

Chamber proposes new alignment for rail underpass

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has called for consideration of a bypass of The Bays area with the planned construction of a rail underpass at the bottom of Bulls Hill.

The request comes after Gosford Council has revealed that the total cost of the underpass and improvements to Woy Woy Rd would be about \$67 million.

"While the Chamber welcomes the funds for the replacement of the Rawson Rd level crossing, it is the associated works on Woy Woy Rd that are a real cause for concern for the business community", said Peninsula Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"It may be timely to consider the other Bulls Hill option that provided for a new alignment through the Brisbane Water National Park which would not mean the closure of Woy Woy Rd," said MrWales.

"Our major concern relates to the proposed alignment which seeks to provide two travel lanes in each direction, on-road cycle lane and footpaths on Woy Woy Rd between Banyo Close and Nagari Rd including Bulls Hill," said Mr Wales.

"Obviously such works will



Rawson Rd Level Crossing under consideration

result in major disruptions to Woy Woy Rd traffic if not the actual closing of the road for the period of construction.

"This would mean that all through traffic would be forced

onto Brisbane Water Dr and the West Gosford intersection at the exact time that the NSW Government is planning the major upgrading of that intersection.

"From a business perspective,

this would cause significant and unacceptable disruptions to trade, commerce and commuter traffic.

"We are urging the NSW Government to re-think the scheduling of these works so as to

ensure that the Peninsula doesn't have both its major access roads disrupted by major construction works at the same time."

Mr Wales said: "Back in March 2011, the then Opposition Leader Barry O'Farrell promised \$30M to upgrade 2km of Woy Woy which was to include the new rail underpass and the elimination of the Rawson Rd rail crossing with the expected total cost of \$45 million.

"We welcomed this project which was to be delivered by 2014-2015.

"We are now advised by Council that the initial strategic design has been completed with the full cost of the works in the order of \$67 million.

"This is \$20 million over budget.

"The Chamber had earlier flagged this cost discrepancy back in March 2011.

"We are also advised that the works are unlikely to commence before 2014 which gives little prospect of the project being completed by the promised 2015."

**Media Release, 28 Apr 2012
Matthew Wales, Peninsula
Chamber of Commerce
Photo: Naomi Bridges**

Tenders called for underpass design

Gosford Council has called tenders for the detailed design of a rail underpass to replace the Rawson Rd level crossing.

Key features of the design include a rail underpass from Woy Woy Rd to Nagari Rd, and the provision of two travel lanes in each direction with on-road cycle lane and footpaths on Woy Woy Rd between Banyo Close and Nagari Rd.

A new bridge would span Woy Woy Creek at Correa Bay, and the existing Rawson Rd railway level crossing would be replaced with a pedestrian and cyclist underpass

at Rawson Rd.

The council has estimated the cost of the works at \$67 million.

Council was awarded a \$1 million grant in September last year to undertake the design, with the promise of future funding for construction with an upper limit of \$30 million in the current term of the State Government.

The May 1 council meeting was told that geotechnical and traffic investigations had been undertaken as well as a flora and fauna survey and assessment.

The report stated: "A strategic design has been developed for the Woy Woy Rd to Railway St link

which includes an underpass of the railway line at the base of Bulls Hill and the closure of the Rawson Rd level crossing.

"The alignment is based on the options endorsed by Council at its meeting held on 24 February 1999 following a period of public consultation.

"It should be noted that Council also endorsed a further option for future detailed assessment that would eliminate the steep grades and severe curves along Woy Woy Rd near Bulls Hill by providing a new realignment through the Brisbane Water National Park.

"This option has not been

pursued future due to the significant cost and time required in developing a project within the National Park.

"However should Council wish to pursue this option in the future the location of the proposed railway underpass would be ideal as a suitable point to cross the railway line."

The council meeting was told that a Community and Stakeholder Consultation Plan had been prepared.

"It is proposed to commence providing information to the community in the coming months on the status of the project and to

engage relevant sections of the community that will be impacted by these works."

Tenders for the detailed design have been called through the Local Government Procurement Process for Civil Engineering Design Consultants.

"It is anticipated that a design consultant will be engaged by June 2012 and will take approximately 18 months to complete the detailed design plans to allow tenders to be called for construction to commence in 2014."

**Gosford Council Agenda
CIT.17, 1 May**

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Dry start in a wet year

It has been another dry start to the month, with only 1.5mm of rain falling on the Peninsula so far this month.

April also had a dry start, with only 3.4mm having fallen by this time of the month, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

However, April ended with rainfall almost 40 per cent above average, with heavy rain later in the month.

The total for April was 191.8mm, 39.2 per cent above the average of 137.7mm.

The dry starts follow three months of heavy rainfall early in the month, with falls of 48.6mm, 102.0mm, 128.1mm being recorded in the first 11 days of January, February and March respectively.

Every month this year has finished with above average rainfall and the cumulative total is approaching double the average for this time of year.

A total of 773.2mm had fallen by the end of April, 30.6 per cent above the average year-to-date figure of 571.9mm.

Average rainfall for May is 119.2mm.

Temperatures so far this month have ranged from an overnight low of 10.1 degrees on May 8 to a high of 27.1 on May 10,

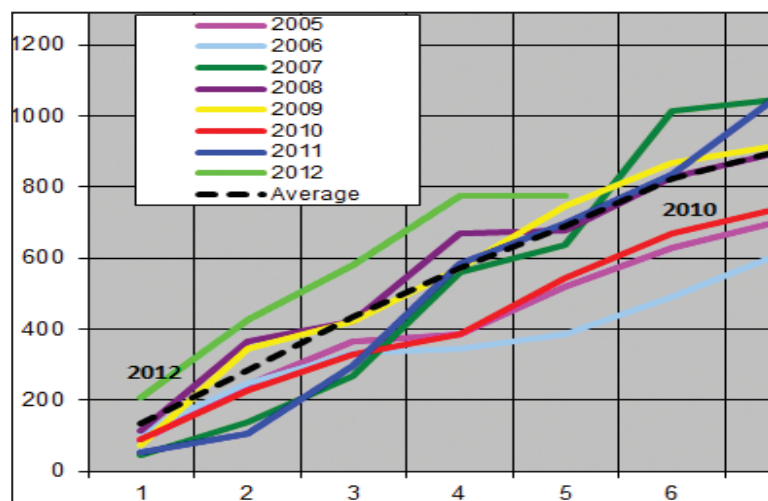
according to figures from www.peninsulaweather.info.

Highest minimum was 16.3 degrees on May 3 and lowest maximum was 19.4 on May 7.

Highest wind gust was 19.8km/h recorded on May 5.

Spadsheet, 11 May 2012

Jim Morrison, Woy Woy
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Kaitlin Watts, 11 May 2012



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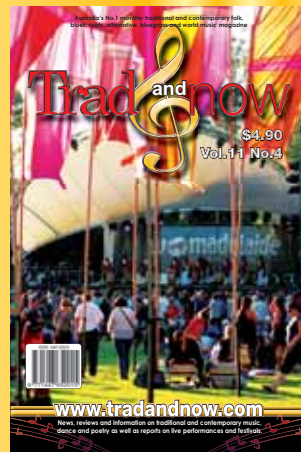
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Work starts on new rehab unit

The start of construction works on the new Woy Woy Sub Acute Rehabilitation Unit was marked with a sod-turning ceremony at Woy Woy Hospital on Friday, May 11.

Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill said the project wouldn't be possible without a \$21 million contribution from the Gillard Labor Government.

"This has been a long, hard fight for the Peninsula community," said Ms O'Neill.

"Today the community can celebrate the fact that work has started and a new rehabilitation unit will be completed by mid next year.

"Not only will the rehab service return to Woy Woy, it will be housed in a modern, brand new 30-bed facility.

"This project is a great example of the benefits of the new COAG health agreement between Prime Minister Gillard and the State Government."

The Gillard Government is providing \$9 million towards the \$14 million construction cost of the unit as well as a further \$12.7 million for recurrent costs until 2013-14.

Minister for Health Ms Jillian Skinner said that the project included a courtyard area to be



Local politicians at the sod turning ceremony

used for therapy treatments, a gymnasium, as well as improvements to services such as kitchen areas, staff facilities, waste collection facilities and additional parking.

"The redevelopment has also been designed to enable expansion to meet future needs as Woy Woy Hospital develops," Ms Skinner said.

