

Woy Woy wharf plan to be displayed

A concept design for the Woy Woy Town Centre Wharf will be placed on public exhibition from January to February, next year.

The design was the result of a study commissioned by Gosford Council into the current and future usage of the Woy Woy Town Centre Wharf and identification of future boating needs at this site.

The study involved preparing concept layouts of the wharf area adjoining The Boulevard streetscape and to provide a report detailing the decisions made in preparing those layouts.

The development of the concept report was the subject of a number of representations from groups and individuals within the local community.

Contact was made by Council with NSW Maritime, Department of Environment, Climate Change

and Water, Department of Primary Industries (NSW Fisheries), Hawkesbury River Trawler Association, NSW Police, Marine Rescue, Brisbane Water Users Group and the local commercial ferry operators.

A public meeting was also held to gather information and to assess the needs of the boating and general community as well as a vessel usage investigation undertaken in the area.

The report presented with three options which addressed boating needs and took into consideration the comments received by interested groups and individuals.

Landscape architects were engaged to prepare perspective images of each of the options for presentation purposes to the public.

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Macca's decision expected tomorrow

Gosford Council will make a decision tomorrow (Tuesday) whether it will allow rezoning of residential land in Umina for a fast food outlet.

Councillors will inspect the site and consider the planning proposal for a McDonalds store.

Council planners have recommended that the rezoning proceed, and that a planning proposal be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure accordingly.

McDonald's (Australia) Ltd has told the council that the planning proposal was needed because of the uncertainty associated with the timing of the finalisation of the draft Gosford LEP 2009 and the need to proceed with the development of this site at the earliest opportunity.

The proposal would see the land rezoned to Zone 3(a) Business (General) under the Gosford Planning Scheme Ordinance.

Council planners reported that the proposal was inconsistent with Section 17 Direction 4.1 Acid Sulphate Soils as the land is affected by acid sulphate soils.

However, they stated: "The

inconsistency with the direction can be justified as the planning proposal is of minor significance."

The report stated that the land was of a low acid sulphate risk as these soils were found at a level greater than three metres below the surface of the land and most forms of development possible on the land would not involve ground disturbance to this level.

The Planning Proposal was placed on public exhibition from November 2 to November 16 and at the suggestion of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure was exhibited with a development application for a McDonalds Restaurant on the subject land.

The exhibition resulted in 78 submissions being received and two petitions.

The report stated that three issues were raised in submissions.

They were an objection to spot rezoning, that the proposal should not be considered before the draft LEP was determined and that a transport plan should be completed before the planning proposal proceeds.

The council staff commented:

"The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is currently considering the Draft Gosford LEP 2009.

"The department will determine whether the planning proposal, if it is continued to be supported by Council, should proceed ahead of the draft Gosford LEP 2009.

"Actions in relation to the Transport, Management and Accessibility Plan (TMAP) which includes preparation of a basis for a new carparking contributions plan for Umina Beach will commence in December 2011.

"The subject land will be considered in the TMAP and a carparking contributions plan will apply to any development on the land.

"It would be appropriate as part of the planning proposal recommendation that Council resolve to amend the CP68 – Umina Beach Village Carparking to include the subject land."

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Telecommunications meeting held at Killcare

The Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee held a public meeting in Killcare on Friday, December 9, to discuss local telecommunication issues.

The committee met with members of the community and heard about their telecommunication experiences.

"Over the past three months, the committee has travelled the country and met with a range of community members in regional, rural and remote areas," said committee chair Ms Rosemary Sinclair.

"We are keen to learn from the experiences of consumers, businesses and organisations using telecommunications services in these areas," she said.

The committee released its issues paper on September 16, which set out five key areas of

interest for the 2011-12 Regional Telecommunications Review.

These included opportunities that the emerging digital economy could provide for regional Australians, the improvement of regional health and education outcomes, the communication needs of Indigenous people and communities, developments in the terrestrial and satellite mobile phone sector and consumer concerns of people and businesses in regional, rural and remote Australia.

Following the regional consultations and public submission process, the committee will report its findings to the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy in March next year.

**Media Release, 6 Dec 2011
Rosemary Sinclair, DBCDE**

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The winner of last edition's Vornado competition was Ellie Northey of Booker Bay.

Kaitlin Watts, 9 Dec 2011



Rainfall could reach 1600mm

A total of 28.5mm of rain has fallen on the Peninsula so far this month, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The average rainfall for December is 85.6mm.

A total of 1522mm has fallen so far this year, 23.6 per cent above the average annual rainfall of 1231.1mm.

This is already the highest annual rainfall since 2007, when the year finished with 1622mm.

If rainfall for December is 23.6 per cent above average, the Peninsula could finish the year with an annual figure of 1600mm, 30 per cent above the annual average.

Temperatures recorded so far this month have ranged from a low of 12.7 degrees on December 4 to a high of 23.4 on December 9, according to figures from www.peninsulaweather.info.

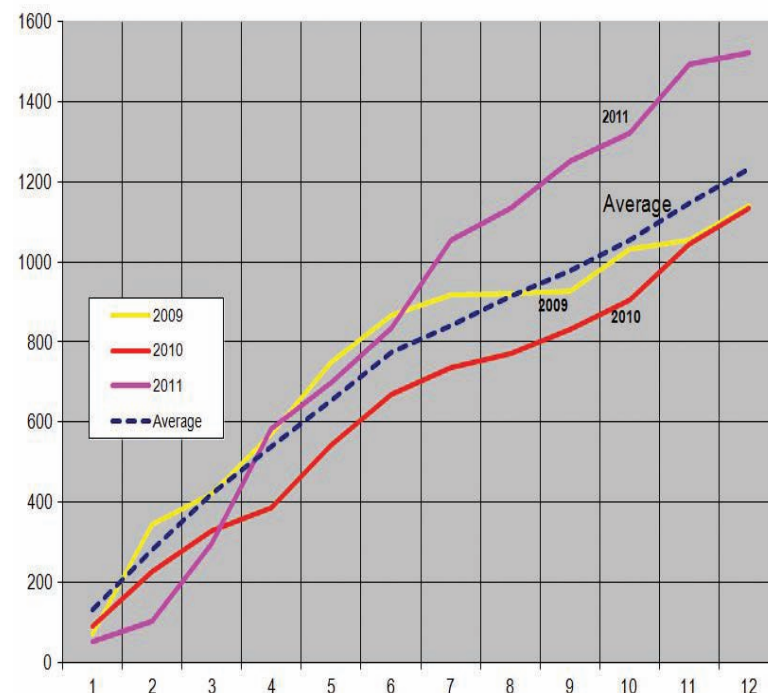
Highest minimum was 17.5 on December 9 and lowest maximum

was 18.8 on December 4.

Strongest wind gust was 30.2 km/h on December 4.

Spreadsheet, 9 Dec 2011

Jim Morrison, Woy Woy
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Petitions oppose fast food store

Gosford Council has received two petitions with a total of 1080 signatures objecting to a proposal for a McDonalds store on Ocean Beach Rd, Umina.

The petition stated its support for the many local businesses in the area and expressed concern that small businesses would suffer financially as a consequence of this development.

Consequently, the petition claimed that the community would suffer by having less choice and variety of food available in the area.

It also objected to the increased

traffic congestion, rubbish around the streets, health impacts and visual pollution.

Cr Peter Freewater told Gosford Council's meeting last week that the bulk of the community on the Peninsula was clearly very much opposed to having a second McDonalds.

