

## Chamber challenges Liberal promise

**The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has questioned the realism of the Liberal Party election promise to upgrade Woy Woy Rd and to provide a rail underpass.**

While welcoming the project, the Chamber has challenged the cost and timeframe proposed by the Opposition.

"The Chamber has received expert advice that the cost of the two kilometre project is more likely to be \$60 million to \$90 million rather than the quoted \$30 million," said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"Further, we are told by the NSW Opposition that the project should be completed by 2014-2015 which would appear rather ambitious considering the design challenges, property acquisition issues, National Parks and Wildlife approvals and tendering processes needed.

"To the best of our knowledge, Council has not resolved to adopt any one particular option, although the preferred route was through the Brisbane Water National Park, down through the old Nicols Quarry and under the railway line to link up with Railway St," said Mr Wales.

"While the Chamber welcomes any allocation of monies towards Woy Woy Rd, the logistics and funding should be carefully considered lest we find ourselves in a situation where the works have been grossly underestimated and the timing unachievable.

"Nobody likes cost blow outs.

"Taxpayers should feel confident that these projects are fully costed and have realistic time frames," he said.

He said the Chamber was also concerned that commitments are being made when the preferred options have not yet been fully adopted by Gosford Council.

"The Woy Woy Rd-Bulls Hill bypass has been off the books for nearly eight years.

"A lot of circumstances have changed since the original concepts were presented to Council," said Mr Wales.

"A lot of work needs to be done with the community to ensure that the best possible outcome is agreed while mitigating costs," he said.

**Media release, 17 Mar 2011  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce**



## Asbestos roof may be replaced

**The asbestos roof at the Umina PCYC would be replaced under a Liberal Government, according to Gosford candidate Cr Chris Holstein.**

"This is a club where our young

people come to participate in activities in a safe environment," said Cr Holstein.

"That safety should extend to the air-borne environment as well," he said.

"In an era where the full

dangers of asbestos are clear, it is deplorable that the Labor Leader Kristina Keneally has failed to provide funding to remove this asbestos."

**Media release, 3 Mar 2011  
Clint McGilvray, Liberal Party**

## Italian festival at Ettalong

**The Central Coast Italian Festival will be held in Ettalong over the weekend of April 16 and 17.**

The Festival will be held for the second year at the Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort where over 15,000 people joined in the celebration of the culture last year.

"The aim of the Festival is to bring all the aspects of Italian culture together for people of all races and backgrounds to embrace and enjoy," said resort owner Mr Larry Altavilla.

"The Central Coast Italian Festival will offer cultural hands-on experiences such as coffee, food, wine, beer, art, engineering, travel, history, film, party and music.

"The Festival is considered

the largest regional cultural event in NSW and has proved to be a worthwhile venue for small to medium Italian businesses to both promote and sell Italian products."

Festival events will include an art expo, barista courses by Schibello Caffè, cooking classes and cooking demonstrations by the Melbourne sensations Mangia Mangia, a fashion show, language classes, car shows, and an after-hours nightclub.

Children will be entertained in the Kidz Zone with entertainment including jumping castles, movies, face painting, cooking lessons, games, songs and animal shows.

**Email, 9 Mar 2011  
Larry Altavilla, Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort**

**The State Labor Government has provided \$10,000 in funds for a new bus for the St John the Baptist Church in Woy Woy.**

Labor candidate for Gosford Ms Katie Smith said the local church group played an important role in

providing excursions and transport for the elderly and impaired, as well as delivering meals on wheels.

Ms Smith said the new funds would help the church buy a new bus and continue their charitable works.

"St John the Baptist Church

do a fantastic job in helping those who need it most, particularly the elderly and impaired," she said.

Ms Smith said the funding demonstrated Labor's support and commitment to the Peninsula.

**Media Release, 8 Mar 2011  
Katie Smith, ALP**

## Money for church bus

## Sewerage option study to proceed

**Gosford Council has accepted a tender from MWH Australia Pty Ltd for the Priority Sewerage Program Strategic Options Study to protect public health and the environment by improving wastewater services in Empire Bay, Patonga Creek, Little Wobby and Bar Point.**

The MWH tender was recommended by council staff because they said it achieved the highest evaluation score and met all Council's requirements.

According to a Council staff report, the tender includes minor non-conformances with respect to indemnity, however, these were acceptable.

The study will examine options

for the collection, transfer and treatment of wastewater in the four communities and a preferred cost-effective solution selected.

The study would allow Council to have further stakeholder consultation, seek state government funding and design the schemes.

**Council Agenda  
Wat.3, 1 Mar 2011**



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Peninsula News and KB Thai restaurant in Woy Woy are giving one reader the chance to win a family night out at the restaurant valued at \$100.

The \$100 voucher entitles two adults and two children to a free meal each. The restaurant is open seven days from 11:30am to 3pm for lunch and 5pm to 10pm for dinner.

For your chance to win the family dinner pass write your name, address and phone number on the back of an envelope and send to Peninsula News dinner giveaway P.O Box 1056, Gosford, NSW, 2250 by the close of business Thursday, March 31.

The winner of last edition's Four Island Cruise giveaway is Carey Harris for Ettalong. Kaitlin Watts, 18 Mar 2011

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# Information about social services

An information day for residents suffering financial hardship will be held at the Peninsula Community Centre on Thursday, April 7, from 9am to 1pm.

The Peninsula Links Day will provide information about local social services provided by welfare agencies and non-government organisations.

The day will be organised by Centrelink in conjunction with local community organisations.

"We are hoping to see more than 50 local service providers set up shop in the Peninsula Community Centre," said Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill.

"This event will be an opportunity for people to find out about helpful local services and enjoy a free lunch.

"We're aiming to provide

immediate access to a range of practical services in a friendly environment to assist those who need it most.

"We'll have a range of freebies and lucky door prizes available on the day.

"There will be free haircuts, family photos and even free clothing for people who are doing it tough.

"Having all these organisations in the same place at the same time means people will be given access to the services which best suit their personal needs," said Ms O'Neill.

Representatives from several local services will be attending including Centrelink, Mary Mac's, Rosalie's Garden, St Vinnies, the Pantry Club, and the Department of Housing.

Media Release, 10 Mar 2011

Matt Pulford, Office of Deborah O'Neill MP

The Ettalong Beach Business Group held its regular clean-up on Sunday, March 6, in conjunction with Clean Up Australia Day.

"Our main objective was to tidy an area at Ferry Rd wharf which group members had replanted last year" said Ettalong Beach Business Group president Ms Jeanette Polley.

"Several teams worked at different locations throughout the Ettalong Beach town and foreshore from 8am until 1pm and then enjoyed refreshments and delicious food at The Cat's Pyjamas Restaurant at Ettalong.

The event was organised by Ettalong Beach Business Group member Mr Brendan Gulson.

"We would like to thank Gosford Council who organised two very hardworking men and a truck to help out on the day," said Ms Polley.

"A very special thank you to all who supported the event and worked so very hard to clean up Ettalong prior to the Ettalong Beach Festival.

"It is this type of event which nurtures pride in our town and helps to realise our goal of working together to improve the future of Ettalong Beach," said Ms Polley.

Media Release, 9 Mar 2011

Jeanette Polley, EBBG



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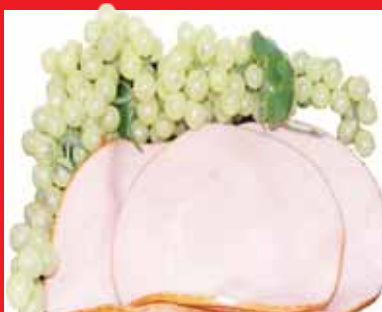
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## Retired publisher visits from Texas

The retired publisher of a local newspaper that has been published in the United States for 130 years visited Peninsula News earlier this month as part of a Rotary Club Group Study Exchange program.

Ms Patricia Wright, whose family has published the Mt Vernon Optic-Herald in Texas for three generations, met with Peninsula News editor Mr Mark Snell and commercial operator Mr Cec Bucello.

The Mt Vernon Optic-Herald is the oldest business in Franklin County, established as the Franklin Herald in 1874.

Ms Wright's parents had owned the newspaper before her and now her niece Ms Susan Reeves is owner and publisher.

Ms Wright led a team from Rotary District 5830 in Texas on a visit to the Central Coast.

Rotary's Group Study Exchange coordinator for the Central Coast, Ms Annona Pearce, said: "Group Study Exchange is one of the most interesting cultural exchange

programs in Rotary."

She said Ms Wright's visit was part of a "vocational" day where team members met locals in their area of employment and learned how it was done in another country.

"We spoke about the ways our respective papers worked and about the communities in which they exist," said Mr Snell.

"Although Mt Vernon is a small country town with just a few thousand people, we found we had a lot in common.

"We faced many of the same challenges and dealt with many of them in similar ways."

Mark Snell, 18 Mar 2011

**A family activity to learn about seagrass habitats and animals that live in Brisbane Water will be held at Woy Woy on Saturday, April 2, from 9:30am to 11:30am.**

The event will be conducted by the Community Environment Network's Waterwatch program, which is part of a national water quality monitoring and catchment education program involving schools, community groups and landholders.

"Estuaries, streams, rivers, wetlands and lakes are home to

## Learn about seagrass habitats

many small animals without a backbone, called invertebrates," said Waterwatch coordinator Ms Karen O'Neill.

"They include crustaceans, molluscs and worms.

"In estuaries, these bugs are often called benthic invertebrates.

"This means they live in or on the estuary floor.

"Water bugs are often used to help identify impacts of pollution or for assessing changes in habitats.

"The presence and abundance of different types of bugs can provide an indication of the health of the ecosystem.

"We will be dip-netting to find out what water bugs live in our estuaries," said Ms O'Neill.

The Central Coast Waterwatch program is supported by the Hunter-Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority with sponsorship from Gosford-Wyong Council's Joint Water Authority.

Bookings are essential as places are limited and morning tea will be provided.

With inquiries, phone Karen on 4349 4757.

Media Release, 16 Mar 2011  
Karen O'Neill, CEN Waterwatch

## Newspaper association seeks members

**The community association which owns Peninsula News is seeking new members to help organise association activities.**

Woy Woy Community Media Association Inc is seeking local residents who might be interested in helping organise events, such as talks and dinners, for the association.

"We are hoping to hold three or four events a year, where we will invite a speaker of topical interest to the Peninsula community," said editor and association president Mr Mark Snell.

"Being a member of the association is a great way to show support for the newspaper and to help ensure its continued independence.

"Peninsula News is unique in being owned by a voluntary community group and in the

degree to which it is produced as a voluntary community effort.

"Most of the news content of the paper is contributed free by the community and much of this comes from voluntary groups and private individuals.

"Volunteers are involved in the collation of material, as a community service or for work experience.

"Even the newspaper's editor is a volunteer."

Mr Snell said that, while the association owned the newspaper and was responsible for the news content, the commercial operation was contracted to Ducks Crossing Publications, which was

responsible for the advertising content and for the newspaper's production and distribution.

"We are fortunate to have found in Cec Bucello of Ducks Crossing a publisher who has supported the association's objectives of providing a comprehensive news service exclusively for the Peninsula."

The association's annual membership fee is \$5.

A membership application form can be found on page 2.

For further information, email membership@peninsulanews.asn.au or phone 4302 1522.

Media release, 18 Mar 2011  
Mark Snell, WWCMA

## Correction

**In the last edition of Peninsula News, two local architects Mr Graham Murray and Mr Peter McFadyen, were incorrectly named as architects representing Bespoke Properties in an article titled New Application for Three Storeys.**

Mr Murray and Mr McFadyen are local architects with no affiliation with Bespoke Properties, the firm which is proposing a new three-storey development at Hardys Bay.

The local architects gave independent assessments of the new proposal at a meeting of the Hardys Bay Residents' Group.

The mistake was a reporter's error.

Kaitlin Watts, 15 Mar 2011

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"Many property owners we meet are first-time sellers or live out-of-town and don't necessarily have the local knowledge or contacts," said LJ Hooker's Linda Donovan.

Her first guideline in choosing the right real estate agent and working with them to sell your property is to look to the local expert who knows market conditions and prices in the immediate area and

may already have a database of potential buyers.

