

Tomorrow is deadline for Freewater

Gosford Council has given Cr Peter Freewater until tomorrow (Tuesday) to apologise to other councillors for behaviour found to be in breach of the council's code of conduct.

However, Cr Freewater has said he will not apologise and threats to have him removed from the council have been thwarted with Local Government Division head Mr Ross Woodward, who has told the council that suspension of Cr Freewater was not justified.

Mr Woodward wrote that no further action was warranted.

"Cr Freewater's conduct while it may have been in breach of Council's Code is not in my view at the serious end of the scale of misbehaviour contemplated by the Act as a condition precedent to suspension."

"I am also of the view that the actions already taken by Council, particularly requiring Cr Freewater to apologise to aggrieved parties, is a sensible and proportionally appropriate outcome to this matter given the nature of the breaches found."

Cr Freewater has said he would not apologise as he was happy to see the issue remain in the media.

"I hope that by refusing to apologise and by exposing Gosford Council for their abuse of the code of conduct that they will think twice before they waste thousands of dollars on legal fees to try and silence legitimate criticism again," said Cr Freewater.

It was resolved at Gosford Council's meeting on Tuesday, January 24, that Cr Freewater be advised in writing that he would be required to show proof of his compliance of Council's previous resolutions.

The resolutions included the



Cr Peter Freewater

provision of a written apology to all councillors except Cr Terri Latella, a public apology in Council's Chambers at an Open Council Meeting and in the local newspaper as a feature advertisement within the first eight pages of the paper and a personal verbal apology in an Open Council Meeting and in writing as a feature advertisement within the first eight pages of the local paper to Cr Chris Holstein and general manager Mr Peter Wilson.

In February last year, Crs Laurie Maher, Craig Doyle, Chris Burke, Chris Holstein, Amy Houston, Jim Macfadyen, Vicki Scott and Jeff Strickson lodged a formal complaint with the general manager Mr Peter Wilson about an interview Cr Freewater gave on ABC Radio and a report in the Central Coast Express Advocate.

The councillors alleged that

Cr Freewater showed no respect for the Council or individuals and that this disrespect, using false information, breaching of confidentiality, undermining the authority and reputation of Council, its staff and the Councillors amounted to breaches of Council's Code of Conduct.

The complaint was assessed by the general manager and referred to the external conduct reviewer to undertake an investigation and provide a report on the findings related to the complaint.

The report prepared by council staff for the meeting of Tuesday, January 24, stated that failure by Cr Freewater to comply with the Council resolutions would be a further breach of Council's Code of Conduct.

Gosford Council Agenda COM.4, 24 Jan 2012

Five playgrounds to go by June

Gosford Council has announced it will remove five local playgrounds before June.

The decision to remove these playgrounds was made to ensure that Council would provide better quality, safer, sustainable play areas for the community into the future, according to open space and leisure services manager Mr Phil Moore.

The playgrounds are at Solstice Place in St Huberts Island; Panorama Park on Kingsview Dr, Umina; at Woy Woy Oval on Austin Butler access; Carrington Ave in Woy Woy and Correa Bay Reserve on Woy Woy Rd.

Mr Moore said that these removals would allow Council to better service the remaining playgrounds across the LGA.

"There is currently a number of maintenance requirements at a majority of these playgrounds with damaged, declining equipment needing urgent repair or replacement.

"These maintenance costs along with safety concerns outlined in the Gosford City Playground Strategy identify playground removal as being in the best interest of the community.

"As a result we will now be able to better maintain other playgrounds across the LGA.

"While these playgrounds will not be replaced, each park will remain a passive open space for the community to enjoy," said Mr Moore.

**Media Release, 2 Feb 2012
Phil Moore, Gosford Council
Photo: Naomi Bridges**



The playground at Woy Woy Oval

Committed to build fast food store

McDonalds remains committed to build a fast food outlet in Umina, according to owner and operator Mr Ron Mussalli.

Mr Mussalli said McDonalds Australia is "hesitant to agree that the current opposition of a new McDonald's in the Umina Beach area is from the majority of the community".

"McDonalds believes in the growth potential of the area and is committed to supporting the Umina Beach community," he

said.

Mr Mussalli said McDonalds was a recognisable and successful brand and would bring significant benefits to the community, whether in a suburban shopping strip or a country town.

"Beyond the jobs created by each restaurant, a McDonalds can often drive tourist or transient trade in an area or town, creating increased opportunity for spending in other local businesses," said Mr Mussalli.

He confirmed that "the restaurant would create

approximately 100 casual and full time jobs for local residents".

"Local McDonald's restaurants also offer considerable sponsorship and partnership opportunities for local sporting or other community teams, clubs and events," he said.

"This is due to our operating philosophy of giving back to the communities in which we operate."

Mr Mussalli said the chain paid attention to litter that the restaurant may produce.

"In each of our restaurants, we have programs in place to manage

the potential of litter finding its way outside of McDonald's bins," he said.

"Just as our customers and neighbours do, we aim to ensure that our surroundings are always clean and free from litter.

"Our Clean Streets program includes initiatives designed to keep the area around our restaurants tidy and clean.

"The key to this is the Litter Patrol program which is a structured and regular task for crew members who pick up litter from within the restaurant grounds

and in neighbouring streets.

"Adherence to the Litter Patrol program is ensured by including this activity in the regular assessments conducted at each restaurant.

"Within the Clean Streets program, we are also consistently reminding our customers not to litter via our packaging, tray mats and restaurant rubbish bins," said Mr Mussalli.

**Media Statement, 20 Jan 2012
Ron Mussalli,
McDonalds Australia**

Your Chance to Win

Peninsula News and MyFan are giving one lucky reader the chance to win a Loft designer ceiling fan valued at \$399.

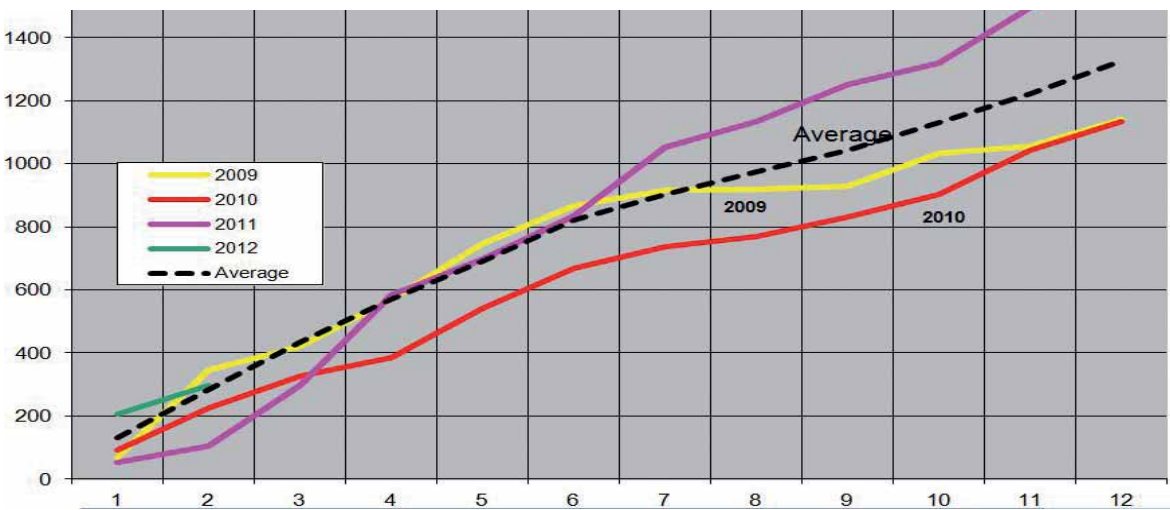
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The winners of last edition's Peninsula News Meditation for Busy Minds competition were Kerrie Wenzel of Wyoming, Laurie Rogers of Ettalong, Amber Wall of Bensville, Pamela Richards-Smith of Patonga and D Jepson of Ettalong.