"I would like to see that we simply reject the whole concept of the zoning and then we don't have to worry about the development application," said Cr Freewater.

**Gosford Council Agenda
P.40, 6 Dec 2011
Kaitlin Watts, 6 Dec 2011**

The man who plans to establish a McDonald's franchise in Umina, Mr Ron Mussali, has claimed that the company is committed to supporting the Umina community.

Mr Mussali, who operates eight other McDonald's outlets said the company believed in the growth potential of the area.

Refuting objections that the store would take business and jobs away from other local food outlets, Mr Mussali said: "McDonald's investment in Umina Beach will

provide great job opportunities for the local community, with up to 100 new positions available, representing strong employment and on-the-job training opportunities for local residents and school leavers."

He said he took "great pride" in the fact that McDonald's trained its staff to develop life-long and transferable skills, helping employees grow their career prospects.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said he placed his support behind the proposed development,

citing that local businesses can expect to join in the boost in economy provided by McDonald's.

"After being in this business for so long, I've seen first-hand how committed McDonald's and its local licensees are to contributing to the local community in which they operate.

"I am confident that the Umina Beach community will provide the opportunity for McDonald's to help reinvigorate the town so that we can all grow and prosper together."

**Media Release, 9 Dec 2011
Mel Huggins, Professional
Public Relations**

Busy weekend for marine rescue

The volunteer crews at Marine Rescue Central Coast were kept busy over the weekend of November 26-27 once the weather cleared.

The base at Point Clare was made aware of a seven metre mastless yacht adrift of Daleys Point at around 2:30pm on the Saturday.

Jim Robertson and his crew aboard the rescue boat, Gosford 10, located the yacht and towed it to an emergency mooring at Point Clare.

The yacht had broken away from its own mooring.

The radio base then received a call around 4pm from a lone sailor aboard a \$300,000 Kafor yacht off Killcare.

He advised that his hi-tech electric motor was not operating and that he needed help to get across the bar at Little Box Head



and then to Gosford.

Ian Morrow and his crew met the yacht at Little Box Head but plans were changed when the owner became concerned that his mast would not pass under the Rip Bridge.

The rescue crew took him to the safety of a 24-hour courtesy mooring at Hardys Bay.

The radio base received a call

for assistance from a jet ski with two people on board of Pearl Beach at 4:30pm on Sunday.

Its engine could not be restarted and they needed assistance to get back to Lions Park at Woy Woy.

Alan Howes and the duty crew on Gosford 10 located the vessel and towed the disabled vessel to the boat ramp.

**Media Release, 28 Nov 2011
Ron Cole, Marine Rescue**

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Landing alternative superior

I should like to commend the alternative scheme for the Gosford waterfront presented by John Hancock in an advertisement on page 6 in the last edition of Peninsula News.

It is so clearly superior to the official Gosford Landing scheme that it should be pursued determinedly and refined into an

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action plan.

I have some doubts about the location of the residential development and hotel immediately abutting the railway line, but the noise problem could probably be overcome by enclosing the adjoining length of track, and the benefits to the over-all scheme are

so obvious that it would be worth the trouble of overcoming the impediment of train noise.

This scheme begins to look like something that Gosford could be proud of, and the two schemes should be made widely available for public comparison and for the kind of vigorous debate that has been so far sadly lacking.

Email, 1 Dec 2011
Bruce Hyland, Daleys Point

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Clean up your rubbish

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Several years ago we bought a house in Palm St, Ettalong Beach, to use as a getaway from Sydney and we thoroughly enjoy using it for that purpose.

With the beach, shops and cinema, it makes for a very relaxing time.

However, I cannot get over the amount of rubbish that seems to be thrown on the paths and roadsides, especially near bus stops.

Why don't the users carry them to the nearest bin or take them home

and put them in their recycle bins?

Is it a matter of education or should there be greater focus by the council on punishment for littering?

One way to prevent this would be to make the cleanup the responsibility of the vendors such as McDonalds who would have a responsibility to collect their rubbish which is well identified with the Golden Arches, within a 500 metre radius of their shop.

Another source of rubbish seems to be when people move house they just leave their rubbish on the nature strip.

Why is there not a fixed charge in the tenants bond that covers the council costs to collect this rather than have an eyesore until someone complains?

Unfortunately when rubbish is left, it creates a sense of not caring so it becomes the norm for others to litter.

Why not stop it from occurring or at a minimum discourage the practice through education or penalties?

And last but not least, why does the regional newspaper continue to get thrown on the nature strip of properties who clearly do not want it where it becomes one of many that are rotting and unread?

Online submission, 5 Dec 2011
Bruce Quick, Ettalong

Waterfront must generate funds

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The resultant plan already has broad Government and Council support and is still subject to the continuing consultative process.

The current Masterplan envisages the creation of 4000 Gosford office jobs and the flow of trades effect during construction would be an enormous boost to the local economy.

The Master Plan also recognises the obvious, that the waterfront redevelopment must generate the funds to be viable.

Letter, 9 Dec 2011
Peter Turnbull, Point Clare

The Crash Landing alternative that was hastily prepared plan and advertised in the Peninsula News, November 28, edition is not viable.

It would not be viable to bury Dane Dr along the waterfront as the proposal has already been costed at \$200 million.

How will this amount be funded?

By contrast, the Landing Masterplan is fully costed and the result is perhaps the longest public consultation process ever undertaken by Gosford Council in a genuine community endeavour to capitalise on Gosford's unique and greatest assets.

Credit where it's due

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However, the potholes that were caused due to the water constantly lying on the road are now quite evident and need to be repaired and maintained to make the works complete and a permanent success.

Email, 5 Dec 2011
Terry O'Sullivan, Umina

Recently I sent an email along with pictures regarding the state of the flooding in Neptune St, Umina.

Since then the Council has done some drainage works to the problem areas which has seemed to alleviate the water problems that we were having.

I am one for "credit where credit is due" and in this case it is warranted in my opinion.

A winner

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I just love your competitions. They have put a smile on my face as a winner.

Letter, 1 Dec 2011
Diane Davis, Patonga

Thank you to all the wonderful team at Peninsula News.

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New sewer would service refreshment rooms

The refreshment rooms recently approved at the Empire Bay service station would be connected to the new Cockle Bay Towns Sewerage Scheme if it proceeds.

Responding to a question from Cr Peter Freewater, Gosford Council's director water and sewer Mr Rod Williams said the proposed restaurant at Empire Bay Dr associated with the service station was located within the proposed service area of the Cockle Bay Towns Scheme.

The property was connected to the sewerage reticulation scheme at the time of development application for the service station and the developer paid the necessary charges and costs at that time.

However, Mr Williams said that discharge from this development would be redirected into the new reticulation under the Cockle Bay Towns Scheme in the event of Council proceeding with the scheme.

Cr Freewater had asked whether

the fast food restaurant cluster on Empire Bay Dr would take priority over existing residents for access to the sewer.

Residents of Empire Bay, the pre-school and the caravan park currently did not have access to Council's sewer service, he said.

Mr Williams said Council has completed a Strategic Options Study to service that area and undertook community consultation throughout October on the outcomes of this study and the results were expected to be reported to the Council meeting of Tuesday, December 6.

Council had responded to previous community feedback by increasing the proposed service area from 126 to 316.

Council was also continuing to work with the State Government to secure the best funding outcomes for the affected property owners, he said.

**Gosford Council Agenda
COR.123, 1 Nov 2011**



Member for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein (middle) at the opening of the roundabout

Photo: Naomi Bridges

Roundabout completed

A \$3 million upgrade of the intersection of Charlton St and Victoria Rd, Woy Woy, has been completed.