**Further tips include:**

Enthusiasm is a key factor. If the salesperson isn't enthusiastic about your home, how are they going to sell it? Enthusiasm must not be confused with unrealistic promises, which will get you nowhere in a successful sale.

Does your salesperson have honesty and integrity?

How knowledgeable is your salesperson of relevant regulatory requirements and procedures?

Overlooking one of the many regulatory obligations could prove costly to you.

How will they report back to you?

How are their negotiating skills?

How are they going to market your property?

Lastly, remember that a property transaction is a two-way street. Choose your salesperson carefully, then give them your trust and work with them closely and they will be able to do their best for you.

"When you decide to sell, put your property and the buyer in the best possible position for success," said **Linda Donovan** who can be reached at **LJ Hooker Woy Woy on 4341 2001.**

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## Committee calls for review

Gosford Council's Local Traffic Committee has recommended that traffic conditions in Killcare Rd, Killcare, be reviewed following completion of the Killcare Rd-Araluen Dr intersection upgrade.

The recommendation was made following a local resident's request that Council improve road safety for two-way traffic on Killcare Rd, Killcare, as cars parked on both sides between the Velvet Blonde hair salon and uphill to the top of the hill, sometimes pushed the through vehicles across the centreline.

A Council inspection revealed that the width of the carriageway between the hair salon and the top of the hill (at the bus stop) is around

nine metres and averages 4.5 metres from kerb to the centreline for each direction.

"According to RTA Road Design Guideline (1996), the recommended parking lane width is 2.3m and travel lane is minimum 3.3m," according to a report to the Local Traffic Committee on Monday, February 7.

"Observation shows that when a small or mid-sized car was parked at the kerbside, other vehicles were able to travel past without crossing the centerline.

"However, as the space between the cars was minimal, many opted to cross the centre line.

"The problem occurs when parking in the village is at a premium," said the report.

Council Agenda TR.11.11,  
22 Mar 2011

Rainfall on the Peninsula so far this year is almost down to a quarter of average, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The dry weather of the first two months of this year has continued so far this month, with only 8.9mm recorded until last Friday, March 18.

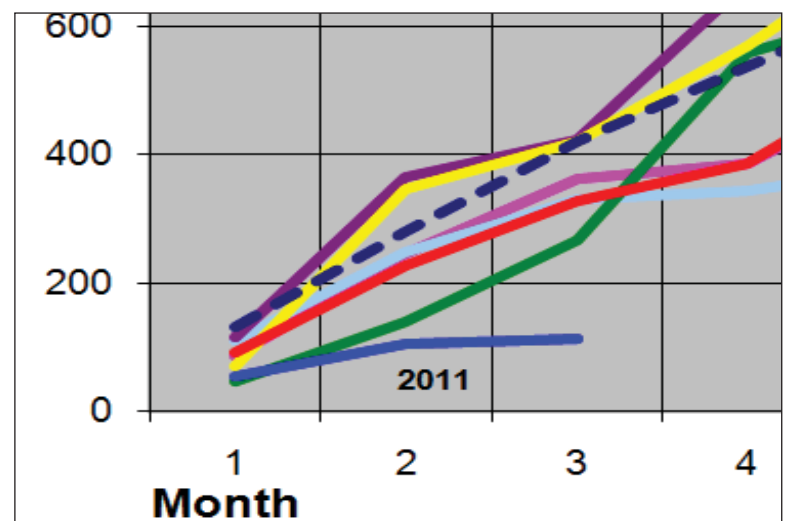
This is about six per cent of the average rainfall for March.

A total of 113.8mm has been recorded so far this year, just 27 per cent of the average of 420.8mm at the end of March.

Temperatures this month have ranged from a maximum of 34.8 on March 1 to a minimum of 15.8 recorded on March 7, according to [www.peninsulaweather.info](http://www.peninsulaweather.info).

Lowest maximum was 22.3

## Dry weather continues



degrees on March 2 and highest minimum was 21.7 on March 9.

Average maximum was 27.6 and average minimum was 19.5.

Highest wind gust this month was 31.7 km/h.

Atmospheric pressure ranged between 1007 and 1028 HPa.

Spreadsheet, 18 Mar 2011

Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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## Search for fisherman

Police are continuing to search for a missing fisherman who failed to return to his campsite located between Hawk Head Rd and Tallow Beach on the afternoon of Sunday, March 13.

The 52-year-old man and a friend from Rosehill n Sydney

had been camping in the Bouddi National Park, Box Head over the weekend of March 12 and 13.

The man was reported missing by his friend on Monday, March 14. A number of police searches including a land, air and water search failed to locate the man.

The missing man is described as being of Asian appearance, 162cm tall with a small build,

medium complexion, grey hair and dark eyes.

He was wearing a blue T-shirt, light brown long pants and black shoes.

Anyone who sees the man is urged to contact police via Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Media Release, 15 Mar 2011  
NSW Police media

## Parking may be limited at caravan park

Parking may be limited to 15 minutes on both sides of the access road north from the entry of the Ocean Beach Caravan Park.

Gosford Council's Local Traffic Committee has recommended that the timed parking be located for 63 metres to the existing No Parking zone.

A visitor to Ocean Beach Caravan Park complained that no space was available for a caravan park user to park to check in and out, as the area was often occupied

all day.

According to a council staff report to the Local Traffic Committee, the long-term parking leads to caravan park users double parking along the check-in or check-out area which causes traffic congestion.

The customer requested Council to solve the issue by installing parking restrictions to eliminate the long-term parking within the area.

A site inspection by council officers revealed that currently

the check-in or check-out areas were located on Council land for 75 metres along both sides of the access road to the caravan park.

There were no existing parking restrictions within this section of the road, only check-in-check-out signs which were not installed by Council.

The report stated that there appeared to be a high turn-over during peak times for caravan park users to check-in or check-out.

Council Agenda TR.11.03,  
22 Mar 2011

## Bus zone recommended

Gosford Council's Local Traffic Committee has recommended that a bus zone be installed on the southern side of Araluen Dr, Hardys Bay, west from the existing 15 minute parking.

The recommendation follows a request by the Council in November

to review "No Stopping restrictions and parking and bus stop needs in the vicinity of the intersection ... in consultation with the community and bus proprietors".

Site inspection and public consultation were held between representatives of Council's Road Safety and Traffic Unit and Busways, together with local

business proprietors to further identify the appropriate location for a bus zone in the vicinity of the intersection.

It was found that parking along Araluen Dr was a major concern to businesses operating by the roadside.

The committee was told that the view of footpath diners was disturbed by the unlimited parking and that shop owners had asked for the elimination of car parking in this area and the installation of a bus zone.

Council Agenda TR.11.12,  
22 Mar 2011

## Social club seeks members

A social club "for retired community members who still like to live it up" is seeking new members.

Silver Threads holds meetings at 10am on the fourth Tuesday of every second month at the Salvation Army Function Centre in Umina.

"Silver Threads is a wonderful way to find friendship and belonging in the community, as well as to treat your body, mind and spirit to a lot of fun," said Salvation Army organiser Mr Hans Schryver.

The club has activities such as

singing, games and morning tea and each meeting has either a speaker or performer as a featured guest.

The group also holds bus outings on the fourth Tuesday of June, August and October from 9am to 3pm.

Mr Schryver said there were no age restrictions, although over-55s were preferred.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22.

With inquiries, phone Mr Schryver on 0413 118 022.

Media release, 15 Mar 2011  
Hans Schryver, Salvation Army

## Space wanted for second bus

Bus operator Busways has asked Gosford Council to extend a bus zone in Ocean View Rd, Ettalong, to accommodate a second bus.

It has asked that the bus zone on the northern side of the road between Memorial Ave and Broken Bay Rd be extended to 42 metres to handle "increased services", replacing two half hour parking spots.

Council's Local Traffic

Committee has supported the request, recommending that the bus zone be extended.

Council staff reported to the committee: "Considering Council's car park is available at the rear of the business which has frontage on the northern side of Ocean View Rd between Broken Bay Rd and Memorial Ave, the impact of removing the two timed kerbside parking spots would be minimal."

Council Agenda TR.11.09,  
2 Mar 2011

## Donation to The Web

Brisbane Water Bridge Club has donated \$3000 to the Web Youth Services.

It was presented at the Brisbane Water Bridge Club Christmas party in December last year.

Web Youth Services will use the money to replace stolen equipment and will provide a range of social experiences to disadvantaged youth

on the Peninsula.

The Bridge Club, which operates out of the Peninsula Community Centre, raised the money through raffles, commissioned trading tables and card making and selling.

Some members also hosted bridge days at home to raise funds.

Email, 31 Jan 2011  
Sylvia Foster, Brisbane  
Water Bridge Club

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**Deborah O'Neill**  
Federal MP for Robertson

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## Election

# Gosford electorate

## Polling

The whole of the Peninsula, from Brisbane Water Dr at Woy Woy waterfront to Woy Woy Rd at the National Park boundary to the Rip Bridge at Booker Bay, is covered by the Gosford electorate.

Candidates for the seat of Gosford were asked to provide 200 words about what they will do for the Peninsula.

Their contributions are printed in the order their names will appear on the ballot paper.

Election day is next Saturday, March 26, with polling booths open from 8am to 6pm.

Polling places for the electorate include:

- Booker Bay Pre-School
- Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus
- Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus
- Empire Bay Public School
- Ettalong Public School
- Patonga Progress Hall
- Pearl Beach Community Centre
- South Woy Woy Progress Association Hall
- The Bays Community Hall
- Umina Community Hall
- Umina Public School
- Woy Woy South Public School

## INDEPENDENT:

## Jake Cassar

I am a local resident and grew up in Woy Woy.

I work as a musician, youth worker, teacher's aid, tour guide and independent film maker.

My main campaign policies involve saving the Coast's bush land.

I am certainly against over-development as it would compromise the reason so many have chosen to live here.

The current plan for Gosford waterfront would compromise much-valued community open space.

I will push for a Woy Woy Hospital 24-hour accident and emergency department, better mental and allied health facilities and reinstatement of the rehabilitation unit.

Sustainable transport solutions are required to reduce the traffic gridlock of the Peninsula.

A solution could include a closed loop bus service accessing Ettalong and beyond.

I will push for funding for



Homeless outreach centre Mary Macs.

I will promote more funding for early intervention and disability services in all schools, as well as sustainable tourism business in the Peninsula.

I would advocate for sustainable management of water within urban areas through intelligent and integrated design, looking at the urban water cycle as a whole, taking into account all three urban water sources: potable water, wastewater, and storm water.

Email, 16 Mar 2011  
Jake Cassar, Woy Woy

## INDEPENDENT:

## Patrick Aiken

If elected to the seat of Gosford, I would pursue these claims for the Peninsula:

Improve planning for families whose homes are affected by sea level rise forecasts and remove the uncertainty created.

Encourage Gosford Council to recover lost ratepayers funds of \$68 million.

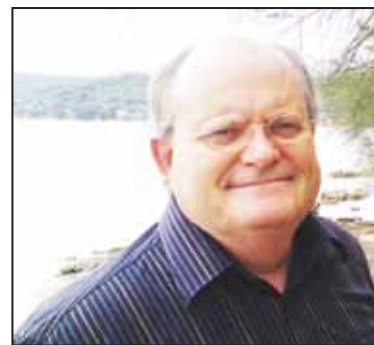
Improve the planning and approval for Peninsula developments.

Lobby Federal and State Government for a greater share of government jobs by relocating government centres to Woy Woy.

More local employment, not more commuters.

Secure Woy Woy Hospital as a functioning hospital providing a limited range of services including mental health care, emergency services and day surgery, not just a rehabilitation unit.

Establish a multi disciplinary NSW TAFE Centre on the Peninsula with a focus on trade training in trades currently on the



skills shortage list - traditional apprenticeships, traineeships and retraining of existing workers.

Save the land at Bambara Rd, Kariong. This area should be considered as a potential location for a Cultural Centre for our local indigenous people to celebrate their culture, their history and their future.

