

## Council approves fast food store

**Gosford Council has voted 9-1 to permit a fast food store in Ocean Beach Rd, Umina.**

The controversial McDonalds proposal faced opposition from more than 2000 signatories to petitions objecting to the development.

Mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna said although he understood there were a lot of residents upset about the McDonalds development in Umina, "it was very hard for the councillors to reject the proposal because the development ticked all the boxes".

"It will bring 120 jobs, mostly casual and part time, to the area and this helps with the huge youth unemployment on the Central Coast plus the 50 jobs it will create in building of the development," he said.

Only new Greens Cr Hillary Morris opposed the application at the council meeting on Tuesday, October 2.

"Whilst I understand the rezoning of this particular parcel of land made the refusal of the McDonalds development application impractical in terms of litigation challenges, I remain unconvinced that traffic movement is not going to be compromised," said Cr Morris.

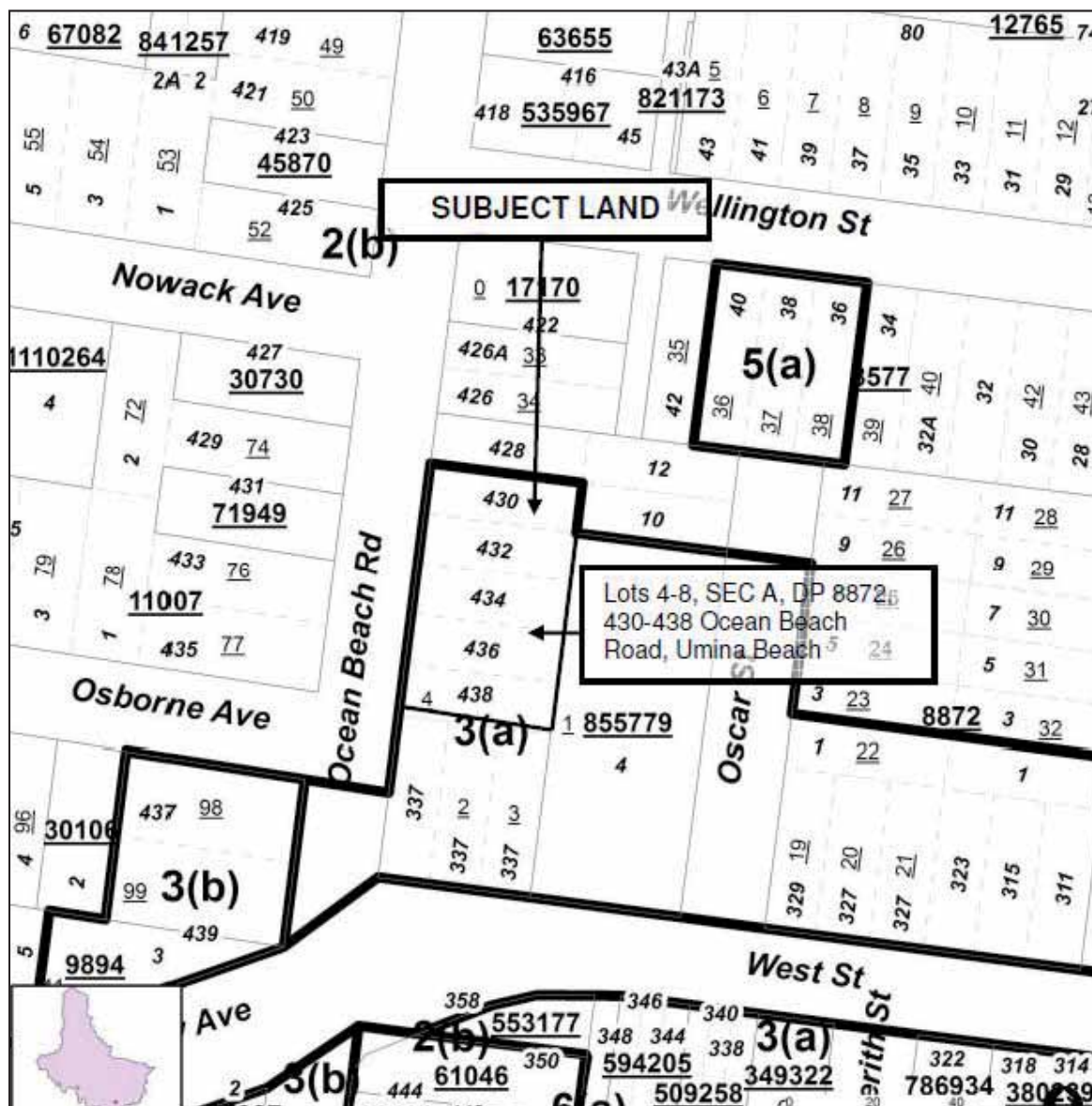
The site was previously zoned Residential 2(b) until the LEP 471 was made which rezoned the site to General Business 3(a).