Member for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein said the new roundabout would improve safety for motorists and will also help improve traffic flow.

"This intersection previously had a very tight turn, which was difficult

for buses and larger vehicles to use," Cr Holstein said.

"The new roundabout removes the right of way confusion and improves sight distance, making it easier for motorists using the intersection.

"As part of this upgrade, about 50 metres of Charlton St and 60 metres of Victoria Rd was resurfaced with new signs and linemarking installed.

"Work started on site in April and finished ahead of schedule, which is great news for the local community," Cr Holstein said.

The work was carried out by Gosford Council on behalf of Roads and Maritime Services.

**Media Release, 1 Dec 2011
Chris Holstein, Member for Gosford**

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New constitution group meets

The new Citizens for Constitutional Change (Central Coast) group will hold a meeting on Tuesday, January 17, in Blackwall, to discuss issues related to constitutional change.

The group met for the first time last month to discuss a proposal by the Gillard Government to canvass the opinion of the Australian people in regard to a change in the Australian Constitution to include a reference to Indigenous Australians.

Prior to the meeting, several of the group had participated in the nationwide community consultation process, and had made submissions to the expert panel that had been tasked to

seek opinions about Constitutional Change.

At its next meeting, the group will discuss issues such as the deletion or amendment of clauses in the constitution which refer to race, an inclusion of a binding statement of recognition of indigenous peoples in the preamble of the constitution or the body of the constitution, the replacement of all or part of the existing Constitution, the insertion of a Bill of Rights for all Australians, the development of a Treaty between indigenous peoples and other Australians and other related issues.

For more information, phone Barbara Kelly on 0414 747 933.

Email, 6 Dec 2011
Barbara Kelly, Umina



The leaders forum panel

Landing supported at business forum

The Gosford Landing project has been supported by speakers at a business leaders' forum held at the Peninsula Theatre on Wednesday, November 24, which attracted an audience of 60.

The forum's six panelists were each given three minutes to sum up what they perceived to be the major local business issues and opportunities for the Central Coast.

The six panelists were Central Coast Regional Development Corporation chairman Mr John Taylor, Central Coast Tourism CEO Mr Oliver Philpot, Labor spokesperson for Wyong Mr David Harris, Regional

Development Australia Central Coast chairman Mr John Dawson, Central Coast Regional Advisory Council NSW Business Chamber president Mr Ken Baker and Central Coast Business Review editor Mr Edgar Adams.

Each presentation was then followed by one or two targeted questions selected by the Forum's chairperson Ms Margaret Haseltine and directed at each panel member.

While each panelist represented a different industry sector or political view, the key messages from the evening were similar across the board, she said.

Discussion centered on the need

to stimulate the regional economy to create the additional 45,000 jobs required to support the population increase of 100,000 by the year 2031.

All panel members agreed unanimously that the number one game changer for the Central Coast was the Gosford Landing.

Mr Adams said: "The Landing will drive the investment everywhere else as it will make us more attractive to investors."

Mr Taylor said: "The Landing will be our Litmus Test, as it will show (investors) that we will put our money where our mouth is."

Media Release, 29 Nov 2011
Pheadra Pym, A Way With Words

Man airlifted

A man has been airlifted to Sydney's Royal North Shore Hospital after his car caught fire at Warrarah Trig lookout near Patonga on Thursday, December 8.

The man was refuelling his car around 2pm when it sparked and

caught fire causing him serious but not life-threatening burns.

He was conveyed to a nearby oval where he was then picked up by helicopter.

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Kaitlin Watts, 9 Dec 2011
Interviewee: Acting inspector
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Neptune St, Umina

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Neptune St drainage improves

Gosford Council has stated that residents have reported less flooding since drainage works were undertaken in Neptune St, Umina.

The council constructed seven infiltration devices at low points in Neptune St to reduce the effect of stormwater ponding, according to Council's engineering services manager Mr Ed Surkesh.

The devices were implemented outside Coinda Village, two near 39-40 Neptune St and four between 61 and 67 Neptune St.

Barrier mesh would be replaced by white guide posts when the newly turfed areas are properly established, he said.

Mr Surkesh said that Neptune St was regularly inspected as part of Council's area maintenance program.

"Additional inspections are also carried out as Council's maintenance unit is aware of the potholes at some locations on Neptune St," he said.

"Remedial pothole patching will continue to be undertaken.

"In addition to this, shoulder grading works have also been programmed to reduce localised ponding and to maximise the catchment area conveyed to the infiltration devices," he said.

Media Statement, 7 Dec 2011
Ed Surkesh, Gosford Council

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"In Brisbane Water, the wetland

rents need to be reduced by between 61 per cent and 71 per cent to bring them back to a market rent to which the Government is entitled under the Crown Lands Act," said group chairman Mr George Citer.

"Those licensees in Brisbane WaterWest have been overcharged the most (250 per cent), while

those in Brisbane Water East have only been overcharged by 160 per cent."

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal is currently reviewing the group's submission and is due to report to the Government in late December.

Email, 30 Nov 2011
George Citer, WAG

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Coastal Residents meeting held

More than 130 people attended a public meeting held by Coastal Residents Inc at Woy Woy on Saturday, November 26, according to secretary Mr Pat Aiken.

New member applications were received, taking the total membership to over 100 people.

The meeting also resolved that a rally outside Member for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein's office would take place on Monday, November 28.

"We have now provided six public meetings which have been attended by a total of over 1300 people since October last year," said Mr Aiken.

He said the group had implemented a range of strategies in its campaign against Gosford

Council and the NSW State Government measures to inform property purchasers of the possible impact of climate change.

The group now has legal funding totaling \$7150 with a short term target of \$10,000.

"Legal advice has been commissioned and completed and we are now waiting for a layperson's interpretation of the finding," said Mr Aiken.

"At this time, we have been advised by a senior partner and litigation lawyer with Malleson's, that the 'the encoding on our Section 149(5) Planning Certificates is invalid'.

"That is a great result and justifies the concerns we have raised and our activism and protest against Gosford Council's crazy planning for sea level rise and

coastal erosion

"That doesn't mean we have won but it does mean that we have the legal backing in the form of a legal opinion from one of the largest law firms in Australia and internationally.

"Class action is not yet an option until the funding of such legal action is agreed to be provided by a litigation funding company.

"Before any form of legal action can commence we will first attempt to consult with the Council and the NSW State Government and resolve the issue.

"If class action is the final outcome, it is up to individual to determine if they want to join such action," said Mr Aiken.

Media Release, 27 Nov 2011
Pat Aiken, Coastal Residents Inc

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Petrol rip-off

The local service stations are again ripping off the people of the Central Coast.

For the past week, Sydney has enjoyed prices up to 15 cents lower per litre and today's (15 November) television news said that the price of petrol has been at its lowest.

But us bunnies still pay higher prices.

Do we pay higher prices because the Coles-Woolworths provide eight cent discount vouchers and because they have a December expiry date?

Petrol prices will remain high so they may recoup-balance out.

The fuel conglomerates know that we can basically do nothing.

If the petrol watchdog does something, it's too late.

Perhaps we should invite an independent service station, like 7-11, to the Peninsula.

Online Submission, 15 Nov 2011
Robert Knowles, Umina

Ratepayer subsidy

The mayor has finally let the cat out of the bag.

The ratepayers will bear the cost of the Developer's Delight (aka. the Gosford Landing Project) through a levy or an increase in rates.