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Email, 17 Mar 2011  
Patrick Aiken, Saratoga

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### Get in touch with Chris:

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# Make your vote count, by directing your own preferences this Saturday



One of the meetings attended by people who sold lamingtons to put our Woy Woy Hospital Rehabilitation unit in place



Brian and Irene Neville interviewed by Mary-Louise Vince



Bus rally to NSW Parliament attended by people who want the stolen medical amenity put back where it belongs with the over 9,000 people over 65yrs of age, who will need it

## Most of my readers will know that I stepped up at first to defend my father's rights.

My eyes were then opened to many other political sins against the peoples.

The dodgy attempt by the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce to put in place a Peninsula Special Business Rate, which would have cost 340 commercial property owners almost \$12m over fifteen years, is a process which was misrepresented as overwhelmingly supported in the Telegraph Extra.

My determined doorknocking of almost all businesses on the Peninsula and discussion with many property owners and business operators included speaking with a senior manager of Coles in Melbourne, who was extremely angry about being misrepresented as supporting the levy, when he had no idea about it.

Perhaps Mr John Hatton and his new team members can look into that dodgy local conduct, accommodated by Labor, for our community?

More importantly, we were later all confronted with the tragic deaths of five members of the extended Bragg and Holt families, when the old Pacific Highway collapsed into Piles Creek in 2007.

This occurrence is mind numbing for me and no one will ever really understand how it destroyed families.

It could have been avoided.

Gosford City Council had been responsible for maintaining two eight foot culvert pipes identical in all but size and the very important fact that they were lined with concrete in the invert when placed under Peats Ridge Road in 1962.

They were repaired with concrete some time during the next forty years.

Many of you have seen my instructive photos accompanying many years of advertisements which can be reviewed here [http://bit.ly/EJ\\_PNewsAds](http://bit.ly/EJ_PNewsAds).

John Robertson, the current Minister for the Central Coast has and so has his political running mate, the Attorney General, John Hatzistergos!

We all know that too many people with legitimate problems have not been well represented.

In fact, those without influence to peddle have been ignored for almost sixteen years.

It is clear that when politicians are exposed in a bad light, their fellow party members will close ranks in damage control.

After eleven years, I now understand that Labor Party members are willing to

accommodate abuse of our due process; in fact, they will do whatever it takes.

John Robertson is the latest Minister for the Central Coast to ignore the allegations I have published.

Gosford City Council misled the State Coroner.

I have explained to Attorney General John Hatzistergos about the separation of powers which permits me to continue inviting people in the court of public opinion to make their own judgement at the ballot box.

I ask readers to exercise their democratic right and vote for a change of government as your first step on a long road back to honest open representative government.

It is a big job for all of us who vote to make certain our Labor rejects are not permitted, by lazy votes, above the line, to wander over onto the opposition benches for a tax payer funded time out.

As a Party, they have become political weeds.

It is up to us to make a concerted effort by voting below the line to remove these political weeds which have overrun our once flourishing garden bed of democracy.

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



# Gosford electorate

CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC:

**Ann-Marie Kitchener**

**My name is Ann-Marie Kitchener.**

I have three children.

Two are now at university and one is at school.

They all still live at home.

I am a senior maths teacher and have taught on the Central Coast since 1999.

I have been a Christian for 32 years and am the Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group) candidate for Gosford.

The CDP is the only Christian political party in Australia and has upheld the importance of family and Christian values for nearly 30 years.

Many of the issues that affect the Central Coast also affect the Peninsula.

I have a passion to see our youth develop right perspectives.

I believe they need strong foundations to develop good relationships and families, and therefore build strong communities.

To this end, I want to see increased policing on the Peninsula to cut crime and binge drinking, improved educational



opportunities for our youth, and the maintaining of the proven success of scripture in schools.

Also, I want to develop the regional health services and work to reduce homelessness.

I stand with Paul Green, the Mayor of Shoalhaven, and CDP candidate for the NSW Upper House.

Together we want to make a difference locally and in New South Wales.

Email, 17 Mar 2011  
Stephen Brinton, CDP

**The Liberals may win the election but they don't need to win Gosford.**

If I win, I'd be in a bargaining position in Parliament and they'll throw money at us to win us back.

I'd bargain for more funding for Woy Woy Hospital to provide more services especially for the needs of families and the elderly.

I'd bargain for more public transport on road and rail and integrate it with better cycle and pedestrian access.

I'd bargain for more money for our schools and provide networks to transition our kids straight into work or higher education.

I'd work to protect the community from the threats of climate change.

I'd push for the urgent construction of a Bulls Hill bypass so the Peninsula can quickly be evacuated in a big flood or fire.

I'd ensure that roads, bridges and navigation channels are properly maintained to prevent

tragedy.



I'd clean up Gosford Council.

I'd fight to rezone our nature reserves for conservation so our heritage and future is not gobbled up.

I'll fight until Bambara becomes part of Brisbane Water National Park.

And I will stand and fight with you against anything that threatens our beautiful Peninsula or our enjoyment of it.

Email, 18 Mar 2011  
Peter Freewater, Greens

## Sale on polling day

**The property committee of Umina Uniting Church will be conducting a sale on Saturday, March 26, while the premises are being used as a polling booth.**

Furniture and bric-a-brac will be available from the garage accessible from the rear laneway, while cakes and lamingtons will be served and second-handbooks offered for sale in the courtyard.

Earlier this year half of the church roof was replaced due to cracked tiles and water damage at a cost of \$16,000.

The committee is looking to replace the remaining roof as soon as funds become available.

Email, 16 Mar 2011  
Bob Strong, Umina Uniting Church

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## THINK BEFORE YOU VOTE FOR COUNCILLOR CHRIS HOLSTEIN (FORMER MAYOR OF GOSFORD)



THE VOTERS OF GOSFORD STATE ELECTORATE SHOULD ASK THEMSELVES THE SIMPLE QUESTION?

WHY SHOULD WE VOTE FOR YOU AFTER CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS?

WHY DID YOU AS MAYOR SUPPORT THE UNDERHAND PURCHASE AND DESTRUCTION OF GOSFORD TOWN CENTRE, CLOSING DOWN VIABLE BUSINESSES WITH NO COMPENSATION AND MISUSING FEDERAL FUNDING OF \$7M, TO PROVIDE COMMUTER CAR PARKING, REJECTED BY THE COMMUTERS AND THE COMMUNITY, AS NOT BEING SUITABLE?

GOSFORD CBD HAS LOST IMPORTANT RETAILERS, COLES, MEDICARE, SAM'S WAREHOUSE, ASIAN SUPER MARKET AND MANY OTHERS, WHILE BASICALLY THE SAME NUMBER OF CAR SPACES HAVE BEEN REOPENED AFTER 2 MONTHS CLOSURE. BUT NOW OPERATING, COSTS ARE AT THE EXPENSE OF RATE PAYERS, INSTEAD OF A COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE.

WHY DID YOU AS MAYOR ALLOW SENIOR STAFF TO COMMIT NOT ONLY THE FEDERAL \$7M FUNDING, BUT ALSO A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF COUNCIL FUNDS ON CONSULTANTS, DUE DILIGENCE, ETC, APART FROM THE \$4M SHORTFALL TO MEET THE OFFERED \$11M, ALL WHEN THE COMMERCIAL VALUE WAS IN THE \$6-8M RANGE?

WHY DID YOU AS MAYOR PUBLICLY STATE THAT GOSFORD COUNCIL HAD "NOT LOST A CENT", REGARDING COUNCIL'S INVESTMENTS IN THE AMERICAN MARKET, WHEN IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT MILLIONS HAD BEEN LOST? TO DATE IN THE VICINITY OF \$9M HAVE BEEN LOST WITH \$38M IN DOUBT. RATEPAYERS ARE INCENSED WITH THE WASTE OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY GOSFORD COUNCIL, BESIDES MANY OTHER EXAMPLES.

WHY DID YOU OPPOSE AND DESTROY THE SPURBEST PROJECT (\$104M) WHICH WOULD HAVE TRANSFORMED THE WHOLE OF GOSFORD CBD? ESPECIALLY IF GOSFORD COUNCIL HAD DEVELOPED THE OLD BROADWATER HOTEL SITE (PLANS WERE PREPARED) AND LED THE WAY TO REVITALISE GOSFORD CBD, INSTEAD OF DOING NOTHING, BUT NOW HELPING TO DESTROY THE CBD WITH THE CLOSURE OF GOSFORD TOWN CENTRE.

WHY DID YOU IGNORE THE OVERWHELMING OPPOSITION OF THE COMMUNITY TO THE CLOSURE OF ELIZA STREET AND SUPPORT A BLOWOUT OF SOME \$1M IN THE COST OF STAGE 5 OF KIBBLE PARK? THIS IS BESIDES THE SHAMEFUL EVICTION OF THE ET AUSTRALIA YOUTH TRAINING RESTAURANT IN KIBBLE PARK, BY UNILATERALLY INCREASING THE RENT FROM \$18,000 TO \$40,000, WITH NO REDRESS OPEN AND COMPLETELY IGNORING THE HUGE COMMITMENT BY THE COMMUNITY IN CONTRIBUTING SOME \$350,000, BOTH IN CASH AND IN KIND, TO UPGRADE THE RESTAURANT.

WHY DID YOU ALLOW THE BLOWOUT OF THE COST OF THE WOY WOY LEISURE CENTRE FROM \$25M TO OVER \$30M, COUPLED WITH ANNUAL RUNNING COSTS IN EXCESS OF \$1M?

ALL VOTERS OF THE GOSFORD ELECTORATE ARE ENCOURAGED TO VOTE FOR THE MOST CAPABLE CANDIDATE TO REPRESENT GOSFORD IN THE NSW STATE PARLIAMENT.

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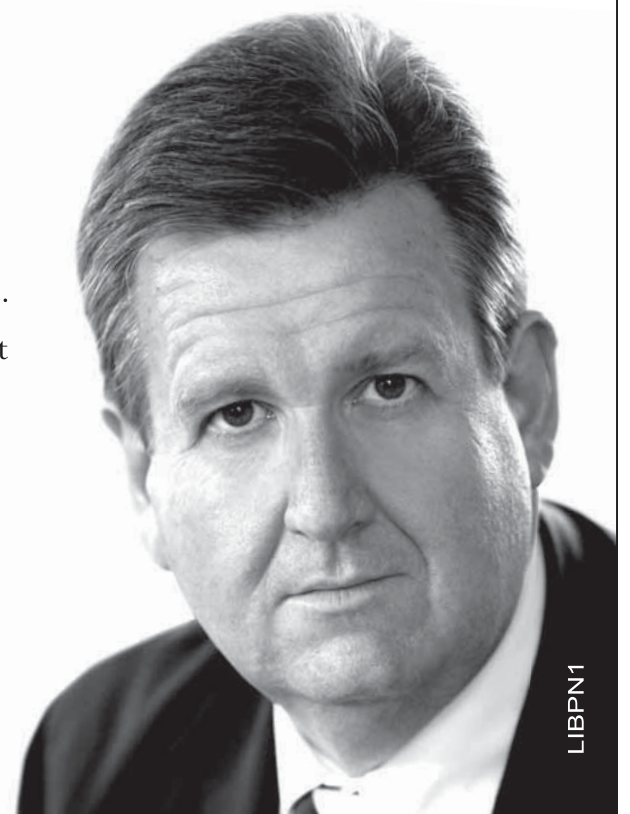
Our Action Plan is fully costed and fully funded to get NSW back on track. Our Action Plan involves five commitments:

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**Barry O'Farrell**  
Leader of the NSW Liberal team



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# Gosford electorate

LABOR:  
**Katie Smith**

At election time, lots of promises are made.

We've all heard what others are promising but we, on the Peninsula, know better.

I've been out and about talking to residents and they have made it clear that it's the local issues that are important to them.

They want better roads and services.

For example, residents have told me that the Woy Woy railway crossing is not a big concern and that it is the Rawson Road roundabout that is the source of major congestion on the Peninsula during peak hours.

I live here so I understand and I will commit to fighting for a solution to the problem.

And it won't cost \$30 million dollars.

As a lawyer, my job is to get the best results for my clients using all my skills and efforts, subject to facts, the law and ethical



obligations.

I will apply the same energies and passion to representing the Gosford electorate.

And should there be a change of Government, I still know where the Ministers doors are.

I won't make a commitment I can't keep.

