ask and expect nothing of me and the joy they bring me just from looking at them could only really be described and understood by other doll lovers.

"Anyone could well appreciate the fact that they represent strong, healthy, happy well cared for, much loved, unique and diversely coloured children of the world."

From Ms Russell's collection of cabbage patch dolls she initiated a crusade, aiming to collect \$1 from everyone who have loved a doll and who has a heart for helping needy and neglected children.

Ms Russell dressed all her 150 dolls in designer clothes and turned them into collectable items.

"The \$1 you invest in these children will then entitle each donor to be in the running to win one of the 100 dolls from my precious collection of Cabbage Patch Kids."

The Community and Hope Church at Umina, of which Ms Russell was a member is continuing to work on Ms Russell's cabbage patch crusade.

Ms Russell left behind three children Brenn, Mandy and Lorrie and two adored grandchildren Nikita and Shelby.

Email, 20 Jan 2011  
Gaye Leggett,



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# The Peninsula Diary

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

## Tuesday January 25

Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts centre Term 1 starts  
Mulhall St in Wagstaffe closed from 6pm due to Australia day events.

## Wednesday January 26

Australia Day entertainment at Woy Woy waterfront from 12:30pm  
Australia Day entertainment at Wagstaffe, 8am, Wagstaffe Hall

## Friday January 28

Flood Benefit Night, Randalls on the Beach, 6:30pm  
Triple Zero party, Woy Woy leagues Club, 8:30pm

## Saturday January 29

Closeup n Classy with Special Guests, Uniting hall Ettalong, 6:30pm

## Sunday January 30

Usual Suspects live performance, Randall's on the Beach, Killcare, Free

## Monday January 31

Junior Soccer Competition, Peninsula Leisure Centre

## Tuesday February 1

Woy Woy School for

seniors classes return, 10am, Peninsula Community centre  
Community Grants and sponsorship workshop, Peninsula Theatre, 9:30am

## Wednesday February 2

Super Kids, Peninsula Leisure Centre, 9:30-10:15 am and 10:30-11:15am  
Ruth Eager art exhibition, Gnostic Mana Internet cafe, 8am-5pm

## Saturday February 5

Trash and Treasure sale, Vietname Vets office Ettalong, 8am  
Southern and United Football Club registration day, James Browne Oval Woy Woy, 10am

## Monday, February 7

Peninsula Environment Group Annual general meeting, Woy Woy Environment centre, 6:30pm

## Friday, February 18

The Underpants, Woy Woy Little theatre

## Saturday February 12

PCYC Birthday Family Fun Day, Umina PCYC, 10am-3pm  
Wowgirls Learn to Surf Day, Umina Beach, 10am

Southern and United Football Club registration day, James Browne Oval Woy Woy, 10am

## Sunday, February 20,

Comp and Registration day, Umina Boardriders, Umina Beach

## Saturday, February 26

Troubadour folk club, Woy Woy CWA Hall

## Tuesday, March 8

Boy Meets Girl auditions, Woy Woy Little theatre, 7:30pm

## Tuesday March 15

A Season of One Act Plays auditions, Woy Woy Little Theatre, 7:30pm

## Friday, May 6

Season of One Act Plays, Woy Woy Little Theatre

## Friday, July 15

Boy Gets Girl, Woy Woy Little Theatre

## Friday, October 28

The Mousetrap, Woy Woy Little Theatre

# Charity Barometer 2010/2011

The Peninsula community is renowned for its generosity.

Time and time again, you'll read articles in this paper about funds raised for charity, but nobody knows how large a sum this is every year.

The Charity Barometer is an attempt by us to publicly record the extent of the Peninsula's generosity over the current financial year and to see what the grand total will be, come this time next year.

If you're part of an organisation that has raised and donated funds to charity, please let us know. Contact details are on page 2.