State Minister for the Central Coast Mr Chris Hartcher said he was proud to be part of a

government which had listened to the community and was returning vital services to the Central Coast.

"Labor closed down this facility without consultation, but the O'Farrell Government has kept its promise and is now delivering better services for the community," Mr Hartcher said.

Member for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein said the NSW Government was getting on with the job of delivering on election commitments for Woy Woy.

"The community campaigned hard for rehabilitation services to be restored, and the Minister came to Woy Woy, listened to our concerns, and has delivered for our community," Cr Holstein said.

"This is a great day for the people of Woy Woy, and it's great to have members of the Woy Woy Hospital

Alliance here, as they have been strong community advocates for the return of rehabilitation services," he said at the ceremony.

The project includes a 30-bed Sub Acute Rehabilitation Unit for short stay admissions, multiple courtyard areas for rehabilitation activities, external paths and rehab areas and structure to enable the future expansion either side of the proposed unit in line with the master plan for the hospital.

Woy Woy Hospital Alliance member Mr Edward James said nothing would have happened without the involvement of several thousand people who understood the importance of such medical amenity to the Woy Woy Peninsula.

"On behalf of our community I thank all those people who made the effort to fight for what they knew was right," he said.

Media Release, 11 May 2012
Peter McCabe, Office of
Deborah O'Neill MP

Media Release, 11 May 2012
John McCormack, Office
of Jillian Skinner MP
Email, 2 May 2012
Edward James, Umina



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Forum about Pearl Beach lagoon

A community forum on the Pearl Beach lagoon will be held at Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on Saturday, May 19, from 2pm to 4pm.

The forum is part of the process to develop a comprehensive management plan for the lagoon to ensure all decisions are based on both scientific evidence and community desire.

The forum is not a decision making one but an information

sharing exercise, according to Pearl Beach Progress Association spokesman Mr Roger Murray.

The forum will be run by external consultants undertaking the management plan and is supported by the Pearl Beach Progress Association and Pearl Beach Bushcare.

The management plan is an initiative of Gosford Council and is to be prepared over the next 10 months.

The plan will cover issues such as the health of the lagoon and impacts on it, including climate change impacts, community use and access, and proposed management options to protect and preserve the lagoon environment.

After the initial community forum, the major stages in the preparation will begin.

**Email, 8 May 2012
Roger Murray, Pearl Beach Progress Association
Photo: Naomi Bridges**

Bodies discovered in creeks

Police are appealing for information from the public following the discovery of two male bodies on the Peninsula recently.

Police from Brisbane Water Local Area Command (LAC) found the first body of a man in a creek behind Mt Ettalong Rd, Umina, on Tuesday, May 1, at 10:15 am.

The man was identified as 89-year-old Rene-Edgard Bruneteau who lived alone in a house on Mt Ettalong Rd.

He was reported missing since Wednesday, April 25.

The second body of a male, aged 34, was found the following

day. Police were called to a creek bed near Grafton Rd and Nambucca Dr, Woy Woy, at about 4pm following reports that a man's body had been located in the water.

A crime scene was established in both cases and local detectives are investigating the circumstances surrounding both deaths.

Brisbane Water LAC Inspector Paul Nicholls said there was no link between the two deaths.

Anyone with any information should Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

**Media release, 1 May
and 2 May 2012
Police Media NSW**

Links day at community centre

The Peninsula Community Centre will host the Peninsula Links Day on Thursday, May 17.

The day gives local families and all members of the community a chance to access community services and advice in areas such as accommodation, law, clothing,

haircuts, food hampers, children's activities, support services and budgeting.

Visitors are welcome from 9am until 1pm.

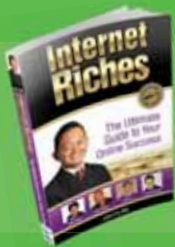
Last year, more than 700 people attended the event.

**Newsletter, 8 May 2012
Terry Greedy, Woy Woy South Public School**



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Minor changes proposed to house plan policy

Gosford Council is proposing to make only minor changes to a policy which restricts access to house plans and other development application documents, despite having received "many complaints" about it.

Last year, the Council resolved to no longer disclose information which may be subject to copyright, other than in accordance with the requirements of planning legislation.

Council staff told the May 1 council meeting: "Council has received many complaints because of the unavailability of house plans, particularly where the owner is planning renovations and/or repairs."

"These plans may be required for inclusions in a pending development application."

Gosford Council adopted a policy of not releasing house plans

and other copyright material after it received advice from the Office of the Information Commissioner that "addressed some issues of the operation of the Copyright Act".

Staff from Council's legal section told councillors at the time: "Present practice is to allow copying of house plans by property owners, but in following current advice it will be necessary to stop this service."

They also stated: "The act of posting copies of DA documents on Council's website is likely to involve infringement of copyright."

"It is proposed that any documents which may be copyright will not be available on Council's website, other than during the submission period for current DAs."

The council is now proposing to release plans to the property "should the property owner be able to satisfy council that the copyright owner cannot be located".

Despite acknowledging that court action by a copyright holder would be "an extremely rare occurrence", it is otherwise proposing to retain the current policy.

This month's staff report stated: "Prior to adoption of the resolution not to supply house plans, Council charged for the supply of house plans to owners."

"This practice was allowed by the Local Government Act (the Act) but the Act was modified when the Government Information (Public Access) Act (GIPA) commenced."

"In the true spirit of the GIPA Act, and to be open and transparent, Council was proactive in publishing development applications and associated documents on the Council website."

"At the time, Council had published development applications dating back to 2008."

"There is no consistent approach by local government in

New South Wales regarding the supply of house plans.

"Some NSW Councils have a policy similar to Gosford City Council's, ie not to provide house plans because the documents may be subject to copyright breaches."

"Those plans may be viewed, but the person must attend the Council administration building to obtain access. Other NSW Councils have policies that apply to the supply of house plans to the owner of the property."

"This practice may include the supply of house plans with annotation concerning breach of copyright."

Council resolved that "the Access to Information Policy, A1.51, be amended to allow Council to provide copies of house plans and other documents relating to the house."

"The house plans for an existing premises will be provided to the owner of land on which a dwelling

is situated should the property owner be unable to locate the copyright owner."

"The term 'house plans' includes associated documents and is deemed to include units in a residential flat building."

"Council indemnify staff from civil proceedings where the staff member provides house plans in accordance with Council's Access to Information Policy, A1.51."

"The documents released include a notation as to possible copyright breaches."

The council also resolved to advertise the proposed changes.

In the May issue of its newsletter, the Office of the Information Commissioner states: "Copyright laws do not prevent councils from publishing any DA material on their websites under the GIPA Act."

**Gosford Council Agenda
SF.8, 1 May 2012**

Name a group of barnacles

Peninsula residents will be able to give collective names to creatures in local rock pools at a marine seminar for World Oceans Day to be held on June 2 and 3 at Woy Woy waterfront.

The seminar is being organised by Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives Central Coast.

"You've heard of a school of fish or a flock of birds, well what would you call a group of barnacles or crabs or sea stars?" asked group founder Ms Jeannie Lawson.

"To participate, firstly, look up the Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives website and find the list of the 20 marine organisms we want you to name."

"We are looking for the most appropriate names, so you will need to learn more about the creatures first."

"A panel of marine experts will be on hand to share their information with you about the creatures on the Saturday."

"Also, come on a rock pool ramble on the Sunday and meet the critters," she said.

The 20 winning entries (one for each creature) will be chosen by David Astle, writer of the Sydney Morning Herald cryptic crossword.

Winners will be announced at a Seakids Event at 11 am at Woy Woy Art Market on Sunday, June 10, and will receive a prize pack.

**Media release, 9 May 2012
Jeannie Lawson, OCCI**

Budget funds local projects

The Ettalong Beach Foreshore Redevelopment Project has been allocated \$2 million and the Umina Surf Club has been allocated \$300,000 for an upgrade as part of the Federal Budget.

The Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill said: "This budget sees the benefit of the resources boom spread directly to the Central Coast."

"It means struggling families don't have to pack up and move to a mining town to feel some relief in their hip pocket."

"It's a budget that brings our nation back into surplus while helping families and boosting services that we rely on," she said.