Kaitlin Watts, 3 Feb 2012



Wet start to the year

The Peninsula has had a wet start to the year.

January finished with 55 per cent more rain than average and more than half of February's average has already been recorded in the first four days of the month,

according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

A total of 205.2mm fell in January compared to the January average of 132.4mm – the wettest January in eight years.

Much of the rain was recorded on one day – 71.8mm on January 26.

By February 4, 93.8mm had been recorded for this month in falls of 6.5, 17.8, 49.0 and 20.5mm.

This was 62 per cent of the February average of 152.5mm.

Temperatures in January ranged from a minimum overnight temperature of 14.6 degrees to a maximum of 32.8 degrees, according to figures from www.

peninsulaweather.info.

The lowest overnight temperature of 14.6 and the lowest daytime temperature of 21.3 were both recorded on January 12.

The highest maximum temperature of 32.8 degrees and the highest overnight temperature of 24.6 were both recorded on January 30.

Average minimum for the month was 19.4 degrees. Average maximum was 26.0.

Highest wind gust was 30.2 km/h recorded on January 11.

Spreadsheet, February 4
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy
www.peninsulaweather.info

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Public comments sought on wharf design

Public comments are being sought on three options for the upgrade of the Woy Woy Town Centre Wharf.

The options which were developed by Gosford Council were based on investigation and comments already received by interested groups and individuals.

Council is now seeking comments and suggestions from the community about the options, the provision of extra facilities and the style of roofing over the waiting areas and walkways.

The comments will be formally submitted to Council.

Council received funding under the 2009-10 NSW Maritime Better Boating Program to investigate the possible upgrade of the Woy Woy Town Centre Wharf.

Consultants were engaged by Gosford Council to prepare a



concept design report on options available to improve the amenity and functionality of the Woy Woy Town Centre Wharf.

A foreshore wharf and floating pontoon system was designed to serve as a point of embarkation-disembarkation for recreational

boats such as small power boats, sailing craft, as a fishing platform and facility for existing ferry services.

Comments should be submitted by February 29.

**Media statement, 3 Feb 2012
Gary Poll, Gosford Council**



Water quality maintained in many ways, says council

Water main flushing works are just one of many regular, on-going maintenance activities to maintain drinking water quality on the Peninsula, according to Gosford Council's Water and Sewer Directorate project communication officer Mr Nathan Slade.

"The main aim of these works is to reduce the likelihood of discoloured water," he said following the recent mains flushing on the Peninsula.

"Flushing activities are generally completed overnight when residential water-use is minimal because water quality can be impacted in a street during the works.

"Flushing a street can take

between five to 30 minutes depending on the location and size of the main.

"We review the mains flushing program every three months and target areas based on the results of previous works and where localised discoloured water issues have emerged.

"These works are also supported by our regular swabbing and recently trialled ice-pigging programs that help keep the region's water mains clean and protect drinking water quality," he said.

He said that Council regularly tested water quality on the Peninsula to ensure it complied with Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

Mr Slade said the water quality was monitored at every stage of

the supply system to make sure residents received drinking water that met the guidelines.

"Samples are regularly taken from the dams, before and after it's been through our water treatment plants, reservoirs and the reticulation system," said Mr Slade.

"Our testing to date shows drinking water across the region, including The Peninsula, complies with the guidelines.

"All samples are tested by Council or independent laboratories registered with the National Association of Testing Authorities in line with the NSW Health Drinking Water Monitoring Program."

**Media Statement, 30 Jan 2012
Nathan Slade, Gosford Council**

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Catering for small children

I have to agree with Shane Steele's letter (Peninsula News, Jan 14).

I am happy for McDonalds to come to Umina Beach and am of the opinion that McDonalds fills a need in any community.

My husband and I often frequent the local cafes in West St as we love the ambience and feel of the small cafe and would continue to visit them when McDonalds arrives in Umina.

However when my children were small, they were quite active and it was useless taking them to a lovely cafe as they couldn't sit still.

They created a lot of noise and you could bet once our food arrived they would need to use a toilet.

Now that they're older, a visit to a lovely Umina cafe has become a pleasant experience.

McDonalds caters to the family with small children supplying everything that is needed to have

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a meal out and meet up with other families.

I believe McDonalds has worked hard on their menu over the years and now there are healthy choices as well as their regular menu.

McDonalds will supply much needed part time work for some of the teens in the area and training in the much needed role of customer service and dealing with difficult customers, something my daughter learnt working part time at KFC while attending university.

I don't appreciate the No McDonalds group speaking on behalf of the majority.

As Umina Beach has a population over 15,392 (2006 census) unless they have handed over 8000 plus signatures of Umina only residents to Council they're speaking for the minority.

I have found some of the

letters against McDonalds in the Peninsula News to be quite over the top and pushing their views onto others in the community.

I have only one real concern and that is traffic at the roundabout as this can be a bottle neck at times, but with some clever thinking on the Councils behalf I am sure this can be addressed.

While driving around the Central Coast I've been paying attention to all the McDonalds restaurants and find they all have well kept premises with gardens and feel this would be a much needed lift for Ocean Beach Rd.

As for the claim McDonalds would create rubbish in the area, it can't be any more than what we have at present in Umina and most of it comes from outlets that don't label their packaging.

This litter problem is a human problem not a McDonalds' problem.

Email, 26 Jan 2012
Colleen Boyd, Umina Beach

Among The Mangroves

Away from the rolling ocean,
The bracing scent of the sea,
I miss the sound
Of the ceaseless waves.
The rhythmic constancy.

A breeze caressed my cheekbones,
Tousled through my hair,
I could almost taste
The salty tang
That lingered in the air.

Yet I have found contentment
At another waterside,
Where the sea laps,
Stroking the sand,
By an ocean pacified.

Bobbing boats are tethered,
Watchful pelicans preen,
A multitude
Of mangrove trees
Frame this restful scene.

Email, 31 Jan 2012
Jil Neville, Woy Woy

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Serve the people

Abraham Lincoln spoke of democracy as government for the people, by the people.

Modern democracies have lost sight of that ideal.

They are overwhelmingly dominated by powerful vested interests and economists.

To arrest this decline in true

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democracy I would suggest a constitutional change which would make it compulsory for politicians, senior public servants and judges to do 12 months community service.

This would serve to assist the disabled, frail, aged, disadvantaged and the poor in general.

These duties would give them a good grounding in what real democracy should be all about, that is: the people.

Letter, 20 Jan 2012
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Stimulating memories

What wonderful memories and so well written (A 1950s holiday at Woy Woy Bay, Peninsula News, 23 Jan 2012).

I have been researching the history of Woy Woy Bay for over 10 years and with my colleague, Brian

Goodey of Phegans Bay.

I am getting to the final stages of publishing a book on the three bays, Horsfield Bay, Phegans Bay and Woy Woy Bay.

I am sure this letter will stimulate many more memories.

Online submission, 1 Feb 2012
Margaret Vidler, Mosman

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Dear Julia, here are some questions for you . . . Why were none of the QANTAS baggage handlers at Sydney Airport, who helped to import 200 kilos of cocaine into Australia in 2004, ever arrested or charged? And why were workers with long, pre-existing criminal histories employed at the terminal?

Why was one of these men paid \$1.6 million of public money, plus given complete indemnity, and an all expenses paid trip to Switzerland, carrying the proceeds of three kilos of cocaine, after he threatened to blow the whistle on corrupt police? And why were none of those allegedly corrupt officers ever investigated?

After Australian Protective Services Officer Gary Lee Rogers blew the whistle on the many Government firearms that went missing at Sydney Airport, he ended up dead (as he predicted). Why were none of the frightening losses he reported ever investigated?