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\$6900

**Wallaby Street Preschool** \$100 for the Queensland floods

**Ettalong Memorial Fishing Club** \$1000 for the Gosford Hospital burns Unit and \$1500 for the Queensland flood appeal

**Lodge Morning Star** \$1000 to the Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club and Working Age Group

**Woy Woy Public School P and C** \$20,000 to Woy Woy Public School

**Woy Woy Aged Care** \$2500 Woy Woy Womens refuge and Men's Prison Ministries

**Peninsula law team** \$6205 for the 2010 MS Sydney to the Gong bike ride

**Pearl Beach Progress Association** \$80,000 toward rock pool costs

**Pearl Beach Progress Association** \$10,000 Community Hall upgrades

**Ettalong Beach Club** \$4000 to Movember

**Woy Woy South PS** \$11,000 for the school

**Ocean Beach Surfclub** \$4,500 Careflight

**Charity Queens - Oyster Festival** \$90,000 Cancer Council

**Woy Woy Rotary Club** \$700 to 1st Woy Woy Sea Scouts CUB PACK

**Umina Public school P&C** \$42,000 to Umina Public School (2010)

**Rotary Club of Umina Beach** \$4,000 to Coast Shelter

**Woy Woy South Public School** \$2,000 for School Equipment

**Ettalong Public School P&C** \$10,172 for Ettalong Public School

**Peninsula Village** \$1257 from its annual art and craft show

**Pearl Beach Progress Association** \$4000 for Umina PCYC

**Pearl Beach Progress Association** \$9800 for Central Coast Lifeline and the Pearl Beach hall fund

**Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation** raised \$7000 from its last month's fundraising activities to purchase new items

**Rotary Club of Umina Beach** \$4300 for Religious Education Ministries at Brisbane Water Secondary College

**Ettalong Beach Club** \$1000 for Blackwall Guides Support Group

**NRMA Insurance** \$7950 for Umina PCYC

**Football Federation of Australia and NAB** \$3000 for Umina United Football Club

**Woy Woy P&C** \$600 for Woy Woy Public School library

**Ettalong Beach P&C** \$2164 for Ettalong Beach Public School

**School Fun Run** \$1304 for Wallaby St Weenies Preschool

**Umina Junior Cricket Club and Woy Woy Junior Rugby Union** \$2600 for McGrath Foundation

**Pretty Beach P&C** \$700 for Pretty Beach Public School

**Peninsula Village** \$400 for Lifeline Australia

**Ettalong 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre** \$400 for Arthritis NSW

**Ettalong Public School P&C** \$1588 for Ettalong Public School

**Empire Bay Public School** \$7000 for MS Read-a-thon

**Woy Woy McDonald's** \$6900 for Ronald McDonald House Charities

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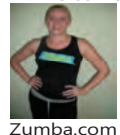
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Ms Marie Andrews with representatives

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and I congratulate them on  
their success in being able  
to represent our State", said

Member for Gosford Ms  
Marie Andrews.

Media release, 20 Jan 2011  
Suzanne King, Office of  
Marie Andrews MP

Surf Tri Series held at  
Ocean Beach

The Central Coast has  
placed first in the Trans-  
Tasman Tri Series surf  
club competition held  
over three days at Ocean  
Beach, North Avoca and

Macmasters Beach from  
January 9 to 11.

The first round was held  
at Ocean Beach on Sunday,  
January 9, and Central  
Coast team manager Gary  
Mensforth, from Umina,  
said the team performed  
exceptionally well.

"They were excellent at  
Ocean Beach and across all  
three rounds of the series,"  
he said.

The Central Coast team  
won each round of the  
series and won overall by  
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and Northern Region New  
Zealand.

"The strength and depth  
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contributor to the overall  
result and beating NSW

Country to regain the trophy  
for an event that is held every  
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Each team, comprising of  
three males and females in  
each of the Open, Under 19  
and Under 17 age categories,  
participated in traditional  
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events.

Mr Mensforth said he was  
pleased with the results of  
the team including Ocean  
Beach's Elyssia Gasparotto  
and Keelan Bridge.

"Both Elyssia and Keelan  
competed in round one and  
round two and excelled in  
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Kaitlin Watts, 17 Jan 2011  
Interviewee: Gary Mensforth

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## Sport

# Locals well placed in model yachting

**Radio Controlled Model Yachting competitors from Umina performed well at the Australian National titles held at Kogarah Bay.**

Mr Phil Page from Umina placed third over three days of competitive sailing in the A-class from January 3 to 5 in his first year in the A-class.

"I've been sailing radio yachts for probably 30 years and it's the first time I've sailed in the A-class so it's a pretty good result and I thoroughly enjoyed it," said Mr Page.

The A-class is the most prestigious of the four radio model yachting classes.

The biggest and heaviest yachts sail in this class.

Mr Frank Russell of Umina placed fifth in the 10R class

that sailed over three days from January 6 to 8.

The three days saw varying wind changes and was highly competitive right up to the last few hours of sailing.

There were only a few points separating second to fifth places.

Mr Russell was sailing his own designed boat, the Phoenix 5, which he has been fine tuning since competing in the NSW titles last October.

