



NBN rollout on the Peninsula

NBN rollout starts this month

Homes and business on and around the Peninsula will have access to National Broadband Network fibre services under the NBN Co's first three year fibre rollout plan, according to Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill.

Under the three year rollout plan, construction of the fibre network in Bensville, Blackwall, Booker Bay, Daleys Point, Empire Bay, Ettalong Beach, Horsfield Bay, Killcare, Killcare Heights, Pearl Beach, Phegans Bay, Pretty Beach, St

Huberts Island, Umina Beach, Wagstaffe and Woy Woy will begin progressively between April 1 and June 30.

"The NBN rollout is ramping up and is about to go into high gear and the Central Coast is poised to make the most of it," said Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill.

"In the next three years, 77,700 homes and businesses locally will be on the way to having access to fast, reliable broadband through the NBN's fibre network."

The NBN will connect 93 per cent of homes and businesses

around Australia to high-speed fibre broadband, capable of speeds of up to one gigabit per second.

The other seven per cent will have access to high-speed fixed-wireless or next-generation satellite technologies providing peak speeds of 12 megabits per second.

"The NBN is about more than just faster broadband.

"This is about supporting businesses in Robertson and around Australia to connect to new markets and find new, better ways of doing things to

make their businesses more productive and more profitable.

"It's about families in Robertson getting online to access health and aged care services, it's about people who need government services being able to access those online, and it's about our kids getting access to world class education services, for example by being able to take a class at another school via the NBN," Ms O'Neill said.

**Media Release, 30 Mar 2012
Richard Mehrtens, Office
of Deborah O'Neill MP**

Plan to replace 170 car spaces

A community workshop held by Gosford Council to discuss a "village master plan" for Umina has heard of plans for Gosford Council to sell off around 170 parking spaces in the free council car park, according to Cr Peter Freewater.

The area would instead contain high density apartment blocks, commercial premises, and a number of small 20 by 20 metre courtyards.

After attending the Plan and Village Master Plan community workshop held by Gosford Council at Umina on Tuesday, March 20, Cr Peter Freewater claimed that the meeting was used only to canvas the idea of redeveloping the free council car park into a civic place, and that it was "a blatant con job".

"The consultants tried to tell us that we need the extra commercial premises to accommodate the growth of Umina," said Cr Freewater.

"The shop owners in the audience strongly disagreed, stating that there were already vacant shops along West St and such a development would only serve to isolate them just as Erina did to Gosford," he said.

Cr Freewater also pointed out that the new LEP allowed for four storey developments in the precinct so there would be plenty of room to accommodate more shops without taking away the main car park that services the shops.

Cr Freewater claimed that by the meeting's conclusion it was very evident that the only reason it had been held was so that Council could say they had consulted the community.

It was also evident that the community were not in favour of sacrificing parking for a new "civic place", he said.

Cr Freewater noted that in his personal discussions with the participants prior to the civic place being put on the agenda, they had all stressed how important they felt parking to be.

"What I heard more than anything else was how important parking is to the success of the Umina shopping strip," said Cr Freewater.

"Some people even went as far to draw a big heart on the free Council car park and referred to this car park as the heart of the area."

When the consultants asked participants what sort of developments they would like to see in the new Civic Place, Cr Freewater said he pointed out that it would need to have at least as many free public parking spots as are currently available on the site.

**E-mail, 21 Mar 2012
Peter Freewater, Horsfield Bay**

Rehab building to start soon

Building of the new rehabilitation ward at Woy Woy hospital is expected to start this month.

The Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance met with Member for Gosford Mr Chris Holstein and some hospital staff recently at the

hospital to discuss the plans.

The ward will provide 30 beds in three wings and the meeting was shown mock-ups of the plans.

The Federal and State governments have committed over \$20 million to the new facility.

**Email, 21 Mar 2012
Edward James, Umina**



The Woy Woy Hospital Alliance fighting to save the Rehab Centre

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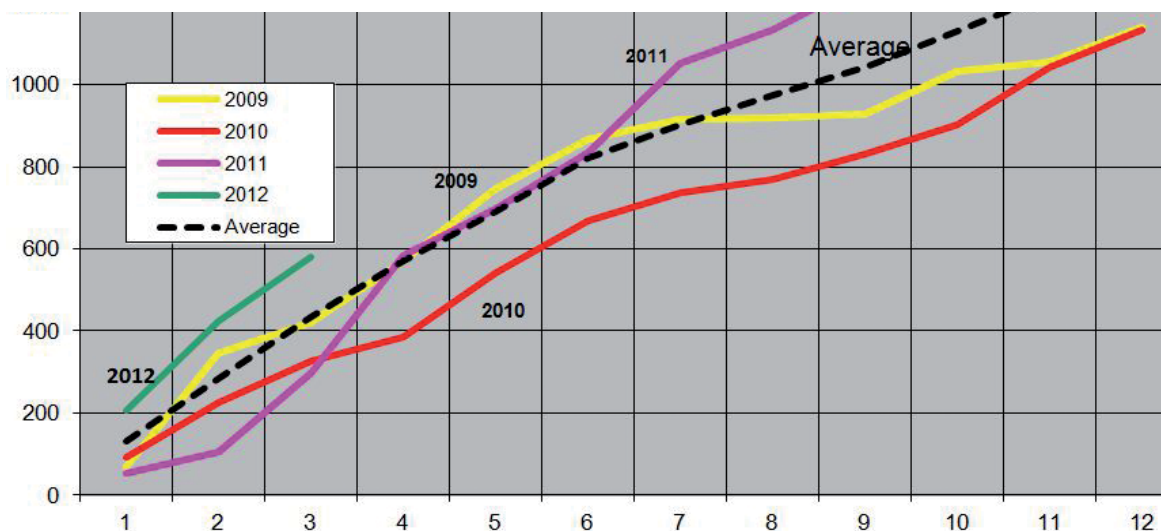
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Average rain for March

March has finished with monthly rainfall just slightly above, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

A total of 157.5mm fell during the month, compared to a March average of 149.3mm.

This was the first month this year where rainfall was close to average.

Both January and February were about 50 per cent above average, with falls of 205.2mm and 218.7mm respectively.

The March rain brings the cumulative total for the year to

581.4mm, compared to an average of 434.2mm at this time of year.

Most of March's rain fell in the first two weeks of the month, with only 30mm falling in the second half of the month.

Spreadsheet, 30 Mar 2012
Jim Morrison, Woy Woy

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Kaitlin Watts, 30 Mar 2012

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Wifi to be provided at libraries

Patrons of Umina and Woy Woy libraries will soon be able to enjoy wifi access.

Member for Gosford Mr Chris Holstein announced this as part of a \$2 million NSW Government initiative to roll out wifi hotspots to 139 country libraries across the state over the next four years.

"The service will ensure those in rural and regional areas enjoy the same levels of connectivity offered by public libraries in metropolitan areas," he said.

"I am delighted that Umina and Woy Woy Library customers with portable wireless devices such as laptops, tablet computers and

smart phones will be able to access the free public wireless network at any of its branches.

"An increase in wifi hotspots means more access to important services provided by public libraries and the State Government, including educational and cultural resources.

"It will also enable visitors to take full advantage of the many electronic resources offered by the State Library such as local and international newspapers, full-text journals and databases."

Media Release, 21 Mar 2012
Chris Holstein, Member for Gosford
Photos: Naomi Bridges



Woy Woy Library



Inside Umina Library



The Mantra at Ettalong Beach

Ettalong promoted in tourism campaign

The tourism campaign targetting visitors from Sydney and Newcastle will highlight opportunities for short breaks at Ettalong

The \$40,000 cooperative marketing campaign which will until October aims to drive more visitors to the Central Coast.

Central Coast Tourism CEO Mr Oliver Philpot said the campaign would promote the region as "an ideal location to live life to the fullest".

"It also highlights the accessibility of the Central Coast, just one hour north of Sydney

and south of Newcastle, providing visitors with more time to enjoy their holiday and less time on the road travelling to the destination," Mr Philpot said.

Jointly funded by the Mantra Group, the aim of the campaign was to build the tourism business for the region by implementing an integrated marketing campaign using print, radio and digital marketing activities, according to Mantra marketing director Mr Ken Minnikin.

"This will benefit everyone who lives and works in the Central Coast region," said Mr Minnikin.

"This dual commitment also highlights a unified approach to the future of tourism in the region and shows the mutual support between Mantra and Central Coast Tourism."

The resort has a selection of accommodation options including studio rooms, self-contained one and two bedroom apartments and three bedroom penthouses.

The campaign is supported by Destination NSW through its Regional Tourism Partnership Program.

Press Release, 19 Mar 2012
Naomi McNamara, Mantra Group
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Clean up in Woy Woy Bay

A clean up was undertaken in the Woy Woy Bay area on Thursday, March 29, with litter removed from Pelican and Mangrove Islands.

An inflatable rescue boat was launched at the Lions Club Park, navigating through the low tide to the mangroves on the western side of Woy Woy railway station.

Coordinator Mr Graham Johnston said upon reaching the high tide mark, an astonishing amount of plastic bottles and litter dominated the foreshore.

"This litter was by far worse than the excessive volumes taken from

Riley's Island during the previous months."

Five large white plastic oyster trays were dragged from the mangroves with many more in and around the affected area.

The trays were towed back to the Waterfall Bay Oyster Shed and tied to the jetty.

"The owner of this product has plastic material scattered through the foreshores of Waterfall Bay with no regard for the delicate nature of the mangroves," said Mr Johnston.

"These trays were reported by students using the railway station,

and were quite visible to the public who commute daily on the trains."

The group then removed more litter from the southern foreshore of Pelican Island, removing three full bags, then completing the western foreshore of Mangrove Island where another three bags were retrieved.

Several tyres and oyster products remained in the mangroves at this site, Mr Johnston said.

Email, 29 Mar 2012
Graham Johnston,
MacMasters Beach

Photos: Graham Johnston



Students with some of the rubbish found during the clean up



Some of the rubbish found in the clean up



Students assisting with the clean up of Pelican and Mangrove Islands

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Prime Minister and State Opposition leader visit

Prime Minister Ms Julia Gillard and NSW Opposition leader Mr John Robertson paid a visit to the Peninsula during Seniors Week two weeks ago.

Joining Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill, they paid tribute to the work of local community volunteers at an Ettalong Seniors Concert held on Friday, March 23.

Ms Gillard addressed more than 200 people at the Ettalong senior citizens' centre and thanked the seniors present for their hard work during their working lives.

The Prime Minister presented five local volunteers with community service awards for their work on the Peninsula.

This year's Seniors Week concert was the first organised by Ms O'Neill who took over organisation of the event from the former state Member for Gosford Ms Marie Andrews.

"I am so delighted that the Prime Minister was able to accept my invitation to this wonderful community event," Ms O'Neill said.

"The Seniors Week concert is an occasion to acknowledge those who give so much to the community and make it the caring place it is."