Schapelle Corby's boogie board bag was illegally diverted from the required screening process by a corrupt insider after she checked it in. Why was this vital evidence deliberately withheld from both her and her legal team?

We look forward to your answers. Regards from Women for Schapelle

Mayor criticised on sea level rise

Coastal Residents Inc has criticised Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher for having double standards on sea level rise.

It has also called on him to identify who he claimed was spreading misinformation and fear about council sea level policies for Woy Woy and Empire Bay.

Coastal Residents secretary Mr Pat Aiken said Cr Maher recently asserted the Central Coast region was the most at-risk community to the impacts of sea level rise in NSW but, at the same time, supported a massive high-rise development on the Gosford waterfront.

"This is one of the most flood prone areas in the region and provides the benchmark flood planning level for all of Brisbane Water," said Mr Aiken.

"Areas that are predicted to become inundated by 2100 are generally those suburbs already considered flood prone but very little flood protection works have been provided in almost 40 years since the 1974 floods around Brisbane Water," he said.

The predictions of coastal flooding are calculated by adding 900mm for sea level rise to the current one in 100 year flood level, "a highly uncertain prediction combined with another prediction and claimed to occur within 90 years," said Mr Aiken.

"Gosford Council's projections are based on a rise in sea levels of 10mm per year global average or 900mm by 2100.

"But according to NSW State Government agency, Manly Hydraulics

Laboratory, sea level rise records from Fort Denison have averaged less than 1mm per year for over 100 years and 0.4mm for the last 20 years," said Mr Aiken.

"Gosford Council identified 9000 properties as potentially affected by sea level rise but most of these properties will not be adversely affected.

"Gosford Council has grossly exaggerated the impact of sea level rise.

"The more likely figure is around 3000 properties being adversely affected if sea levels rise by 900mm and far less if Fort Denison observations are considered," he said.

The group has also called on Cr Maher to identify the landowners who he said claimed that Gosford Council had made a decision to retreat from Woy Woy and Empire Bay due to sea level rise.

The group says Cr Maher had criticised a minority of landowners who had spread misinformation and fear amongst the community by making the claim.

Mr Aiken said that Cr Maher had written to Cr Chris Holstein in December, stating "this is not the case and it is inconsistent with Council's policy commitments".

Coastal Residents Inc has also requested that the Draft Inundation Study prepared for Gosford Council by Cardno "be explained through the public forums promised for the last two years".

Email, 2 Feb 2012
Pat Aiken, Coastal Residents Inc

Film man is awarded medal

Ettalong resident Mr Peter Fenton has been awarded an Australia Day Order of Australia Medal for his work as a chief sound mixer on 150 feature films from 1972 until 1997.

Mr Fenton worked on films including Paradise Road in 1997, Six Degrees of Separation in 1993, Evil Angels in 1988, Phar Lap in 1983, The Year of Living Dangerously in 1982, Gallipoli in 1981, My Brilliant Career in 1979, The Getting of Wisdom in 1975 and the Picnic at Hanging Rock, also in 1975.

He was also the author of several books and the producer of several documentaries as well as a first grade rugby union coach for 20 years.

Mr Fenton said the early 70s saw the rebirth of the Aussie film industry "and I see this award as recognition of the fact that I was a key member of this revival".

When notified of his selection for a medal, Mr Fenton said he was

simply "stoked".

"It was a very exciting time and I was very lucky to have worked in an industry where it was a pleasure to go to work and where satisfaction made all the effort worthwhile," said Mr Fenton.

"We worked very hard and for very long hours but everyone loved it.

"It was great surprise to get the award as I have not worked in the industry for 15 years."

Mr Fenton was nominated by "a lovely bloke" named Jim Cowley who had been a friend to him through rugby union for over 30 years.

"He actually nominated me for my efforts on a number of fronts, particularly for speaking at many charity events over much the same period, but the powers that be were obviously impressed with my film contribution," said Mr Fenton.

"I was previously awarded the Australian Sports Medal for my contribution to rugby in Sydney's west in 2000."

Mr Fenton is no longer involved



Peter Fenton

in the film industry but still speaks regularly at sporting clubs and writes the occasional sports book.

Email, 16 Jan 2012
Adrian Bey, Government House
Kaitlin Watts, 25 Jan 2012
Interviewee: Peter Fenton

Nightly train delays

Woy Woy travellers will experience nightly train delays from 11:40pm until 3am from Monday, February 6, until Friday, February 10.

Some trains will operate up to 15 minutes later than the normal timetable due to track work

between Hornsby and Thornleigh.

Buses will also replace trains from 2am on Saturday, February 11, until 2am on Monday, February 13.

Passengers are advised that "Guardian services" with patrolling transit officers normally departing

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Website, 2 Feb 2012
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from 11:30am.

The restored Jonathon Rogers Memorial at Rogers Park will also be rededicated on the day.

The memorial was restored and upgraded after the Naval Association of Australia Central

Coast Sub Section obtained a grant from the State Government.

"Part of the reason for doing so was to make the memorial more visible from Ocean Beach Rd," said honorary secretary Mr Bruce Smith.

"It was also to inform the residents of the Central Coast why Rogers Park was so named."

Rogers Park in Woy Woy was named in 1986 after a local man who died in the collision of the aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne and the destroyer HMAS Voyager in a training exercise.

Chief Petty Officer Jonathon Rogers was one of 82 men who lost their lives in the collision on the night of February 10, 1964.

He was one of more than 50 men trapped in darkness in a compartment of the sinking forward section.

He took control and tried to calm in the situation.

The forward section finally sank about 10 minutes after the impact.

Rogers was heard leading his doomed comrades in a prayer and a hymn during their final moments.

Rogers was born at Llangollen, Denbighshire, United Kingdom, and joined the Royal Navy in 1983 when he was 18.

He served 13 ships, mostly through the war years.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for coolness and leadership while

serving as coxswain of Motor Torpedo Boat 698 in actions on the nights of March 23 and May 23, 1944.

After the war he came to Australia and joined the RAN.

He was promoted to chief petty officer in 1956.

Rogers was later awarded the George Cross, the highest bravery award then available in peacetime "for organising the escape of as many as possible and encouraging... those few who could not escape... to meet death alongside himself with dignity and honour".

Letter, 20 Jan 2012

Bruce Smith, Naval Association of Australia Central Coast Sub Section

Photo: Naomi Bridges

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Cr Jim Macfadyen (far right) and Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill (third from left) are pictured with award recipients Bruce Dent, Katie Dixon, Steve Robson, William Fortier, Pat Dell, Ros Greener, Briana Shaw and Con Ryan

Peninsula residents receive awards

Three residents from the Peninsula area were awarded Australia Day Community Awards at a ceremony at Laycock St Theatre on Sunday, January 22.

In all, 52 citizens were nominated for a Community Award across the nine categories on offer.

Katie Dixon of Ocean Beach was awarded the award in the business category while Jocelyn Maughan received the arts, culture and entertainment award and Ros Greener received the senior award.

The ceremony included entertainment from Youth in Performing Art students and Gosford town crier Stephen Clarke as master of ceremonies.

Australia Day Committee chairman Cr Jim Macfadyen said that all of this year's nominees had made a significant contribution to Gosford City.

"The residents recognised

at today's ceremony should be proud of the work they do within our community, their enthusiasm and dedication to helping others is what makes our community great.

"I would like to congratulate all of our nominees and this

year's category winners for their outstanding efforts, these accolades are truly well deserved," said Cr Macfadyen.

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Jim Macfadyen, Gosford Council
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Raised intersection for Ettalong

Gosford Council's Road Safety and Traffic Unit has recommended a raised threshold for the intersection of Schnapper Rd and Flathead Rd, Ettalong.

Construction is expected to start this financial year.

The proposal was initiated in a petition in November which requested that Council investigate ways of discouraging loud and unsafe vehicle usage in Schnapper Rd and to control the overflow parking at the Ettalong market-hotel complex.