Cr Morris said she was aware that the development had received sanction from both the Roads and Maritime Service and the police in relation to traffic movement, but said she knew traffic on the road was of concern because it was raised in Council's own DCP 159 Character Statement for Umina.

"Ocean Beach Rd is a major local thoroughfare that provides high levels of accessibility but also generates peak hour traffic congestion, extending eastwards from a gateway intersection with an arterial intersection.

"I feel with the added burden of traffic entering and exiting McDonalds, coupled with a bus stop and cycleway, it could become even more problematic.

"I would like to praise those councillors who endeavoured to find solutions to the concerns



raised by the community such as reducing trading hours, traffic safety measures to stop children running directly across the road to the McDonalds entrance and who genuinely expressed sympathy to the surrounding residents.

"It is never easy to make decisions when there has been such community disquiet," said Cr Morris.

Deputy mayor Cr Bob Ward said employment was a big contributor to his decision.

"With a Central Coast unemployment level of around 6.7 per cent compared with the state average of 5.5 per cent and youth unemployment of around 35 per cent, I was particularly impressed with this commitment to provide over 100 casual and part time jobs.

"The restaurant will provide employment for not only young unemployed people but also students, both of whom will benefit not only from the wages but also from the excellent training, which McDonalds provides," said Cr Ward.

A total of 160 separate submissions and petitions containing over 2000 signatures were received in reference to the development.

The council staff report in the council meeting agenda claimed most of the objections were made from individuals who did not reside in the immediate locality.

Cr Craig Doyle said that the number of signatures objecting against the proposal warranted an answer as to whether or not

the development was in the public interest and, added to a host of other concerns, it could have been grounds for refusal.

"However, on its own, it is insufficient to support a refusal," said Cr Doyle.

"Issues such as traffic, trading hours, signage, Coles' access, and parking were considered and addressed through conditions.

"The residents' concerns were very valid, and to breeze over them would have been a huge mistake," he said.

Cr Vicki Scott, however, said that she voted for approval because there "was no other viable option.

"I really do appreciate that there were a high number of objections, and agree with some of the

objectors' issues," said Cr Scott.

"However, in the end, the only matters we could deal with in the determination were those that would stand up in a court of law, compliance issues, and in this case all of those issues complied.

"Whether we like it or not, food choices, the name of the company which applied for the development application, the fact that this business is best suited in a shop front in West St, the health issue and other factors do not stand up in the Land and Environment Court in defending a decision.

"They are issues that are beyond the boundary of local government.

"We had no choice but to approve the development application because it complies with the requirements.

"I realise that many people will be disappointed, and I'm sorry about that.

"On the positive side, I am pleased there will be about 120 jobs available.

"Jobs for unemployed young people and students are important," said Cr Scott.

Cr Gabby Bowles said she too was also excited about the 100 plus jobs it would create.

"I understand that some residents didn't want McDonalds at all, but I believe that the conditions will result in a more positive development for the area," she said.

The site of the development, which will require the demolition of five houses, adjoins the redeveloped service station to the south on the corner of West St and Ocean Beach Rd and a physiotherapy clinic to the north.

The refurbished supermarket and adjacent car park is located to the east of the development.

The business will trade from 6am until midnight seven days a week and will have a floor area of 412.29 square metres.

The building will have a standard McDonalds corporate visual appearance.

It will include 50 internal seats, 25 external seats and 12 seats in a party room.

**Gosford Council Agenda  
ENV.84, 2 Oct 2012  
Kaitlin Watts, 10 Oct 2012**

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# Dry start for fourth month

**October has had just 14.9mm of rain recorded in the first 12 days of the month.**

This is less than one fifth of the average for the month of 85.2mm, according to figures from Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The dry start to October follows three dry months, where rainfall has been less than 40 per cent of the average.

The cumulative total for rainfall this year will fall below average if the Peninsula does not receive another 60mm this month.

The average cumulative total at the end of October is 1128.7mm, where the year-to-date figure this year currently stands at 1069.2mm.

Temperatures this month have ranged between an overnight low of 10.1 degrees on October 10 to a maximum of 35 degrees on October 5, according to figures

from [www.peninsulaweather.info](http://www.peninsulaweather.info).