Ms O'Neill and Ms Gillard presented flowers to two

centenarians from the Peninsula Village Nursing Home, Elsie Basford and Ethel Robinson, who are both celebrating their 101st birthdays in 2012.

An award was also presented to Peninsula Community Men's Shed coordinator Mr Peter Le May.

The Peninsula Community Men's Shed has been operating for three years behind the Ettalong Baptist Church.

Mr Le May is a deacon at the church and an active volunteer over many years, including with the Central Coast Miniature Railway, the meeting was told.

Edna Fowler received an award for her work as a volunteer knitting clothing for premature babies born at Gosford Hospital.

Ms Fowler has also been active in the Save the Children Fund.

Woy Woy Little Theatre president Mr John Hickey and vice president Ms Barbara Hickey received an award for their support of young actors.

Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance chairman Mr Ivan Kinny also received an award.

Mr Kinny and his group have fought a community campaign since 2008 to have the Woy Woy Hospital Rehabilitation Unit re-opened.

**Press Release, 26, March 2012
Matt Pulford, Office of
Deborah O'Neill MP**



Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill, Edna Fowler and prime minister Julia Gillard



Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill, Ivan Kinny and prime minister Julia Gillard

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Government promises on the way

The NSW Government is well on the way to keeping its 2011 election promises for the Peninsula, according to a report received by Gosford Council.

So far, two promises have been kept, three are to be confirmed and one is pending.

The \$5 million promise to reopen the Woy Woy Rehabilitation Unit was kept when, on March 8, the Joint Regional Planning Panel approved the \$9 million proposal for a 30-bed geriatric rehabilitation facility, 24 space car park as well as a new building with store rooms, staff room and morgue.

A promise to provide \$133,100

for teachers and school maintenance on the Peninsula is yet to be confirmed.

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina was to receive \$11,200 in funding while Ettalong Public School was to receive \$21,600, Umina Public School was due \$29,000, \$9500 was to go to Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy, \$16,800 to Empire Bay Public School, \$5,400 to Pretty Beach Public School, \$18,100 to Woy Woy Public School and \$21,500 to Woy Woy South Public School.

Gosford Council was unable to elicit a response from the Minister for the Central Coast Mr Chris Hartcher, despite sending a letter

in September last year and follow up email in February requesting an update on the status of the promise.

The promise to deliver 30 new express train services a week to the Central Coast is also yet to be confirmed.

The investigation of government grants to assist in the upgrade of the downstairs amenities at the Umina Beach Rugby Club has not yet been.

Council's grants officer advised that an application for funding had been made for the amenities at the Umina Beach Rugby Club under the Community Building Partnership program.

The status of the replacement

of the asbestos roof at the Umina PCYC is currently pending.

Community Services advised that a state wide PCYC tender for the replacement of roofs at a number of centres had been advertised and has now closed.

Council's report of Tuesday, March 27, said it was expected that all the PCYC roofs to be replaced would be prioritised, and that the Umina Beach PCYC roof would be replaced by the middle of this calendar year.

Planning is currently underway for the \$45 million upgrade to Woy Woy Rd, including an underpass, by 2015.

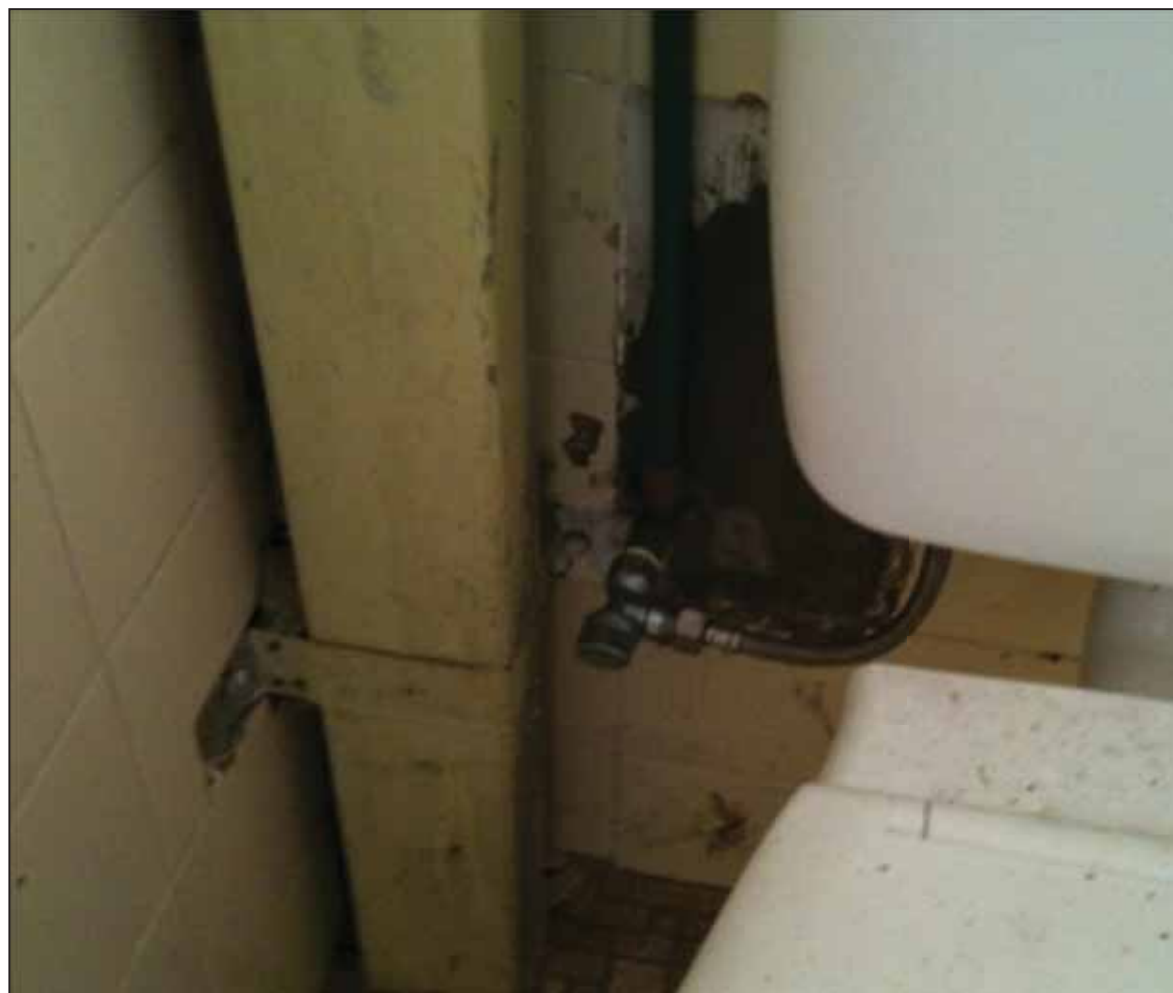
The first stage of the four year upgrade commenced with

\$1 million for the planning, investigation, design and construction of the Rawson Rd level crossing replacement.

This included the provision of a road underpass of the railway line at the base of Bulls Hill. As planning and investigation progresses, Council's expenditure is being reimbursed by Roads and Maritime Services on a monthly basis.

The balance of funding to complete the project would be provided in 2014-2015, following re-election of the current State Government.

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The Umina Beach Rugby Club amenities



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Men's shed opens at Umina

Umina Beach Men's Shed will hold its official opening on Monday, April 2, at 10am.

The opening will provide an opportunity for the men to thank sponsors, show their current works

in progress and talk about their future plans.

It will also provide an opportunity for official delegates to discuss and further understand the set up and operation procedures of a men's

shed generally.

The Men's Shed is a meeting place where men can gather to enjoy the company and friendship of other men, share information on projects, everyday life skills, health

and wellbeing and other topics of interest.

The Men's Shed participants are also able to work on community projects and help others in need.

The Umina Beach Men's

Shed is located at the rear of 109 Birdwood Ave, Umina.

With inquiries, phone Linda on 4344 9147.

Email, 20 Mar 2012

Linda Grant, Peninsula Village
Photos: Darrell Pannowitz

PCYC locks up public figures

Umina Beach PCYC will hold its annual fundraising event, Time 4 Kids, at Deepwater Plaza on Saturday, April 21, to celebrate youth week.

The event involves local business leaders and other public figures "doing time" to prevent

youth crime.

This year Umina PCYC's "prisoners" include Peter McKeon of Ettalong Bendigo Bank, Jim Bohle of Ettalong IGA, Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher, Allison Carpenter from Umina PCYC and Darren Smith from Woy Woy Telstra.

During the event, prisoners will be "locked up in a jail cell" which will be outside Lowes store.

They will need to raise \$500 "bail" for their release.

Proceeds of the event go towards police programs and repairs, upgrades and purchases for Umina PCYC club activities.

Umina Beach PCYC will also be holding a Spirit of Community Festival from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, April 28, to celebrate 75 years of PCYCs.

It will include entertainment, face painting, food, market stalls, activity demonstrations and workshops, art gallery from

local artists and schools, and a community canvas.

The PCYC will also hold an under 18s dance party, 'Imagination' with DJ Mantle.

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Allison Carpenter,
Umina Beach PCYC

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Bushcare groups welcome volunteers

Eight bushcare groups on the Peninsula are welcoming new volunteers.

Gosford Council's bushcare program assists community volunteers to undertake bush regeneration on land under the care and control of the Council, said the council's natural open space co-ordinator Mr Larry Melican.

"Bush regeneration is a method of maintaining and improving areas of native vegetation by removing the burden of weeds and encouraging the natural recruitment of native plants," he said.

"A more complete and healthy plant community provides additional opportunities for native animals.

"Council supports Bushcare groups by providing them with training, tools, supervision and technical advice."

Mr Melican said a bushcare officer could arrange for a new volunteer to join an existing group, or help create a new group in an area of concern if resources are available.

Mr Melican listed meeting times for the eight groups in the Peninsula area:

The Blackwall Mountain Bushcare group meet on the third Saturday of every month from 8:30am -11:30am at the end of Mullbong Rd in Blackwall.

The Burrawang Bushcare group

meets on the third Tuesday of every month from 8am-11am in summer and 9am-12pm in winter at the Hillview Reserve in Woy Woy.

Melaleuca Wetlands Bushcare meet on the second and fourth Saturday from 8am-11am in summer and 9am-12pm in winter at the end of Boronia St in Woy Woy.

Patonga Bushcare meets on the first Monday of every month from 8am-11am opposite Eve Williams Oval.

Pearl Beach Bushcare meets on the first Saturday of every month from 9am-12pm at Paul Landa Park, Green Point Rd.

Peninsula Dunecare meets on the first Saturday of every month from 9am-12 pm in winter and 8am-11am in summer at the intersection of Barrenjoey Rd and the Esplanade.

Putty Beach Bushcare meets on the first Thursday of every month from 8am-11am at the dune area, at the first carpark on Beach Dr.