Council's quarterly petitions report from October 1 until December 31 stated that the raised

threshold method was favoured over speed humps as past experience had revealed speed humps caused concern to local residents who resided in close proximity to these devices due to the 24 hour daily noise problem generated by vehicles traversing them.

In addition to improving pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the Ettalong Beach Village Centre, an application for the provision of a 40km high pedestrian activity area was lodged with the Roads and Maritime Service for consideration approval for future funding.

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Australia Day Awards

Senior award to Ros



Ros Greener and Cr Craig Doyle

Ros Greener of St Huberts Island was awarded an Australia Day Community award in the Senior category at a ceremony at Laycock St Theatre on Sunday, January 22.

For the past eight years, she has been a volunteer at the Peninsula Women's Health Centre at Woy Woy.

Ros initiated a weekly Walkie Talkie Group, a group of around 30 women who sought to maintain fitness and create new social links.

She got to know some of the best walking tracks on the Central Coast and was quick to welcome new members to the group.

Media Release, 22 Jan 2012
Peter Wilson, Gosford Council

Katie Dixon wins Australia Day award



Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club member Dr Katie Dixon, a dedicated cancer researcher, has received an Australia Day Community Award in the business category at a ceremony at Laycock St Theatre on Sunday, January 22.

She had also previously received a NSW Premier's Award for the most outstanding cancer research scholar of the year after breakthrough discoveries into skin cancer research.

She is currently working in the field of prostate cancer research and said she hoped to develop a drug to cure all types of cancer.

She has published papers on her research and openly shares

her knowledge, gifts and skills with the wider community.

Katie said she was dedicated to teaching others and had gained a degree in higher education which would allow her to lecture at universities.

She was also named the Central Coast Surf Life Saver of the Year in 2009 and 2010 and, in 2011.

She was named both the NSW and Australian Surf Life Saver of the Year.

She volunteers much of her time and is a highly valued member of the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

Katie is also a talented violinist and has performed for both the Central Coast Symphony Orchestra and the Sydney Event Orchestra.

Media Release, 22 Jan 2012
Peter Wilson, Gosford Council

Jocelyn wins arts award

Patonga artist Ms Jocelyn Maughan has been awarded the Arts, Culture and Entertainment Award at this year's Australia Day Community Awards at Laycock St Theatre on Sunday, January 22.

Ms Maughan is a nominated member of both the Royal Art Society and the Australian Watercolour Institute which regularly exhibits internationally.

With this experience, she has assisted in fostering the development of young artists and offered guidance, direction, funds and free exhibition space for the promotion of artistic endeavours on the Central Coast.

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New name for stationery shop

A stationery shop in Woy Woy has changed its name in an attempt to refresh its image.

It will celebrate its fifth birthday this week, February 6 to 10, with a number of open day activities.

The activities will include morning teas on Tuesday, February 7, and Thursday, February 9, painting demonstrations by local artist Elsie Winkel and online shopping demonstrations.

Peninsular Stationery changed its name to Paper Pens and Printing at the beginning of the year to celebrate the Stacey Miller's five year ownership of the store.

"Paper Pens and Printing strongly believes that in order for the Peninsula to grow we need to support local business," said employee Ms Brodie Miller.

"To help with this, where possible, we keep as much of our spending and referrals local and we have a window dedicated to a community notice board where the public can come and display



Stacey Miller celebrates five years in Woy Woy

posters and notices about their businesses and events free of charge."

Email, 31 Jan 2012
Brodie Miller, Paper Pens and Printing
Photo: Brodie Miller



Children donate bicycles

Two children from Blackwall donated two children's bicycles to the Rotary Club of Woy Woy just before Christmas.

Chloe and Nathan McKenzie saved some of their pocket money throughout the year to purchase the bikes.

They said they wanted to make sure other children had a special Christmas as well.

"They are so inspiring and are a true example of what Christmas is all about," said Woy Woy Rotary Club public relations officer Ms Fiona Hunt.

Email, 20 Jan 2012
Fiona Hunt, Rotary Club of Woy Woy

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Charity walk for motor neurone sufferer

A two kilometre charity walk will be held along Woy Woy Waterfront on Sunday, February 12, from 11am to raise money for Umina local Andrew Macintosh who was diagnosed with motor neurone disease in September 2010.

Mr Macintosh said he hoped to raise \$20,000 to put toward a third trip to China for treatment in March.

Since October 2010, he has received a program of experimental stem cell treatment at the Tiantan Puhua Hospital in China.

This program required him to return to the hospital every six to nine months for further injections, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and application of traditional Chinese medicine until an alternative treatment was developed or a cure was found.

"Dr Zhou and her team are very professional and I realise that this type of treatment is still in its infancy ... but with this disease you need to try anything you can," said Mr Macintosh.

"Their approach is not to just give a series of injections and leave it be.

"They are trying to figure out the best way to treat me.

"They tell me that the improvements can last for a period of three to nine months except in rare cases and I will need to come back in probably six months.

"I met a lot of resistance in the West from the medical fraternity when I made the decision to undergo stem cell treatment.

"My feelings are that people need to come out and try these things otherwise there will not be any progress.

"Some people may get better results than me.



Andrew and his wife Nicole with hospital staff

"Some people may get worse results than me but they are helping to make progress for others," he said.

Mr Macintosh was diagnosed with an aggressive case of the disease following a severe flu virus

which saw him bed-ridden for five weeks.

The disease affects approximately 0.001 per cent of the population and has no cure.

The disease gradually paralyses the body leading to death by

asphyxiation.

The life expectancy of sufferers is two to five years.

Email, 2 Feb 2012
Nicole Macintosh, Umina

Free program on seniors' falls

A free program is currently operating in Woy Woy to help prevent senior's having falls and maximise their independence at home.

The two hour Stepping On program is held every Monday until Monday, March 12, at Woy Woy Leagues Club from 10am until 12pm.

It is open to anyone aged 65 years and older who live at home, are able to walk independently or with a walking stick and are fearful of falling or who have fallen recently.

Stepping On covers topics such as exercise for strength and balance, safe mobility at home and in the community, home hazard reduction, vision, footwear, nutrition and medication management.

The program co-ordinators are health professionals with backgrounds in aged care, fall prevention and rehabilitation.

Stepping On is a free NSW Ministry of Health funded community based program for seniors designed to build knowledge, strength and confidence to remain independent at home.

Media Release, 1 Feb 2012
Mandy Wheen, Awareness
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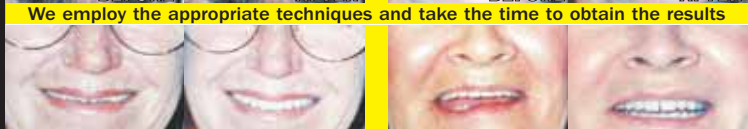
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Boost for men's shed project

Efforts to establish a Men's Shed at Umina have been boosted with a \$1750 grant from the Central Coast branch of the NSW Law Society.

Regional Law Society president Mr John Arms said the \$1750 grant would be provided through a combination of both the NSW Law Society's Regional Grants program and Central Coast Law Society funds.

"We see this as an opportunity to support a worthwhile community project and also encourage other organisations to provide financial assistance to get the Men's Shed up and running," he said.

"The benefits of having a Men's Shed in a local community are tangible and well recognised and we're pleased we can provide

some assistance towards this great initiative," he said.

The grant will be used to build a disabled access path and disabled toilet facilities.

Mr Arms will present the cheque to Mr Darrell Pannowitz on February 13.

The Men's Shed movement has grown rapidly around Australia with more than 500 established in the past five years.

The Umina Men's Shed is the 14th shed to be set up on the Central Coast.

It has quickly gained the reputation of "the friendly shed".

The first project for the Your Community Men's Shed at Umina will be the establishment of a community garden.