**Media Release, 8 May 2012
Peter McCabe, Office of
Deborah O'Neill MP
Photo: Naomi Bridges**



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Aboriginal equality discussed at public meeting

Mingaletta Aboriginal Board chairman Mr Ray McMinn will host a public meeting about equal treatment in the constitution and in society on Thursday, May 31, at the Mingaletta Aboriginal Hall, Umina.

Key speaker will be Noel Olive who will represent the group.

"Let's treat the Aboriginal people as equals in the constitution and in society," said Mr McMinn.

Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

Media release, 3 May 2012
Ray McMinn, Mingaletta Aboriginal Hall



Big bad bunnies bonnet bust-up

A Big Bad Bunnies Easter Bonnet Bust-Up was held at the Bays Community Hall on Easter Saturday with around 50 people attending.

The event was organised by The Boys from The Bays and raised money for the community hall.

Jim and Anita Doe won first prize with their bonnets and took a home a basket full of chocolate eggs, a fluffy bunny and basket of flowers.

Bob and Wendy Puffett were placed second for their bonnet creations.

Newsletter, 11 May 2012
Bob Puffett, Bays Community Group

Gosford Council has resolved to extend an existing bus zone 25 metres to the east on the northern side of Veron Rd between Hillview St and Shoalhaven Dr, Woy Woy.

The full bus zone be sign posted bus zone 8-9:30am and 2.30-4pm school days.

Bus operator Busways requested the extension to be able to accommodate three school buses to service the school.

Council invited property owners who would be affected by the decision to provide comments to be taken into consideration.

One owner responded that there were four vehicles, and possibly another within the next 12 months and a small boat in the future, that all required to be parked at the property.

The owner advised that the loss of about 10 metres of on-street parking in front of their property would severely limit parking options.

However, a report from council staff stated that extensive on-street parking was available elsewhere in the street.

Gosford Council Agenda
TR.12.09, 1 May 2012

Night track work

Late night and early morning travellers may be affected by track work on the Newcastle and Central Coast line from Saturday, May 19, until Friday, May 25.

Buses will replace trains from 2:20am until 4:15am on Saturday, May 19, and Sunday, May 20.

The 1:45am Central to Newcastle service will also be replaced by buses between Gosford and Hornsby with the connecting train from Gosford to Newcastle operating 30 minutes later than the normal timetable.

From Monday, May 21, until Friday, May 25, buses will replace some trains between Gosford and

Hornsby between the hours of 11:10pm and 1:45am.

From 11.10pm until 12.10am, buses will replace trains from Gosford to Hornsby with the last direct train from Gosford departing at 10.08pm and arriving at Central at 11.35pm.

From 11.50pm until 1.45am, buses will replace trains from Hornsby to Gosford with the last direct train departing Central at 10.15pm and arriving at Newcastle at 1.18am.

Trains between Newcastle and Gosford and between Hornsby and Central will operate to the normal timetable.

Website, 11 May 2012
Cityrail



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Gosford Council has agreed to advertise a proposal for a heavy vehicle load limit of five tonnes along The Esplanade and adjoining streets.

The limit would apply to The Esplanade, Ettalong, between Beach St and Norman St, Umina; on Bangalow St between Broken Bay Rd and The Esplanade; on Kourang St between Broken Bay Rd and The Esplanade; on Barrenjoey Rd between West St and The Esplanade; and on Augusta St, Rickard St and Norman St, Umina.

The decision was made after a resident requested that consideration be given to provision of a load limit on The Esplanade, Ettalong, to reduce the number of heavy vehicles that unnecessarily used the route.

The Esplanade was considered a scenic route along the waterfront and linked Ettalong to Umina, according to a report prepared by council staff.

The report said the road pavement on the route was not designed for heavy vehicle use.

It stated that an unusually high number of heavy vehicles were travelling along The Esplanade which did not appear to have destinations to warrant using the route.

Gosford Council Agenda
TR.12.08, 1 May 2012



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Meeting to discuss erosion works

Gosford Council will hold a confidential in-house meeting on Tuesday, May 29, to discuss work along Ettalong Beach between Schnapper Rd and Ferry Rd.

Gosford Council open space and leisure services project officer Mr Derek Hill said Council was aware of the "exacerbated erosion that has occurred over the past 12 months" in the area.

Towards the end of last year Council commissioned coastal engineers to design foreshore protection for the area.

The meeting will determine how the emergency works will be funded and carried out in the near future.

According to Mr Hill, it is being treated as a priority project.

**Media statement, 3 May 2012
Derek Hill, Gosford Council**



Trish and Ross Hopkins

One way traffic in Pearl Beach

Gosford Council has agreed to its Traffic Committee's recommendation to change traffic flow on Tourmaline Ave and Pearl Pde, Pearl Beach, to one way between Diamond Rd and Amethyst Ave.

Council last year agreed to advertise the proposed change of traffic flow with a further report

to be provided to the Traffic Committee following receipt of public submissions.

The proposal was advertised in December and public submissions and comments were sought.

Only one comment was received regarding the proposal from residents who supported the one way traffic flow proposal.

**Gosford Council Agenda
TR.12.07, 1 May 2012**

Party shop opens in Umina

Woy Woy residents Ross and Trish Hopkins opened a party shop in Umina.

Having sold an unrelated business at the end of September last year, Mrs Hopkins said she thought the Peninsula could do with its own party shop to save

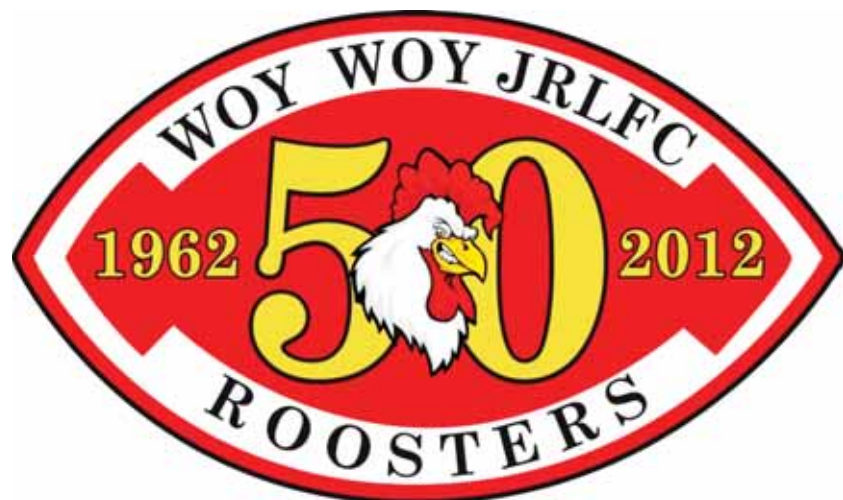
people having to drive to Erina or West Gosford.

"The store has a great range of costumes and wigs plus tableware and a great range of balloons and anything party," she said.

"We have had a great response from the public so far and hopefully

once more people know we are here, the shop will create its own niche market for anyone having a party," she said.

**Email, 7 May 2012
Ross Hopkins, Woy Woy
Photo Hollie Hopkins**



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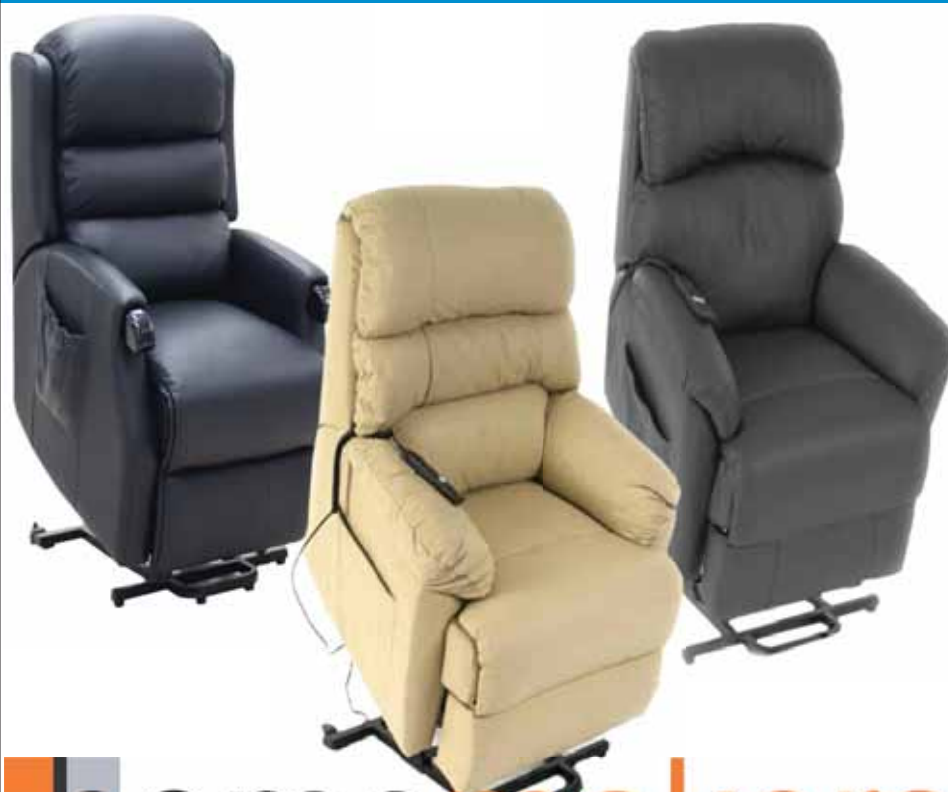
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Wards and mayoral election are fair

For many years, Gosford Council has been a single-ward Council.