Umina-Ettymalong Creek Landcare meets on the third Sunday of every month from 8am-11am at the end of Etta Road near Umina Oval.

Mr Melican said: "The Council bushcare program includes a free, year-long series of educational seminars and workshops, a quarterly newsletter, and an end of year barbeque to thank all the volunteers for their contributions.

"It is illegal for any member of the public to remove or interfere with any vegetation on Council land without prior permission.

"Every Bushcare group and individual registered with Council is empowered to undertake work on behalf of Council following a well-planned strategy.

"Bushcare officers maintain records of volunteers, the amount of work undertaken on each site, and the support that each group receives.

"These records assist Council to manage the Bushcare program as well as allowing the contribution made by the community to be fully recognised and included in documents such as the Gosford Council's State of the Environment Report.

"Registration of each Bushcarer is vital to ensuring that every volunteer receives adequate training and direction for the work they are undertaking.

"Adequate training and direction ensures that each volunteer acts as a safe and productive member of the program and is protected under Council's insurance policy.

"Each new bushcare volunteer must complete a registration form and preferably undertake an Introduction to Bushcare training workshop prior to working on a site.

"Additional training in bush regeneration, herbicide use and other topics relevant to

Bushcare is available through training calendars provided free of charge to all Bushcare volunteers throughout the year."

One example is a Native Bees Workshop which will be held at

the Pearl Beach Progress Hall on Saturday, May 5, and is open to all registered Gosford Council Bushcare volunteers.

Media statement, 28 Mar 2012
Larry Melican, Gosford Council
Website, 29 Mar 2012



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'Local Member' signs to be relocated

Gosford Council has agreed to relocate two "Contact Local Member" signs on the Peninsula.

The signs were erected in 2006 to advise motorists that the funding for state and regional roads comes from the State Government and that motorists should contact their local state member in relation to the standard of the road and also to voice their support for increased funding.

A sign on Mt Ettalong Rd, Umina, will be relocated to the opposite side of the road.

A sign on Macmasters Rd, Woy Woy, will also be relocated to the other side of the road.

The original locations

were selected to highlight the relatively poor condition of the roads in question near the specific locations where the signs were installed.

Following the last state election, signs were cleaned and updated so that they displayed correct local member contact details.

The messages on the signs were also checked for relevance.

At the same time, an audit was conducted to determine if the current locations of the signs were still applicable and that motorists were likely to relate the condition of the road they were traversing with the message on the sign.

A report from council staff on Tuesday, March 27, said it was considered important to relocate

the signs so that they appeared fresh and that the new location may increase the perceived

impact of the signs.

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'Bag it' Screening by Take 3: Tuesday 17 April 4pm - 6pm, The Hub, Erina Fair, Free. www.thehuberina.com

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Republicans cannot agree

It appears that I misunderstood Klaas Woldring (Peninsula News, March 19) when he criticised the "two-party tyranny of the Westminster system" as he put it in a previous letter.

But then it is difficult to know what the republicans really want for this country.

Surely it is rather disingenuous to compare Australia unfavourably with such countries as the Republic of Ireland and the United States of America.

Journalist Paul Sheehan wrote in the Sydney Morning Herald (January 5) of the agonising process Americans go through every four years in selecting their president.

He concluded by saying: "Anyone who thinks Australia would be better served by having a directly elected president as head of state does not understand why such a model will doom the republican movement."

The debate has never been

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about attitudes to the monarchy so much as it is about the reluctance of the electorate to add a new layer of pomp and politics to federal government.

We have a simpler, superior system in place to the one now on show in the United States."

Your correspondent Bruce Hyland appears to agree as he states "the present system seems to have served us well, and it would be hard to suggest that there is a

better existing model anywhere in the world that we could adopt".

So this is exactly the reason for the stance of monarchists here.

We could overthrow a system such as ours and end up with a regime that could bring us down and refuse to budge.

As your correspondent Les Walker (Peninsula News, March 5) warned: "Be careful what you wish for, it could cost more than you imagine."

If the republicans with all their ingenuity cannot agree on a republican model which they would consider superior to our present constitutional monarchy, then they only have two options left open to them: Either accept the obvious and enjoy this great nation which we are all so lucky to live in or otherwise immigrate to a republic if their choice.

Letter, 28 Mar 2012
Don Parkes, Woy Woy

There are calls to restore the Old Sydney Town park and show.

I hope that is possible.

It would make perfect sense for a region that wants to stimulate tourism.

My family visited the interactive attractions several times and it was a great educational experience.

It was great for kids and adults alike, also for tourists from abroad. The two local councils should

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find a way to resurrect the structures and performances.

It didn't pay its way for the company who presented it I believe.

A long term subsidy and engagement may be the answer.

Email, 20 Mar 2012
Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

Clean up the waterfront

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I read with pleasure the front page of the last edition of Peninsula News (Umina to host surf life saving championships) and all the

promises that the various spokespeople for their respective services made to attract future tourism.

No doubt the first thing that they will do is clean up the dreadful waterfront along the Esplanade between Kourung St and the surf club.

We just know that they are awaiting an excuse to clean up this unsightly mess of noxious weeds, stunted trees and lantana that spoils one of the most beautiful walks, bike paths and drives on our beautiful coast.

Ok, one can only dream.

Email, 21 Mar 2012
Peter Whiteman, Daleys Point

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Rode along the airstrip

I was two years old when my parents moved to Ettalong.

We then moved to McMasters Rd.

During the late 40s and early 50s, I used to ride my push bike the full length of the old air strip from McMasters Rd to Ocean Beach (Umina) to go to piano lessons.

I cannot recall them, but I know there were many scary stories about the air strip.

Online submission, 21 Mar 2012
Barbara Williams (nee Taylor), Warilla

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Crossing is not warranted

It seems like a pedestrian study at Patonga would be a good idea if it was warranted.

The Patonga Rd through the National Park is where there have been numerous accidents and fatalities in the last 12 months.

That is where the money should be spent.

After all, the Patonga Hotel is only busy for a few hours on weekends during summer when it doesn't rain.

With this in mind, I would have thought the Council would be better off prioritising their budget

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to where it can do the most good: Patonga Rd.

Maybe the Council should install a pedestrian walkway from the nearby boat ramp car park for the hotel patrons.

This is money better spent and has been suggested on numerous occasions by the locals.

The crossing concept is not money well spent nor warranted.

Online submission, 29 Mar 2012
David Gemmell, Patonga

Ministerial blood from outside parliament

Although Peter Costello grossly overstates his case by claiming that the "Carr trick brings Australia within a whisker of US cabinet government," (SMH, 14 March), the Carr appointment is good news.

It also brings into focus the seriously negative aspects of the Westminster system that requires that Ministers have to be "in and of the Parliament", in other words, elected.

However, it is not just the US Cabinet system, where no Minister (secretary) is elected to or even sits in the Congress, but also all extra-parliamentary systems of which there are many in Europe.

It is a very common misconception in Australia that the only alternative to Westminster is the US Presidential-Congressional system.

These are examples that Australia should examine because the Westminster system (a)

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produces functional amateurs in Government (the choice is extremely limited, especially in small Parliaments), (b) the Government entirely dominates the Legislature, a situation detrimental to both Government and Legislature.

Neither are positive aspects.

Attracting new Ministerial blood from outside Parliament is a huge plus, while separating Government and Legislature would be a further bonus.

Email, 15 Mar 2012
Klaas Woldring, Pearl Beach

Gosford Council is over-reacting to a minor unreported accident that happened at least two years ago (Comments wanted on laneway closure, Peninsula News, 16).

The closure of the lane at the proposed point will not stop the flow of traffic into the laneway.

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It will create a problem for residents instead.

Many people live in garden flats and dual blocks and use the laneway as access to their homes.

With the lane closed at one end and no turn point, traffic will be forced to the Barrenjoey Rd T

intersection to perform a turn to exit the laneway heading west.

This will create unnecessary noise and traffic for residents in this part on the lane, and will also create a problem for residents with large loads and trailers using the lane

Online submission, 20 Mar 2012
Steve Spillard, Ettalong

Congested area

I have had many rational conversations with friends and family about McDonalds, some are for and some are against.

With these discussions it has been easy to understand everyone's point of view.

I too have a concern about the traffic at the roundabout and think Council needs to see how this can be addressed.

With or without McDonalds, this area can get congested at certain times in the day.

But the employment McDonalds

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would give the area is probably the best opportunity that teens have had in Umina for some time and this needs to be encouraged.

For the people against McDonalds, what can you do to create employment for teens and people with disabilities in the area?

McDonalds provides employment for both, and I can guarantee there will be a big line up for all jobs.

The people commenting on the high fat food of McDonalds must

not have stepped into a McDonalds restaurant for some time.

There are now plenty of healthy choices as well as the regular menu, so the talk of all the food being high in fat is just not true.

With the cafes in West St, I really don't see how it would affect them as they're a different market.

People who love the cosy atmosphere and the unique food of a cafe will not be going to McDonalds anyway.

Email, 25 Mar 2012
John Boyd, Umina

Reform issue is complex

Having read Klaas Woldring's books, his enthusiasm for reform is to be commended, but it is a far more complex problem than he suggests (Peninsula News, 19 Mar 2012).

Even reaching agreement on what should go into a multi-question plebiscite would be an impossible task.

In the unlikely event agreement on its wording could be reached, obtaining a cohesive answer from responses would be still more difficult.

Whatever was finally (somehow)

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decided to be the favoured proposal, it would have no effect without being put to a referendum, and carried.

A multitude of pigs will be seen flying in formation over Brisbane Water before Klaas's maximalist referendum could be passed.

I'd suggest that a far easier starting point for Klaas might be to check his definition of democracy.

What a shame Klaas isn't able to debate his arguments at a public meeting in which he presents a clear written proposal, provided, of course, there's someone on the platform to counter his arguments.

Email, 23 Mar 2012
Norman Hanscombe, Narara



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Mary Mac's calls for volunteers

Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy, which feeds the homeless and other locals in need, calling for volunteers who can cook or act as team leaders.

The call comes with a 17 per cent increase in demand for the service since last year.

Project officer Ms Christine Burge said that numbers had doubled from an average of 38 a day in 2007 to 77 a day last August.

By the start of March, numbers had increased to an average of 90 a day.

Ms Burge said the increase had placed added demands on existing volunteers and more volunteers were needed to relieve the pressure.

She said that, in the two years she had been with Mary Mac's Place, the needs of the community had increased and the complexity of the issues she

helped people to deal with had also increased.

"Mary Mac's Place aims to provide people with a warm and welcoming environment and for many people attending Mary Mac's Place is the only contact they have with the community," she said.

Ms Burge said the increase in demand for the service has led its steering committee u a review of the service and formulation of a strategy to manage the changed operation.

Facilitated by Gosford Council's community development section, the committee held a planning day and further workshops are planned to develop a strategy for the continued operation of the service.