I am the local you can trust.

Email, 17 Mar 2011  
Katie Smith, Labor

LIBERAL:  
**Chris Holstein**

I have lived on the Central Coast since I was eight.

My family have small businesses in the area, and my wife and I have raised our five children here.

I became involved in local politics after my family and friends were affected by flooding in the Narara Valley in 1989.

We won that battle for better flood management and I have continued fighting for our community.

I am patron of the Woy Woy Cricket Club, Central Coast Surf Life Saving, and Central Coast Girl Guides and Scouts.

I have worked hard to bring about a number of key projects including the Blue Tongue Stadium, the Surf Club Rebuilding Program and the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

I am committed to making sure the Peninsula gets its fair share of funding to build the critical infrastructure and services that



have been denied by this Labor Government (such as Woy Woy Rd and re-opening the Woy Woy Rehab unit).

We need real change for the Central Coast to deliver better health services, to fix our roads and improve our public transport.

To get the change our community deserves, we need to change the Government and the only way to do that is to Vote 1 Liberal on March 26.

Letter, 18 Mar 2011  
Clint McGilvray, Liberal Party

# New garden at Woy Woy South

A new garden has been constructed at Woy Woy South Public School funded through a government grant designed to provide skills for unemployed people seeking work.

The garden features a new path in the form of a rainbow serpent.

"It is hoped that we will be able to include a mural related to the Rainbow Serpent Dreamtime story on the wall adjacent to the garden," said Woy Woy South Public School principal Mr Terry Greedy.

"With native and bush tucker plants throughout the garden, we hope to see the garden used as a teaching resource in the future.

"As the plants grow, I'm sure it will become a real focus of our school grounds," he said.

According to Mr Greedy, plans are currently being developed to enhance other areas of the school's playground with students taking a more active role in maintaining the school grounds.

Newsletter, 8 Mar 2011  
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School

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## Do you know what the parties really stand for?

	GREENS	LIBERAL	LABOR
Reverse privatisation of NSW electricity generators and retailers	✓	X	X
Increases nurses in public hospitals to an average of one nurse for each four patients	✓	X	X
Regulate to move freight transport from road to rail and significantly invest in rail infrastructure	✓	X	X
Provide basic dental care for all Australians	✓	X	X
End forced state development without local consultation	✓	X	X
End political parties receiving donations from corporations and other organizations	✓	X	X
Prohibit junk food advertising targeted at children	✓	X	X
No privatisation of water supplies	✓	X	X
Phase out coal-fired power stations. Stop coal seam methane and gas mining that damages water supplies and farming land	✓	X	X



# Upper House

INDEPENDENT:

**Debra Wales**

For many years, I have been working for our local community for a fair go and was very honoured when John Hatton contacted me to stand on his Upper House ticket.

Like me, John stands for honesty and integrity and in these days this is a very rare commodity in our parliament.

It is time that all levels of government were held accountable so that we do not have a repeat of the recent investment losses by Gosford Council or any council in NSW.

Councils should be forced to ensure that our millions of dollars are not amassed in trust funds but rather spent on essential services including our local roads.

It is not acceptable that we have to endure degraded roads, poor services and sub standard amenities in this day and age.

John Hatton in the Upper House will hold Councils responsible and accountable and where necessary will call for a Royal Commission into the



performance of Local Government.

I have a well established record in my local community as an advocate for those who cannot speak for themselves.

I have strived for a community that we can all be proud of and I will continue to do that if elected to the Upper House.

Email, 17 Mar 2011  
Debra Wales, Umina

BUILDING AUSTRALIA:

**Louise Williams**

The Building Australia Party was established by several small business people who were all of the same mindset that enough is enough and that governments should be accountable for their spending, the same as small businesses are.

All small businesses should all be equally supported, no matter where they operate, as they are the backbone to the NSW economy.

The Peninsula has areas of outstanding natural beauty therefore environmental issues need to be a mainstay in any party's policy plank.

Building Australia's policy on environmental issues will be at all times to make decisions to ensure a better outcome and to reduce the impact on the environment.

Sensible green will be the core driver of all policy, however, it is not the intent to be totally green at all cost.



Living green should not cost the earth.

At the forefront of all Building Australia's policies is the notion that all communities and regions will be no less equal in their needs and will be supported equally across our nation.

Email, 18 Mar 2011  
Louise Williams, St Huberts Island

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A group of 14 or less cannot request a group voting square.

Both local candidates are members of groups with a group voting square.

Ms Wales is in Group C, while Ms Williams is in Group M.

Website, 8 Jan 2011  
Electoral Commission NSW

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**Katie Smith**

**A local you can trust**



- Police out on the street not in a shop front
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- Construction of West Gosford intersection NOW not in years to come
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- Honesty, Integrity and Effective representation

*I won't make promises I cannot keep*



Contact me 4344 5622 [Katie.Smith@alp.com.au](mailto:Katie.Smith@alp.com.au)



# Flyover plans criticised

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has criticised Liberal plans to build a

flyover at the West Gosford intersection.

"Based on recent comments made by the NSW Opposition, the Peninsula Chamber is concerned that the current intersection design will be scrapped by an incoming Liberal Government resulting in hefty delays to the project," said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"This is deeply concerning to the Peninsula business community as a change in plans will mean a two-year delay and a cost blow-out from \$100M for the signalised intersection to nearly \$280M for a flyover.

"The cost implications of such a change are enormous and in our view potentially unfundable.

"In addition to the added cost, the flyover option would have even more dramatic effects on adjoining commercial properties and will eliminate the right turn movement into the West Gosford

RSL, Office Works and Spotlight, to accommodate the transition grades," said Mr Wales.

"No-one likes the current congestion at West Gosford but the prospect of four years of major construction work is mind-boggling especially at a time when the Council is trying to revitalise the Gosford CBD and make it easier for people to move around the city.

"The intersection works will force Sydney-bound traffic onto Woy Woy Rd (also the target for promised new road funding) and Gosford-Erina bound traffic onto Empire Bay Dr and Avoca Dr.

"The upside is that the upgrade works may encourage Peninsula residents to spend more money on the Peninsula rather than battle the West Gosford traffic," said Mr Wales.

Media Release, 17 Mar 2011  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

## Funds for road

Repairs to Woy Woy Rd near Staples Lookout have been funded to the extent of \$128,000 by the State Government on a dollar-for-dollar basis, according to Labor candidate for Gosford Ms Katie Smith.

Ms Smith said the money came through the Regional Roads Repair Program and the upgrade

would provide a safer, smoother road for motorists.

She said she had herself experienced construction delays but believed the result would be worthwhile.

"I can assure you that there will be a greatly improved journey on Woy Woy rd once the project is completed."

Media release, 4 Mar 2011  
Katie Smith, ALP

## Contract for Woy Woy commuters

NSW Opposition Leader Mr Barry O'Farrell has signed a "contract" which he claims covers the Liberal commitment to deliver 30 new express services for Woy Woy rail commuters.

Mr O'Farrell said the three

additional Central Coast morning and evening peak services would cut 15 minutes off each journey, saving Woy Woy commuters two and a half hours per week.

They would, for the first time, provide a direct link between the Central Coast and Macquarie Park / Macquarie University, he said.

"The Contract with NSW is clear and accountable," Mr O'Farrell said.

"We are not just going to deliver on our promises.

"We are signing a contract with the people of NSW which they should keep so they can make sure we deliver.

"Central Coast commuters have been crying out for more express services and only a NSW Liberals and Nationals Government will deliver them.

"The people of the Central Coast deserve better train services and the opportunity to spend more time with their families.

"If we don't deliver then we expect to be held to account at the next election.

"The contract is clear, whether it's our promises for rail services, schools or hospitals, they will be delivered."

Media release, 18 Mar 2011  
Jaymes Boland-Rudder, Office of Barry O'Farrell MP

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## Marie says thank you

As the time is fast approaching when I will be stepping down as your local State Member, I would like to say "thank you" for the opportunity to serve in the Parliament of NSW - Australia's oldest Parliament.

The decision I made late last year to not recontest the State election on March 26 was a difficult one as I have always considered it to be a great honour and privilege to represent you in Parliament's Legislative Assembly.

It is now almost 16 years since I was first elected to State Parliament in 1995 and I am proud of the improvements which have been made within the electorate under a Labor Government.

### Forum

As your local member, I listened to the community's concerns about a number of issues.

Representatives have been made to various Labor Ministers and, while I have not always received the most desired outcome, I would like to point out some of the successes.

These include the upgrade of the Woy Woy Police Station which operates 24 hours, seven days a week, the major upgrade of Gosford Hospital totalling over \$100 million, the introduction of the \$2.50 Pensioner Excursion Ticket on the Coast, the construction of the new Kariong Mountains High School, improvements to the State

road network and the rejection of the Somersby Fields sandmining proposal.

To have enjoyed the confidence of the people of Peats and now Gosford over the years has been a humbling experience as I never cease to be amazed by the good deeds carried out by so many wonderful citizens of all ages.

We are truly fortunate to live within such a generous, caring community, bounded by breathtaking and natural surroundings.

It has been a real pleasure to serve you as a member of a Labor Government and I am grateful for the support and encouragement of Premier Kristina Keneally.

Letter, 3 Mar 2011  
Marie Andrews, MP

## Time to rally over hospital

### Forum

We need more dedicated residents to support us who are getting worn out with this battle, not only to get the rehab beds back but to get a fully acute hospital on the Woy Woy Peninsula to serve the surrounding areas.

More and more people are settling here yet we are getting important facilities removed.

This rehab centre was an essential part of healing progress and not only for the elderly.

From the very young to the aged, all were covered.

Email, 15 Mar 2011  
Joan Armstrong, Umina

## Vandalism or beautification?

Norman Harris commented (Forum, March 7) on the over-use of a photograph of Matthew Wales standing on an observation deck overlooking the Ettalong Waterfront, while talking up the new Tesrol development.

The very same observation deck is located directly across from the approved development site.

This deck, along with another located very conveniently opposite the Mantra Resort, was completed late last year and resulted in the loss of a large amount of dune vegetation.

Ironically, the Tesrol deck

### Forum

is located right beside a group of banksia trees which were apparently poisoned a couple of years ago, resulting in a huge Gosford Council banner being erected on the site, advising the public that this was an act of "vandalism".

I am at a loss to understand why destroying dune vegetation on one plot is considered vandalism while the destruction of a much larger amount of vegetation next door is described as "beautification".

Email, 7 Mar 2011  
Denise Martin, Ettalong

## Chiropractic Plus

by Peter Grieve of the Umina Chiropractic Centre

### The Right Question?

When it boils down to it I end up asking the question, as you, no doubt, do..... Are 'scientific studies' (especially with regard to health care) of any great value?

As Claude Levi-Strauss said 'the scientist is not a person who gives the right answers, he is the one who asks the right questions.'

This being the case with regard to our current status of health as a nation, I venture to state very bluntly that a lot of answers have been forthcoming, perhaps all built upon a primary or leading question that has zero merit, in other words, it's plain wrong.

That question appears over and over again and that is: 'How do I get better?'

This question is of value down the track.

The following leading or primary question that I propose is based upon my entire lifetime as a health care professional and more importantly someone who values the genetic expression of a self healing and self regulating biological organism known as homosapien; that is, you and me! Grappling with the multitude of needs that arise as a result of people attempting to answer the 'why' question has led many an astute mind to venture up the proverbial 'garden path' into the land of nowhere.

I was going to answer the question for you, however you already know the question; you simply need to ponder humanity's needs and the organisation of our species to come up with the question that will set you free and potentially the health of our nation.

Next month I will answer this question and as Henry Ford said 'Whether I am right or not right, I am right'.

I'll give you a further clue; some ask me 'How can I fix my spinal problem?'

Others ask 'Why do I have this spinal problem?'

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## Second auction for Pearl Beach store

**The Pearl Beach General Store and Cafe will be auctioned on site on Tuesday, March 29, after negotiations fell through following an online auction on March 2.**

Bids at the online auction, which ran from February 20, failed to meet the reserve price of \$2.5 million.

Negotiations with the highest bidder and a number of other interested parties did not result in a sale, according to Mr Charles Gonzalez of Sydney real estate agency Burgess Rawson.