While that system might have been okay in the 1950s, it fails to serve the complex needs of Gosford in the 21st century.

A ward system allows better representation of the needs of the local community.

Any fair-minded rational person would acknowledge that the Woy Woy-Umina area has been disadvantaged in comparison to Gosford and Erina.

Just for a start, the roads in the Peninsula are a disgrace.

There are more roads which are not kerbed and guttered, let alone paved in the Peninsula than anywhere in the Gosford region.

Some pot holes in the area should be put on the National

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councillors.

On the issue of the election of mayor, how our mayor is elected challenges the very notion of a democratic process.

Generally speaking the present system means that the party with the most seats is likely to have its' candidate elected mayor.

In the case of a tied vote the process is to draw names from a hat, just like a chook raffle.

How pathetic and undemocratic is that?

Both Mayor Laurie Maher and Cr Peter Freewater agree with the notion of the voters electing their mayor.

Ward representation and popular election of the mayor is the fairest system.

Email, 5 May 2012

Ian Kilpatrick, Green Point

What about Lance Webb Reserve?

I was pleased to read in that plans have been drawn up and money allocated to improve the foreshores of Ferry Park Precinct between the Lemon Grove outlet and Beach St outlet (Peninsula News, April 30).

However, has any one seen the mess the foreshores are in along the Lance Webb Reserve between Snapper Rd and Ferry Rd?

Water corrosion of the foreshores has caused at least five trees to fall

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across the beach exposing large concrete cylinders.

The trees and concrete cylinders are a recreation hazard and present danger to patrons on the beach.

This area is the gateway for many tourists entering the Central Coast via the Palm Beach Ferry.

What plans and money has been allocated to rectify these foreshores?

Email, 2 May 2012

Patrick Croke, Ettalong

Fix pothole problem properly

I own a holiday house at the beach end of Murray St, Booker Bay, and have continuously contacted Council over the past several years, to fill in the overly deep pot holes (up to seven inches deep) in front of our house.

The pot holes are caused by poor maintenance, the rain and heavy traffic due to the non-

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existence of any parking for the ferry.

Surely in the long run it would be cheaper to fix the problem properly rather than sending out three or four men on a regular basis to just fill the holes with loose material that just washes back out again?

Where is the logic in that?

Online submission, 30 Apr 2012

Dawn McNeil, Gympie Bay

Boat ramp awaits sea level rise

It was interesting to read about the current recession of the beach at Ettalong Point, (Peninsula News, April 30).

This event has revealed rocks including concrete blocks which were placed there by Council in about 1970 because there were fears that Esplanade Rd was

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under threat.

The beach erosion has been due to recurrent south westerly sets which have had little effect on the rest of the beach.

In May 1974 a sea wall was destroyed in front of Ocean Beach Surf Club due to the set being

more south easterly, remnants of this wall can still be seen.

The probability is that the beach will reform as it has in the past.

The boat ramp at Kourung St still awaits the sea level rising to make it really functional, perhaps 2050 or 3000?

Email, 8 May 2012

John Harrison, Umina

Should non-Peninsula councillors vote?

It is Colleen Boyd's opinion (Forum, Peninsula News) that residents of the Gosford City area, not living on the Peninsula and absentee rate payers, should not be eligible

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to sign petitions relating to planning decisions for Umina.

How many councillors on

Gosford Council don't reside on the Peninsula and should abstain from voting on the McDonalds DA?

I don't know the domiciles of the 10 councillors.

Imagine the possibilities if all 10 councillors reside outside the Peninsula.

Will all non-Peninsula councillors abstain from voting?

Are the 10 councillors able to make viable decisions for Umina while pre-occupied with the Gosford waterfront?

Are Umina residents eligible to sign petitions relating to the Gosford waterfront?

Email, 8 May 2012

Tim Haylor, Umina

Bulldozers used to clear for airstrip

When I was a young boy, I witnessed the construction of the airstrip at Woy Woy in the early 1940s west of Blackwall Mountain.

My family often took holidays at my grandmother's house west of where the strip was built.

I can still remember two massive bulldozers separated by a few hundred feet with a massive chain connected to both of them.

They would head in the same direction pulling the chain which would then pull down all the scrub and small trees.

When the strip was cleared and levelled, a red type of gravel was used for the surface which was then compacted.

When the war was over, the

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RAAF often used the airstrip.

On one occasion, I can remember an RAAF Avro Anson and a Walrus amphibious reconnaissance aircraft using the airstrip.

The reason the strip was built was for it to be used in an emergency and to be used as a forward fighter strip to protect Newcastle and Sydney if the Japanese got too close to the Coast.

Letter, 11 May 2012

Patrick Ryan, Woy Woy

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Forehead-knuckling of the most cringe-worthy kind

Don Parkes's invocation of the Australian Constitution in the debate over a head of state is somewhat disingenuous.

He is attempting to persuade us that the Queen is some vague figurehead ("titular" head of state, as he would have it) while the Governor-General is our real leader (or "active" head of state, as he describes it), despite the fact that these designations have no validity.

In fact, under the Australian Constitution, there is no ambiguity about these matters.

The Constitution itself was "enacted by the Queen's most excellent majesty" (not by the Australian parliament which, of course, did not exist at that time), uniting "the Colonies and possessions of the Queen" (e.g. us) and establishing the Commonwealth "under the crown of the United Kingdom" (no mention there of Queen of Australia or "titular head").

Furthermore, the Constitution provides that the Queen may "appoint a Governor-General" (no mention there of her consulting the Prime Minister or of the Gov's being the "active head of state", whatever that might mean), and finally, the Oath of Office binds all to "bear true allegiance to Her Majesty".

I don't think the provisions of the Constitution can be any clearer.

The Queen is what we understand by "head of state" even though the term itself does not appear in the Constitution.

In fact, neither does the term "referendum" even though every Australian citizen knows that it

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means the process of amending the Constitution.

Mr Parkes makes great play of the fact that the Queen has deigned to make 16 visits to Australia in over 60 years (imagine, that is only about four years between appearances) and that she will undoubtedly be pleased, in future, to dispatch either Charles or William here occasionally to prevent the natives from getting restless.

I suppose this is marginally better than sending a gunboat but not by much.

In fact, this is forehead-knuckling of the most cringe-worthy kind, and no "proudly independent sovereign nation" would tolerate it for a moment.

My point is very simple.

An Australian head of state should (i) be an Australian citizen (not Queen of the United Kingdom), (ii) live in Australia (not as far from Australia as one can get on this globe) and (iii) have the interests of Australia as a first concern (not as one concern among 53 others as a head of state much in absentia).

Incidentally, I have been reconsidering my previous suggestion that monarchists could give us the choice of King Vincent as our head of state and now lean to the idea of Queen Isabella, as I understand she outranks Prince Vincent and undoubtedly would be a lot more photogenic on our stamps and banknotes.

Email, 2 May 2012
Bruce Hyland, Daleys Point

In the April 16 edition of Peninsula News, I discovered an online submission suggesting the "NBN is a waste of money".

It stated that the \$40 billion could be better spent elsewhere, providing medical facilities was used an example.