Ms Burge said the planning day was well attended by members of the steering cCommittee, the Parish Priest of

St John the Baptist Parish, the local State and Federal Members of Parliament, Gosford Council representatives, and other members of the community.

She said that Mary Mac's Place has had to deal with increased costs of food and utilities and these increases together with the increase in demand had severely affected on the budget.

Those attending the workshops would be working on a strategy to address the issue and to attract, train and retain volunteers, she said.

Ms Burge said Mary Mac's Place was dependent on donations from the community to continue its service.

If you can help, contact Christine on 4341 0584.

Online submission, 14 Mar 2012
Christine Burge, Woy Woy



Mary Macs volunteers at last year's Christmas celebrations

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Celebrating Easter

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"Easter is much more than chocolate bunnies and hot cross buns," said Pastor Greg Masters.

"Most of us enjoy a superficial celebration of Easter but in reality the Easter story presses into the huge questions of life and death: What, if anything, comes after this life?"

"And, will I be included in this?"

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"We seriously believe that Jesus is alive and offers new life to anyone no matter who they are or what they've done."

"We want to invite everyone to come and celebrate with us or just

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Media Release, 29 Mar 2012
Lachlan Grice, Peninsula Evangelical Church

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Teacher Jeff Phillips



Year 9 student Jack Wilson

Heads shaved for \$1624

Brisbane Water Secondary College participated in the World's Greatest Shave on Friday, March 16, and raised over \$1624.

Jack Wilson of Year 9 was one volunteer who allowed his head to be shaved.

Money was raised by the school's student representative

council and coordinated by teachers Jane Crump and Kieran Lawler.

Students wore mufti clothes for a gold coin donation and raffles were held on the day.

Students were motivated to donate with a gauge that determined which teacher would get their head shaved, and there was enough money

raised that college principal Steve Harris had his head shaved.

At the end of the day, Mr Harris along with several other teachers shaved their heads for the cause.

Email, 19 Mar 2012
Nerrida Lewis, BWSC
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Seven shave

Seven students from Empire Bay Public School shaved their heads on Friday, March 16, as part of the World's Greatest Shave.

Principal Ms Sharon McEvoy

said seven boys registered for the cause to help raise money for patients and families living with leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma.

"The boys, combined, have raised a significant amount

of money which will go to the Leukaemia Foundation," said Ms McEvoy.

Newsletter, 21 Mar 2012
Sharon McEvoy, Empire Bay Public School

School to adopt new report format

Woy Woy Public School will finalise a new report format after a survey was sent out to parents and carers.

A total of 68 responses were received with differing opinions on the current report along with the proposed report model.

Fifty four per cent said they were not happy with the current report format used while 35 per cent said they were and 10 per cent did not select a response.

Ninety one per cent said they would be happy for the school to use a new reporting format which would better reflect the teaching and learning programs at the school, while four per cent said they would not and four per cent did not select a

response.

Assistant principal Mr Kevin Lane said the most common comment regarding the present report was that teacher comments were too generic and the reports were not personalised enough.

"Most people also thought the report should be about how their child was performing and what areas they needed help with, not what content the class had covered during the semester.

"As the results show, the majority of people who responded are in favour of the school adopting a new report format," he said.

Newsletter, 27 Mar 2012
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

Lifelong learner

Ettalong Public School principal Mr Colin Wallis joined other principals from across the Hunter-Central Coast region at the annual Regional Principals' Conference in Terrigal on Thursday, March 19, and Friday, March 30.

Mr Wallis said he considered himself a "lifelong learner".

Speakers included educationalists Mr Neil Carrington and Mr Barry Carpenter; author and former Wallaby Mr Peter Fitzsimmons and General Schools deputy director Mr Greg Prior.

Newsletter, 27 Mar 2012
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

School leaders invested

Woy Woy Public School 2012 school leaders received their badges of office at a Leaders Investiture assembly on Tuesday, March 13.

The school has 27 students in leadership positions.

Eight are school leaders who represent the school in and out of official capacities, 12 are in positions of captains and vice captains for their sporting houses and seven more students are in the position of school service officers.

"All of our students undergo a leadership course at the end of

Year 5 to be eligible to be voted for as a school leader," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"On Tuesday, they recited their pledge to our school to be the best leaders they can be, to wear our uniform with pride, follow all our school rules, to be credible role models and to support all other students in the school.

"I look forward to working with these young leaders in 2012," she said.

Newsletter, 20 Mar 2012
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

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Ethics volunteers wanted

Volunteers are currently being sought for primary ethics teaching positions at a number of schools on the Peninsula.

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The program runs almost

entirely on volunteers and is currently running at Umina Public School and Woy Woy South Public School.

Teaching positions are currently available at Umina Public School and Woy Woy South Public School, as well as volunteer coordinator positions at Ettalong Public School and Woy Woy Public School.

With inquiries, contact Danielle on uminaethics@optusnet.com.au.

**Email, 14 Mar 2012
Danielle Williams, Umina**

Forensic science team visits

A forensic science team from New York City visited Brisbane Water Secondary College on Wednesday, March 28, as part of an educational tour of Australia.

The team presented a crime scene to students where they heard about suspects and had an opportunity to gather evidence to solve the crime themselves.

Fingerprinting, DNA profiling, ballistics, microscopy, trace evidence transfer, gas chromatography was made available for the students to identify the murderer.

Tests carried out in real forensic laboratories were also presented to students so they could learn how forensic scientists process crime scenes.

The presentation titled A Case of Conspiracy visits schools all over Australia.

The visit was funded by Brisbane Water Secondary College's science department

Thirty students from Years 7 through to 9 attended the two hour long presentation.

**Newsletter, 12 Mar 2012
Frank Gasper, Brisbane Water Secondary College**

Ride to school

Empire Bay Public School students participated in the national Ride2School day on Friday, March 23.

The aim of the program was to help kids build the skills, know-how and confidence to ride or walk to school and beyond, according

to school principal Ms Sharon McEvoy.

The Ride2School program aimed to get more students riding, walking, skating and scooting to school more often, she said.

**Newsletter, 21 Mar 2012
Sharon McEvoy, Empire Bay Public School**



Jessie Grace with students and flying foxes

Students addressed by animal carer

The Brisbane Water Secondary College student group Kids Who Are Animal Carers has heard from a woman who cares for native animals with the Wildlife Animal, Rescue and Care organisation.

Jessie Grace told students on Tuesday, March 20, about three animals she had in her care.

Ms Grace, who has been a

member of the organisation for 17 years, told of a female wallaby which was found at Peats Ridge at the weigh-in station under a car in September.

Ms Grace said she was the size of the palm of a hand when she was rescued, and her mother could not be found.

The other two animals in her care were flying foxes.

The class learnt that flying foxes

have depleted in numbers by 90 per cent in the last 50 years, from four million to 400,000.

She explained to students that there were several colonies on the Central Coast but flying foxes were often shot by farmers when they visited orchards and were often found electrocuted on wires.

**Email, 20 Mar 2012
Nerrida Lewis, BWSC
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Researcher speaks at learning conference

Brisbane Water Secondary College will hold a learning conference on Wednesday, April 4, featuring guest speaker Mr Mark Treadwell at Avoca Beach Surf Club.

Mr Treadwell is an internationally renowned educational researcher from New Zealand and will focus on the future and neuroscience of learning.

His educational research is based on current issues that teachers face when developing a classroom's deep understanding and knowledge of course content.

Treadwell's work on how the brain learns has changed teaching styles and improved program development.

Treadwell will highlight the importance of technology as a learning tool and demonstrate the needs of 21st century learners.

The conference will outline how the changing of teaching culture and attitudes of teachers can lead to a significant impact on student engagement and conceptual development.

Email, 21 Mar 2012

David Allomes, BWSC Woy Woy



Cricket knockout

Woy Woy South Public School boys' and girls' cricket teams competed in the State PSSA knockout competition last month.

The boys' cricket team went down to Umina Public School in the first round game of the competition.

Batting first, the Woy Woy South boys ended up with 32 runs at the end of their innings.

Umina then cruised past to

finish on 3/72 with Matt Hatch, Luke Besley and Andrew Witten picking up a consolation wicket each.

The girls' cricket team played their first game against Empire Bay at McEvoy oval.

Woy Woy South batted first and were all out for 40 runs.

Empire Bay surpassed that total in the 17th over giving them victory.

Newsletter, 20 Mar 2012

Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School

Doing well in sport

Woy Woy Public School has had a number of students perform well in their respective sporting fields.

Tasha Oberlander, Ryan Brown, Jake Kay, Georgia Riley and Chelsea White represented the Woy Woy Zone at the Sydney North swimming carnival held during the week of Monday, March 12.

Students selected to attend

Zone and Central Coast trials in a variety of sports include Mark Gleisner who made it to the Sydney North Trials in AFL, and Ethan Maberley, Liam Bruchhauser, Sidney Hoch, Madison Waddell, Amber Leggett and Laura Cooper who attended the combined soccer trials on Tuesday, March 27.

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Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

Cross country held

Empire Bay Public School held its cross country carnival on Friday, March 16.

Principal Ms Sharon McEvoy said she was impressed with the students' performances.

"I have witnessed many school cross-country carnivals over the years, but Empire Bay's carnival

on Friday impressed me greatly with the high level of participation from the students," she said.

"The determination exhibited by our students to keep running and to get to the end of the course in a competitive manner was admirable.

"A large number of parent

spectators were able to attend.

"Parents volunteered as course marshals and staff ensured the efficient running of the carnival," she said.

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Sharon McEvoy, Empire Bay Public School

Executive elected at Ettalong

Ettalong Public School held its P and C general meeting on Wednesday, March 14, and a new executive was appointed.

Rachel O'Brien was appointed the president to replace John Tily who retired from the P and C executive.

Heather Smith and Kali Klaassen were elected vice-presidents while the position of secretary and Little School House coordinator went to

Debbie Ritchie.

Amanda Lyttle was elected assistant secretary and uniform shop coordinator along with Natalie Tucker.

Katrina Rufford was elected treasurer and Lesa Bateman assistant treasurer.

Rowena Newton was named publicity officer and Kylee Ide was named fundraising coordinator.

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Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

Leaders' day

Ettalong Public School's student leadership team attended the Young Leaders Day at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on

Monday, March 26.

The event is held annually and attracts students and leaders from primary and secondary schools from all sectors across the state.

Inspirational leaders including Anh Do, Tom Harley and Ruben Meerman spoke to the young leaders about their achievements

and what it means to be a leader.

"It was another special learning experience for our student leaders and one they clearly enjoyed and valued," said principal Ms Colin Wallis.