Both skippers did better this year than they did last year and are now planning for the 2012 National Titles in Tasmania next January.

They sail regularly with the Central Coast Radio Yachting Club, which meets the on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at Terrigal Lagoon.

Email, 20 Jan 2011  
Marilyn Russell, Umina



Warwick Botfield

## Classic catch at eight-a-side

**The final of the annual Umina eight-a-side cricket carnival was held on Sunday, January 16.**

Action started as a streaker attempted to throw the competitors off the game with a five minute jaunt around Umina Oval.

This had no effect on first grade player Warwick Botfield who made a catch "that will win any classic catches competition anywhere in the world for the next 100 years," according to Umina Cricket Club vice president, Mr Warwick Egan.

Mr Botfield took three boundary catches one-handed while holding a beverage in the other.

"The final catch was captured on film by the appointed photographer, 'water bottle' secure in left hand and cricket ball secure in right," he said.

When the final recommenced after a brief distraction from the streaker, it was the Fiddocks who claimed the title with a 74 to 54 win over the Duds.

Email, 17 Jan 2011  
Warwick Egan, Umina Cricket Club



Frank Russell's boat number 50

## Second year in academy squad

**Sixteen-year-old Woy Woy athlete Nicola Stone has been selected as part of the 2011 Central Coast Academy of Sport netball squad for the second year in a row.**

Nicola is a returning scholarship athlete who a recipient of a mayoral award at the Academy Awards evening held in November last year for her commitment to the netball program.

"Nicola is a very consistent goal shooter who has shown consistent improvement throughout the program in 2010," said head coach Ms Lauren Fahey.

Nicola also played at the games tournament for all regional

academies in NSW last July in Maitland, with the team finishing in second place.

Nine scholarship athletes were selected to return from last year's squad including Nicola, and 11 girls gained selection into the academy program for the first time.

The Central Coast Academy of Sport netball program forms part of the Netball NSW pathway for athletes to gain state team selections and higher representative honours with the opportunity to access high quality coaching and skill development in a local setting.

"The academy program focuses on individual skills while we will

also need to work as a team and represent the region at a number of events throughout the year including the Clubs NSW Academy Games in Armidale in April," said Ms Fahey.

The academy squad will have regular training sessions at Central Coast Grammar School and will also undergo specific sport science testing by The University of Newcastle and educational seminars such as nutrition and sports psychology.

Media Release, 10 Jan 2011  
Luke Tucker, Central Coast Academy of Sport  
Interviewee: Lauren Fahey

## Young guns race boats

**Umina Surf Life Saving Club hosted the Bruce Thoroughgood Young Guns boat race on Sunday, January 9, at Umina Beach in memory of head sweep and coach Bruce Thoroughgood.**

The surf boat carnival was held at Umina for the third year in a row and was open to under-19 male, under-23 male and female boat crews with an open invitation to any crews around Australia to encourage and develop young surf boat rowers.

This year's event saw 32 crews of 160 members attend along with officials and spectators traveling from the North Coast, Hunter, Sydney Northern beaches and Sydney's south.

"The event is growing each year and the junior rowers really enjoy the racing environment and the chance to mix with members of so many different clubs," said carnival organiser Mr Paul Quick.

"The standard of racing is very high and you can guarantee you will see some of these crews in the finals come State and Australian championships time," he said.

"With the aid of Surf Lifesaving Central Coast and sponsorship, the young members can compete and be rewarded for their efforts with many prizes provided by the sponsor on the day.

"This is about not only

developing surf boat rowers but also young lifesavers, who patrol our beaches each weekend in their voluntary roles and look out for the community," he said.

The carnival is held every year to commemorate the life of Bruce Thoroughgood after he died suddenly in his home on April 9, 2008, at the age of 55.

Mr Thoroughgood had only the day before returned from Perth where he competed in the Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships and was working on a Terrigal surf boat at the time of his passing.

He started as a rower and then sweep at Umina for a number of years before taking up the role of head sweep and coach at Terrigal.

He won a number of medals at Branch, State and Australian Championships and was keen to encourage and develop young members into the sport of surfboat rowing.

In conference with Terrigal, Umina offered to hold the event each year at their beach in tribute to their passed member.

The event is attended each year by Bruce's two sons, Brent and Scott, who have rowed surf boats themselves and are also members of surf life saving clubs.

Media release, 19 Jan 2011  
Paul Quick, Terrigal SLSC

## Boardriders start cadets division

**Umina Boardriders will have a cadets-juniors division for under-16s this year, as well as its the existing Opens, B Grade and Masters divisions.**

The move comes with the election of a new committee at the club's annual meeting.