The ground floor of the building

consists of three shops with two established tenants on five year leases.

The property is the only retail building in Pearl Beach.

It is managed by Burgess Rawson and Chapman and Frazer Real Estate.

**Kaitlin Watts, 16 Mar 2011**  
**Interviewee: Charles Gonzalez, Burgess Rawson Sydney**

## Median strip for Rabaul Ave?

**A 10-metre concrete median strip may be installed in Rabaul Ave at the intersection of Lone Pine Ave, Umina, to stop vehicles cutting the corner.**

Gosford Council's Local Traffic Committee has recommended the median strip as well as a Give Way sign to reinforce the give-way rule at the intersection.

The committee was told "a resident is very happy with the newly installed line marking in Lone Pine Ave including the give way line installed at the intersection

with Rabaul Ave, however, the customer requested to install a Give Way sign to reinforce the give-way rule at the intersection".

An investigation found that at all other streets in Lone Pine Ave where the side street must give way had a Give Way sign and according to the report there "is anecdotal evidence of vehicles cutting the corner at this location".

The cost of installation of the median strip will be considered in a future Traffic Facilities or Capital Works program.

**Council Agenda TR.11.01, 22 Mar 2011**

## Restrictions in The Esplanade

**Double white lines and No Stopping signs may be installed on a section of The Esplanade at Ettalong, where the road is single and narrow.**

Gosford Council's Local Traffic Committee has recommended that a double white centreline be installed in The Esplanade from Beach St to Norman St.

It has also recommended that a No Parking sign be replaced with No Stopping restrictions on the beach side of The Esplanade from Beach St to Norman St and a yellow edge line be installed in the

same area.

A resident had complained about cars parked along The Esplanade where the road was single and narrow.

According to a report to the committee, motorists were continuing to park in the area despite the No Parking restrictions.

The resident requested that No Stopping restrictions be installed in the area as well as on the beach near the slipway as four-wheel-drive vehicles had been parking on the beach.

**Council Agenda TR.11.08, 22 Mar 2011**

## No stopping

**No Stopping signs will be provided on the eastern side of Berrima Cr, Umina, 40 metres north from the carpark, if recommendations of Council's Local Traffic Committee are adopted.**

A resident asked that signs to be installed on the beach side of Berrima Crescent due to cars parking and blocking access for residents.

According to a report to the committee, council rangers have dealt with this numerous times.

"An investigation identified that Berrima Cr is a relatively short

no through road that contains a carpark for the beach at the entry of the road, and the road directly accesses house numbers 1-4, then ends up with the common driveway for house numbers 5-12," the report stated.

"Access is blocked only when cars park on both sides of the road between house numbers two and four while the small car park is full."

The report stated that the cost for the installation of the required signage and line marking can be accommodated in existing recurrent budgets.

Council will consider the

recommendation at its meeting this Tuesday.

**Council Agenda TR.11.07, 22 Mar 2011**



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## Program for overweight children

**A program aimed at helping overweight children manage their weight will be held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre in term two with 15 places on the course offered to families for free.**

The program is being offered by Central Coast Local Health Network which is subsidising the 15 places to the value of \$800.

The Go4Fun program, commonly referred to as MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition...Do it!), is part of an initiative offering free healthy lifestyle courses for

overweight seven to 13 year olds and their families.

Central Coast Local Health Network is working in partnership with Gosford Council to run the course.

Families take part in two-hour sessions twice a week for 10 weeks.

The program is aimed at helping children improve their eating and exercise habits, improving fitness, physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem.

**Media Release, 7 Mar 2011  
Terry Hayes, Central Coast  
Local Health Network**



## Carnival champions

**Woy Woy South Public School has announced the winners from its swimming carnival, held on Tuesday, March 22.**

Mitchell Brady and Amy Steed were named champions in the junior age group, Matthew Hatch and Arnya Johnson were champions of the 11 year age group and Ethan Dodds and

Brooke Needham were named the senior champions.

"It was excellent to see an increase in competitors from last year and hopefully this trend will continue in 2012," said teacher Mr Brian O'Dea.

**Newsletter, 1 Mar 2011  
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy  
South Public School**

## Swim records broken

**A number of school records were broken at Woy Woy Public School's swimming carnival held on Wednesday, February 9.**

Luke Brown managed to break the 9 years 50 metres freestyle while Georgia Riley broke the 11 years backstroke record and Steven Collins broke the junior 50 metre butterfly record.

New age champions for this year were also announced with Chelsea White and Steven Collins champions for the juniors, Georgia Riley and Ethan Maberly, 11 years champions and Mimosa Henderson and Jack Keenan were announced senior champions.

**Newsletter, 15 Feb 2011  
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy  
Public School**

## Surfing scientist speaks

**Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus were entertained on Wednesday, March 9, by surfing scientist Mr Rubin Mearman.**

"Rubin demonstrated many climate change principles with the

aid of some amazing experiments some of which called for student participation," said the school's acting head science teacher Mr Brendan Medley.

Mr Medley said the evidence for climate change was also explained using an "interesting Powerpoint presentation".

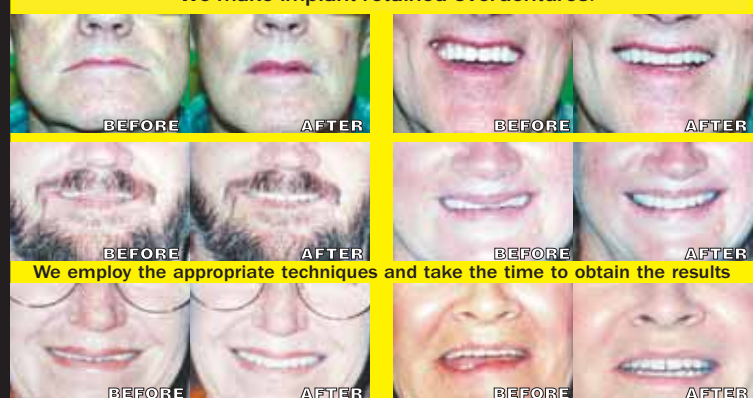
According to Mr Medley, the presentation enthralled the students, many of whom waited around afterwards to ask Mr Mearman questions.

**Email, 14 Mar 2011  
Brendan Medley, BWSC  
Umina Campus**

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# First prizes in cattle show

**Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus have won a number of first place prizes in the cattle show at the Canberra Royal Show.**

Students prepared and presented cattle achieving a first place in the National Capital

Domestic Steer and Heifer Lightweight Class, Open Champion Steer (paraded by Taylah Mills) and a first place in the National Capital Domestic Steer and Heifer Heavyweight Class (paraded by Lauren Lees).

In the open paraders class, Lauren Lees placed first in the 15-year-old Open Paraders, Taylah

Mills placed third in the 14-year-old Open Paraders and Joshua Cottam was Highly Commended in the 15-year-old Paraders.

"Students worked well as a team and enjoyed camaraderie with schools from across the state sharing similar interests," said Umina campus P and C president Mr Bruce Graf.

"The efforts to prepare the cattle for showing start months before the competition.

"Students are busy training and preparing cattle for the coming Gosford Show, followed by the prestigious Sydney Royal Easter Show.

"The school farm is very busy with the continuing momentum of the show season," he said.

Media Release, 5 Mar 2011  
Bruce Graf, BWSC Umina P and C

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# Larry Thomson retires

**Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus is farewelling retiring member of staff Mr Larry Thomson after 25 years at the school.**

"For 25 years, he has made an enormous contribution to the developing lives of young people both in this school and in the wider community," said campus principal Mr Frank Gasper.

"That is one of the reasons he is held in such high regard by a generation of past students who have either kept in touch personally or ask about him whenever they return to Umina.

"As a teacher, he has been a great role model and influence.

"His calm, friendly and supportive manner has made it possible for him to establish a great rapport with a wide variety of students, always encouraging them to achieve their personal best in many different fields and to resolve any conflict.

"His passion for his chosen teaching subject of History is contagious for students and staff.

"I have found myself following

in the trail of World War I and II European Battlefields that Larry and his wife Pam have visited, to get a feel for real history, after hearing his account of their impact on him.

"His Anzac Day Assemblies over the past few years have been moving and informative for staff and students alike," said Mr Gasper.

Mr Thomson was one of the first teachers to form real links with the Aboriginal community and met regularly with parents and community members over several years to develop an Aboriginal perspective in the School's programs and organisation.

"He developed the teaching of Aboriginal Studies to HSC level at Umina High and achieved excellent results at that level," said Mr Gasper.

Mr Thomson will return to the school to conduct one final Anzac Day assembly on Wednesday, April 17.

Newsletter, 15 Mar 2011  
Frank Gasper, BWSC  
Umina Campus

# New classrooms opened

**Empire Bay Public School officially opened its new classroom facilities on**

**Friday, March 18.**

Opening the classrooms, Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill said: "I'm thrilled to see how Empire Bay Public has used \$3.2 million in funding to transform the school.

"Of this, \$3 million was used to build four new classrooms while another \$200,000 went into creating a multi-purpose room," she said.

"It is just fantastic to see students eager to learn and revelling in these brand new facilities."

Ms O'Neill congratulated school principal Ms Sharon McEvoy and her staff on the new facilities and spoke of the benefit to both the school and local community.

"Staff, parents and trades have worked together to deliver these new facilities over many months," said Ms O'Neill.

"I am particularly delighted that this project has supported the employment of many local workers."

Media Release, 18 Mar 2011  
Matt Pulford, Office of  
Deborah O'Neill MP



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## Religious teaching extended

**Seven Christian churches on the Peninsula are extending the teaching hours of three Religious Education teachers at both campuses of Brisbane Water Secondary College.**

Religious Education will now be offered to Year 8 students with all students from Years 7 to 10 provided with the opportunity to attend these classes.

Twenty three years ago, several churches on the Peninsula of different denominations joined forces, under the name of Religious Education Ministries.

The aim was to employ teachers of religious education in the Woy Woy and Umina secondary schools, so that the students' Christian education continued after their primary school years.

Representatives from each church became members of a board of directors to oversee the employment of the teachers and the programs they were formulating

and teaching.

Forty representatives from these churches attended a breakfast at Hardys Bay Community Church on Saturday, February 26, to dedicate and give thanks for the religious education teachers in the secondary college and the volunteer religious education teachers in the Coast's primary schools.

"The highlights of the breakfast were listening to the three enthusiastic and caring Brisbane Water Secondary College teachers share various aspects of their work," said board member Ms Sharyn Teasdale.

"As this work is and always has been totally funded by the churches, they are continually looking for innovative fund raising ideas, including opening an op shop in Berith St, Umina, an annual trivia night run by Umina Rotary and pie drives," she said.

Media Release, 16 Mar 2011  
Sharyn Teasdale, REM

## Students ride to school

**Fifty-five students from Pretty Beach Public School rode their bikes to school on Wednesday, March 16, as part of the National Ride2School Day.**

"We would love to see our students keep up the wheeling throughout the year, as we believe the benefits greatly assist in the students' personal and academic development," said principal Ms Deborah Callender.

"Many parents rode with their children."

Newsletter, 17 Mar 2011  
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School



## Students join challenge

**Students from both campuses of Brisbane Water Secondary College participated in the annual Science and Engineering Challenge at Niagra Park Community Centre on Thursday, March 17, and Friday, March 18.**

Students were asked to design and build all types of projects from hovercraft, helicopters, all-terrain

vehicles and aircraft to working models of electricity and water networks.

Winning schools will move on to state and national finals.

Sponsored by energy supply system company Ausgrid, the company had its engineering trainees, cadets and graduates on hand each day to assist the students with their tasks.

"Our support of the Science

and Engineering Challenge encourages more students to learn about maths and science," said Ausgrid media advisor Mr Allyn Hamonet.

"We hope it will become a launching pad for a career in electrical engineering and even a future career with Ausgrid."

Media release, 16 Mar 2011  
Allyn Hamonet, Ausgrid

## Events for Harmony Day

**Woy Woy Public Schools will celebrate Harmony Day on Tuesday, March 22, with a morning full of special events and activities for students and an assembly after lunch.**

Families are invited to attend the school and picnic with students from 11am and stay for the assembly which will begin from 12:10pm.