**Media Release, 25 Jan 2012
Darrell Pannowitz,
Umina Men's Shed**

Fire brigade supplies defibrillators

Killcare Wagstaffe Rural Fire Brigade has installed two automated external defibrillator units in two local stores.

An AED is a portable electronic device used in the first aid treatment of cardiac arrest.

When activated, it can automatically diagnose potentially life-threatening cardiac arrhythmia and, where appropriate, automatically treat that through defibrillation which allows the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm.

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The AED's were installed at the Wagstaffe Store and Killcare Cellars and General Store last month.

Killcare Wagstaffe Rural Fire Brigade captain Mr Steve Farrell expressed his appreciation to the store owners.

He said that while the store

owners had installed the units, neither they nor their staff had any obligation to assist the public in operating the units.

"Also, the units are accessible during business hours of the shops and neither the proprietors nor the staff have any obligation to attend the store outside normal hours to assist in accessing the units," he said.

"Anyone using the units will do so at their own risk.

"The fire brigade will retain ownership of the units and ensure that they are regularly serviced and maintained," he said.

Killcare Wagstaffe Rural Fire Brigade plans to run familiarisation sessions to allow members to see what the units look like and how they are activated.

**Media Release, 23 Jan 2012
Ian Frost, Killcare Wagstaffe
Rural Fire Brigade
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Traffic due to villa development

In answer to Tim Haylor's letter to the editor (Peninsula News, 23) concerning traffic congestion in Ettalong, Umina and Woy Woy, I suggest that this is mainly due to the demolition of older homes to make way for villas.

This has been going on for the 30 years I have lived on the Coast and nothing has been done about it.

Just in my street, on one side alone, there are roughly 70 villas where once there stood around 30 homes, and that's only one street.

I don't see what harm one

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McDonald's would do.
Umina is a growing community and it will give the children of the

area a job.

You also mention noise pollution.

Ocean Beach Rd is "noisy" now, so that won't make any difference.

We have neon signs everywhere now so one more isn't going to make a difference.

McDonald's is one of the cleanest restaurants around, and as for other restaurants in the area suffering, people with families can't afford to go to them anyhow.

I say bring on Macca's at Umina. It never hurt my grandchildren.

Letter, 1 Feb 2012
Maureen Coakes, Ettalong

Surely the objectors to a McDonalds at Umina are not impressed by some of the arguments put forward by their fellow objectors.

For instance, "The food supplied would be offset by the loss of food from Woy Woy, West Gosford, etc".

Is he kidding?!

The people from Woy Woy are going to come and eat at Umina?

And clean dunnies are "available at Woy Woy".

Boy that will be handy when I'm having my morning coffee at one of the cafes on West St.

I saw that there were approximately 1500 signatures on

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a petition submitted.

Umina, (not counting Ettalong and good old Daleys Point) has an official population of over 16,000 which make the objections a very small percentage.

Take away the vested interests and little old ladies that sign the petitions because they are friends of the cafe proprietors and I think it might be a lot less.

There is no doubt that the majority of people would welcome the opening of a McDonalds.

Email, 25 Jan 2012
Peter Whiteman, Daleys Point

Shoppers in danger?

My concern in regard to the proposed McDonalds at Umina is with vehicular safety.

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The proposed corner even now is a danger with many people

having been knocked down in the pedestrian crossing.

There is talk of the entrance and exit being in the Coles car park.

What about all the shoppers with shopping trolleys who are in danger?

Litter is also a concern as around most McDonalds' there is a certain amount of litter that is not deposited in the bins provided.

Council needs to listen to the people they represent.

Online submission, 25 Dec 2012
Ruth Stokes, Umina

With the proposal to acquire land at Bambara Rd for inclusion into Brisbane Water National Park, Gosford Council now has an unrivalled opportunity to give ratepayers something unsurpassable for present and future generations.

A far sighted use could be made with the Coastal Open Space System Funds levy and perhaps the environment levy which has been collected for years.

Negotiations with relevant bodies like National Parks Wildlife Service and others could be explored.

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Bambara Rd has always been a way in and out of the beautiful Brisbane Water National Park.

People have mostly assumed it is part of the park.

I understand that no building is permitted on the lots.

A progressive decision to acquire Bambara Rd can only be beneficial for the environment and the people.

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Letter, 18 Jan 2012
June Mitchell, Woy Woy

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Maccas at Daley's Point?

Don't stand in the way of Peter Whiteman accessing his free paper, pee, coffee and cheap meal.

Establish McDonald's at Daley's Point instead of Umina.

This would save him transport costs as well.

Letter, 2 Feb 2012
Rie Lester, Umina

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Hall extensions officially opened

New extensions to The Bays Community Hall were opened on Sunday, January 29.

The hall was jointly opened by Member for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein and Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher.

Bays Community Group president Mr Bob Puffett said: "The closing in of the verandah and the building of an ambulant toilet makes our community hall a unique place."

"We are all so proud of what we have here in The Bays."

Member for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein complimented the committee and residents for their vision for the Bays and the community hall and said that the NSW Government supported community groups and residents.

He said he was delighted that a State Government grant had been used to improve a valuable asset within the Bays precinct.

Mayor Cr Maher agreed and said: "This hall is such an important part of this community and I am pleased that Council could help with the construction of the ambulant toilet and the opening up of the main part of the hall with the new verandah via the bi-fold

doors."

Both Cr Holstein and Cr Maher declared the new facilities open for business and wished the community well for the future.

Residents and guests enjoyed a renowned Bays Brekkie and were invited to look over the facilities and

enjoy the art work that highlighted the various bays in the Woy Woy Inlet.

The art work was donated by locals David McMahon and Glen Greacen.

Media Release, 30 Jan 2012

Bob Puffett, Bays Community Group



Chris Holstein, Marie Andrews, Laurie Maher, David Mc Mahon Glen Greacen and Bob Puffett at opening of new verandah at the Bays Community Hall

Poets to launch books

Two local poets will launch their books in Woy Woy on Friday, February 10, from 7pm.

John Blackhawk of Umina and John Wright of Lisarow met through the Friday Night Poets writing group and have combined talents to launch their volumes of verse.

Meredith Gilmore from Coast Arts will introduce their work followed by a reading of some

favourite selections by the authors.

The dual launch will be held at The Clearing on Gnostic Corner, home of Friday Night Poets and the Half-Written Book Club.

Local readers, writers and lovers of poetry are invited to attend.

Against the Currents by John Blackhawk and Cheshire Born by John Wright will be available to purchase on the evening.

Email, 28 Jan 2012

Liz Macnamara, Woy Woy



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Despite wet weather, Ollie, Kim, Donna and Meadow caught up for lunch in West St, Umina, last week

Aged care shortage 'looming', warns Chamber

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has warned of a "looming aged care housing shortage" on the Peninsula following the release last month from the Department of Health and Ageing of the 2011 aged care approvals round.

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales said no residential care places were taken up on the Peninsula, the area of greatest demand.

He said council zoning meant land was not available for aged care housing.

"The Chamber will be making representations to Gosford Council with the view to encouraging a pro-active debate on land availability and the provision of aged care services on the Woy Woy Peninsula," said Mr Wales.

"We are very concerned that of the 250 residential care places allocated for the Central Coast Planning Region in 2011 only 68 were taken up, leaving a shortfall of 182 places," said

"There are a number of key

factors for the under subscription including the lack of suitably zoned land for residential aged care housing on the Peninsula and the current difficulty in obtaining developer funding for these key housing projects.

"The shortfall in availability and allocated places has been an ongoing trend in recent years which is causing growing concern that our older population will face an aged care housing crisis over the next few years."

Mr Wales said QCare director Australia Mr Lyal Allen had confirmed that land availability was a likely contributor to the shortfall in places.

"Local providers are aware that the non availability of suitably zoned land is likely to have been a main contributor toward the shortfall in places sought under the 2010 ACAR and suspect that a similar situation has carried forward to the current ACAR," said Mr Allen.