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Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

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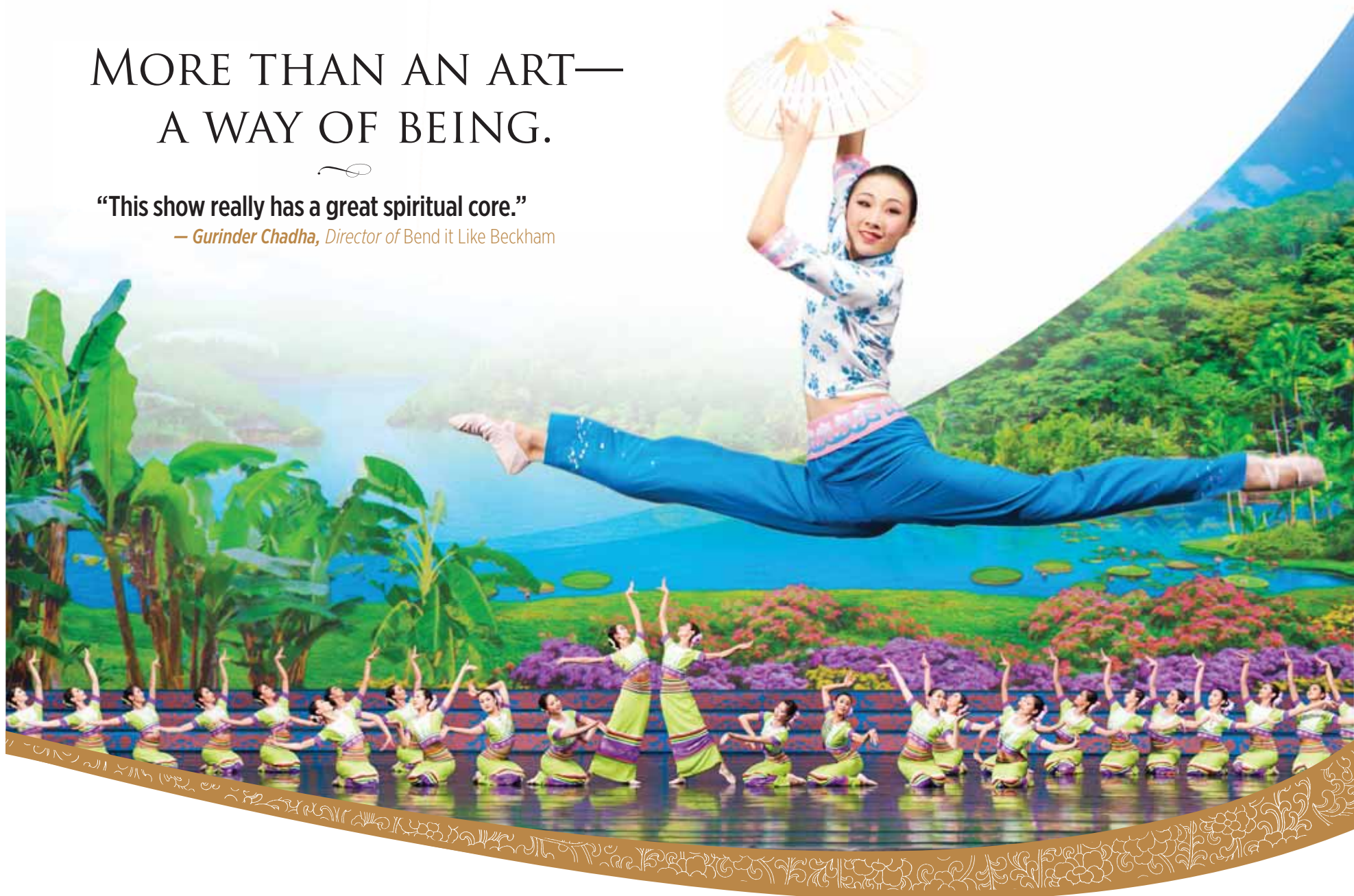
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Card workshop

Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre will hold a card making workshop on Saturday, May 5.

The class will run from 9:30am until 1pm.

Publicity officer Ms Sue Sullivan

said tutor Debra Elliot would teach participants how to make cards that would delight friends and family.

The cost is \$40 for non members and \$25 for members.

Email, 26 Mar 2012
Sue Sullivan EBACC



Starring at Marrickville

Kimberly Kelly of Empire Bay will star as Mother Ireland in a production of Mary and Lizzie at the Sidetrack theatre, Marrickville on Wednesday, April 5, and Friday, April 7.

The play by Frank McGuinness is about two Irish sisters who met,

loved and lived with Friedrich Engels when the world was about to end.

The play is the production of the Actors College of Theatre and Television's 2012 graduating class and is set to run from Wednesday, April 5, through to Saturday, April 14.

"We've been impressed with Kim's commitment and dedication to her studies for the past three years," said administration and marketing coordinator Ms Naomi Livingstone.

Press Release, 28 Mar 2012
Naomi Livingstone, Actors College of Theatre and Television

Easter fete at Patonga

The 2012 Patonga Easter Fete will be held at the Patonga Progress Hall on Saturday, April 7.

The annual Easter fete is one of the major yearly fundraisers for the Patonga Progress Association.

The money goes to association projects such as improving the local hall, providing public seating around Patonga and keeping the village free-to-air television transmitter going for the benefit of

the community.

The annual Easter fete will run from 9am until 1pm and will include stalls, a sausage sizzle and Easter eggs to be won on a "chocolate wheel".

"A visit to the Patonga fete is always a fun day out for everyone and we encourage visitors to make a day of it by coming along to the fete in the morning then head down to beautiful Patonga Beach in the afternoon with your picnic rug to have a swim, a fish or a snooze in

the sun," said progress association organiser Ms Judy Singer.

Ms Singer said the usually sleepy village came alive with the fete contributing to the enjoyment of the locals, as well as weekenders, campers and day trippers who come to town on the Easter long weekend.

Press Release, 27 Mar 2012
Judy Singer, Patonga Progress Association

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Trash and treasure sale at Wagstaffe

The Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association will hold its annual Trash and Treasure Sale on Saturday, April 7, at Wagstaffe Hall from 9am to 1pm.

The event will offer goods of

all types for sale, including toys, books, furniture and electronics.

Funds raised will go toward improving the community facilities at Wagstaffe Hall.

Those who would like to donate should deliver their goods to the hall on either Thursday, April 5,

between 5 and 9pm, or on Friday, April 6, between 9am and 9pm.

Media Release, 16 Mar 2012
Ian Bull, Wagstaffe-Killcare Community Association
Photo: Robyn Warburton



Train delays

Woy Woy train travellers can expect further delays on the Newcastle and Central Coast line on Saturday, April 21, and Sunday, April 22.

Buses will replace trains on the 1:45am Central to Newcastle service between Epping and Gosford and the connecting train from Gosford to Newcastle will operate 30 minutes later than the

normal timetable.

The 2:40am Wyong to Central service will also be replaced with buses.

From 7:50am until 2:30pm on Saturday, April 21, and Sunday, April 22, trains travelling towards Sydney may experience an additional journey time of up to five minutes from Woy Woy.

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Retirement planning seminars

Two free financial information sessions, aimed at Central Coast residents approaching retirement, will be held in Woy Woy this month.

The first of the information sessions, Approaching Retirement and Your Choices, will be held on Tuesday, April 3, from 10:30am until 12pm at the Woy Woy Library.

The second session, Aged Care fees and charges, will also be held

from 10:30am until 12pm at Woy Woy Library on Tuesday, April 17.

"The Gillard Labor Government is determined to provide practical help to people who are transitioning to retirement," said Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill.

"These two free sessions on retirement choices and aged care fees and charges are for anyone looking to make informed decisions about their future or their current

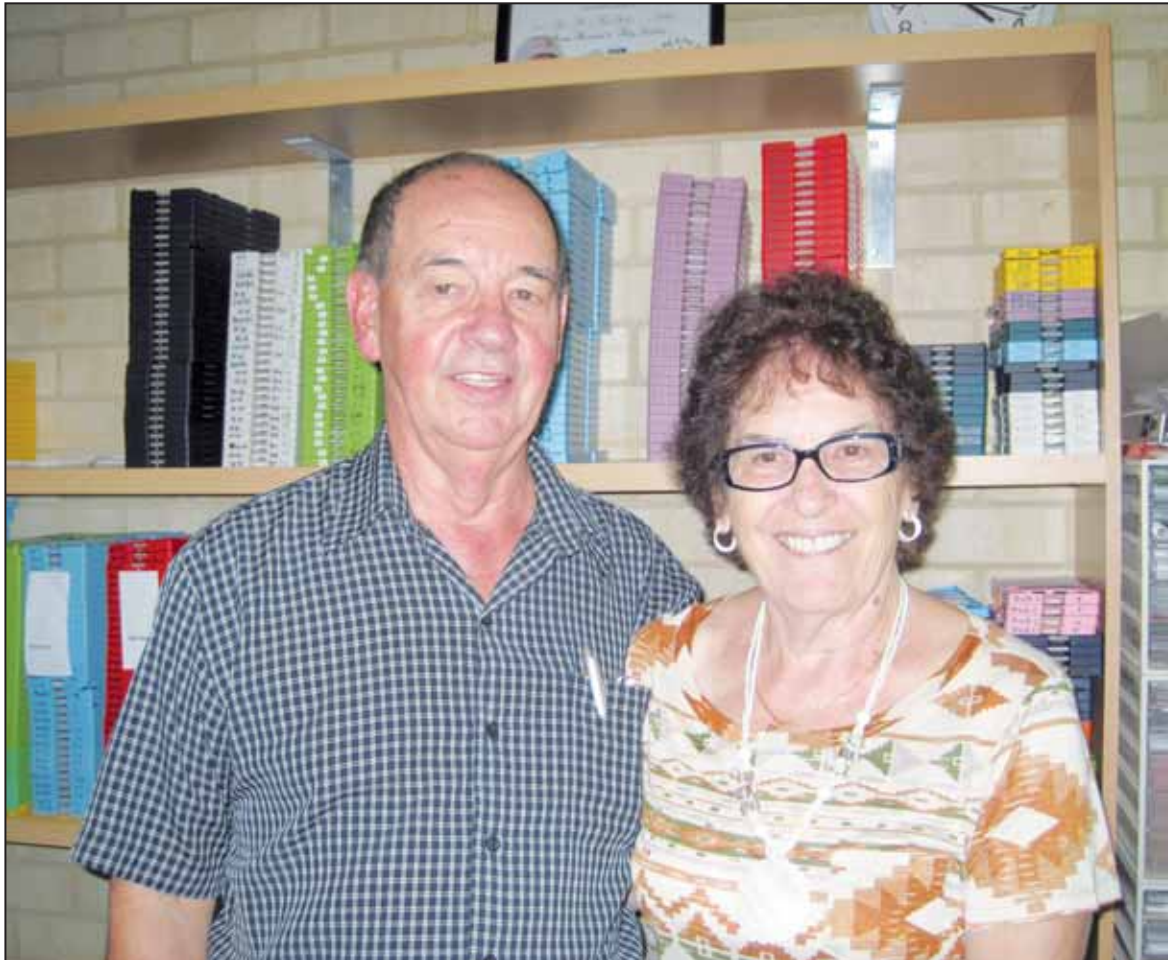
situation.