Children will wear orange for

the day and will donate a gold coin for the School's World Vision Sponsored Child.

"We know how much our students enjoy celebrating the multi-cultural aspect of our school community and we look forward to a wonderful morning of events," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

Newsletter, 16 Mar 2011  
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

## Books donated

**Analaura and Wilson Luna, authors of Your Family Your Money- 30 Day Challenge, have donated 100 copies of the book to Woy Woy Public School to assist families with budgeting and saving money techniques.**

Families selected from a draw will receive a copy of the book.

"We will keep some copies in the front office for other families to borrow.

"That way everyone has an opportunity to read it and try some of the tips," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

Newsletter, 16 Mar 2011  
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

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# Out and About



## Mixed media

Patonga artist Ms Margie Carew-Reid is exhibiting her mixed media exhibition Patonga Blues at the Patonga Bakehouse Gallery until Sunday, April 3.

The exhibition features encaustic and mixed media

works which capture the moods and colours of the waterways in Patonga.

The show is available for viewing day and night in a lit gallery across from the Patonga Bakehouse.

Letter, 21 Feb 2011  
Jocelyn Maughan, Patonga Bakehouse Gallery

## On tour with 10-piece band

Two local musicians will play at Laycock St Theatre in Wyoming on Saturday, April 2, as part of 10 piece band The Last Waltz Revival.

Narelle Dawson from St Hubert Island and Carolyn "Pinecone" Packer from Empire Bay will perform with the band as part of its tour around NSW and the ACT.

Members of the band come from all over Sydney, Wollongong and Byron Bay, but the core members of the band have been playing together in various forms for over 20 years.

The band features a three-piece horn section, male and female lead vocals and up to five-part vocal harmonies.

Ms Dawson is on lead and backup vocals and has played in bands Hip Sister, Easy Street, Jack Evans and the Spyders.

Ms Packer is on keys, organ, piano, accordion and vocals and was a member of Lonesome Boogie, the Jive Bombers, Foreday Riders and Hip Sister with Ms Dawson.

Email, 16 Feb 2011  
Annie Johnsson, Annie Johnsson Publicity



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# Out and About



## New choir starts at Ettalong

**A new community choir is starting in Ettalong with rehearsals held on Wednesday evenings from April 27, at the Uniting Church Hall.**

The choir will participate in regular concerts with other Singup Choirs including in massed choirs.

Each year Singup choirs raise more than \$10,000 for various charities through concerts.

The director of the new choir is Empire Bay singer Ms Kerryn Cooper.

Ms Cooper has been a soloist and alto in the original SingUp choir Isingonthe cake.

She has run early childhood music classes in Umina and has trained under the Kodaly system of music education.

Ms Cooper said SingUp choirs are for people who just love to sing with the repertoire

including pop from the 60s up to the present as well as gospel and African songs.

Choir members have access to mp3 recordings of their parts so they can practice them at home, on their walk, or in the car.

Fees are \$100 per school term.

**Media Release, 15 Mar 2011  
Kerryn Cooper, Empire Bay**

## Dancing winner

**Mason Freewater, 7, of Horsfield Bay has won the NSW State Highland Dancing Title on the weekend of March 12 and 13.**

Competing in the beginner's category Mason was named the outright winner with two titles already under his belt in the Newcastle Title and Central Coast Title last month.

Mason's father Dr Peter Freewater said his son's performance in the State title was truly outstanding and has put him as a favourite as he trains for the Australasian and International Titles in July.

Mason led the way as the Central Coast dominated the State event.

Mr Freewater said it was promising to see results such as Mason's so early in the year as the dancers prepared themselves to take on the countries best in



just over four months at the fifth International Highland Dancing Championships of Australia.

"This is the second year in a row that the Central Coast has taken maximum title wins at State."

**Media Release, 14 Mar 2011  
Peter Freewater, Horsfield Bay**

## Unplugged for the Floods

**An Unplugged for the Floods benefit concert will be held Ocean Beach Surf Lifesaving Club for the on Saturday, March 26.**

"The images of devastation we witnessed during the floods and cyclone Yasi were so overwhelming that we wanted some way for our local community to help out," said Central Coast Lifesaver of the Year Ms Katie Dixon.

"The concert is an opportunity to do that especially since most of us can't jump on the next flight to Queensland and help physically," she said.

Together with Gosford Council Volunteer of the Year Mr Aaron Camp, Ms Dixon has arranged a line-up of some of the Central Coast's best up-

and-coming talents.

The concert will be headlined by local country music singer Ms Ashley Knight who was Winner of the Tamworth Country Music Awards battle of the young stars.

"I am thrilled to be involved with such a great cause," said Ms Knight.

Other performers on the night will include local indie punk band Sky Squadron and local singer songwriter Bryce Sainty.

Tickets for the concert will be on sale at the door for \$5 or \$15 dollars for a family.

All proceeds will be donated to the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal.

**Media release, 8 Mar 2011  
Aaron Camp, Ocean Beach SLSC**

Community supporting Communities - Raising money for the Queensland Premier's Flood Appeal



Our iconic Forest of Tranquility is hosting

**Flood Fest**  
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**Saturday March 26, 2011**



Local Performers from all corners of the Coast from diverse musical genres are converging in the park's flood zone - a natural amphitheatre - donating their talent to create a musical soundscape in the rainforest to raise funds for the flood and cyclone appeal. Other entertainment includes rainforest quizzes and children's games. Bring your gold coins to enter the challenges.

**Gates Open 11:30 am.**

**Floodfest starts 12 noon with Paul Robert Burton's Touring Act**

**Park entry/ competition entry proceeds donated.**

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Stalls, food, tea house and BBQ or BYO picnic, rug/chair. \$30 for the whole family or \$15 adults and \$6 children and \$10 concession.

Book now to avoid disappointment - numbers limited.

See [www.forestoftranquility.com](http://www.forestoftranquility.com) or [www.facebook.com/floodfest](http://www.facebook.com/floodfest) for details.

In the event of wet weather the event will be rescheduled. So we will be asking the weather spirits for help that day!!!!

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## Award for email marketing

A home business based in Woy Woy has been recognised for being among the top 500 small businesses in its use of email marketing.

"We have always been early adopters of new and practical marketing initiatives and adapted email marketing methods for ourselves and our clients in early 2000," said Ms Sue Henry, whose business Small Business Accelerator won a VR500 award.

"I am a professional speaker and the co-author of two small business books and have contributed to many small business publications both on and offline over the past," she said.

"The monthly newsletter we send out is designed to bring practical how to tips and ideas to our small business customers."

To qualify for the VR500 awards, customers had to have sent at least four email campaigns in the fourth quarter of 2010, and mailed to a list size of between 100 to 500 opt-in subscribers.

"To consistently see the open rates and click through rates tells us that these tips are helpful and encouraging to our customers."

"We are really proud and thrilled to be recognised amongst the top 500 globally in these awards," she said.

Award organiser Vertical Response organiser Ms Janine Popick said: "The winners prove that email marketing is being used very effectively to help grow small businesses."

Small Business Accelerator is a home based business consultancy specialising in sales, marketing, networking, customer engagement and business growth for the small business sector.

The business was established in Sydney 11 years ago and relocated to Woy Woy in 2007, with clients seeking its services from Newcastle, the Gold Coast, Sydney, Melbourne and the Central Coast, said Ms Henry.

Media Release, 18 Jan 2011  
Sue Henry, Small Business Accelerator

## Show has animation, puppets and bubbles

The Woy Woy Peninsula Theatre will feature The Adventures of Alvin Sputnik: Deep Sea Explorer on Tuesday, April 19, at 2pm and 8pm.

The show is a story about enduring love and the end of the world featuring animation, puppets, ukulele and bubbles and is a perfect treat for all children during the school holiday period, according to Council's arts and culture marketing officer Ms Jan Wells.

"The play is performed by the show's creator Tim Watts in a black cat suit, manically unfolding a cartoon which he creates and controls with a Wii remote," she said.

"The play is a unique blend of mime, puppetry, live and recorded music, and animation."

"It won the most outstanding solo show at the New York Fringe Festival and attracted rave reviews."

Media Release, 10 Mar 2011  
Jan Wells, Gosford Council





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##### Animal Welfare League (ADS)

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Debra 4344 4435.

awlcentralcoast@virginbroadband.com.au

P.O. Box 376, WOY WOY

#### Art

##### Central Coast Art Society (284)

Meets for lectures, demonstrations and discussion. Weekly paint-outs ea Tues at varying locations 4369 5860.

Workshops 9.30am 1st & 3rd Wed ea month Gosford City Art Centre 4363 1820. Social Meetings 1.30pm 4th Wed ea month, for demonstrations 4325 1420 publicity@artcentralcoast.asn.au PO Box 4168 - East Gosford

#### Community Activities

##### Cash Housie (269c)

50 Games Held every Sat night St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong Beach, Free Tea and Coffee. 7.30 pm - 10.30pm. Proceeds to Woy Woy Catholic Parish. www.cphousie@hotmail.com

##### Hospital Art Australia (284)

Meets every Friday 9am til 2pm 109 Birchwood Ave, Umina Painting and Canvas drawing Volunteers welcome 4341 9920

#### Community Centres

##### Peninsula Community Centre (265c)

##### Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd Woy Woy Child Care

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##### Ettalong 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre (262) (formerly Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre)

Mon to Fri Cards, Computer Lessons, Dancing, Indoor Bowls, Fitness Handicrafts, Leatherwork Line Dancing, Painting Scrabble, Table Tennis Tai Chi, Yoga, Darts

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#### Community Groups

##### ABC (284c)

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##### Hardys Bay Residents Group (271c)

Working for a positive & Healthy Environment in our Community allanbw@bigpond.com

##### The Krait Club (270c)

Community Centre - Cooina Village, Neptune St, Umina 10.30am Open to senior members of Woy Woy/ Umina Community Program includes: Gentle exercises, quizzes, games, social activities, guest speakers, entertainment and occasional bus trips 4341 0698

##### Northern Settlement Services (282)

Provides socialisation for migrants. Volunteers assist with home visits, shopping and social days. Clients

from all over the world enjoy time together. Every Thur Peninsula Community Centre

93 McMasters Road Woy Woy - 4334 3877

##### N.M.B.V.A.A Inc National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association Australia (277)

Meet on 1st Sat each month except January. 2pm at Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club 51-52 The Esplanade. Looking for more veterans, all welcome - 4342 1107 P.O. Box 7284 Kariong

##### Umina Beach Scrabble Club (277)

For all levels and ages Every Wednesday 9am-12pm, come along relax and enjoy a cuppa while you play Scrabble 322 West St (Rubys) Umina Beach NSW 2257 4341 4859 or 0410 438 525

##### Vietnam Veterans', Peacekeepers' and Peacemakers' (284)

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##### Volunteering Central Coast (270c)

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roles. Offer regular general info sessions at Woy Woy. sharanpage@volunteeringcentralcoast.org.au 4329 7122

##### Wagstaffe to Killcare Community (256)

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#### Community Restaurant

##### Mary Mac's Place (262)

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#### Disabled Services

##### Riding for the Disabled (282c)

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#### Health Group

##### Arthritis NSW (267c)

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##### Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club (67/278)

Peninsula Community Centre 2nd Tuesday monthly at 11.30 Light lunch available Company, up-to-date information Hydrotherapy, bus trips Phone 4342 1316 or 4341 7177

#### Service Clubs

##### Rotary Club of Umina (269c)

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#### Women's Groups

##### Country Women's Association Woy Woy (284)

Friendship Mornings 1st and 2nd Wed 10am Monthly Meetings 4th Wed 12.30pm - 4324 2621

##### Gosford RSL Women's Auxiliary (272)

0412 773 441

##### Peninsula Women's Health Centre (285c)

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# Astounded at architect's recommendation

As one of the many who were opposed to the original development of the Patonga Hotel, I was utterly astounded to read in a previous issue of the Peninsula News that Gosford Council's architect recommended the hotel no longer be listed as a heritage item.

Perhaps I should explain to those many people who are still wondering how it became possible for a hotel with dual occupancy to be developed on residential land zoned 2A in such a tiny village, where dual occupancy is not permitted, there is no parking and it is surrounded by homes.