"What is concerning for the Woy Woy Peninsula is that as of the June 30, 2011, the region was below the target number of operational places on stream with little prospect at the moment of new aged care facilities being built to accommodate the looming demand.

"With below benchmark operational places and having the lowest supply ratio in NSW, the Central Coast (and particularly the Woy Woy Peninsula) faces at least a two to three year shortfall in residential aged care accommodation," he said.

Mr Wales said: "Since Gosford Council prepared its 2009 Aged Care Report, the Federal uptake levels have fallen away.

"This is a worrying trend when the Peninsula has almost twice the NSW average age distribution for persons over 55 with a steady stream of older people who will be looking for higher levels of aged care.

"What we don't want to see is older Australians being forced into finding accommodation off the Peninsula, separated from their family, friends and established social networks.

"They should be able to enjoy their latter years here on Peninsula in appropriate high quality residential aged care facilities."

Media Release, 24 Jan 2012
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Black comedy at Little Theatre

Woy Woy Little Theatre will present Natural Causes from Friday, February 24,

until Sunday, March 11, at the Peninsula Theatre.

Natural Causes is a black comedy written by Eric Chappell and directed by Penny Dilworth.

It is the story of Vincent, a professional suicide merchant employed by Exodus to assist people to "move on".

He was contracted to assist Celia who had wanted a suicide pact with her husband since her wedding day.

But things didn't go according to plan and even innocent bystanders and the pot plant were not safe.

It has been acclaimed as a "highly original comedy thriller, full of mistaken identities, hilarious consequences and great laughs", said Little Theatre publicity officer Ms Patrice Horne.

Email, 16 Jan 2012
Patrice Horne, Woy Woy Little Theatre

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Out and About

Auditions in 50th year

Woy Woy Little Theatre will hold auditions for *Arsenic and Old Lace* by Joseph Kesselring at the Peninsula Theatre on Tuesday, February 28, and Thursday, March 1.

Director John Hickey is looking for a cast of 14 actors comprising 11 men and three women.

The play is based around two lovely old ladies who take in lonely elderly gentlemen boarders.

Sounds simple enough, however, the old dears then help the gents cross the boundary between the here and the hereafter with liberal doses of arsenic.

Woy Woy Little Theatre will also celebrate its 50th birthday this year.

The Theatre has been entertaining audiences on the Peninsula since 1962 at various venues.

Beginning at the old Umina Progress Hall, it eventually moved to the Woy Woy High School auditorium, then to the Woy Woy Primary School hall before it finally found a permanent home at the Peninsula Theatre around 10 years ago.

Media Release, 31 Jan 2012
Patrice Horne, Woy Woy Little Theatre



Killcare featured in online magazine

Killcare was the featured location in the second edition of new Central Coast online magazine Breeze Out on Wednesday, February 1.

"The lifestyle magazine published a delightful story about the equally delightful area, that included beautiful images of the beach, bush and bay, taken by local photographers," said Bouddi Gallery director Ms Jody Deamer.

The magazine also profiled several unique businesses in the area and described why people have relocated to Killcare when making lifestyle changes.

A short film produced about Killcare and the Bouddi Peninsula went live on the same day on the Central

Coast Tourism's new online TV station, Our Central Coast on Channel 3's Local Secrets.

"The film was shot over several of the most beautiful summer days Killcare was lucky to have had in January," said Ms Deamer.

She said it highlighted the natural beauty of the area and the low-environmental impact activities that locals enjoy such as early morning swimming and dog walking on the beach, cycling along Hardys Bay foreshore, kayaking and boating on the bay, picnicking and bushwalking in Bouddi National Park and eating and shopping in Killcare Village's cafes, and restaurants.

The film was designed to appeal to residents of the Central Coast, young families,

nature-enthusiasts, day-trippers and short stay holiday-makers seeking a low-key, yet sophisticated, Central Coast

experience, said Ms Deamer.

Media Release, 28 Jan 2012
Jody Deamer, Bouddi Gallery

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Out and About



Diane Hodgkinson

Open day for Pantry Club

Hope Church's Pantry Club will celebrate its expansion with an open day celebration from 10am on Friday, February 10, at Hope Church

in Umina. The Pantry Club started in July 2009 and provided relief for financially stressed individuals and families of the Gosford Shire and in

particular the Peninsula. So far the club has helped hundreds of members with groceries, bread, fresh fruit and vegetables.

Members of the club also receive morning tea in a café-style environment, cooking demonstrations, money saving tips and simple budgeting advice.

"The expansion of the Pantry Club will now be able to help even more individuals and families who have been on a waiting list," said media liaison Ms Sue Wilson.

"Members not only appreciate the grocery support but love the friendship that has formed amongst the members and volunteers."

Ms Wilson said that one of the members recently reported that they now had a reason to get out of bed and that it was the highlight of their week.

The Pantry Club relies on donations from individuals and the business community to keep the community service going.

The Pantry Club is open from 10am until 1pm every Friday during school terms.

Email, 25 Jan 2012
Sue Wilson, Hope Church
Photo: Naomi Bridges

Two stalwarts recognised

The January meeting of the Woy Woy Hospital Alliance opened on a solemn note as members stood silently in remembrance of Mr Brian Neville who died earlier in the month.

"Despite Brian's disability as a double amputee, he worked courageously and tirelessly for the Alliance," according to president Mr Ivan Kinny.

Mr Neville died in the knowledge and satisfaction that a new rehabilitation unit was to be built, he said.

Members suggested that a ward in the new unit might be named after him, in view of his admirable life and work and the fact that he had been the last patient in the previous unit.

The Health Ministry had been approached with the suggestion, Mr Kinny said.

Another stalwart in the battle to rectify what members have called the Great Blunder of 2008, Mr Edward James was made a Life Member of the Alliance.

The citation on the framed

parchment presented to Mr James read: "In admiration and gratitude for his fervent concern for social justice and integrity in public administration and his vigorous, innovative and generous efforts in pursuit of these ideals."

"He has been an inspiration to his fellow members and a leading contributor to the progress of the Alliance."

"By his enterprise, we are nearer our goal."

Mr Kinny said members were delighted to be able to view the plans for the new building.

Set in the northern grounds, it would contain 30 beds and the full range of services for patients, staff and visitors required to administer and operate a modern hospital facility.


The expected completion date is mid next year.

Future meetings of the Alliance will be held on the second Saturday of each month at 2pm in St Luke's Church Hall in Woy Woy.

Media Release, 29 Jan 2012
Ivan Kinny, Woy Woy Hospital Alliance



Ed James receiving his life membership




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Out and About

Wills day at Woy Woy

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The special event, organised by the NSW Trustee and Guardian, will have expert staff on hand for people to make or update their will.

"During the Wills Day, our experienced staff will be available to prepare a legally valid will which reflects your current circumstances," said NSW Trustee and Guardian Gosford branch

manager Mr Trevor Booth.

"Having your will written by an independent and impartial expert can help avoid confusion and conflict among loved ones regarding your wishes and can also help future-proof your family and friends from potentially stressful and costly legal disputes."

Media Release, 17 Jan 2012
Georgina Policarpou, The D'Arcy Partnership Pty Ltd

New assistant principal

Ettalong Public School has welcomed new assistant principal Ms Anne Smith.

Ms Smith, from Singleton Heights Public School, replaced Ms Julia Thompson and, according to principal Mr Colin Wallis she has "much experience, talent and skill".

Mr Peter Cardy has also assumed the position of acting assistant principal until a permanent replacement is found for Ms Sue Grahame who retired last year.

Newsletter, 31 Jan 2012
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School



Photo: Naomi Bridges

Dorothy and Shayne from Community Care had a rainy day excursion to Umina last Wednesday

Folk club meets early

The next Troubadour Folk Club concert will be held on Sunday, February 19, at the Woy Woy CWA Hall from 3pm.