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Where is the return to ratepayers from this?

Isn't a considerable part of the profitable development going to take place on sites leased from the Lands Department?

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School sells \$3200 of books

St John the Baptist Catholic Public School has taken \$3200 in its second book fair held during the week of Monday, November 14.

The school is able to take \$800 commission from the Scholastic Book Fair sales which it will spend on new books.

Librarian Ms Ann Hall thanked the school community and the parish community for giving generous support to the library.

She thanked Jane Goodwin-Moore, Eleni Georgiadis, and Linda Magro, who helped with book sales.

Newsletter, 23 Nov 2011

Frank Cohen, St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

Mini fete

Ettalong Public School held its Year 6 mini fete on Friday, December 2.

"The fete went off exceedingly well thanks to their hard work and determination," said principal Mr Colin Wallis.

"It was a credit to the students,

their teachers and parent helpers.

"It was clear that all the children had a great time and appreciated the special treat enormously."

Newsletter, 6 Dec 2011

Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

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Woy Woy United Hospital Auxiliary is looking for more volunteers to operate its kiosk.

The kiosk is run entirely by volunteers and is the auxiliary's main source of income.

More volunteers are needed to keep the kiosk operating from 10am-2pm Monday to Friday.

This financial year Woy Woy Hospital has already spent \$12,997 on equipment, from funds raised from the kiosk.

Letter, 1 Dec 2011

Phyllis Thames, Woy Woy

New vision for Woy Woy

Woy Woy Public School's new vision is: "Challenge and support every student to achieve their personal best".

The vision statement was decided after a number of surveys and interaction with the school community were undertaken.

"Parents, teachers, students and class groups gave very clear and workable feedback on what our school vision should contain and be about," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"The task of formulating a vision for our school was made easier by everyone's terrific response.

"When looking at how the results panned out from the surveys, it was easy to spot the main themes that everyone considered important.

"The Vision team's job was then to come up with a statement

that embedded what everyone articulated.

"A vision statement underpins the school's purpose and educational goals for the children in its care.

"A vision statement should be short and snappy but explicit in its intent," said Ms Buckley.

"This statement was seen to include all the elements that everyone expressed as important to be part of a vision statement.

"For a student to achieve their personal best they need an environment that is both challenging and supportive.

"It is challenging in that they are encouraged to strive and aspire, that they receive a quality education in an environment where they feel confident and self secure and supported so that they develop positive relationships and

feel happy and safe to take risks in their learning and be exposed to a diverse range of opportunities."

Newsletter, 28 Nov 2011

Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

Maths advice

Parents of students at Ettalong Public School attended a session with Department of Education and Communities mathematics consultant Mr Brett Meek on Wednesday, November 23.

Mr Meek spoke about the NSW Mathematics K-6 syllabus, its strands and related content.

He explained ways of helping children with addition involving trading, subtraction and decomposition, according to principal Mr Colin Wallis.

He also talked about ways to help with times tables and "provided lots of

other practical strategies and advice".

Newsletter, 22 Nov 2011

Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

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Education



The three retiring Woy Woy Public School teachers

Photo: Naomi Bridges

Three retire after long careers

Three teachers from Woy Woy Public School will retire at the end of the year after many years of service to the school.

Ms Narelle Birrell has been at the school for more than 30 years and, according to principal Ms Ona Buckley, has touched the lives of so many students over the years with her expert repertoire of teaching skills.

Ms Marea McGinley has been at the school for over 15 years as the librarian and dance coordinator.

Ms Buckley said she had created a "wonderful creative experience for many students over her time".

Ms Chris Gurr worked in the IO disabilities class as the school learning support officer and helped to educate and care for the many students who have been part of this class.

"These caring and committed people are retiring and will now have time to look after themselves after a long career dedicated to the care of children," said Ms Buckley.

"We thank them for their wonderful service to children here at Woy Woy Public School and we wish them well in their retirement and future pursuits."

Newsletter, 5 Dec 2011
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School



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"Without our outstanding band of volunteer helpers we would not be able to offer the quality learning programs and activities our school so freely offers," said principal Mr Colin Wallis.

"Their contribution is highly significant and truly valued and appreciated," he said.

Newsletter, 29 Nov 2011
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School


Water works for Woy Woy

Woy Woy Public School has received a grant of \$34,606 from the Central Coast Water Saving Fund.

The grant is expected to help save the school almost \$2000 a year and reduce water use by over 700,000 litres annually.

The money was spent on the upgrade of bubblers and taps so they automatically turn off and the installation of three water tanks to harvest rainwater to be used for toilet flushing and to water the garden.


Newsletter, 5 Dec 2011
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School



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Treat for leaders

Ettalong Beach Public School principal Mr Colin Wallis treated the 2011 student leadership team to an Active Education Camp at Mangrove Mountain on Wednesday, December 7.

"This is a special, free day organised to reward and thank our 2011 student leadership team," said Mr Wallis.

"Each of them has given their best and excelled in behaviour, leadership and cooperation."

Newsletter, 6 Dec 2011
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

Council works

Gosford Council will undertake drainage works over the next two weeks in West St, Umina, to fix a flooding issue over the main pedestrian crossing.

Gosford Council maintenance coordinator Mr Mark Smith said a section of gutter that holds water would be removed.

Mr Smith said Council was relying on the correct grade so that the water drains to an inlet pit.

Minimal interruption to traffic or pedestrians is expected.

Email, 5 Dec 2011
Mark Smith, Gosford Council

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Students win awards for workmanship

Two students from Brisbane Water Secondary College senior campus were presented with a Rotary Pride of Workmanship Award at Woy Woy Country Club on the Wednesday, November 23.

Acting VET head teacher Mr John Maxwell said Courtney McDonald and Jordan Smith, both in Year 12, were "exceptional ambassadors for young people".

Courtney achieved a Certificate III Live Production, Theatre and Events and a Certificate II in Creative Industries (Media) as part of the Technical Entertainment Production Academy (TEPA) and Higher School Certificate program. She participated in excess of 600 hours work placement across the local and school community.

She has also been nominated for the Australian Vocational Prize in Entertainment 2011.

Jordan achieved a Certificate III

in Allied Health Assistance and is currently studying his Certificate IV in Health Services Assistance.

Jordan completed 100 days of work throughout his course.

He was awarded the Central Coast School Based Trainee (SBAT) of the Year and has been nominated for the NSW SBA T of the Year 2011.

Media Release, 5 Dec 2011
John Maxwell, Brisbane Water Secondary College



Pretty Beach Public School students at the Australian Reptile Park in Somersby

Students visit reptile park

Kindergarten students from Pretty Beach Public School visited the Australian Reptile Park on Wednesday, November 30.

Students took part in hands-on

activities such as patting wombats, crocodiles and kangaroos.

The class also watched reptile shows in the show pit.

Newsletter, 1 Dec 2011
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School

Graffiti, broken locks and doors

Woy Woy Public School has experienced graffiti and broken locks and doors in recent weeks and now has a missing DEC computer, according to principal Ms

Ona Buckley.

Ms Buckley said a number of people had reported seeing youths in and around the school of late.

"Of course all of these matters have been reported to the police

and extra patrols have been allotted to our grounds after hours," said Ms Buckley.

Newsletter, 5 Dec 2011
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

Bid for funding

Parents of students in Kindergarten to Year 3 next year at Ettalong Public School will be asked to complete a survey to assist in the school's bid to secure funding from the Priority Schools Program for 2013-2016.