Understandably, there are inherent misconceptions surfacing about the viability such a national network has within our community.

I would like to debunk misconceptions while providing some reasoning for the need for such a network.

Currently on the Peninsula, we are operating on a network that is older than the baby boomer generation.

Our local business and families are using a network that was established during the World War II era, when Spitfires were flying mission throughout the Pacific and Europe.

Since then we have built new technologies that could never have been imagined during the original network rollout.

Computers, internet TVs, iPads and medical video conferencing are only a few examples of the types of technology we have at our disposal today.

Currently, we rely on a network that provides variable speeds with a top speed of 20mbps.

Many residents within the Peninsula will be hard pressed to actually ever reach the 20mbps.

In terms that we can all relate to, it would take a 100 megabyte file 50 seconds to download, if we are among the very lucky few who have this speed.

Under the initial speeds of the NBN fibre optic network, we are all entitled to a consistent top speed of 100 mbps.

With this, a 100 megabyte file would be downloaded in 10 seconds.

This is only an example of the initial speeds the NBN would provide us.

According to the online tech news forum, techspot.com, fibre optic cables have the ability to reach data transfer speeds of up to 26 Terabytes.

Compared to our current copper speeds, that is well and truly over

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100 times faster.

Again further elaborating on our current internet speeds, Australia is ranked according to netindex.com as having the 39th most capable network globally.

This is despite Australia being the second most developed nation according to the human development index.

This is a poor standing and requires government intervention to lift our global competitiveness.

We can't stay competitive globally if we can't stay connected and up to date with our technology.

The cost proposal of \$40 billion is used most commonly as an argument against the NBN rollout (most analysts place it closer to \$36 billion).

We must remember that the program expected to go on for eight to 10 years.

This then means the very liberal estimate of \$40 billion, is a mere \$4 billion a year.

To put this into perspective, \$4 billion is roughly one per cent of our \$350 billion of our federal government's budget.

The budget is expected to grow to \$425 billion by the financial year of 2014-15 (budget.gov.au).

This would then reduce annual NBN expenditure to less than one per cent of the budget.

At the end of the day, the NBN is expected to recuperate its costs and then continue to earn money to then be spent on the people of Australia.

Arguments that this piece nation building infrastructure is too expensive are just nonsense.

Here are some facts to consider when deliberating over the NBN's purpose.

Internet traffic within Australia

has increased 19,000 per cent over the past 10 years.

The average household is expected to increase their internet traffic again by sixfold from 2010 to 2015.

Currently, fibre optic technology is regarded as relatively future proof.

Many would ask themselves what purpose this piece of infrastructure would enable us to do in our area, the Peninsula.

The NBN has the potential to create jobs within our area.

Imagine if an employee can stay at home some days of the week rather than commute to work because he has fast internet access at home.

Imagine if a specialist in the city was able to effectively video chat with an elderly person in a nursing home for their check up.

Many of the technologies that would most benefit from the NBN may not have been invented yet.

In the end, this is an investment by the government into our nation.

We are lucky on the Peninsula to be receiving it within three years.

It could have been worse, 10 years?

Deborah O'Neil has done a fantastic job to have our area connected within three years.

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Online submission, 10 May 2012
Lloyd Jones, Woy Woy

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Deborah O'Neill
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Free program for overweight children

Children living on the Peninsula will have the opportunity to join a free program at the Peninsula Leisure Centre which can transform their health with the support of their families.

The 10-week Go4Fun Program is for seven to 13-year-old children who are above their healthy weight.

The Go4Fun Program runs at the Peninsula Leisure Centre two afternoons a week from 4pm to 6pm.

Program manager Ms Louise Parfitt said: "The Go4Fun Program is a really positive experience for the whole family."

She said the program was based on the MEND (Mind, Exercise,

Nutrition...Do it!) program which was an evidence-based healthy lifestyle program for children who were above their healthy weight.

Held in twice-weekly sessions and delivered by specifically-trained health and fitness professionals, the course was unique and aimed to help children become fitter, healthier and happier and delivers long-term results, she said.

It gave families the skills and information to make healthier food choices and children the opportunity to join in fun activities designed to improve their self-confidence and self-esteem as well as their physical fitness.

"I have seen many of the children who take part change their eating and exercise habits, which results not only in them being healthier and fitter but also gaining

in self-esteem and confidence.

"Go4Fun is also a great way to make lasting friendships.

"We hope that many more families will take up this opportunity to turn their lives around and apply for a place on the program."

The course is run by Central Coast Local Health District in partnership with NSW Health and

MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition... Do it!) and starts in the first week of Term 3.

Families interested in participating in Go4Fun should contact Louise on 0427 471 119 or 1800 780 900.

Email, 8 May 2012

Terry Hayes, Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service

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Anzac service at aged care centre

Woy Woy Community Aged Care held its annual Anzac service on Thursday, April 19.

"As our veterans are frail, this gave them the opportunity to attend an Anzac service within the home," said Woy Woy Community Aged Care CEO Ms Jennifer Eddy. "It has become a very important event."

"It is difficult to put into words how moving this service was, to see our veterans laying their wreaths, with great difficulty because of their immobility and with tears in their eyes as they reflected on the past and remembered their mates."

"It also gave us an opportunity to say thank you to those who fought for this wonderful country and who are now in our care."

"As well as our residents, staff and board members, we were joined by our neighbours, residents

and staff from Boronia Court Hostel as well as representatives from Federal, State and local government and community representatives including the RSL."

"Woy Woy Community Aged Care is strongly supported by our community and it is an event such as this that brings the community together," said Ms Eddy.

"We have a different program each year."

"This year Member for Robertson Ms Deborah O'Neill gave a very moving Anzac speech."

"We were very fortunate to have in attendance Ken Townsend on the bugle, organist Wilma Towner and MC Rev Dr Peter Swain."

"After the ceremony, we shared Anzac biscuits and some great yarns," Ms Eddy said.

**Press release, 27 Apr 2012
Jennifer Eddy, CEO of Woy Woy Community Aged Care**



Myrtle and her grandson Alan

Celebrating 100 years with flowers and chocolates

Woy Woy resident Ms Myrtle Anne McDonnell celebrated her 100th birthday on Thursday, April 26.

She was presented with flowers and chocolates by Central Coast Meals on Wheels Woy Woy Distribution Centre coordinator Ms Colleen Sharpe.

Ms Sharpe said Ms McDonnell has been a member of Meals on Wheels for a number of years.

She was born in Tasmania and moved to Sydney at a very young age.

She then moved to Woy Woy 20 years ago to be with her two daughters, who have both passed away, along with her husband Roy.

Myrtle has several grand children and great grandchildren.

Her grandson Alan said that "she still has her own teeth".

He also said that she was a very happy person and her favourite words to him were "don't fuss over me".

Email, 10 May 2012

Colleen Sharpe, Meals on Wheels



Pat and Les Bennett from Hamlyn Terrace out shopping on Tuesday, April 24

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At some stage in your life I'm sure you've been told,

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Believe it or not there is actually an important message behind it, not just for what your posture is like but more importantly for your overall health and well-being.

Forward head carriage generally speaking is when your ears, looking side on, do not line up with your shoulders and therefore is sitting forward in relation to them. This found in up to 90% of our population.

According to the Journal of AMA, for every inch your head moves forward the weight of your head increases by approximately 4.5kg. For example if your head weighs 5kg and you have developed 2 inches of forward head carriage, that equals 14kg of pressure being placed down on your neck, upper back and lower back from your head alone. That leads us to the question, would you be surprised if you were getting symptoms or pain, if you had a 9kg watermelon hanging around your neck every day? Some other symptoms experienced can include headaches, neck and shoulder pain, pins and needles into arms or weakness, fatigue, vision or hearing problems etc. leading to accelerated wear and tear on the spine and surrounding structures.



So mechanically we can understand how it can affect our structure and function but when you have forward head carriage other systems of your body are also greatly affected. Such as your lung capacity, this can decrease up to 30%, as well recent research leaning

towards significant links and contributing factors to certain types of Alzheimer's disease and other disorders.

How does this occur? When you head sits forward of your shoulders, you decrease the intake of air into the airways, decrease the blood flow to the brain, which then deprives the brain of oxygen, sugar and other important nutrients as well as decreasing cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) travelling up and down the spine to the brain. When this occurs over a period of many years, it will start to have a significant effect on the brain and body.