The special guest artist will be George Mann who is currently on tour from the United States.

The meeting, usually held on the fourth Saturday of the month, has been brought forward to fit in with George's tour dates.

George Mann is a former union organiser and activist based in New York and sings songs from the last century of labor and social activism.

His concerts are part sing-along, part history lesson and can make the audience shout for joy, send chills down their spine or bring tears to their eyes in the same set, according to organiser Ms Marilyn Russell.

George created and produced the Hail to the Thief, an anti-Bush CD series which featured such folk singers as Tom Paxton, Utah Phillips, Billy Bragg and Magpie.

For 10 years, George toured and recorded with Julius Margolin who lived to 93 before passing in 2009 and, in 2008, he directed and produced A Union Man: The Life and Work of Julius Margolin,

a one-hour documentary about Julius.

While maintaining a touring schedule of some 150 gigs each year, he has recently turned his eyes toward the nation's veterans and the effects of two long wars on soldiers and their families.

George will be joined on stage by John Bloomfield who was born in the mining town of Broken Hill.

His early albums reflect on the working life and landscape of

Australia's outback.

His songs have been recorded by Alan Scott, Penny Davies and Roger Ilott, Vince Brophy, Wongawilli, The Loaded Dog, and Gordon Bok.

He is currently completing a collection of maritime songs called Shorelines: Australian Songs of the Sea.

Media Release, 23 Jan 2012
Marilyn Russell, Troubadour Folk Club

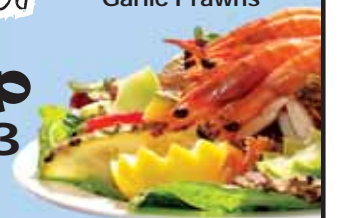
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Aboriginal heritage on the Bouddi Peninsula

The word 'Bouddi' is the Aboriginal name for the eastern headland of Maitland Bay and has become synonymous with the National Park and the surrounding area.

The use of the word is uncertain. Possible meanings include 'nose', 'a heart' and 'water breaking over rocks'.

A number of Aboriginal placenames are still in use today including Bombi Point, Gerrin Point, Kourung Gourong and Mourawaring Point.

Aboriginal sites provide a valuable insight into Aboriginal people's traditional lifestyles, and interactions with the environment.

The Aboriginal heritage within the park is important to present day Aboriginal people.

Such sites are a non-renewable resource and are subject to deterioration from natural and human induced processes.

Therefore, some Aboriginal sites within the park may require active management to prolong their existence.

Over 70 Aboriginal sites

containing over 200 features have been recorded in the park and nearby areas.

It is possible that many more sites are likely to exist.

Aboriginal occupation is evident in the form of open middens and camp sites, rock engravings, grinding grooves, rock shelters with art (charcoal and pigment drawings, stencils and paintings), scarred trees and other archaeological deposits.

Human remains have been found in coastal dune middens (on Putty Beach, destroyed by sand mining) and in rock shelters.

Figures commonly depicted include human figures, marine representations, and macropods (e.g. kangaroos and wallabies).

Vinnicombe (1980) carried out a detailed study of Aboriginal sites on the Bouddi Peninsula.

The Hardys Bay, Pretty Beach, Rileys Bay, and Fishermans Bay Catchments facing Brisbane Water appeared to have the highest concentration of Aboriginal sites in the reserve.

Evidence of Aboriginal usage of both the open coastal and estuarine environments was reflected in the

contents of middens, for example in the different species of shellfish.

Daleys Point Aboriginal Site (also known as Milligans Cave or Fish Hook Shelter) is an important site.

Excavation and analyses indicate occupation for a period of 200-600 years (Clegg J. pers. comm), with a brief period dating back to 5430 plus or minus 105 years indicated at the base of the excavation.

Two rock engravings located on Narrabeen Sandstone are significant and are possibly the only recorded examples in the area.

Vandalism of art sites has occurred in the area.

Protection measures such as access barriers, interpretation and education have been carried out

for the site.

Often the most effective way to protect sites from vandalism is not to publicise their location.

The National Parks Service will not actively promote the location of sites within the park.

However the locations of some sites in the park and proposed additions are already widely known and the impacts associated with visitation need to be monitored.

While the Service has legal responsibility for the protection of Aboriginal sites and places, it acknowledges the right of Aboriginal people to make decisions about their own heritage.

It is therefore policy that Aboriginal communities be consulted and involved in the management of Aboriginal sites, places and related issues and

the promotion and presentation of Aboriginal culture and history.

The park is within the area of the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council.

There may also be other Aboriginal community organisations and individuals with an interest in use and management of the park.

There is interest by the local Aboriginal community in undertaking cultural and teaching activities in the park.

The Service supports this in principle and will work with the community to establish agreements for such cultural activities that comply with the policies of this plan of management and have minimal environmental impact.

The Bouddi Peninsula CD, 2010
David Kelly, DECCW

Fire brigade records show its history

Former Killcare-Wagstaffe fire brigade captain Warwick Teasdale has investigated letters and notes from the Brigade's records to come up with a history of the brigade.

Like many small communities prior to the 1950s, residents of the Killcare Peninsula knew they had to be self-reliant.

When it came to protecting life and property from a fire, they had only themselves and helpful neighbours to respond to the challenges.

In one letter, an older resident told of how he was competing in a carnival at Killcare Surf Club when the alarm was raised.

There was a fire at the northern end of the beach and spectators and competitors rushed up the

beach.

After they extinguished the fire they returned to continue the carnival.

In 1950, two groups were formed to raise funds to purchase a fire fighting vehicle.

They were the South Brisbane Water Voluntary Bush Fire Brigade Association and the South Brisbane Water Voluntary Bush Fire Brigade which was established by Gosford Shire Council in 1951.

Although the two groups had not raised sufficient funds, in 1954 they took delivery of an ex-RAAF fire fighting truck.

Both organisations managed to raise about 100 pounds and the Shire Council assisted by providing a loan to cover the required 300 pounds.

The truck was officially handed over to the Fire Brigade on Saturday, September 11, 1954.

It was originally kept in a waterfront garage which regularly flooded.

By mid-1955, the Killcare-

Wagstaffe Rural Fire Brigade was established and the members duly appointed.

The first captain was Pretty Beach storekeeper Mr John Stewart, the vice captain was Pretty Beach schoolmaster Mr Arthur Cains and Mr Tom Hansen was the senior driver.

The present Killcare-Wagstaffe Brigade is amongst the most active in the Gosford district and responds to all incidents including bush fires, structure fires, car accidents-fires, and, additionally, supports other agencies in times of natural disasters.

The team of 26 members has put in more than 2900 hours over the past year in activities including community engagements, training, hazard reductions and maintenance.

The current captain is Steve Farrell.

Newsletter, 5 Jan 2011
Adrian Williams, Hardys Bay Residents Group

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Friday February 10

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Book launch, The Clearing Woy Woy, 7pm

Saturday February 11

HMAS Voyager Memorial Service, Everglades Country Club, 11:30am

Sunday February 12

Wheelchair Sports NSW Singles Classic, Everglades Country Club

Andrew Macintosh charity walk, Woy Woy waterfront, 11am

Wednesday February 15

Bays Community Group general meeting, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall, 7:30pm

Thursday February 16

Wills Day, Woy Woy Library

Saturday February 18

Discovery Tours walk, Flower Track to Box head, 9am-1pm

Sunday February 19

Troubadour Folk Concert, Woy Woy CWA Hall
Umina Boardriders first competition

Friday February 24

Woy Woy Little Theatre's "Natural Causes" begins, Peninsula Theatre

Sunday February 26

Bays Community Group Breakfast in the Bays, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall 8:30-10:30am

Tuesday February 28

Business Clean Up Day

Friday March 2

Schools Clean Up Day

Sunday March 4

Clean Up Australia Day
Clean Up Australia Day clean up, Empire Bay Community Hall, 9am-11:30am
Clean Up Australia Day clean up, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, 9am-11am

Sunday March 11

Woy Woy Little Theatre's "Natural Causes" ends, Peninsula Theatre

Friday March 16

Ettalong Beach Festival

Saturday March 24

Opera in the Arboretum, Crommelin Native Arboretum, Pearl Beach

Senior's Positive Living Gala Day, 9am-3pm, Peninsula Village

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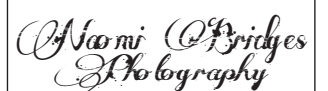
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Ruth Winsor dies

Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club member Ms Ruth Alma Winsor died on Sunday, January 15, aged 91.