The program provides significant funding for the school over the four years and affords it the opportunity to offer quality extra curricula activities at reduced rates, according to principal Mr Colin Wallis.

The funding would also help the school purchase quality resources such as interactive white boards and literacy materials that added relevance to students' learning, therefore enhancing academic achievement, he said.

Newsletter, 29 Nov 2011
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

Bargains

Woy Woy South Public School will hold a Bag-a-Bargain sale at the school throughout this week.

The sale will include culled library books and donations from the school community.

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Newsletter, 6 Dec 2011
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School



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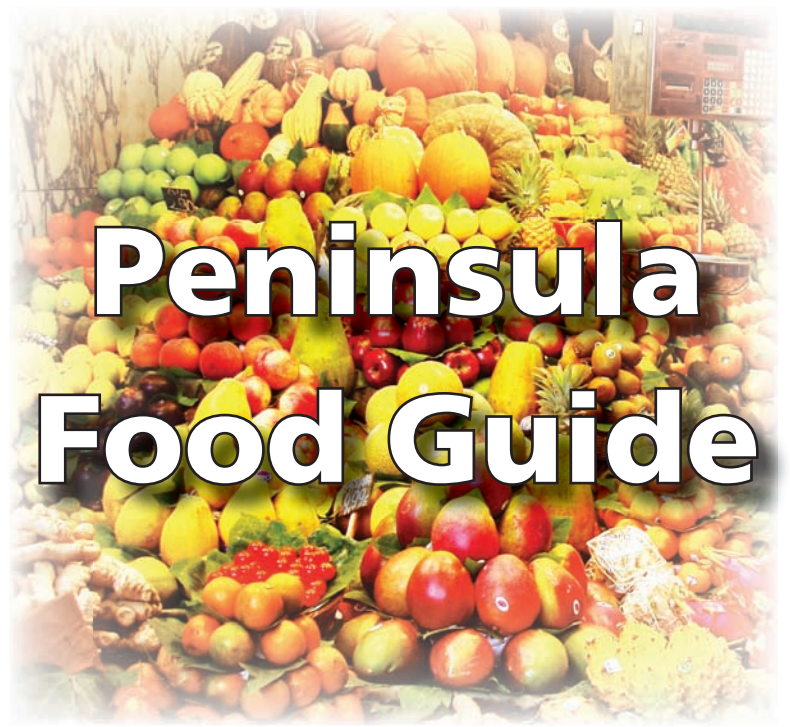
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Council cruels carols

Hardys Bay Community Church will host its Carols by Candlelight on the waterfront at Hardys Bay on Saturday, December 24, from 7:30pm.

"It is always a joyful, festive occasion as a large group of locals, visitors and excited children enjoy the picturesque location fronting the water with small marine craft bobbing about," said Church committee member Ms Sharyn Teasdale.

"The live band, consisting of local musicians, provides excellent accompaniment to the carol singing which again will be supported by our local Half Tides Rock Choir.

"As the skies darken, colourful battery operated candles and glow sticks assist in following the music booklets.

"In previous years, our local Hardys Bay, Killcare Rural Fire Brigade has gladly and faithfully donned a community spirit attitude by barbecuing several hundred sausages and many kilograms of onions at this event.

"Unfortunately, due to Council's extreme requirements for the safe handling of food at such an event, providing sausage sandwiches has become quite impractical.

"We hope this will not deter people from attending but instead bring a picnic supper and chairs or rugs."

Email, 7 Dec 2011
Sharyn Teasdale, Hardys
Bay Community Church

Twilight carols at Pearl Beach

Local families are invited to join in the fun of Twilight Carols on Friday, December 23, from 6pm at the Pearl Beach Tennis Courts.

Following a long-standing tradition of the picnic, Santa Claus will arrive in his Christmas Sleigh, escorted by the Pearl Beach Rural Fire Brigade.

Santa will have a surprise for each child and song sheets will be

available.

The Christmas Carols will be led by members of the Pearl Beach Glee Club.

The Pearl Beach Playgroup will also run a raffle with proceeds going toward new games and equipment.

Families are invited to come early bring a picnic, chairs and rug.

Media release, 5 Dec 2011
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach
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Out and About



Our Ms Higgins makes f nals

Woy Woy singer Karise Higgins, 19, has made it to the finals of reality talent show The Voice, coming soon to Australian television.

Ms Higgins, who has been singing and playing guitar since she was 13, first took part in an online video audition where she sang "It's a Man's World" by Renee Gayer.

Once through the online audition, Ms Higgins was invited to Sydney for a private audition where she sang "Don't Cry" by Guns 'n' Roses and "I'm gunna make you love me" by Diana Ross and the Supremes and the Temptations.

Ms Higgins said the experience has been "fun, exciting and scary" so far and is "toying with my future".

She was also recently announced the second place getter at the SeaFM Discovered finals held on Friday, December 2.

Email, 6 Dec 2011

Karise Higgins, Woy Woy



Christmas activities

Umina Uniting Church has a number of activities and services planned over the coming month to celebrate Christmas.

The church will hold a Family Fun Night on Saturday, December 17, from 5pm.

The event, for all ages, is entry by gold coin donation and will include craft, Christmas Carols and a barbecue dinner.

The church will hold a

Christmas Carols event from 7pm on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, in Neptune St, outside the church.

Services will be held at 9am on Christmas Day, at both Umina and Ettalong Uniting Churches with all welcome to attend.

Email, 2 Dec 2011

Teresa Read, Umina Uniting Church

Santa photos

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has arranged for Santa to be available for photos from Thursdays to Sundays until Friday, December 23.

The pictures will be taken by a professional photographer at the story book corner in the Peninsula recreation precinct at Umina oval.

Umina Beach Rotary will

receive a small amount from the sale of each photograph which will be applied to support the Rotary Club's local projects on the Peninsula.

Media Release, 28 Nov 2011

Geoff Melville, Rotary Club of Umina

Carols for peace and goodwill

Ettalong Baptist Church will hold its annual Christmas Carols event on Monday, December 18.

It will begin with a free barbecue and family activities at 5:30pm followed by a carols celebration at 7:30pm.

The church has incorporated a barbecue into the evening for the last three years.

"It's been a good way for us to celebrate Christmas with our

local community," said Pastor Phil Brown.

"Christmas is about people getting together and that's something we can do even if times are tough.

"It connects us with the original story of peace and goodwill," he said.

Email, 7 Dec 2011

Phil Brown, Ettalong Baptist Church

Family fun

A free Family Fun Day will be held in Hardys Bay on Sunday, December 18, from 12:30pm.

The day, to be held at Hardys Bay RSL, will include karaoke for all ages, a jumping castle, face painting and a special visit by Santa on a motorbike.

Hardys Bay RSL secretary manager Mr Chad Hartney said the Family Fun Day was put on by the club to say Merry Christmas and thank you to the community.

Email, 29 Nov 2011

Chad Hartney, Hardys Bay RSL



Gifts total 250

Residents have so far given 250 gifts to this year's Wishing Tree Appeal in Woy Woy.

Salvation Army Appeal representative Major Jeff Winterburn said Woy Woy residents have started off well and are well on their way to raising more than last year's total of 1595 gifts.

He said he has been

overwhelmed by the support shown from people on the Peninsula.

"Woy Woy residents are going strong and keeping us on track to reach our state target of 125,000 gifts," said Mr Winterburn.

"We hope the residents will continue to give generously to support those less fortunate this Christmas," he said.