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Breeder Mr Cole with Sydney winning Supreme Exhibit Pig of the Show

College pig wins at show

A pig from Brisbane Water Secondary College has won three Grand Champion ribbons and the title of Supreme Exhibit Pig at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Agriculture students at the college raised and prepared a purebred Berkshire gilt called Sydney and entered her at this year's show.

Sydney was provided by breeders Mr and Mrs Cole from Condobolin.

"The excellent genetics and confirmation combined with careful

preparation by Brisbane Water Secondary College agriculture students led Sydney to win," said college teacher Ms Louisa Briggs.

"Preparations for this year's Sydney Royal Easter Show commenced some five months prior to the competition, with countless hours of hard work perfecting the qualities that were to be judged," she said.

Students from years 7 to 12 were involved in the months of preparation at the school agriculture department and then finally behind the scenes at the

show.

In addition to showing Sydney the Berkshire gilt, the college agriculture department presented six cattle for competition with four achieving ribbons and medals.

The second place winner and Silver Medal Heavyweight School Steer was led by Kyle McCue-O'Brien and bred by Mr and Mrs Cole of Condobolin.

Second place winner and Bronze Medal Open Heavyweight Steer was led by Allana Norris and bred by Mr and Mrs Kesby of Tamworth.

The third Trade Steer-Heifer on the Hoof and Bronze Medal Carcase was led by Kyle McCue-O'Brien and bred by Mr and Mrs Kelleher of Gresford.

The fourth Trade Steer-heifer was led by Joshua Cottam and bred by Mr and Mrs Scott of Bathurst.

"Breeders came from throughout NSW to see their generously donated stock compete," said Ms Briggs.

Email, 30 Apr 2012
Louisa Briggs, Brisbane Water Secondary College

Bushcraft group helps with litter

The Brisbane Water Secondary College bushcraft group embarked on an excursion to report issues relating to unwanted litter from the Hawkesbury River from Juno Point to Dangar Island on Friday, May 4.

The students and teaching staff were split into two groups, one undertaking kayaking in Patonga Creek while the second completed foreshore work in the IRB's.

The groups linked up for lunch at Rocky Ponds and rotated tasks after lunch.

The morning group departed Patonga Creek with the aim of cleaning the beaches in the river from Juno Point to Dangar Island.

An early setback occurred when an IRB motor suffered a fuel blockage and was retired at Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre.

"Eleanor and Gunyah were relatively clean, with three full bags retrieved," said coordinator Mr Graham Johnston.

"This was mostly plastic bottles, and small plastic objects.

"Closer observation to Gunyah Point revealed vast amounts of plastic, on the rock shelf, deposited from the April floods.

"Spring and Croppy Beach

also had their usual supply of plastic bottles.

"The afternoon group had to battle through the low tide mud to reach the boats, prior to further cleaning of the foreshore east of Tank Creek, towards Little Wobby.

"Evidence of the rubbish from the washed up boat was found with a suitcase and clothing material recovered near the boat site.

"With the low tide, and exposed rocks, extreme caution was taken as the group slowly moved east from Tank Creek.

"Plenty of plastic was recovered, with surprisingly many long neck beer bottles recovered from the mud, above the low tide mark.

"Another eight bags were loaded into the two IRBs, with half the area covered to Little Wobby.

"Transportation issues occurred on the return to MacMasters Beach, with the IRB's shifting in the trailer, resulting in damage to the upper hull of one boat.

"This damage caused a small puncture in the boat, estimated cost of repair being \$300.

"Overall, this group performed very well on their first outing on the Hawkesbury," Mr Johnson said.

Email, 6 May 2012
Graham Johnson, MacMasters Beach Surf Life Saving Club

Performing arts concert

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus will hold a performing arts concert on Thursday, August 9.

Ettalong Public School principal Mr Colin Wallis said the concert would provide a "wonderful

opportunity for our children to unleash their talents to the most important people in their lives, their parents, grandparents and friends".

"Our wonderful teaching staff have already planned performances and rehearsals will be commencing very soon for all grades.

"It will be an absolutely fantastic evening that we can all look forward to," he said.

Newsletter, 1 May 2012
Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School

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Show about respect and good manners

Woy Woy Public School will be treated to an entertaining show about the importance of respect and good manners on Friday, May 25.

The Magic Words is being run by Brainstorm Productions, an organisation that provides regular anti-bullying shows.

"This production is a fun way to show our children that rudeness and bad attitudes create bad feelings," said relieving principal Mr Kevin Lane.

"Life becomes easy when you

use the magic words

"The Magic Words has aliens, singing, dancing and lots of laughs, and will assist in creating a more pleasant and harmonious home and school environment," he said.

Brainstorm Productions has won the NSW Department of Education Performing Arts Unit's Frater Award for Best Feedback from Schools for 10 consecutive years.

Newsletter, 9 May 2012
Kevin Lane, Woy Woy Public School



Singing their hearts out

Students from Pretty Beach Public School participated in the Hunter Central Coast Chorfest on Tuesday, May 1, in Warners Bay.

Principal Ms Deborah Callender said the students sang their hearts out and enjoyed being part of the audience for the other performers.

"Many parents supported the

group by transporting them to Warners Bay," she said.

Newsletter, 3 May 2012
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School

Play morning at Mingaletta

A play morning for 3-5 year olds and their brothers and sisters will be held at Mingaletta on Friday, May 24.

The day will consist of fun activities and play stations aimed at helping develop preschooler's reading skills.

The play morning will be held from 10:30am until 12pm and will focus on the 'c' and 'd' sounds.

Bookings are essential.

Phone 4341 1832 with inquiries.

Newsletter, 2 May 2012
Brad Lewis, Empire Bay Public School

Residents asked to watch school

Pretty Beach Public School principal Ms Deborah Callender is asking residents near the school to keep an eye out for trespassers.

The school was the target of a break and enter during the school holidays.

A number of teenagers were sighted playing on the school's new fixed equipment and many of the boomerangs in the wet weather shed were destroyed.

Ms Callender said that on the night of Monday, April 30, the school office block was broken into but the school alarm system deterred the perpetrators from causing further damage.

Ms Callender is encouraging

people to phone the School Security Hotline on 1300 880 021 if they witness anyone trespassing on school property.

Newsletter, 3 May 2012
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School

Umina Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) held its Spirit of Community Festival on Saturday, April 28, at the Umina PCYC to celebrate 75 years of the PCYC movement.

"There were lots of fun things such as Mingaletta Dance Group, face painting, and a community canvas," said club manager Ms Alison Carpenter.

Rotary Club of Woy Woy donated the books for a book sale, cooked the barbecue and presented the club with a donation of \$4250.

Gosford mayor Cr Laurie Maher, Member for Gosford Cr Chris Holstein and former MP Ms Marie Andrews attended the festival.

"All have been passionate supporters of Umina Beach PCYC since it officially opened in February 2001," said Ms Carpenter.

"It was great to see so many past, present and future club members and community members and for the amount of people that stayed to enjoy some music and food and company.

"It is wonderful to see how the PCYC movement has evolved over the years, going from a place for helping young boys to get-stay

on track to a place which not only helps to keep at risk kids and youth on track, but also opens its doors to males and females from babies to senior citizens.

"On behalf of our volunteers, staff and police I can say that we had a wonderful day with the community and look forward to our next one," said Ms Carpenter.

Known as the Police-Rotary Boys Club, the first PCYC started in April 1937 and was built in a disused police station in Woolloomooloo as an initiative of Police Commissioner William John Mackay and the Rotary Club of Sydney.

Media release, 29 Apr 2012
Alison Carpenter, Umina PCYC

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Out and About



Annual raku firing at craft centre

Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre will hold its annual raku pottery firing day on Sunday, June 10, from 10am to 3pm.

Centre publicity officer Ms Sue Sullivan said that pots would be on sale, which could be glazed and fired on the day.

"Adults and children alike enjoy the chance to wield a paintbrush and decorate their own piece of pottery," she said.

"You can glaze two or three pieces to go in different firings to get the best results then see the really magical effect that turns your simple item into a thing of beauty."

She said students' handmade arts and crafts would also be on display and for sale in the centre's craft room.

Email, 1 May 2012
Sue Sullivan, Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre

Digital art exhibition at Wagstaffe

An exhibition of digital art will be exhibited at Wagstaffe Hall over the June long weekend from 9am until 4pm.