"We have a large retiree population here on the Coast, and the Gillard Labor Government wants our local seniors to enjoy the best retirement they can.

"It is never too late to get good advice on managing your finances."

Ms O'Neill said people interested in attending the upcoming seminars should call **13 6357** to secure a place.

Media Release, 21 Mar 2012
Matt Pulford, Office of Deborah O'Neill



Noel and Shirley Crockett

Bridge results

Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its red point trophy event Autumn Pairs on Monday, March 19, at the Peninsula

Community Centre.

Twenty pairs competed for the trophy.

Noel and Shirley Crockett won

the competition with a result of 61.1 per cent, closely followed by Christine Hadaway and Karen Ody with 60.0 per cent.

John Duncan and Martin Johnson came in at third place.

Email, 19 Mar 2012
Heather Tarrant, Brisbane Water Bridge Club,



Richard and Colleen Knox of Kincumber grocery shopping in Woolworths Umina

Holiday clinic

Woy Woy South Public School will host an Active Kids Holiday programs multi-sport clinic during the Easter break.

Programs are open to children aged from five to 12 from all schools.

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Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School

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Joan and Phillip Campbell of Umina will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 7.

Mr and Mrs Campbell were married on the April 7, 1962, at the Church of England, Belmore.

They have four sons Wayne, Mark, Craig and Andrew, and seven grandchildren.

Mr and Mrs Campbell of Umina are active within the local community.

They play bowls at Ettalong Memorial Club, volunteer for Meals on Wheels once a month and are involved in the local Probus Club.

They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with close

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Email, 19 Mar 2012
Lisa Campbell, Holsworthy

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A man driving a white van stopped next to the girl and ordered her into the vehicle.

The girl refused and ran from the scene.

The white van followed her for a short distance before driving away.

The girl reported the incident and local police were contacted.

The man involved was described as being of caucasian appearance, aged in his early 20s, slim build and short brown hair and goatee.

He was wearing a black baseball cap with a green emblem, a pink t-shirt, and had a tattoo on his left hand and a piercing in his right eye brow.

The vehicle he was driving was a white Ford van with a silver-coloured bull bar, no passenger side hubcaps and was dirty in appearance.

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to contact Gosford Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Media Release, 30 Mar 2012
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Organisers claim 8000 at festival

The Ettalong Beach Festival has been estimated by organisers to have attracted more than 8000 people over the weekend of Friday, March 16, to Sunday, March 18.

Creative director Ms Ylenna Zajec said the festival's entertainment program was "a huge success and brought a richness of culture to the Central Coast".

The Festival included a ball on Friday night at the senior citizens' centre.

Ms Zajec said that those attending went to great lengths to "dress retro", complete with beehive hair-dos and false eyelashes, in keeping with the night's theme of the 60s era.

A screening on the Saturday night of an original documentary by Bob Fitzgerald at Cinema Paradiso was attended by 200 people.

Two screenings of the documentary sold out three weeks in advance which prompted the organisers to hold another screening at Sunday's Street Festival.

The documentary explored the theme of Then and Now with original stories from local residents, a mix of interviews spliced with historical film footage and scenes of Ettalong Beach over the last century.

The film also included true stories about the town's past

characters, the shops, the picture show, the dance hall, roller skating rink, the waterslide, the connection with Sydney's underbelly and the devastating fire which wiped out the Ettalong Beach town.

"The newcomers to the Central Coast felt they had a greater understanding of the place in which they live, and for the residents who have been here for a long time, the film brought back fond memories of how Ettalong used to be, and they reconnected with each other at the film screenings," said Ms Zajec.

The Festival's final day saw the street filled with dancing which began with the indigenous smoke ceremony and Ganang Spirit

dancers.

The crowd saw Morris dancers and a theatrical Balkan performance dance with live musicians from Dusha Balkana.

"The community loved the way that the Ettalong Beach Festival brought them together in celebrating community spirit, gave them a sense of place, and sprinkled some joy and happiness into their lives," Ms Zajec concluded.

Media Release, 20 Mar 2012
Ylenna Zajec, Ettalong Beach Festival
Website, 26 Mar 2012
Ettalong Beach Festival Facebook page
Photos: Ylenna Zajec



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Feature & Sport

What happens to our recycling?

Thiess Services provides waste and recycling services to residents of the Peninsula as part of a 10 year waste services contract with Gosford and Wyong Councils, which commenced on February 1, 2008.

About 280,000 wheelie bins, spread across 70,000 properties in each council area are emptied each week.

Each fortnight Thiess Services empties the 240 litre yellow lid recycling bin into a truck with a mechanical arm specially designed to collect recyclable materials.

Once the recycling collection run is finished, the truck heads to the PAR Recycling Services

Materials Recovery Facility in Somersby where it passes over a weighbridge for accurate record keeping, before the recyclables are tipped onto the receiving area conveyor belt for processing.

The facility is approximately 1.5 hectares in size, and is capable of processing 25 tonnes of recyclables in an hour.

A combination of infrared scanners, metal detectors and colour sensors are used to sort the materials into individual "commodity streams", such as paper, steel and aluminium, before being baled and transported to reprocessing plants.

A variety of manufacturers are provided with the recycled products which could be turned into items

including new bottles, containers, jars, cardboard boxes, sheet metal and stuffing for sleeping bags, carpet or furniture.

Whether they are reprocessed domestically or abroad, only a small proportion of goods are returned back to the Peninsula.

Most of the paper and cardboard collected on the Peninsula is sent to the Amcor Paper Mill in Botany.

A range of paper and cardboard materials are produced from the recovered paper fibre.

Paper and cardboard is often recycled into packaging and industrial paper, printing and writing paper, tissues and toilet paper, newsprint, egg cartons and kitty litter.

Aluminium and steel is sold into domestic markets, and ends up in the hands of Australian metal manufacturers.

Recycling aluminium cans into

new cans uses only five per cent of the energy used in making cans from raw materials.

The recycled aluminium can be further treated to make a wide range of products such as aluminium foil, window and door frames and automotive engines.

Most of the glass is sent to a glass recycler in Sydney where the material is sorted, crushed and graded into glass "cullet" after which it is sold to manufacturers of new glass containers.

PAR Recycling is currently exploring crushed glass markets locally, where glass could be used as aggregate in drainage, pipe embedment and footpaths.

There are both local and international markets for recycled plastics, but there are fewer companies recycling plastic domestically.

A recent report by the Plastics

and Chemicals Industries Association concluded that "Of the 287,360 tonnes of plastics collected for recycling, 144,266 tonnes (50.2 per cent) was reprocessed in Australia and 143 094 tonnes (49.8 per cent) was exported for reprocessing.

"The majority of plastics that were reprocessed in Australia continue to be used locally to manufacture new products, mainly durable (non-packaging) products."

Much of the exported material is destined for China and Hong Kong for recycling.

Whether a product stays in Australia or is exported overseas is determined by the availability of local markets and processors of particular recycling materials, and the price of the commodity.

E-mail, 17 Feb 2012
Michelle Murrell, Thiess Services

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Everglades appoints national bowler

Beth Quinlan has been appointed the bowls coordinator at Everglades Country Club.

General manager Mr Greg Hornby said: "Beth is passionate about her bowls and still competing at national level," said Mr Hornby.

"She is keen to develop bowlers of all ages at club level and to promote junior bowls on the Peninsula.

"We are very excited about the future of bowls at Everglades," Mr Hornby said.

During her 20 year bowling career, Ms Quinlan has represented the Northern Territory and NSW and had won state titles, club championships and Bowler of

the Year at St Johns Park Bowling Club.

She was nominated for the Northern Territory Sports person of the Year and was awarded the Steve Abala Role Model, Administrator's Medal in 1994 while living in Darwin.

She was selected to skip a side in the Australian Sides Championships and also in the Super Six Series last year where her good form earned her a gold medal.

She has been reselected for both in April at Broadbeach Queensland.

She represented Australia in India in 2010 to play in an eight-nations tournament and came

home with a silver medal.

She has been reselected for the Australian Bowls squad and said she was hoping for selection in the Australian team to play World Bowls in Adelaide in December.

"Beth has brought to Everglades a wealth of experience in the organisation and planning of future tournaments that will put Everglades on the map," said Mr Hornby.

"At the same time, she is taking on the added role of chairperson of the Joint Bowls Committee which should result in a more cohesive approach to bowls at Everglades."

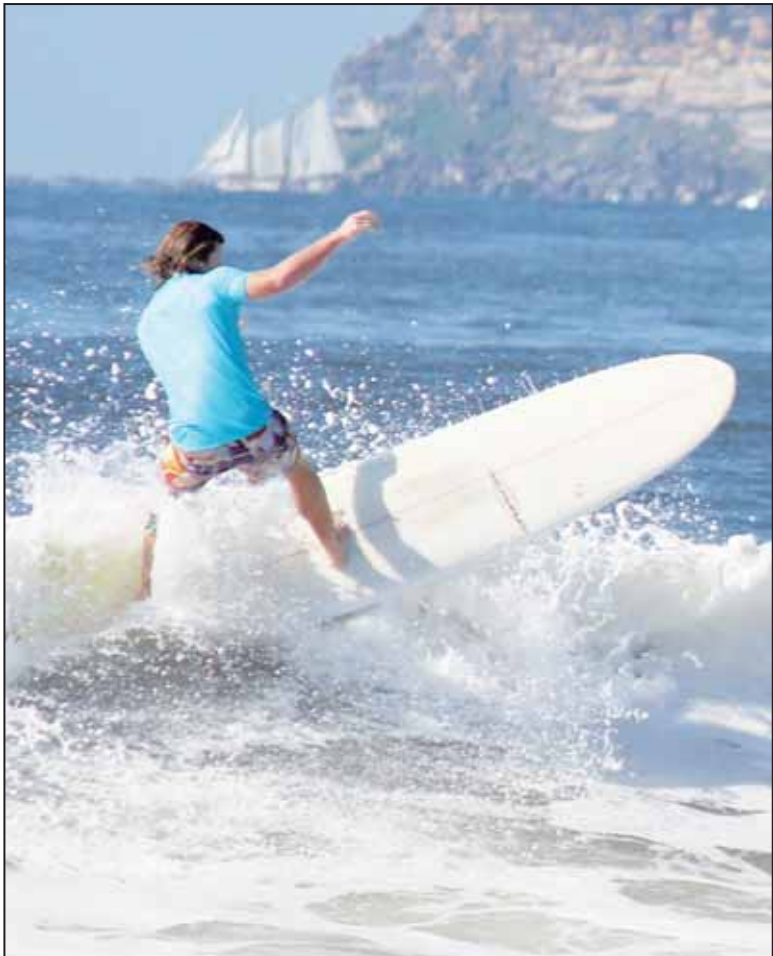
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Malibu results



Ben Scully-Hawkins on his way to winning the contest

Umina Beach was the venue for last month's Ocean Beach Malibu Club's contest on Sunday, March 11, with clean two- to three-foot waves.