Media Release, 5 Dec 2011

Tom Hann, Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal

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Musicians connect

Woy Woy singer-songwriter Ms Lisa Butler presented a Musos' Connect day at Erina on Saturday, December 3.

The day consisted of a full day of seminars and workshops aimed at assisting performing artists, songwriters and musicians in their music careers.

Participants learned about the key areas to focus on for a career in the music industry, and had a vocal workshop with singing teacher Ms Doreen Van Bree.

"We have so many incredibly talented performing artists and songwriters here on the Central Coast and I think it's important to nurture them as much as we possibly can," said Ms Butler.

The day also included song critiquing sessions where suggestions were made to "help make the songs stronger and more appealing to the masses".

**Email, 5 Dec 2011
Lisa Butler, Woy Woy**



Tangeloes hold open rehearsal

Local choir The Tangeloes will hold an open rehearsal on Wednesday, December 14, at the Ettalong Uniting Church Hall from 7:30pm to celebrate their first year together.

Members of the public are invited to watch the choir perform a set from their Sydney concert or stand up and learn a song in four-part harmony.

No singing experience is necessary to sing with The Tangeloes, and members do not have to read music.

Some choir members had not sung since primary school before joining the

group, and others were accomplished musicians.

"Acapella singing is a team effort," said choir director Ms Kerryn Cooper.

"It's all about the group as a whole rather than individual voices.

"If you drop the ball, you pick it up and keep going.

"Like most community choirs in Australia, The Tangeloes have a gender imbalance.

"To put it bluntly, we need more men," Ms Cooper said.

"We have a few male singers but would love more - whenever a bloke walks into the rehearsal room we all

cheer.

"Joining a choir must be really good for a fella's self esteem" she said.

The choir started in May this year, and already has two performances under its belt, with more to follow in the lead-up to Christmas.

"We've had a fantastic first year," said Ms Cooper.

"The Tangeloes have really stepped up to the plate, with a triumphant debut performance.

"We also had great fun performing at Woytopia," said Ms Cooper.

**Email, 7 Dec 2011
Kerryn Cooper, The Tangeloes**



Spectacular

A number of students from Ettalong Public School attended the Schools Spectacular at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on Friday, November 25.

Principal Mr Colin Wallis said the student's behaviour was a credit to all involved.

"The show was also reported to have been outstanding and a true indicator of the fine talent that abounds in NSW public schools," said Mr Wallis.

**Newsletter, 29 Nov 2011
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**



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Occupy My Silence

Secondary college is Koolest Skool, again

Brisbane Waters Secondary College Umina campus is officially the Koolest Skool in the State after it won the NSW music event in Newtown on Wednesday, November 23.

The college has dominated the competition since it started in 2000, winning the award on

average every second year.

The college won five awards this year including the Koolest Skool Award in NSW.

Occupy My Silence, made up of Roy Rooney on vocals, Tony Brown and Dane Richter on guitar, Josh Valcarcel on bass and keyboard and Daniel Harding

on drums, received the Judges Choice Award.

Priya Garbyal also received the Best NSW Ballad award while Tianna Meledies received the Best Indie Track, composed by Daniel Scarratt and James Williams.

Tianna also received the Best Female Vocal and James Layhe-Haldezos and Tom Hodgson received the Special Judges Award Instrumental Guitar Track.

Email, 6 Dec 2011
Kevan Harding, Woy Woy



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Chaplain for Ettalong?

Ettalong Public School is working with its P and C and community members to investigate the possibility of a school chaplain under the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program.

The program would offer the school a student welfare worker for two to three days a week and

would be another highly valuable human resource for the school, said principal Mr Colin Wallis.

"It would provide our children, who from time to time may have social, behavioural or health issues, another source of support," he said.

"Our local churches are supporting and advising us with the proposal."

Newsletter, 29 Nov 2011
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

Decorations at Erina Fair

Ettalong Public School students travelled to Erina Fair on Monday, November 28, to decorate the school's Christmas tree with their handmade decorations.

"We are one of only 20 schools

asked to participate in this activity," said principal Mr Colin Wallis.

"Patrons of Erina Fair shopping centre will vote over the next week or so for their favourite tree."

Newsletter, 22 Nov 2011
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

New classrooms opened at Woy Woy South

The official opening of the new classrooms and construction work at Woy Woy South Public School carried out under the Building the Education Revolution program was held on Friday, November 11.

Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill performed the unveiling of the plaque to commemorate the occasion.

She spoke at the ceremony and toured the new facilities before

sharing morning tea with the school leaders and official guests.

Principal Mr Terry Greedy said Ms O'Neill mentioned how impressed she was with the behaviour displayed by the students throughout the official opening.

"She also took time to praise the wonderful performance of our school choir during the assembly."

Newsletter, 15 Nov 2011
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School

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Students from each class will receive a Personal Best Award and all Kinder students will receive a Kinder Graduation certificate.

Special class awards such as consistency, application or achievement will be presented to four students from each class.

Principal Ms Deborah Callender said: "Pretty Beach Public School prides itself on the acknowledgement of student achievement.

"The presentation night is set aside to reward students for their effort and application to learning as well as achieving standards of excellence throughout the year," she said.

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



Year 9 students dressed for their mock interviews

Further upgrades are planned

Woy Woy South Public School is putting plans together to upgrade the areas around the school that were not part of recent updates at the school.

Principal Mr Terry Greedy said: "Over the course of the next few years we will be attempting to upgrade many of these areas, starting with the ceiling sections around the covered areas outside the hall".

The ceilings would be resurfaced and painted with work expected to commence in the coming weeks, he said.

Plans were also underway to have the covered walkways

washed and painted to improve their appearance.

Mr Greedy said he had also called for quotes from local companies to rebuild the cricket nets.

"The nets suffered severely during the installation of the security fence and it will be a welcome change to have this section of the playground back in use.

Newsletter, 15 Nov 2011
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School

Year 9 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College took part in mock interviews on November 25, 28 and 29, in preparation for entering the workforce.

Careers and transition advisor Ms Yvette Beemster said the students arrived on time, well dressed and well prepared.

"Many of the teachers commented that they were heartened to see our students walking into the school looking

like they are well on the way to becoming responsible employed community members," said Ms Beemster.

The panellists, about 30 different business owners and community representatives, said they were impressed to see the calibre of students at the college.

"Three of our students were offered part time employment as a result and all of our students will go into their next interview with more than a fighting chance," said Ms Beemster.

Media Release, 5 Dec 2011
Yvette Beemster, Brisbane Water Secondary College

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Old classrooms re-opened

Major classroom renovations to the value of \$925,000 have been opened at Pretty Beach Public School.

The federal funds were used to convert a 1927 classroom into two modern classrooms, while maintaining the heritage and character of the original building.

Another old classroom was converted into a multi-purpose

room and two large storerooms.

The new classrooms have interactive whiteboards and solar panels.

The school also has a new covered walkway, a sports shed and a connected classroom.

Speaking at the opening ceremony for the new facilities at Pretty Beach Public School on Monday, December 5, Member for

Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill said "These new facilities have not only transformed the school, they will benefit the Wagstaffe community for many years into the future.

"In my electorate alone I will have opened more than \$70 million worth of new infrastructure by the end of 2011," she said.