She had been a member of the club since 1965, life member since 1981 and patron since 1998.

Over the years, Ms Winsor served the club in a number of roles including publicity officer, management, secretary, delegate, vice president and president.

"Ruth is very much remembered for her lovely sense of humour and those beautiful poems that she composed for our members for every special occasion we have had whether it was Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas or many other occasions in between," said club publicity officer Ms Eve Phillips.



Ruth was a four-time winner of the Fours competition in 1973,

1976, 1981 and 1987 and was runner up in 1971.

She won the Triples competition in 1974 and was runner up in 1971, 1974, 1982 and 1983.

She was also the Major Pairs winner in 1979 and 1981 and runner up in 1972, runner up in the Major Singles in 1969 and 1972 and in the winning team for the Bancroft Trophy in 1973, 1975, 1979, 1982, 1983 and 1987 and the Hethering Trophy in 1970.

"We all will sadly miss this very special lady and our thoughts were with her family especially as we stood on the side of the road and waved her good-bye," said Ms Phillips.

**Media Release, 24 Jan 2012
Eve Phillips, Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club
Photo: Eve Phillips**

Bowler of year for seventh time

Ettalong Bowling Club's World Number Five ranked bowler Aron Sherriff was named Bowls Central Coast "Bowler of the Year" for 2011 at a Presentation Night held on Thursday, January 19, at The Bay Sports Club.

This took his total wins to a record breaking seven times for this award in the 20 years since its inception.

Aron also created Bowls Central Coast history by becoming the first bowler to win, in the one year, all four Zone 15 Championships in Singles, Triples and Fours.

When presented with his award, Aron was asked by Bowls Central Coast president Mr Kevin Dring to share with the audience some of his experiences competing on overseas bowling greens.

He said: "Some of them, including Hong Kong, were running at about eight seconds and it was like trying to bowl in my backyard."

"You had to almost drive to

make it to the jack.

"It's always good to come back to Australia after competing overseas and play on what I think are the best greens in the world."

On the night, Aron was presented with the Wal Rainbow Perpetual Shield for Bowler of the Year, a silver plate for achieving the Grand Slam and an engraved glass tankard for being selected in the Australian and NSW State Sides.

Other awards presented on the night went to Harley McDonald of Ettalong as Runner-Up Bowler of the Year, Alan Rogers also from Ettalong as winner of Senior Singles and Senior Pairs, Brian Burrows of Umina as winner of Veterans Singles and Veterans Pairs, Lee Trethowan of Ettalong for selection in NSW Reserves Side and John Roberts of Ettalong for selection in NSW Senior Side.

**Media Release, 21 Jan 2012
Bob Bourke, Bowls Central Coast
Photo: Bob Bourke**

Children attend tournament

A group of 30 children from the Umina Tennis Courts attended the

Sydney International Tennis Tournament at Homebush on Monday, January 9.

Tennis Australia Club

professional coach Ms Kristy Packer said the children enjoyed a fun day that involved a wide range of tennis activities.

Students timed the speed of their serves, met international tennis players and obtained autographs.

"The day, put on free by Tennis NSW, was a great initiative and an incentive for aspiring tennis players of all levels," she said.

Email, 17 Jan 2012

**Kristy Packer, Peninsula School of Tennis
Photo: Kristy Packer**

Named as finalist

Ettalong Bowling Club bowler Aron Sherriff has been named a finalist in both International and Male bowler of the year awards.

Sherriff won gold and silver medals at the 2011 Asia Pacific Championships and claimed the title of World Champion of Champions.

Sherriff will go head-to-head with two of his four's team mates from the Asia Pacific: Queensland's

Mark Casey who took out the International award last year and Queensland's Nathan Rice who seized gold and silver at the Asia Pacific.

**Media Release, 31 Jan 2012
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Sylvia Foster and Karen Ody were crowned the winners with a

result of 70.10 per cent.

Robyn Lang and Carol Anderson came in second with 59.30 per cent.

In third place with 58.30 per cent were Margaret Geddes and Rona Nelson.

**Media Release, 26 Jan 2012
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Under-8s play at Gosford stadium

Woy Woy Roosters Junior Rugby League Football Club under-8s side will play in three exhibition games at stadium in Gosford on Saturday, February 11.

Under-8s coach Matt Walton will take charge of the boys who will play against the Terrigal Sharks at the half time break of the National Youth Competition game.

They will then play the Toukley Hawks at full time followed by a game against the Ourimbah Magpies in the half time break of

the NRL trial game between the Wests Tigers and Parramatta Eels.

"It is a great opportunity for the boys from all three clubs to play on the best rugby league oval in regional NSW," said club president Mr Tim McParlane.

"On top of that they get the chance to watch some of their NRL favourites go around before the NRL competition proper begins.

"It is guaranteed to be an exciting night for all of them."

Email, 1 Jan 2012

Tim McParlane, WWJRLFC

Boardriders to have repechage

Umina Boardriders Club will hold its first competition for the year on Sunday, February 19.

The committee has decided to run the Open division slightly differently this year with repechage style heats.

The first and second place holders of round one will progress straight through to round three

while those who came third and fourth will head into round two for a second chance.

Those who came first and second in round two will then continue into round three which will give all competitors a chance to surf at least twice in each competition.

Email, 31 Jan 2012

Verity Roser, Umina Boardriders

Bowls played

Bowlers from Umina Beach Bowling Club turned up for the annual Australia Day Bowls on Thursday, January 26.

Despite bad weather, with play being put on hold five times, they finished their games.

Email, 27 Jan 2012

Eve Phillips, Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club



Taylor Poole in action

Big speedway win to Taylor

Umina speedway competitor Taylor Poole won this year's Australian Under-21 Speedway Championship in Kurri Kurri on Saturday, January 28.

Taylor finished the first heat in second place behind old rival Alex Davies who had the early lead.

He went too wide at the end of lap two which left him in second place.

The second heat was a come-from-behind win with Mason Campton leading for the first lap.

At the beginning of the second lap, Campton took the wide line out of the turn and Taylor zipped underneath to take the lead and hold on for the win.

The third heat was a hard fought win against Justin Sedgman who would not give up, but Taylor was steady and opened a little gap late in the race.

In the fourth heat, Taylor swept around the outside from gate four to lead all the way for another win.

The fifth heat saw Taylor shuffled back to third behind Sam Masters and Todd Kurts.

By the second lap, he had made it to second place but could not make up the gap to Masters.

Taylor was joined in the final by Masters, Davies and B Final winner Sedgman.

First corner jostling between Masters and Davies allowed Taylor to take the lead.

Sedgman moved into third then flew inside Masters at the start of the second lap.

Down they went and Masters was excluded.

On the restart, Taylor was in third.

He passed Davies for a second at the end of the back straight, went high then cut back in and rocketed

by Sedgman out of the fourth turn to take the lead.

As in an earlier heat, Sedgman pushed and pushed but Taylor kept the lead to win the biggest title so far in his speedway career.

Website, 2 Feb 2012

Taylor Poole Racing
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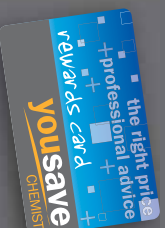
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