Ben Scully-Hawkins took full advantage of the absence of Kai Ellice-Flint to win maximum points for the day.

He defeated 2010 club champion Hayden Emery, closely followed by the ever improving Chris Irwin, with Bryce Williams and Garry Halliday in fourth and fifth places.

In round one, heat one Garry Halliday placed first followed by Richie McClelland, Cyndi Zoranovic, Sally Oman, Matt Kirby and Marc Taylor.

In heat two, Bryce Williams came up trumps followed by Craig Coulton, Darrell Young, Dave Moulton, Liz Ambler and Rachel Ambler.

Chris Irwin placed first in heat three followed by Tom Payne, Rob McCaughan, Tony Irwin, Daryl Anderson and Craig Palmer.

In heat four Ben Scully-Hawkins surfed the best followed by Paul Brandham, Mick Day, Scott Palmer, John Payne, Dave Wirth and Steve Cox.

Hayden Emery won heat five followed by Mark Williams, Brian Cook, Daniel Ambler, Peter Wellington, Bill Burke and Hayden Wellington.

In round two firsts, Ben Scully-Hawkins placed first followed by Hayden Emery, Chris Irwin, Bryce Williams and Garry Halliday.

In round two seconds, Tom Payne was followed by Paul Brandham, Richie McClelland,

Mark Williams and Craig Coulton.

Thirds was won by Rob McCaughan before Brian Cook, Darrell Young, Mick Day and Cyndi Zoranovic.

In fourths, Daniel Ambler out surfed Tony Irwin, Scott Palmer and Dave Moulton.

Fifths was won by Peter Wellington followed by Matt Kirby, John Payne, Daryl Anderson and

Liz Ambler.

In sixths, Dave Wirth placed first before Bill Burke, Hayden Wellington, Craig Palmer, Marc Taylor and Steve Cox.

The next contest is scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 8, at Umina.

Media Release, 28 Mar 2012
Craig Coulton, OBMC
Photo: Tony Gilbert

Football trials

Ettalong Public School student Adam Gowrie was successful at the AFL trials on Tuesday, March 13.

He has been selected for the

Metropolitan North Trials.

Jasmine Rybie, Ella Wolfe and Jeremy Scott also made it to the Metropolitan North soccer trials.

Newsletter, 20 Mar 2012
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

The Peninsula Diary

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

Monday April 2

Umina Beach Men's Shed official opening, 109 Birdwood Ave, Umina, 10am

Tuesday April 3

Central Coast Community Legal Centre's Domestic Violence Legal Outreach Project legal advice, Peninsula Women's Health Centre, 9:30am -11:30pm
Approaching retirement and your choices seminar, Woy Woy Library, 10:30am-12pm

Wednesday April 4

Umina CWA branch meeting, 10am, Umina CWA Hall

Friday April 6

Good Friday service, 9:30am, Umina Beach Corps and Community Services Centre

Saturday April 7

Pearl Beach Easter Saturday Book Fair, Memorial Hall, 9am-5pm
Patonga Easter Fete, Patonga Progress Hall, 9am-1pm

Sunday April 8

Easter Sunday 6am sunrise service, Umina Beach Surf Club

Wednesday April 11

Guide Dogs NSW-ACT Central Coast Volunteer Support Group stall, Deepwater Plaza, 9am-3pm

Saturday April 14

Central Coast Italian Festival, Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort

Tuesday April 17

Aged Care-fees and charges, Woy Woy Library, 10:30am-12pm

Wednesday April 18

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

Saturday April 21

Bays Nostalgia Night, 7:30-10:30pm, Bays Community Hall
Time 4 Kids, Deepwater Plaza Uminafied, 10am-3pm, Umina skatepark

Saturday April 28

Heritage Festival - Shipwrecks and Seafarers Discovery Tour, Bouddi National Park

Sunday April 29

Bays Community Group Breakfast in the Bays, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall, 8:30-10:30am
Heritage Festival - Stories of War Discovery Tour, Bouddi

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Tuesday May 1

Central Coast Community Legal Centre's Domestic Violence Legal Outreach Project legal advice, Peninsula Women's Health Centre, 9:30am -11:30pm

Wednesday May 2

Umina CWA branch meeting, 10am, Umina CWA Hall

Thursday May 3

Geology of Little Tallow Beach Discovery Tour, Bouddi National Park

Saturday May 5

Native Bees Workshop, Pearl Beach Progress Hall
Card making workshop, Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre, 9:30am-1pm

Monday May 7

Monday Meanderers 17th Birthday celebrations Discovery tour, Brisbane Water National Park

Sunday May 27

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

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"This event was a

Clubs played Toukley RSL



The winners on the day
Toukley RSL representatives

competitive and well-spirited clash as both teams vied for supremacy," said Toukley RSL publicity officer Mr Barry Middleton.

"As the match went into the final ends it became obvious that Toukley RSL was going to be too strong on the day.

"All competitors conducted themselves in

good sportsmanship like manner, and a special thank you must go to the umpire," he concluded.

Toukley was also too strong for Everglades, who also went down five points to one.

"This final score did not reflect the closeness and spirited competitiveness of the Everglades teams," said Mr Middleton.

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15 Mar 2012

Barry Middleton, Toukley RSL Men's Bowling Club
Photo: Barry Middleton

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East Gosford Progress Hall
10 Henry Parry Drive (cnr Webb Rd)
3rd Wed of month (Feb-Nov)
Linux 9.30am-12.30pm
4th Thu of month
Social Meeting + Windows
12.15pm – 3.15pm
Afternoon tea provided
4362 1918

ABC (309)
"The Friends"
Support group for Public Broadcaster.
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Meetings through the year + social afternoons
Well-known guest speakers
4341 5170

Beachside Family Centre (287)
School-based community centre for families with children from birth to 8 years old. Group programs and community activities
4343 1929
Umina Public School
Sydney Ave

Bridge (286c)
Tues 12.15pm is a friendly game without pressure.
Duplicate Bridge Mon Thur Fri Sat at 12.15pm and Wed 9.15am and 6.45pm
Brisbane Water Bridge Club
Peninsula Community Centre
93 McMasters Rd.Woy Woy
www.brisbane-water.bridge-club.org

Cash Housie (56/294)
50 Games every Sat night
St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong Beach, Free Tea and Coffee. 7.30 - 10.30pm.
Proceeds to Woy Woy Catholic Parish. wwcphousie@hotmail.com

Central Coast Handweavers, Spinners and Textile Arts Guild Inc (286c)
Spinning and weaving, patchwork and quilting felting and other fibre and fabric crafts
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Day and night groups
4325 4743
www.centralcoastshsguild.org.au

Central Coast Family History Society Inc. (301)
All the resources, information and advice needed to study your family's history are available through the Society.
Meetings 1st Sat ea mth 1pm Lions Community Hall, behind the Society's Research Centre 8 Russell Drysdale St, East Gosford.
www.centralcoastfhs.org.au
Visitors welcome
4324 5164

Hardys Bay Residents Group (60/296)
Working for a positive & Healthy Environment in our Community
allanbw@bigpond.com

The Krait Club (58/295)
Community Centre - Cooinda Village, Neptune St, Umina
10.30am Open to senior members of Woy Woy/Umina Community
Gentle exercises, quizzes, games, social activities, guest speakers, entertainment and occasional bus trips
4341 0698

Northern Settlement Services (282)
Provides socialisation for migrants. Volunteers assist with home visits, shopping and social days. Clients from all over the world enjoy time together. Every Thur Peninsula Community Centre
93 McMasters Rd
Woy Woy - 4334 3877

Peninsula Village Peninsula Village Carer's Support Group (287-311)
Invitation to carers of Loved ones with dementia
All welcome
Meet 1st Wednesday of the month
10.00am to 11.30am
Contact: Paula Newman
4344 9199

Peninsula Village Playgroup (287-311)
Carers, Grandparents, parents & children
Come & join our 'Intergenerational Playgroup'
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4344 9199

Probus Club of Umina Beach (81/298)
Friendship, Followship and Fun - Advancing intellectual, cultural and social interests for active retirees 55yrs+
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- 2nd Wed every mth, 10am, Everglades Country Club
uminabeach@probusclubs.com.au
P.O. Box 443 Woy Woy

Rotary Club of Kariong/Somersby (309)
This international service club exists to improve lives of communities in Australia and other countries. Why not join us for fun-filled activities, fellowship and friendship.
We meet for breakfast at Phillip House 21 old Mount Penang Road (opp Shell)
Fridays 7:15am
4340 4529
kersuebay@philliphouse.com.au

Rotary Club of Umina (6/294)
An international service organisation of business leaders seeking to improve

the lives of young people and those in need in our community and abroad.
Everglades Country Club
Weds
curleys@ozemail.com.au
0409 245 861

Seniors Computer Club Central Coast Inc. (83/301)
Beginners' classes held Mon or Tues. Also classes Mon - Fri as published on the Club Website. 10am to 12md or 1-3pm Kincumber & District Neighbourhood Centre. PC and Mac - Meetings also held at Avoca Beach Bowling Club 1st Mon with a Guest Speaker
4369 2530

Umina Beach Men's Shed Inc. (287-311)
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Contact: Darrell 4341 2355

Umina Beach Scrabble Club (65/302)
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4341 4859

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vrc@volunteeringcentralcoast.org.au
4329 7122

Wagstaffe to Killcare Community (285)
Work to protect and preserve the environment and low density residential nature of the Bouddi Peninsula and to strengthen community bonds
2nd Mon, 7.30pm
Wagstaffe Hall
4360 2945
info@wagstaffetokillcare.org.au

Disabled Services Riding for the Disabled (282c)
Horse Riding as a therapy for those with intellectual or physical disabilities
Volunteers always required
No Previous experience
Necessary - School hours only
Mon to Sat
4340 0388
stateoffice@rdansw.org.au

Environment Peninsula Environment Group (287)
Talks, films, social events, workshops, renewable energy and recycling projects, organic food buying group
www.peg.org.au
Health Group Arthritis NSW (9/292)
Meet 3rd Tues Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr McMasters Rd and Ocean Beach Rd,
Woy Woy - 4341 5881

Meals on Wheels (81/298)
Delivered meals and flexible food options for people with a functional disability
4382 9401

Mary Mac's Place (287)
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1pm in a welcoming, friendly environment with support, information and referrals to appropriate community services.
marymacs@woywoycatholic.org.au
4341 0584

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www.oa.org
0412 756 446

Pink Butterfly Breast Cancer Support Group - Ettalong
First Sunday every month
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Shop 71 Schnapper Road
Ettalong Markets
0428 712 251