Media Release, 5 Dec 2011
Matt Pulford, Office of
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The Peninsula Diary

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Monday December 12

Reflection evening/book launch with Barry Cohen, Everglades Country Club, 6-9:30pm

Tuesday December 13

Peninsula Village Intergenerational playgroup, 10am-11:30am

Wednesday December 14

The Tangeloes choir open rehearsal, Ettalong United Church Hall, 7:30pm

Thursday December 15

Community Christmas Carols, Ettalong Public School

Friday December 16

Arboretum Christmas Party

Saturday December 17

50+ evening, Ettalong Bowling Club
Ambiguous gig, Hardys Bay RSL, 8pm
Troubadour's Christmas

themed variety concert, Woy Woy

CWA Hall, 7pm

Family Fun Night, Umina Uniting Church, 5pm

Sunday December 18

Family Fun Day, Hardys Bay RSL, 12:30

Christmas Carols, Ettalong Baptist Church, 5:30pm

Wednesday December 21

Bays Community Group General Meeting

Friday December 23

Pearl Beach Twilight Carols, tennis courts, 6pm, free

Saturday December 24

Santa to visit West St, Umina, 10am

Christmas Carols, Neptune St, Umina, 7pm

Christmas Carols, Hardys Bay waterfront, 7:30pm

Sunday December 25

Christmas Day
Umina and Ettalong Uniting Church services, 9am

Wednesday December 28

Trivia, Hardys Bay RSL, Free

Friday December 30

Sounds of Summer Discovery Tours walk, Bouddi National Park, 6-7:30pm

Saturday January 7

Sounds of Summer walk, Bouddi National Park, 6-7:30pm

Monday January 9

Umina PCYC Musical Drama workshop, 10:30am-12:30pm

Umina PCYC Indoor Scooter and Skate session, 10:30am-12:30pm and 1pm-3pm

Tuesday January 10

Umina PCYC gymnastic workshop, 10:30am-12:30pm and 1pm-3pm

Charity Barometer 2011

The Peninsula community is renowned for its generosity.

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

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

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

\$217,475

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St John the Baptist Catholic Public School raised \$3200 from a Scholastic Book Fair

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Brisbane Water Oyster Festival raised \$12,500 toward breast cancer

\$603

Ettalong Beach Public School raised \$603 for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation

\$1895

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School has raised \$1895 for the Candela Mission.

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Woy Woy high tea and fashion parade raised \$3500 for the people of Kisii, Kenya

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National Breast Cancer Foundation at Hardys Bay RSL raised \$26,000

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St John the Baptist raised \$20,000 from its school fete

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Rocktoberfest raised \$1000 for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

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Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club raised \$107.50 for Stroke Awareness Week

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Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club raised \$3000 for the ICA Strong Women Safe Children organisation

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IGA Ettalong \$1262 to charities on Central Coast

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Full Life International Church donated \$500 to Mad Monday Cooking and Craft

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IGA Ettalong \$3812 to charities on Central Coast

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Woy Woy Public School raised \$1407 from Mothers Day stall

\$162

Woy Woy Public School raised \$162 from Easter raffle

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IGA Ettalong donated \$3000 to Woy Woy Community Aged Care

\$5000

Everglades Country club raised \$5000, split by Glenvale School for Children with a Disability and Camp Breakaway

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IGA Ettalong \$12888 to charities on Central Coast

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Woy Woy Public School raised \$739 for Queensland Floods

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Store has nothing to offer Umina

I do not approve of the rezoning at Umina Beach for the proposed McDonald's store.

A McDonald's at the proposed location would have disastrous effects on the residents of Umina and negative effects upon visitors to Umina.

The roundabout area at West St and Ocean Beach Rd often becomes a bottleneck.

Placing a McDonald's here would greatly increase traffic to levels that are dangerous and unmanageable. The infrastructure cannot support such a development as McDonald's and would create a traffic hazard that would not be able to be resolved.

There will also be trucks bringing produce and products into McDonald's.

One million dollars in wages does not equate to \$1 million being injected into the local economy at Umina.

The employees are free to spend their money where they wish.

It will take money away from businesses currently at Umina, potentially causing the loss of millions from Umina.

Local business owners live locally and spend their money locally.

McDonald's would take its profits elsewhere.

McDonald's won't buy their products locally but will truck everything in.

Holiday makers and visitors who come for seaside village atmosphere will be turned away by the sight of a McDonald's, effectively losing Umina income.

Residents who regularly dine out on West St will be turned away due to the destroyed village atmosphere.

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Businesses who wish to create trendy, healthy cafes will be discouraged by the sight of a McDonald's in Umina.

Umina loses its chance to become a trendy beachside village, which could potentially have brought in the greatest income for Umina.

It will create jobs for some teenagers, which is positive, but it will also negatively impact the future of all youth in Umina Beach.

Umina is a beachside village built on sand plains.

Already, there are problems with rubbish washing onto the beaches.

If you walk to the end of the lookout at Ocean Beach and look down, you'll almost always see takeaway food wrappers littering the ground.

If you look at any Sydney area with a McDonald's, you'll almost always see McDonald's litter everywhere.

And McDonald's litter includes lots of plastic and foam products.

Umina is situated on a beach and has a responsibility to protect the beach environment and creatures within that environment.

A McDonald's in Umina would adversely affect the beachside character of Umina, now and into the future.

Rather than a cheap and cheerful short-sighted strategy for Umina, we need a long term vision.

Well thought out tourist attractions such as the proposed Waterwalk at The Entrance and the redesign of the Gosford foreshore are what is needed.

Destroying the unique, natural ocean side attraction of Umina will adversely affect the economy of the area.

Other areas have kept McDonald's out because they know that a McDonald's would negatively impact their economy.

Levels of childhood obesity and Type 2 diabetes are rising at an alarming rate.

The McDonald's would be directly in the path of school children walking to Umina Public school.

Many will be buying McDonald's on the way to and from school.

Children do not make healthy food choices.

A McDonald's in the proposed location would have a long-lasting negative impact on local children that no amount of claimed income injection into Umina could prevent or solve.

It would have a negative impact upon Woy Woy residents and visitors who currently travel to Woy Woy to McDonald's and also visit the local shops, including Deepwater Plaza.

A McDonald's at Umina would negatively impact the income of businesses at Woy Woy.

The Peninsula already has a McDonald's and doesn't need another so close.

The McDonald's restaurant chain also has a negative impact upon social equity.

McDonald's is a fast-food chain where people zip in, eat quickly and leave.

In contrast, the West St cafes are an outdoor space where people can meet, greet friends walking past, feel part of their community and feel part of a unique beachside village that is intrinsically Umina and promote a sense of community and well-being.

The McDonald's experience, however, can be found anywhere.

There is nothing unique about McDonald's and nothing that can make it part of the unique Umina village experience.

Online submission, 18 Nov 2011
Anni Taylor, Umina

Precedent set for fast food refusal

I am writing to gain support to prevent the rezoning of residential land for the purpose of building a McDonalds fast food outlet in the vicinity of Ocean Beach Rd, Wellington St and West St, Umina.

Gosford Council has set a precedent to my request, having rejected a previous application for a rival fast food chain in or about the same vicinity on 11 February 1997.

This rejection was supported by the then Member for Peats Marie Andrews and Federal MP Jim Lloyd on the grounds of security, bad behaviour, cooking odours, traffic and the safety of patrons and residents.

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There are at least 15 to 20 food outlets within a 500 metre radius of the proposed site so I find it inconceivable to put conglomerate interests over people who vote.

As for creating jobs, this is hogwash as most small businesses are employing one, two or three young people, so only may result in the transfer of jobs with no net gain overall.

I am led to believe that over 1100 people have lodged petitions and objections to council.

This does not include the elderly or those who do not use computers or Facebook.

Letter, 24 Nov 2011
Jim Beattie, Umina

Al-Qaeda in Umina?