"It's time for artists to switch on their imaginations, get creative and produce electronic works of art for this innovative Digital Art Expo," said exhibition organiser Mr Peter Scott.

"Originality is the focus and it's not too late to get to work on your favourite electronic device; whether it is a smartphone, tablet,

notebook, desktop computer, digital camera or all of them, and take part.

"The organisers are calling for entries in the form of works printed on paper, canvas or other mediums, but are open to suggestions if exhibitors feel that their scope would be restricted in those formats," Mr Scott added.

Works will be offered for sale at the artists' discretion.

Email, 4 May 2012
Peter Scott, Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association

Classical music festival will have a twist



The Pearl Beach Classical Music Festival with a Twist will take place on the long weekend of June 9 to 10 at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall from 2.30 pm.

The twist in this year's festival is the joining of classical music with jazz and musical theatre, according to Pearl Beach Progress Association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

Now in its 19th year, the June long weekend music festival concert is bringing some top artists to the Memorial Hall to present a variety of vocal and orchestral music, she said.

"Opening the festival on the Saturday, Musica Viva is delighted to bring to the festival a young quartet on the threshold of an illustrious career," said Ms Lillico.

"The Enigma String Quartet Sydney is formed from the cream of the classical collective and offers the highest caliber musicianship and presentation for the discerning audience," she said.

They will perform their Outback Adventure featuring works by Mozart, Sculthorpe and Janacek.

Saturday evening at 7.30pm, renowned pianist Simon Tedeschi will return "by popular demand" with virtuoso violinist Ian Cooper.

"The duo will perform a selection from the greatest classical repertoire as well as improvise over the coolest jazz, in a journey from Greig to Gershwin," said Ms Lillico.

The concert package will conclude on Sunday evening at 7.30pm with Romancing the Night, a journey through most popular classical music and love songs.

Ms Lillico said Australia's Flute Queen, Jane Rutter, would return to the Music Festival and would combine with Peter Cousens, one of Australia's musical theatre performers.

Bookings are recommended.

Tickets are available for either individual performances or in a weekend package.

Media release, 30 Apr 2012
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Society

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Out and About

Nautical theme and steel industry history at folk club

The CWA Hall at Woy Woy will host nautical themed band The Roaring Forties on Saturday, May 26, from 7pm as part of the Troubadour Folk Club concert.

A one hour presentation by the Roaring Forties will feature a slide show and songs about the steel industry in the 1960s and early 1970s around Port Kembla and Newcastle.

A singing workshop will precede the concert from 5pm to 6:15pm where a number of sea shanties in harmony will be taught.

The songs will then be performed at the concert at 7pm.

Floor spots are available and supper will be provided.

The Roaring Forties have released three CDs including Hazard, Hardship and Damned

Little Pay, which includes a 23 track recording of traditional sea songs and shanties and Shore Leave, which has 17 tracks ranging from the bitter-sweet Lady of Autumn to the sombre Shallow Brown.

Their latest album, Life of Brine is a collection of 23 sea shanties, 11 of which are Australian or have an Australian connection.

The Forties have performed frequently at the Australian National Maritime Museum, the National Folk Festival, Majors Creek Music Festival, the Loaded Dog Folk Club; and have also appeared at Wollombi, Woodford, Port Fairy, Jamberoo Folk Festivals and the Melbourne Acapella Festival.

Email, 1 May 2012

Willy Timmerman, Troubadour Central Coast Inc.



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Novelist talks at Woy Woy library

Melbourne novelist Romy Ash will discuss her novel, *Floundering* at Woy Woy Library on Friday, June 1.

Ms Ash has written for Griffith Review, the Big Issue and Frankie magazine.

She has a regular cooking column in *Yen* magazine and writes for the blog Trotsky and Ash.

The discussion has been organised by Book Bazaar

proprietor Ms Mandi McIntosh.

She said the book followed the lives of two brothers who had lived with their grandmother after their mother abandoned them.

It followed the family after the mother returned and took her boys on a journey across the country "squabbling, bonding, searching and reconnecting", said Ms McIntosh.

Media Release, 11 May 2012

Mandi McIntosh, Book Bazaar

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Out and About



Theatre to host youth concerts



One of the YIPA performers, Liam Burrows

The Peninsula Theatre will host two concerts for this year's Youth in Performing Arts Festival on Saturday, May 26, and Sunday, May 27.

Now in its 21st year, Youth in Performing Arts is a series of seven high quality variety concerts, inclusive of all types of entertainment, featuring youth from across the Central Coast.

Each concert is comprised of 28 individual performances and showcases some of the best junior talent on the Central Coast.

Youth in Performing Arts is designed to promote and foster the development of talented youth, with industry professionals and adults with extensive experience in theatre and entertainment offering additional support.

"Some of the Youth in Performing Arts performers have a wealth of entertainment experience and for others it is their very first time on a big stage and their talent will amaze you," said YIPA committee member Mr Graham Black.

Media release, 9 May 2012
Graham Black, YIPA Committee Member

Sea Scouts hold raffle

First Woy Woy Sea Scouts held its Mothers' Day Raffle on Saturday, May 5, at Deepwater Plaza.

Publicity officer Ms Julie Crowhurst congratulated the three winners.

"The committee would also like to thank all the wonderful people who donated things for our prizes."

First Woy Woy Sea Scouts Group was established at Woy Woy in 1922.

She said it was a non-profit organisation with a mission to educate young people, through a value system based on spiritual, social and personal principles contained in the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.

Email, 7 May 2012

Julie Crowhurst, First Woy Woy Sea Scouts Group

Sponsored for Kokoda trip

Five young men from the Peninsula have been sponsored to take a trip through the Kokoda Track from Saturday, May 26.

The Bill James family from Sydney sponsored the group through the Duke of Edinburgh Award program, together with supervising adults, to complete the Kokoda Track experience over nine days.

The selection criteria required the participants to be from a troubled background with the trip focused on improving their communication and group work skills.

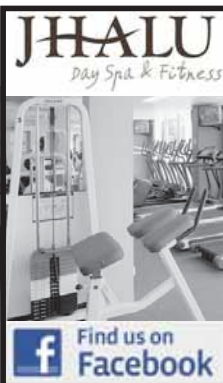
Jono and Jim Myers were selected to coordinate groups from the Central Coast and Sydney's PCYC.

They will combine with a group from Father Chris O'Rileys, Youth Off The Streets program.

"The boys, and especially, Jono and Jim, are training hard to improve their fitness for the hard slog over the mountains of New Guinea," said Graham Johnston of MacMasters Beach Surf Club.

Email, 9 May 2012

Graham Johnston, MacMasters Beach Surf Club



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Out and About



Anzac Day ceremony

Pretty Beach Public School students participated in the Hardys Bay RSL Anzac Day ceremony on Wednesday, April 25.

Two of the school's students represented the school and presented speeches about Anzac

Day.

Their other responsibilities included raising the Australian and New Zealand flags as well as laying wreaths at the cenotaph.

Newsletter, 3 May 2012
Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School

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Mini fete held in poor weather

Inclement weather didn't prevent the Endeavour View Club from conducting its Back 2 School mini fete on Wednesday, April 18, at The Uniting Church Hall, Ettalong.

The Endeavour View Club members raised a total of \$1144 for The Smith Family Charity for disadvantaged children and their families.

Creating the "Sunny View School for Old Girls" for the day, group members made home-made cakes, pickles and arts and crafts to sell, said publicity officer Ms Viv Donovan.

"There was a bric-a-brac stall, tombola, lucky dips, face painting with a wonderful gardening stall.

"Visitors enjoyed Devonshire teas and homemade soup and sandwiches."

Email, 29 Apr 2012
Viv Donovan, the
Endeavour View Club

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Women's Groups

Country Women's Association Woy Woy ⁽³⁰⁹⁾
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Country Women's Association Umina
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The Endeavour View Club, Woy Woy ⁽²⁸⁷⁾
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Gosford RSL Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliary ^(61/296)
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Floorball offered on Tuesdays

The sport of floorball is being offered at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 7pm for children and 7pm to 9pm for adults.

Peninsula Floorball Club representative Ms Tanya Watson said: "Floorball is an innovative new sport often described as indoor ice hockey without the ice."

"It is a great team sport for all school-aged children."

"We are currently building our junior teams and invite new members to come and participate."