About 20 members attended the meeting and elected Shane Roser as the president, Verity Roser as secretary-treasurer, Drew Courtney as club captain and John Coates as contest director.

The committee has decided to introduce a cadet-junior under-16

division to "balance things out", according to Ms Roser.

This would enable younger surfers who were reluctant to join the B grade division to still surf competitively, she said.

The club will also combine the registration day with its first comp day on Sunday, February 20, and is looking for sponsors over the next few weeks.

Individuals or businesses interested in sponsoring the club should phone 4341 9202.

Newsletter, 7 Jan 2011  
Verity Roser, Umina Boardriders

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## Double century to Woy Woy captain

Woy Woy's first grade cricket captain Jason Moore made history for the Woy Woy first grade side on Saturday, January 15, when he reached a score of 200 not out with 26 fours.

The side declared the innings at 6/366 against Warnervale at Woongarah Oval.

Woy Woy won the toss and elected to bat with Moore as the opening batsman.

He reached the highest run score by an individual in first grade in the club's 81-year history.

Moore also holds the second highest first grade run score of 192 not out which he made in 2003.

Also batting in first grade was Jason Hayward with 44 runs and Dave Eddy with 55 not out.

The Woy Woy second grade team played at Mt Penang against Warnervale who were all out for 114, with Woy Woy 6/68 in reply.

"Some outstanding bowling figures can from Woy Woy's life member Mark Austin with 3/9 from 13 overs," said club correspondent Ms Donna Jewiss.



Jason Moore

The third grade team played Warnervale at Mascord Park and saw another century by Woy Woy's Mitchell Bursle (108).

The side was all out for 252 with Warnervale 2/62 in reply.

Fifth grade saw a first innings win to Woy Woy with bowling figures from Alex Fehon-Smith of 5/10 from seven overs.

Email, 18 Jan 2011  
Donna Jewiss, Woy Woy Cricket Club

## Learn to surf day for women

The Wowgirls Wave of Wisdom community network will be holding a Learn to Surf Day for women at Umina Beach on Saturday, February 12, from 10am until 12pm.

Coaches from Central Coast Surf School will take participants through the basics to get them riding the waves and having lots of fun.

Wowgirls president Ms Yvonne Lamont said she established the organisation in February 2008 from her love of surfing to support and connect women on the Central Coast.

The organisation now incorporates a number of activities including kayaking, drumming, belly dance, singing, cooking, yoga, fitness, martial arts and pottery.

Ms Lamont said she was inspired to help other women feel supported, valued and respected, to develop confidence, explore their true potential and forge lasting friendships.

The idea was to establish mutually supportive partnerships with existing community groups and businesses promoting services and programs in personal growth, health and wellbeing on the Coast, she said.

Over 40 businesses have since joined the network.

Wowgirls have an arrangement with each business to provide promotional days called Wowdays each year presenting their activity.

Grants were initially provided by Gosford Council, The Benevolent Society and the Everglades Country Club.

Ms Lamont is now planning to expand the club's activities on the Peninsula, with a view to establishing new partnerships with



The Wowgirls

businesses and attracting local women to participate in the many activities on offer.

"Participating businesses will be promoted to our members in return for providing an agreed discount," said Ms Lamont.

"Contact details of each

business will be listed on our website with a link to their website and also listed in the Discount Directory," she said.

With inquiries, phone 0403 910 948

Email, 21 Jan 2011  
Nitasha Thompson

## Soccer registration days planned

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club will hold its registration days for senior and junior soccer players on Saturday, February 5, and Saturday February 12, at James Browne Oval in Woy Woy.

Registrations will be taken

from 10am to 2pm each day and new players aged from under five to seniors have been invited to attend.

Southern Ettalong United junior players from the ages of eight to 16 are also invited to try out for the Southern Ettalong United FC Junior Development Football Academy for 2011.

Players selected for the academy will receive training with coaching programs designed to develop them technically, tactically, physically and psychologically.

The academy together with the club's junior team development programs are designed to provide a pathway for all Southern Ettalong United players to reach their potential.

The club is also appealing for old memorabilia, photos and newspaper clippings that members of the community may have, so the committee can put together a DVD and display of the clubs history for its 50th anniversary to be held later in the year.

With inquiries, phone 0412 031 338.

Email, 20 Jan 2011  
Gary Fish, Southern and Ettalong United FC

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