Again, in the last edition of Peninsula News, were another couple of letters exposing the dangers of allowing the dreaded McDonalds to open in Umina with one letter reaching fever pitch in its hysterical condemnation.

One would think that they were opening an al-Qaeda enclave instead of a price-friendly family

Forum

restaurant.

Bring on Macca's as soon as possible I say so that one can have a quiet (free) read of the paper, a cheap meal and the use of clean toilets.

It is long overdue.

Email, 2 Dec 2011
Peter Whiteman, Daleys Point

Memories of swamp

As a schoolboy in 1944-47, a great mate of mine Colin Margin and my brother Keith spent a lot of time together.

During school holidays, we worked in the factory doing odd jobs such as grinding ginger for ginger beer.

We lived in Edwards St, Woy Woy, near the swamp and together with Colin and the Thorsbys we had great times in homemade canoes.

Lovely memories.

Online submission, 28 Nov 2011
Clive Trench, Bundoora

Forum

Learn a few signs

I think that an Auslan workshop (Peninsula News, 14 Nov 2011) is a great idea.

Having been an Auslan interpreter for children in primary and high school, it would be great to see parents, grandparents and family members learning a few signs so they can communicate with the children.

Being able to do just basic signing will give you so much pleasure to understand what the child is expressing.

Online Submission, 12 Dec 2011
Kerry Narvo, Woy Woy



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Special bridge event

Brisbane Water Bridge Club held a special trophy event on Monday, November 28, at the Peninsula Community Centre.

The event was contested by 25 pairs with Jacqueline Wilson and Patricia Kull coming out on top.

They were hotly pursued by Carolyn Molloy and Virginia Dressler who were only 0.2 per

cent away from the elusive first spot.

Heather Cox and Pam Lumby took third place.

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club has been a fixture on the Peninsula since the mid-1970s and currently has over 250 members.

Email. 30 Nov 2011

Heather Tarrant, Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Students watch dance group

Students from Woy Woy South Public School have watched a performance by the Sample dance group.

The Sample dance group, from New Zealand, is made up of eight dancers between the ages of 15 and 20.

They came to Australia to represent their country in the World

Supremacy Battleground Dance competition held in Sydney on Saturday, November 26.

Students were able to watch the group perform their hip hop and modern dance routines while they finalised their preparations on Thursday, November 24.

Newsletter, 15 Nov 2011

Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School

Year 5 and 6 students from Pretty Beach Public School participated in a Beach Education Day on Wednesday, November 30, at Terrigal.

Beach education

Students learnt about beach safety and participated in a number of activities including water rescue, beach volley ball and water races.

They were also able to go boogie boarding and surfboard

riding as well as taking part in an obstacle course.

**Newsletter, 1 Dec 2011
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School**

Council spends \$21,000 on athletics event

Gosford Council has resolved to provide more than \$21,000 in sponsorship and waived fees to cover costs of an athletic event organised by a breakfast cereal manufacturer.

The triathlon event for children will be held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre and James Browne Oval on January 22.

Council has resolved to waive event hire fees for the Peninsula Leisure Centre and James Browne Oval costs totalling \$5538.40.

It also resolved to contribute sponsorship of \$15,920 to the event by covering all operational costs associated with the event through its City Services

Operational budget.

It will continue to support the event through waiving associated event hire fees and provide sponsorship for operational costs for a further five years.

The inaugural Sanitarium Weetbix Kids TRYathlon was held last year and, as the second stage of a nine event national series, the Peninsula event was anticipated to attract around 500 to 550 participants.

Registrations were received from 686 participants with each participant bringing along, on average, four support members.

Council supported last year's event through the provision of operational in kind support of \$4350 and waiving associated

fees totalling \$7167.

Sanitarium confirmed that it would like to continue the Woy Woy stage of the series and is committed to continuing at this site for at least a total of a five year term.

The Peninsula event has been elevated in prominence to be the first event of the series.

Registration for participants has commenced and will continue until January 9.

Event organisers have estimated for the 2012 event to attract 900 participants due to increased capability due to reviewed course plans and festival site layouts.

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NSW Bowler of the Year Aron Sherriff

David Unger recognised for second year

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving member Mr David Unger was announced the SLSNSW Surf Official of the Year for the second year in a row and SLSCA Official of the Year at the NSW Sports Volunteer Awards on Wednesday, November 7, in Homebush.

Mr Unger was recognised for his outstanding service as a volunteer official.

He is the Surf Life Saving

Central Coast director of surf sports and is currently the president of the Ocean Beach SLSC and was also an integral member of the East Coast Surf Festival Organising Committee.

David officiated at surf sports events almost every weekend throughout the 2010-11 Surf Sports season and held major officials positions at State and National Championships.

Media Release, 7 Dec 2011
Dona Wishart, SLS NSW

Presentations made to two Ettalong bowlers

Ettalong Bowling Club members Aron Sherriff and Reg Richardson were winners at this year's Bowls NSW Annual Presentation Evening held on Wednesday, November 23, at the Bowlers Club of NSW.

Aron, 26, was named the 2011 Bowler of the Year for the third time to become the only other bowler to win this prestigious award three times equalling the record of bowls legend Rex Johnson OAM (1989, 1990 and 1997).

"This caps off a great year for

Aron who also won the Men's Singles at the Asia Pacific Merdeka Championships in October 2011, the NSW State Singles Title and was runner-up in the State Pairs (with Tony Laguzza) and the State Triples (with Harley McDonald and John Roberts) finals plus he played a significant role in the Keno Hi-Jackers NSW State Side 2011 campaign which saw the Hi-Jackers victorious in every interstate series they played in," said Bowls Central Coast publicity officer Bob Bourke.

"If that wasn't enough he also made a clean sweep of

all the Ettalong Bowling Club's titles for 2011 winning the Major Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships and was in the Ettalong side that won the Zone 15 No1 Pennant for 2011," he said.

Reg Richardson received the Bowls NSW 2011 Outstanding Senior Club Personality of the Year Award which recognised those members over 60 who had contributed in a significant way to the welfare of their club, fellow bowlers and their local community over a long period.

Media Release, 28 Nov 2011
Bob Bourke, Bowls Central Coast

Umina competes in Iron Person

Umina Surf Lifesaving Club has participated in the Iron Person Series throughout November and early December at a number of different locations on the Central Coast.

Umina Nippers once again held on to the lead in many age categories with Lachlan Braddish placing first in the under-10 boys, Kristen Miller third in the under-10 girls and Mimi Henderson third in the under-12 girls.

Kieran Braddish placed fifth in the under-13 boys while Kiesha Bovill placed first in the under

13-girls and Jemma Smith fourth in the same age group.

Priya Johnson placed second in the under-14 girls and Mick Hood fifth in the under-14 boys.

"This series has many competitors enter from the Hunter and Sydney beaches so the competition is very strong and normally is contested by all State winners," said club secretary Ms Christine Lavers.

Media Release, 8 Dec 2011
Christine Lavers, Umina Beach SLSC

Umina boxer to defend title in Hobart

Umina PCYC boxer Satali Tevi-Fuimoano, 14, is hard in training, preparing to defend his Australian title at the upcoming National Titles in Hobart from February 2 to 5.

Satali has had recent victories over distinguished opponents including NSW Champions Eddie Kuras and Koen Mazoudier.

He has a record of 13 wins and only two losses as well as winning the PCYC Young Achiever of the

Year award.

Email, 28 Nov 2011
Joel Keegan, PCYC Boxing Academy

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