In the beginning, it was a general store which was undoubtedly of great heritage value to the tiny village of Patonga and in fact was a valuable part of the history of the shire.

The owners decided to apply to build a tavern on the land which caused great angst and division within the very small community of Patonga, who almost all rightly thought such a development on the site had no chance of approval.

It seemed entirely impossible that Gosford Council would even consider the application let alone approve the construction.

However, unbeknownst to those opposing the development, there exists within the Council's planning code the little known and therefore seldom understood Section 45C.

This section says that if you have a heritage item and have financial difficulty in maintaining

that item then you can apply to build something on the site that will provide sufficient funds to enable you to maintain that heritage item.

My understanding is that this section was intended to enable people to build perhaps a cafe, a tea room, souvenir shop or kiosk to enhance and help support a historic building or heritage item.

However, in this instance, Gosford Council agreed that it was necessary to permit the building of a hotel complete with dual occupancy so as to provide the owners with sufficient funds to maintain the small heritage listed general store which coincidentally also operated as a licensed bottle shop.

Section 45C also carries with it the authority to make most normal building regulations, floor ratios, zonings and parking requirements redundant.

Because those who opposed the original application were not made aware that the matter was not to be dealt with in a normal fashion their objections were more or less negated from the outset and by the application of this little used and lesser known section the original development application to build the hotel was approved in 1997.

If you are familiar with the site, you may be moved to ask: "Where is the Patonga general store that was so historically important that Gosford Council had no alternative but to approve the development

of a rather large and ostentatious hotel?"

Well, surprise, surprise, the Patonga general store and bottle shop were unfortunately demolished just prior to the hotel being built and no longer exist.

There was some brick work a window or two and a few other incidentals salvaged from the wreckage and it was claimed at the time that these items represented sufficient heritage value to justify the building of the hotel, though, why a hotel had to be built and operated to generate enough funds to maintain these scant items still remains a mystery to me.

Now we have Gosford Council's architect recommending that the hotel or more precisely the few relics of the Patonga general store should be no longer listed as items of heritage value or importance "as alterations and additions to the hotel have degraded any heritage value".

Now if the architect's recommendations are accepted by Council and the heritage listing is removed, we end up with a hotel that has been developed and built outside of normal zoning laws, land use regulations, floor space regulations, building regulations and parking regulations, to enable the maintenance of something that no longer exists.

If the heritage site is delisted where does this leave the hotel in relation to zoning laws?

Email, 22 Feb 2011  
Vic Jefferies, St Hubert's Island

# 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.

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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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- Woy Woy Public School** raised \$739 for Queensland Floods
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- Deepwater Court retirement Village** in Woy Woy raised \$750 for the Queensland Flood Appeal
- Randalls on the Beach** donated \$3187 to the Queensland Flood Appeal
- Rotary Club of Umina** raised \$6000 for Queensland Rotary Clubs
- Woy Woy Men and Women's Bowling Club** raised \$2121 for the Queensland Premier's flood appeal
- Woy Woy Women's Club** also raised \$200 for the NSW Bowling Association Red Cross Flood Appeal
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- Woy Woy South Public School** \$2,000 for School Equipment

Funds donated earlier in the year have been removed to allow space for more recent donations

# The Peninsula Diary

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

- Tuesday March 22**

Silver Threads meeting, Umina Beach Salvation Army, 10am
- Wednesday March 23**

Marie Andrews Final seniors week concert, Ettalong 50 + Leisure and learning Centre.

Fun with Sounds Play morning, beachside Family Centre, 10:30am to 12pm, free
- Saturday March 26**

Election

Troubadour Folk Club CWA Hall Woy Woy 7pm

Unplugged for the Floods benefit concert, Ocean Beach SLSC

Property Committee sale, Umina Uniting Church
- Sunday March 27**

Ducks Crossing and the Secret Shadow book launch,
- Wednesday March 30**

Superfoods workshop, Peninsula Women's Health Centre, 10am -12pm, free
- Saturday April 2**

Empire Bay Public School Easter Festival, 1pm

Community Environment Network activity, 9:30am – 11:30am, Woy Woy
- Sunday April 3**

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery exhibition BY Ms Margie Carew-Reid closes
- Thursday April 7**

Peninsula Links Day, Peninsula Community Centre, 9am-1pm, free
- Saturday April 16**

Central Coast Italian festival, Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort
- Thursday, April 19**

The Advetures of Alvin Sputnik: Deep Sea Adventure, Woy Woy Peninsula Theatre, 2pm, 8pm
- Wednesday April 27**

Singup choir rehearsal, Uniting Church Hall Ettalong
- 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

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Unworthy of  
listing?

Patonga is a very special place on the Central Coast, whose tourist potential needs recognition and nurturing.

I hope we will have time at the next Gosford Council Heritage Committee to discuss how a heritage item, the Patonga tavern, which has undergone specific Council approvals at each stage of its development should somehow become unworthy of heritage listing? I wonder what Council's culpability in this might be, if this is indeed the case (which I doubt). And what potential impact on the ambience of Patonga

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might follow if the heritage listing were withdrawn?  
I wonder too where Gosford Council is up to with its plans to redevelop the caravan park at Patonga.  
Will they display as much sensitivity and regard for cultural heritage as for the development of this site does?  
Email, 9 Feb 2011  
Kay Williams, Pearl Beach

Forum

**Donations**  
Donations of money have been given to politicians since the days of the Roman Senate.

The questionable part, I think, is not the source but the amount given.  
I know some donations are given in the spirit of co-operation and some because they like the stamp of the candidate.  
But for others, it is play it safe or for an effective lobby at the right time.  
Letter, 23 Feb 2011  
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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What are they  
doing?

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I am extremely distressed to learn that trees are being destroyed on a small parcel of recently purchased privately owned land within Brisbane Waters National Park.  
Jake Cassar and others have set up a "tent embassy" near Bambara Rd, Kariong, on Woy Woy Rd in an attempt to raise public awareness of

this crisis.  
Could local council and NPA representatives please advise what they are doing to save this precious parcel of land?  
This matter needs urgent attention by those who are responsible for the protection of our local environmentally sensitive land.  
Email, 24 Feb 2011  
Wendy Thomas, Booker Bay

Money won't go  
to hospital

Forum

Despite what Cr Freewater might claim, the opening or conversion of Woy Woy Hospital will just not occur.  
Having worked in health for over 25 years, I know that the Government will not spend the required money to provide the correct and appropriate services to the standard required to provide appropriate care.  
Woy Woy is used to care for patients who are "an overflow" from Gosford which are terminal or low

acuity.  
The Health System is in a real mess with too many chiefs and not enough indians.  
When money is poured in at the top, that's where it stays.  
Very little is used to improve frontline services and rather it stays at the top and is used to build empires.  
Online Submission,  
28 Feb 2011  
Kerrie Stirling, Umina

On song

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As Blackwall Mountain gazes down  
A backdrop to this lovely town,  
We ask you all to come along  
To help us get this show on song.

Email, 18 Feb 2011  
Peter Fenton, Ettalong

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## Forum

# Some councils value volunteers

I recently attended a Coast Care Forum held in Wollongong.

It was both interesting and inspiring.

There were representatives from most councils up and down the coast as well as many volunteers and specialists in various fields.

Gosford was noticeable by the absence of any representative although there were some volunteers from that shire.

This was a pity since one of the main topics was the attitudes of councils to their voluntary workers.

Some councils are now developing contracts and improved terms of engagement.

They actually acknowledge the experience and intelligence of their numerous voluntary workers, who

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give many hours of work to these organisations.

They even involve them when making Plans of Management and discuss things with them.

A recent Commonwealth document "National Compact: Working Together" was discussed.

This document recognizes the volunteer's vital contribution to Australian communities. Volunteer groups and local government should surely form a "respectful and constructive partnership".

Up until now our relationship to local governments has never been defined.

Neither side knows exactly how they should behave one to the other.

Some councils regard volunteers as the bottom of the heap and completely devoid of any knowledge or expertise.

A compact should be negotiated which will recognize our shared values so that, for instance, we all know how we should behave to one another, how disputes should be settled, and how everyone can get a fair go instead of being dominated by larger more forceful groups.

This may prompt local councils to become more community-friendly, improve recruitment and encourage groups to lobby government on their own terms.

Email, 17 Mar 2011  
Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

# Peripheral issues

Empire Bay Dr comes nowhere near the Rip Bridge, so how can it be on the southern bridge approach? (Forum, February 22)

Also, the sign Vince Hayward complains about clearly says "Booker Bay Rd" not "Broken Bay Road".

And what does any of this have to do with broken road edges?

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Incidentally, while we are dealing with peripheral issues, doesn't anybody at Peninsula News know that "fewer carriages" is correct and that "less carriages" is not English?

Email, 27 Feb 2011  
Bruce Hyland, Daleys Point

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# Make footpath safe

I am writing in regard to your news item Footpath Work 'Low Priority' (Peninsula News, February 21).

I am disgusted by the council's statement that they do not have enough money to construct a safe footpath in Flounder Rd, Ettalong.

Isn't making the footpath safe what councils do?

I see they had money to spend on a weekend away for

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themselves.

This is typical of council's treatment of the Peninsula.

Surely council's budget isn't so tight that the council can't afford to make the streets safe for our blind residents.

Email, 4 Mar 2011  
Leone Roberts, Umina

# Special power needed

Mike Conroy's expose "Why was Minister devious?" (Peninsula News, 24 Jan 2011), reveals how things are done in the big smoke by a corrupt and underhand government.

And what can you do or who can you send for?

Nothing and no-one, only a pencil on a piece of paper once every three or four years.

What needs to be done is a change to our constitution to allow the Governor-General or an elected president to call a committee of inquiry with total powers, so that a dishonest or incompetent government can be sacked.

Letter, 24 Jan 2011  
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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## Success in pairs

**Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club teams has won the Zone 15 Pairs championship held at Halekulani Bowling Club, taking out the Open and Senior titles.**

The four disciplines of the Majors, Seniors, President Reserves and Veterans attracted entries from 148 teams.

In the Major Pairs, the recent transferees to Ettalong from Halekulani of Aron Sherriff (skip) and Tony Laguzza (L) swept past Les and Darren Morrison of Everglades 19-15 to win Section 3.

They beat Section 4 winners Bateau Bay's Neil Dell (skip) and John Ellison (L) 29-10 in the semi to set up a final against Section 2 winners Peter Freestone (skip) and Adam Pinkerton (L) of Gosford City.

Gosford City had won its section by defeating Halekulani's Paul Villata (skip) and Carl Collins (L) 24-18.

In the final, Gosford went down 22-13 after 20 ends.

**Publication, 14 Mar 2011**  
**Kevin Dring, Bowls**  
**News Central Coast**



(l/r) Bowls Central Coast Senior Pairs champions 2011 Karl Foster (L) and Alan Rogers (skip) Ettalong.

## Roosters ready for first round clash

**The Woy Woy Roosters are set to start their 2011 Premiership campaign with a highly anticipated first round clash with the Umina Bunnies at Woy Woy Oval on Sunday, March 27.**

After a disappointing finish to the 2010 season with a semi-final loss to Erina, the Roosters First Grade team is keen to get the season off to a winning start against the Bunnies.

Once again the Roosters will be coached by Les Lowe and will field a team with experienced players such as Adam Tippet, Aaron Hardman, Geoff Wilkin and Tim Bovis.

Under-19s players James

Murphy (five-eighth) and Zane Rickert (wing) will make their first grade debuts for the Roosters, and join another Roosters junior Alex Baxter as the rising stars of the Woy Woy squad.

New signing, 19-year-old Boydie-Lee Symes has impressed, playing in the front row during the trials and has secured his place in the pack alongside the experienced Wilkin.

The Roosters lower grades are also chock full of talent, with Bob Gordon (Reserve) Aaron McLean (Open) and Frank "Junior" Johnson heading the coaching staff for each side.

**Media Release, 18 Mar 2011**  
**Peter Read, Woy Woy RLFC**

## Women take pairs title

**An Ettalong team has defeated Terrigal to take out the district pairs title in women's bowls competition.**

The winners, Lauren Williams and Tracey Ward from Ettalong Memorial, defeated Lorraine Murphy and Tess Koutsellis from Terrigal, 27-10.