"Our junior results from our latest game played on Tuesday, May 8, include two goals assisted

by both Madison and Sam.

"Austin got one goal assisted by Blair and Tristan scored one goal assisted by Sam."

"No experience is necessary as basic skills are practiced each week before the game."

"All equipment is supplied and all you need is a pair of court shoes."

"Just come along on Tuesday evenings or please contact Mitchell on 0424 605 780 or Tanya 0403 745 343."

Email, 9 May 2012
Tanya Watson, Peninsula Floorball Club
Photo: Tanya Watson



Bowls season starts

The 2012 Men's Pennant Bowls season commenced on Wednesday, May 9, with teams from Woy Woy and Umina competing.

There are three grades with 24 sides competing this year.

Umina entered four sides while Woy Woy entered one.

Semi finals and finals will be played in grades two and three.

All finals will be played on neutral greens.

Email, 30 Apr 2012
Kevin Owen, Central Coast RSL Lawn Bowls

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Wednesday, May 16

Central Coast Innovation Summit, Ettalong Beach Club, 12:30pm-5:30pm

Financial information evening, Everglades Country Club, 6:30pm

Thursday May 17

Peninsula Links Day, Peninsula Community Centre

Saturday May 19

Pearl Beach Lagoon forum, Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, 2-4pm

Thursday May 24

Tales from a Dilly Bag, Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation, Umina, 10:30am-12pm

Play morning for 3-5 year olds, Mingaletta, 10:30am-12pm

Saturday May 26

Troubadour Folk Club concert, Woy Woy CWA Hall, 7pm

Youth in Performing Arts concert, Peninsula Theatre

Sunday May 27

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

Youth in Performing Arts concert, Peninsula Theatre

Thursday May 31

Tales from a Dilly Bag, Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation, Umina, 10:30am-12pm

Equal treatment public meeting, Mingaletta Aboriginal Hall, 6:30pm

Friday June 1

Romy Ash author event, Woy Woy Library

Saturday June 2

Ocean and Coastal Car Initiatives marine seminar, Woy Woy waterfront

Sunday June 3

The Irvine Family Piano and Pearl Beach Music Scholarship concert, memorial Hall, 2:30pm

Ocean and Coastal Car Initiatives marine seminar, Woy Woy waterfront

Tuesday June 5

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

Wednesday June 6

Umina CWA branch meeting, 10am, Umina CWA Hall

Woy Woy CWA 80th birthday luncheon

Central Coast Guide Dogs NSW-ACT stall, Deepwater Plaza, 9am-2:30pm

Saturday June 9

Pearl Beach Long Weekend Classical Music Festival with a twist, 2:30pm and 7:30pm

Sunday June 10

Raku Firing Day, Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre, 10am-3pm

Wednesday June 20

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

Sunday June 24

Bays Community Group Breakfast in the Bays, Woy

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0155 - 0.50	0231 - 0.47	0309 - 0.46
0746 - 1.37	0825 - 1.36	0904 - 1.35
1328 - 0.56	1402 - 0.57	1438 - 0.58
1958 - 1.76	2032 - 1.78	2108 - 1.79
WED - 23	THU - 24	FRI - 25
0346 - 0.46	0426 - 0.47	0507 - 0.49
0943 - 1.33	1024 - 1.31	1108 - 1.30
1515 - 0.61	1555 - 0.63	1638 - 0.66
2145 - 1.77	2224 - 1.74	2305 - 1.70
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In view of the variations caused by local conditions and meteorological effects, these times are approximate and must be considered as a guide only. They are not to be relied on for critical depth calculations for safe navigation.
Actual times of High and Low Water may occur before or after the times indicated

The annual Barry Howlett Memorial Trophy was presented to the Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Club Under-11 3s team at the Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Rooster Roundup on Saturday, April 28.

The trophy is for winning the first home game of the season.

Criteria for winning this trophy is based on two factors: improvement from the previous year and sportsmanship on the day.

There were two teams in contention this year, the Under-12 1s and the Under-11 3s.

The Under-12 1s were beaten well by Kincumber Red last season but this year, with great courage and skill, they played a close match only going down at the end by two tries to a formidable opponent.

The Under-11 3s showed improvement by beating Blue Haven, who finished above them last year by 50 - nil.

"Although winning well, the boys were respectful to the opposition and concentrated on their own game," said coach Scott Jones

Email, 30 Apr 2012
Scott Jones, Woy Woy Junior Rugby League
Photo: Sheryle Taylor

Trophy event for bridge club

Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its annual trophy event, the Sue Collas Cup, on Saturday, April 28, at the Peninsula Community Centre.

The winners were Pam Joseph and Susan McCall with a result of 63.1 per cent, followed by Adam Moffat and Phyllis Whyte with 59.6

per cent.

In third place were Vicky and Bob Morris.

This red point event was contested by 40 club members and visitors.

Email, 28 Apr 2012
Heather Tarrant, Brisbane Water Bridge Club
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Part of national bridge challenge

Brisbane Water Bridge Club participated in an Australia-wide bridge competition on Thursday, May 3, at the Peninsula Community Centre.

The Bridge for Brain Research Challenge is held each year in May and raises funds for Neuroscience Research Australia.

The Challenge promotes the benefits of playing bridge by keeping the mind active, while raising funds to continue research

into brain health.

The annual event was played simultaneously by thousands of participants at more than 70 Bridge clubs around Australia.

The club's winners were N/S Sylvia Foster and Karen Ody, E/W Susan McCall and Adam Moffat.

In second place were N/S Jurate Petrauskas and Marie Tucker, E/W Felicity Fane and Ruth Zachert.

Media Release, 10 May 2012
Heather Tarrant, Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Surprise results at triples competition

Mark Sperrin's team of Craig Robertson and Mike O'Sullivan has won the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club Triples competition recently.

The team fought a seesawing game of bowls over the more experienced team of Gary Jones, Mark Gallagher and Michael Jones.

Gary's team came out of the blocks and led 9-1 after seven ends.

However, Mark's team fought back to take a lead of 17-11 after 14 ends.

"With the score at 21-22 in favour of Mark on the 23rd end,

it looked like game was on," said publicity officer Ian Jarratt.

"Mark and his team dug deep and, with a two and a five on the last two ends, wrapped up the title 29-21.

"The triples championships always seem to bring in surprise results and this year's was no exception with a number of the more fancied teams being knocked out early.

"The game was played in front of a large group of supporters of both sides and the teams are to be commended for their sportsmanship and the high standard of bowls."

Email, 9 May 2012
Ian Jarratt, UBMBC



Mike O'Sullivan, Craig Robertson, Mark Sperrin

Change room upgrade at Umina oval

Toilets and change rooms at Umina oval will be upgraded with the grant of \$100,000 of funding under the Federal health department's Community Partnership Building program.

The facilities are currently used by the Umina Football Club, Umina Rugby League Football Club, Umina Cricket Club and Umina Public School.

The upgrade will include a number of significant internal works to improve safety at the facility, improve function of the ageing toilets and drainage systems and upgrade accessibility, according to Gosford Council's leisure services manager Mr Phil Moore.

He said the works would include removal of existing internal fittings, upgrade of existing drainage which has been damaged from

neighbouring tree roots, installation of new accessible male and female toilets, shower facilities, new flooring, ceilings, internal paint and access pathways into the building.

It is anticipated that the project will start early in the new financial year with construction taking nine months.

Media statement, 10 May 2012
Phil Moore, Gosford Council



President Gwen Jarratt (Umina) congratulating Margaret Smith, Sue O'Connor and Judy King (Everglades)

Annual turnaround triples

Umina Women's Bowling Club held its annual Turn-Around-Triples tournament on Monday, April 30, with 28 teams competing in the event.

"Women bowlers from all clubs were invited to participate in the game," said Umina Women's Bowling Club publicity officer Ms Eve Phillips.

Players came from Everglades and Terrigal to contest the tournament.

Two games were played in the morning, and the final game was played after lunch.

Margaret Smith, Sue O'Connor and Judy King of Everglades won first prize while the Terrigal team made up

of Gwen Harwick, Irene Croker and Karen Croker came second.

"Our Umina team, Fay Edwards, Ruth Pearson and Carol Hawkesworth won third prize," said Ms Phillips.

Email, 5 May 2012
Eve Phillips, Umina Women's Bowling Club

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