Peninsula Women's Health Centre (285c)
Clinic sister; counselling; alternate therapists; groups and community education; drop-in; support for women in crisis; advocacy
4342 5905 Wed and Thur 9.30am-3pm
20a McMasters Rd,
Woy Woy www.ccwhc.com.au

Woy Woy Public Hospital Alliance (308)
Political Lobby - Restore medical services previously available at this hospital - upgrade to a standard commensurate to the needs of the Peninsula and adjacent communities
2pm second Sat each month
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Woy Woy
4341 7864

Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club (67/278)
Peninsula Community Centre
2nd Tues 11.30am
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Umina Ettalong Branch (283)
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4341 7323

Veterans N.M.B.V.A.A Inc National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association Australia (66/302)
1st Sat (except Jan) 2pm
Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club
51-52 The Esplanade.
4342 1107

Vietnam Veterans', Peacekeepers' and Peacemakers' (309)
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Cnr Broken Bay Rd & Beach St Ettalong.
Mon & Wed 9am-1pm
4344 4760
vietvetsgosford@bigpond.com

Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL Sub Branch (79/297)
Provide help with pensions and welfare etc.
Shop 5/382 Oceanview Rd
Ettalong. Tues & Thurs 9am to 1pm
4341 2594

Women's Groups Country Women's Association Woy Woy (309)
Friendship Mornings
1st and 2nd Wed 10am
Meetings 4th Wed 10.30am - 4324 2621

Country Women's Association Umina
Branch meeting 1st Wed of the Month, 9.30am
Day craft and friendship all other Wed 9.00am
Evening craft and friendship: Enquire
CWA Hall Umina - 2 Sydney Ave Umina - All Welcome
4369 5353 or 4341 5404

The Endeavour View Club, Woy Woy (287)
Luncheon, 1st Mon Everglades Country Club, 10.30am.
Friendship Social days, 3rd Wed Uniting Church Hall,
Picnic Pde Ettalong, 10.30am.
Coach trips
4342 2283

Gosford RSL Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliary (61/296)
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4323 7336

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7pm Phillip House Kariong
gosfordnorthiw@live.com.au
4324 7176

Experienced team wins

Ray Bourke, Grant Watson, Frank Lowe and Mark Hodgen were successful in the Umina Bowling Club Fours Championship held on Sunday, February 26, finishing with a score of 25-24.

Bourke's team defeated Arthur Glyn's team in the semi finals while Gary Jones's team defeated Mal Dod's team.

"Tension was high in the lead-up to the final with Ray Bourke's team up against the less experienced side of Gary Jones, Tony Wood, Phil Bowron and Mick Jones," said Umina publicity officer Mr Ian Jarratt.

The match started with both teams endeavoring to get on top but Ray's team nudged ahead by two shots at the half way mark.

They then raced away to a handy seven-point lead but Gary's side fought back and, with a six

on the 18th end, the teams were only separated by one point, said Mr Jarratt.

"On the next end Ray's team recorded a three and the large spectator audience thought that experience was taking its toll and that Ray had the title within his grasp," he said.

Gary's team, however, had other ideas and won the last two ends but failed by one shot to play an extra end.

"This was Ray's team's second successive Fours title.

"The last time this feat was achieved at Umina was back in 1986 by then club stalwart Jack Dean," said Mr Jarratt.

"Gary's team is to be commended for their efforts as, apart from Gary, they have only been playing bowls a very short time."

Media Release, 26 Mar 2012
Ian Jarratt, Umina Men's Bowling Club
Photo: Steve Stead



Grant Watson, Frank Lowe, Mark Hogden and Ray Bourke

The Peninsula under-15 hockey team has entered into the Central Coast Junior Hockey Association competition at Wyong's all weather turf complex.

The competition starts in March every year and finals are held in September.

The Under-15s is the first team from Peninsula to enter the

competition in many years and is made up of nine experienced players and four new players.

They have competed in two rounds so far and have won

both games against Gosford and Wyong.

Media Release, 28 March 2012
John Boyd, Peninsula Hockey Club

Hockey team competes

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After basketball, it's sailing

Woy Woy sailor Liesl Tesch has made the Australian Sailing Team for the London Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Tesch qualified along with Daniel Fitzgibbon after gaining the best results in the Australian Fleet at the World Championships in Weymouth last year and then the World Championships in Florida earlier this year.

Tesch and Fitzgibbon are scheduled to participate in three regattas in the lead-up to the Paralympics.

After breaking her back at age

19, Tesch began her sporting career representing Australia in wheelchair basketball.

She began competitive sailing with Fitzgibbon in December 2010 after they were inspired by the documentary "Disabled-bodied Sailors".

The pair began entering regattas and earning gold, silver and bronze medals.

Tesch is preparing for the London Games by sailing on weekends, training at the gym two to three times a week, as well as bike riding and kayaking.

Media release, 29 Mar 2012
Liesl Tesch, Woy Woy

Club champion wins at Open

The Ocean Beach Malibu Club 2011 club champion and Old Mal champion Kai Ellice-Flint has continued to impress after he competed in the Australian Longboard

Surfing Open held over the March 21 to 25 at Kingscliff.

Not only did Kai secure the Under-18s title but he also went on to win the Old Mal division against some much more seasoned

competitors.

In the Under-18s final, Kai outpointed his opponents and finished with a two wave score of 13.94 points from Daniel Potter (9.83), Roisin Carolan (9.76) and Harri Jones (7.00).

Things were a little closer against the more experienced surfers in the Old Mal with Kai claiming first place on 15.20 points followed by Matt Aldridge (14.83), Heith Norrish (14.70), Ben Williams (13.50), Candice Appleby (9.84) and Beau Nixon (7.90).

Email, 28 Mar 2012
Craig Colton, OBMC
Photo: Tony Gilbert



Mollie is rookie of the month

Umina Surf Life Saving Club rookie Mollie Murphy has been awarded the Central Coast Surf Life Saving Rookie of the Month award for her outstanding contribution and dedication to Surf Life Saving.

Mollie helped with activities at the club's annual surf camp which involved fun, educational activities with young age groups.

The club invited vision-impaired children from Vision Australia to participate.

"These children needed one-on-one support throughout the day for their safety and enjoyment and Mollie proved herself a great

ambassador for Umina as well as the Surf Lifesaving movement," said club publicity officer Mr Carl Krucler.

"Mollie is a quiet natured youth who always helps out whenever she can, no matter what the task.

"She recently spent six plus hours walking through the Ocean Beach caravan park selling raffle tickets to raise much needed funds for her club.

"She helped at our annual sponsors' night.

"She attends her patrols, is punctual and is always in full rookie uniform including hat and always has a smile on her face."

Media Release, 28 Mar 2012
Carl Krucler, Umina SLSC
Photo: Karen Murphy

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Solar heating saves money

The Peninsula Leisure Centre has installed a solar pool heating system which is expected to be significantly cheaper than gas and electric heating systems.

Gosford Council's leisure coordinator Mr Anthony Burling said that the solar heating system would provide a rapid return on investment.

"Heating our three pools, spa, sauna and steam room takes up a large portion of our overall energy use.

"Our investigations have shown that solar pool heating is the most effective renewable energy available today.

"We are anticipating major energy savings of 140 tonnes of CO₂ emissions and approximately \$50,000 in electricity annually.

"The system we have installed is state-of-the-art and includes a total of 37,440 heating tubes on the roof, which if laid end to end would stretch 117kms.

"The installation of this system was made possible with a \$150,000 grant from the NSW State Government's Waste and Sustainability Improvement Payments Program.

"Residents can now enjoy our facilities knowing that we are doing our bit for the environment," said Mr Burling.

Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher has cited the installation of solar panels on the Peninsula Leisure Centre as a demonstration of Gosford Council's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Calling on residents and business owners to turn off lights for Earth Hour on March 31, Cr Maher said: "Gosford Council has been working toward lessening its impact on our environment.

"A recent energy saving initiative is the installation of solar thermal collectors on the Peninsula Leisure Centre's roof, which will be the primary source of heating for the pool and heat pumps will be used as a backup.

"The centre is one of Council's top energy users so this upgrade will make huge savings per annum and will see a big a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions annually," said mayor Cr Maher.

Cr Maher said Gosford Council helped to celebrate Earth Hour by ensuring all non-essential lighting was turned off in Council's main administration building in Gosford.

Media Release, 28 Mar 2012

Laurie Maher, Gosford Council

Media Release, 28 Mar 2012

Anthony Burling, Gosford Council

Strong showing from Killcare Masters

Four women from Killcare Surf Life Saving Club competed in the State Masters Titles at Kingscliffe on Thursday, March 8.

Leah Fotofili, Michaela Hofer, Laura Washington, and Tegan Spackman, all in their mid to late 30s, had never competed in competitive running prior to 2009.

They represented their club, and according to coach John Bourne, they displayed great sportsmanship and skill at the surf carnival.

In the Over-35 sprint event, Hofer placed first, Fotofili second, Spackman third and Washington fourth.

In the beach relay, the girls won first place for their club, with a running order of Spackman, Hofer, Fotofili and Washington.

In the Over-35 flags, Spackman earned second place, Fotofili third and Washington fourth.

Hofer was unable to compete in the Over-35 flags event due to a broken hand.

The team formed in late 2009 when Spackman, Fotofili and Washington began to run competitively.

Their first competition as a team was the Killcare Masters Carnival in 2009 where they lost to a strong Toowoomba Bay Team.

Mr Bourne said when the girls asked what they needed to do to win the Australian Championship he responded with "three years of hard work and dedication".

The team of athletes began training eight times a week, including three track training sessions, three gym sessions and

three beach training sessions.

Bourne said the next competition they competed in was State and Aussies 2009-2010 in which they again did not place.

Hofer, a former gymnast who had never run before, joined the team later in 2011-2012 but injured herself not long after.

Hofer soon recovered and joined the team at State Titles at Kingscliffe, where she won the sprint and flags event.

The team then competed in Queenscliff against nine other teams but dropped the baton, which put them in last place in the first leg.

The girls were able to recover and placed second behind Queenscliff.

In the season for 2011-2012, the team had won every carnival they had entered until they competed in the East Coast Masters Championships at Collaroy, where Queenscliff won the title.

Mr Bourne said leading up to the most recent competition the girls had shown themselves to be strong athletes within the community.

"I am confident that this team will win relay, sprint and flags at Aussies," he said.

"We are now well respected and well known in the fraternity," Bourne said.

He said it was a pleasure to watch the girls compete, showing their skill, dedication and sportsmanship.

Email, 26 Mar 2012
John Bourne, Killcare Surf Life Saving Club



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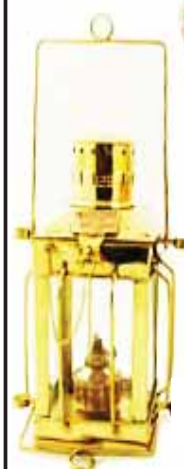
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