Lauren and Tracey were runners up in 2010 and went on to play in the group play-offs in the Hunter District in July.

The State Pairs competition started at district level on Monday, February 21, with rainy conditions making play difficult.

Play was abandoned at Avoca Beach but Umina Beach managed to get its allotted games completed.

Play had to be scheduled at various clubs to catch up to the draw

In the quarter finals, a team of L Cross and A. Tucker from Everglades defeated W Brennan and A. Simpson from Terrigal.

The Ettalong team defeated L Barter and A Schofield from The Entrance.

In the semi-finals, the Terrigal team defeated the Everglades team, while the Ettalong team defeated S Gemmell and P Thornton from The Entrance.

The final was played at Gosford City in pleasant conditions.

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Central Coast Grandstand is of great benefit to all sport on the Coast as well as to the health and welfare of all involved residents. Major and minor sports all have a voice and junior, school and senior sport also has an opportunity for exposure and promotion to like-minded people.

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## Ettalong combination wins Zone Fours

**An Ettalong combination has steamrolled its way to a convincing 26-10 win over Terrigal to claim the first Zone 15 Fours title for 2011.**

A good spectator crowd gathered for the afternoon final and were entertained by the two stand-out teams of the competition with some high class bowling.

With Junior Champion Harley McDonald leading up front with excellent bowls and drawing applause from the gallery, the

Ettalong skip and World Singles champion Aron Sherriff didn't disappoint his followers with precision drawing and accurate on-shots when the situation demanded and was ably backed up by another new recruit to the Club in Lee Trethowan (ex Asquith BC).

In the lead-up to the final, 42 teams had taken to the greens at Ettalong Memorial and Wyong Riverside Bowling Clubs for the sectional rounds of the championship.

The competition was of a high standard with the four section winners moving into the finals.

Section 1 was won by The Greens team of Peter Lyddieth (lead), Peter Redman and Phil Flippence, skipped by David Buttery.

They showed good form to defeat Ettalong 25-12, Halekulani 25-17, Avoca 22-21 and a fellow Greens team 22-8.

The powerhouse team of Ettalong skipped by Aron Sherriff with Harley McDonald, Lee Trethowan and John Roberts were just too strong for the rest of their Section 2 opponents by sweeping aside Bateau Bay 22-14 and



Winners of 2011 Zone 15 Fours championship (l/r) Aron Sherriff (skip), John Roberts (3rd), Lee Trethowan (2nd), Harley McDonald (lead)

Gosford 24-11, although they had a close encounter to win against Everglades 17-16.

Section 3 was another win for The Greens with skipper Tony Scott steering his team of Glen Coleman, Andrew Parsons and Brendan Poidevin to victories over Gosford 17-16, Mingara 33-7 and another Gosford team 21-17.

In Section 4, the strong Terrigal team led by David Neilsen with

Alex Cameron, Brendon Myers and David Limbrick showed their class in defeating Avoca 25-15, Toukley RSL 21-11 and Ettalong 19-16.

This then set the scene for the four section winners to contest the finals on the No 1 green at Ettalong Memorial BC on Saturday, January 29.

On Rink 5 in one semi-final, Aron Sherriff's Ettalong team

continued their dominance with an all-the-way win disposing of David Buttery's Greens team 22-6 who called it a day on end 19.

Finishing about the same time, David Neilsen's Terrigal team in the other semi-final also posted an all-the-way win (22-11) over the other Greens team skipped by Tony Scott.

This set the scene for the final. While the top grades were

playing their final, the Zone 15 President's Reserve Fours final was played for those players Graded 5 and below, with Umina winning by one shot over Wyong.

The Wyong Riverside's team of Jason Jordan, Alan Morris and Pat Boreham, skipped by Shane Nancarrow, was pitted against the Umina Beach combination of Joe Ednie, Ian Jarratt and Vic Gauci, skipped by Bob Penson.

To reach the final, Shane Nancarrow's Wyong team had recorded solid wins against John Cardy's Avoca Beach team 21-15, Ashley Ayre's team also from Avoca Beach 23-14 and Herb Lach's Halekulani team 25-19 to win their section.

In the other section, Bob Penson's Umina Beach team recorded strong wins over Stephen Thornhill of Ettalong 38-26, a close encounter against Ray Peck of Bateau Bay 28-26, a heart stopper over Leslie Bagnall of Ettalong 14-13, while having a comfortable win over Steven Balsdon also from Ettalong 31-13, to take out the section.

The final was a close fought match between two evenly matched teams with the lead seesawing and the scores level on ends 2, 10 and 18.

With Wyong holding a precarious one-shot lead after 20 ends, their chance of taking out the title slipped out the door with Umina holding a match-winning two shots on the final end with skip Bob Penson electing not to play his last bowl to sew up the title by one shot.

Publication, 14 Mar 2011  
Kevin Dring, Bowls  
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## Fifth in zone swimming

**Woy Woy Public School has placed fifth in the zone swimming carnival held on Tuesday, March 8.**

The school placed in the majority of the heats with students Mimi Henderson, Georgia Riley, Tasha Oberlander, Aspen Henderson,

Amelia Williamson, Jake Kay, Luke Brown, Chelsea White, Madalyn Macleod and Laura Cooper all placing in the finals.

Mimi Henderson was also named the 12-13 years girls age champion for the Woy Woy zone.

Students who came first, second or third in the 50 metre freestyle

finals, and those that came first and second in all other events, attended the regional carnival on Wednesday, March 16.

Newsletter, 16 Mar 2011  
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

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## New patrol trailer for surf club

**Umina Surf Life Saving Club has received a purpose-built patrol trailer to allow club members to perform extensive first aid on the beach without returning to the clubhouse.**

President Mr Bill Cook said the patrol trailer had a retractable patient seat and wash basin at the rear, carried its own 75 litre water supply and pump and had enough storage space for a first aid kit and an oxygen therapy pack.

One side of the trailer contained a display and information area and the other provided storage for patrol members' personal effects and a bench seat.

Three sides of the trailer incorporated folding panels that could be used to shade patrol members.

It also had racks for four rescue boards, over six rescue tubes, seven plastic chairs, all beach flags and two rescue board stands.

The trailer had detachable screens for protection during inclement weather and storage for an extra tent.

Mr Cook said the trailer had been painted in the red and yellow of Australian Surf Life Saving, to provide an easily identified station on the beach.

He said the patrols would now be able to tow the complete patrol setup onto the beach in one action and pack it up and stow it away at the end of the day.

Money for the trailer was provided by Umina Beach Bowling Club and Woy Woy Rotary as part of ongoing support to the surf club.

Media Release, 28 Feb 2011  
Carl Krucler, Umina SLSC



## Will prepares for surf camp

**Umina Surf Lifesaving Club member Will Van Edmond-Jones is preparing for a three-day Surf Lifesaving NSW Camp after he was announced Central Coast Branch Junior Male Champion Life Saver of the Year.**

Following his win, Will will now represent the Central Coast Branch in the NSW Junior Life Saver Award.

To win the Central Coast Branch Junior Male Champion Life Saver of the Year Award, Will was required to submit a written application and take part in a verbal interview both at Umina Surf Lifesaving Club and with the Central Coast Branch committee.

The competition was between 16 male nominees from Surf Clubs on the Central Coast.

Club secretary Ms Christine Lavers that Will had said he was inspired to one day become a

fulltime lifesaver, as well as a competitor and eventually a team manager for Nippers.

"Will also mentioned that being part of Surf Lifesaving has helped him achieve better self-confidence and a sense of community awareness with the voluntary surf patrol duties he carries out at Umina Surf Club and helping fundraise for the Surf Lifesaving movement," said Ms Lavers.

Email, 2 Mar 2011  
Christine Lavers, Umina SLSC

## Women learn to surf

**A Multicultural Learn to Surf Camp will be held at Umina on the weekend of March 19 and 20, hosted by WowGirls Wave of Wisdom.**

The aim of the weekend is to break down social, cultural and religious barriers as women learn to ride the waves and have fun.

Last year the day saw 20 different countries represented, according to founder Ms Yvonne Lamont.

"It was a joyous occasion where women from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds and nationalities came together to experience the joys of surfing," she

said.

Participants included women from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Lebanon who were members of the Olive Tree Women's Network in Sydney and also Central Coast WowGirls from France, Germany, China and Argentina.

The program this year has been extended to a full weekend celebration, including International Women's Day and Harmony Day on Sunday, March 20.

With inquiries, phone Yvonne on 0403 910 948.

Media Release, 1 Mar 2011  
Nitasha Thompson, WowGirls

## Oval used for 'out-of-season' football

**The Central Coast Division of Country Rugby League will be allowed use Woy Woy oval out of season on a one-off basis on Sunday, March 27.**

Gosford Council decided to allow the use after a Mayoral Minute at its meeting on Monday, March 1.

Council also decided to review the Council Policy that determines season usage of facilities to consider the use of facilities

allocated for single season usage and other grounds at the discretion of the sporting body to which they have been allocated at times outside the currently prescribed periods.

The Central Coast Division of Country Rugby League requested the use of a number of fields to enable an additional round within the proposed 2011 competition draw.

Council Policy R1.02 currently states that "the winter season commences on the first full

weekend in April and concludes on the third full weekend in September, including all finals games".

Gosford Council resolved to approve the use of Woy Woy Oval on the one-off basis following the league's advice that it was unable to locate an alternative venue.

The League requested the use of Woy Woy Oval as it does not have a summer allocation and representatives of the League believed that there would be minimal impact on other users.

Council Agenda MM.2, 1 Mar 2011

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# Tony Ferguson Weightloss program promises results for locals at Umina Beach Yousave Chemist

**The Tony Ferguson Weightloss Program is now available at Umina Beach Yousave Chemist, where locals can join over 700,000 other Australians who have successfully lost weight on the pharmacy-based program.**

The program, developed by pharmacist Tony Ferguson, gives members a nutritious, safe, affordable and delicious way to lose weight and improve their health and wellbeing.

According to Tony Ferguson, founder and managing director of the Tony Ferguson Weightloss Program, the program is all about helping members set achievable goals and providing them with weight loss practitioners to help monitor and support their progress on what is often a daunting journey.

"We understand that making the decision to lose weight is often

one of the hardest things for many people to do and most people have tried many times," said Tony Ferguson.

"Losing weight is more than just about shedding kilos, it is often a life-changing experience giving people the opportunity to reclaim a happy, healthy lifestyle. I have worked with nutritionists and other healthcare professionals to develop a holistic weight loss program with an emphasis on providing one-on-one support to our members combined of course with a nutritionally balanced diet."

As a pharmacist Tony Ferguson recognised that the local pharmacy provided the ideal clinical environment for people to seek professional healthcare advice about weight loss.

Michael Cunico and the team at Umina Beach Yousave Chemist are very excited to make such an effective weight loss program available to locals.

Local Pharmacy Umina Beach Yousave Chemist outlines how their local weight loss practitioners have been trained in three prerequisite modules on medical conditions, the fundamental principles of nutrition and the Tony Ferguson Weightloss Program.

"Our weight loss practitioners have been trained to develop personal eating plans that can include some of your favourite foods for members and offer one-on-one support through goal-setting, motivation and rewards to help them achieve their weight loss goals," Umina Beach Yousave Chemist

"We can now offer our customers a weight loss program that really works in a friendly, professional healthcare environment where they can discuss their weight loss goals with our trained staff. We want to make the decision to lose weight as easy and non-confronting as possible."

The Tony Ferguson Weightloss Program focuses on providing a convenient way of helping members stick to their eating plan while providing personal support and advice on nutrition. It combines Tony Ferguson products such as shakes, soups and bars with a healthy diet of fruit, vegetables and protein, which are essential components to a healthy diet. In the initial Weightloss phase two meals per day are replaced with a delicious range of bars, soups or shakes and the third meal of the day is a member's choice of protein and vegetables from a wide list of selected food. Other foods are then gradually introduced back into the diet during the Progress and Maintenance phases of the program once basic healthy eating habits have been mastered.

More information about the Tony Ferguson Weightloss Program is available at Umina Beach Yousave Chemist.



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