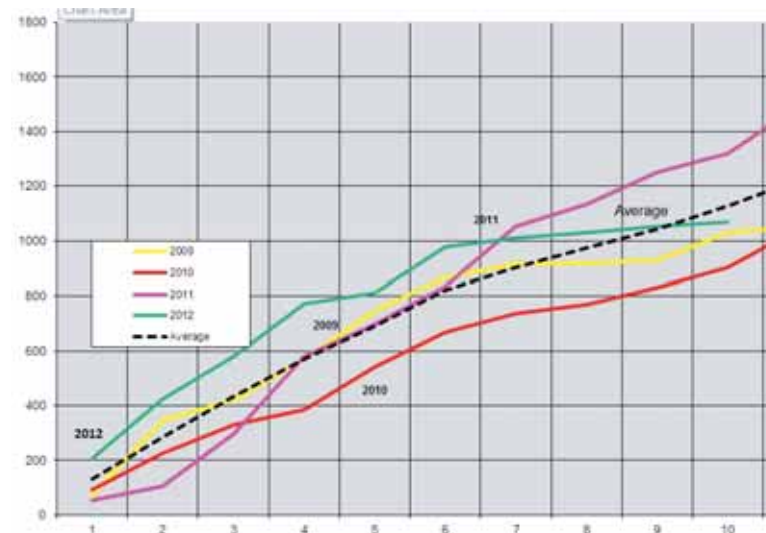
Average overnight minimum was 13.7 degrees, while average maximum was 23.1.

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**Spreadsheet, 12 Oct 2012**  
**Jim Morrison, Woy Woy**  
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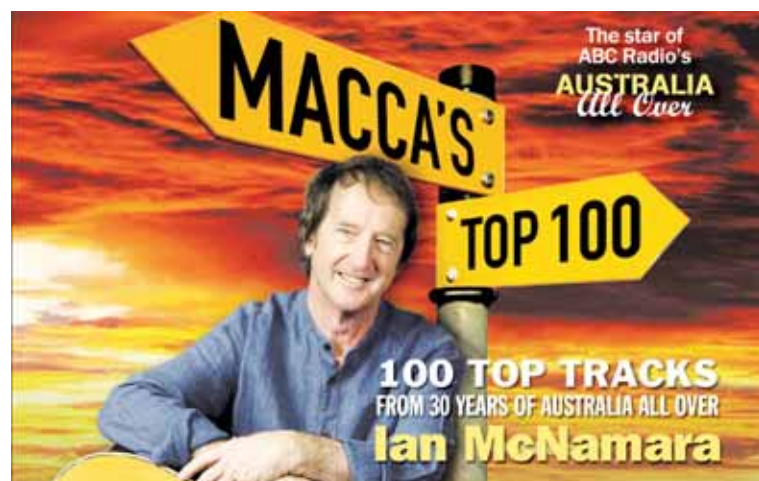
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Kaitlin Watts, 12 Oct 2012



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# Chamber welcomes Council decision

**The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has welcomed Gosford Council's decision to approve a new fast food store in Ocean Beach Rd, Umina.**

"The McDonalds development will also inject over \$1 million in wages into the local community and \$3 million in construction investment which is good news for retailers and businesses on the Peninsula," said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"It is our view that the resulting jobs and wages boost to the local Umina Beach economy will strengthen the town's long term prospects.

"With one of the highest youth unemployment rates on the Central Coast, the Chamber welcomes Council's decision which will generate over 100 casual and part time jobs for young people.

"While there were varied opinions over the development, overall the Chamber sees substantial long term benefits from the project which is further evidence that major retailers see a bright future for the Umina Beach retail centre.

"McDonalds had to jump through a lot of hoops to satisfy the Council especially in relation to traffic management and parking.

"All of these issues were addressed and had the backing of the RMS (formerly the RTA).

"However, as part of Council's 8-1 decision, the trading hours for

the new restaurant were trimmed back to 6: am to 12 midnight which is in line with its recent approval of the Lisarow store in August.

"It has always been the Chambers view that new business and investment is essential to the Peninsula retail centres especially when such investment generates foot traffic, competition and choice.

"With Bunnings due to open at the end of this year in the old Flemmings building coupled with recent major store investment by Coles, Woolworths and Aldi, the Umina Beach retail centre has become a major retail draw for shoppers who never used to come to West St.

"Many of these people are now coming from the Bouddi Peninsula, Empire Bay and Kincumber rather than travelling to Erina.

"This is good news for boutique retailers who will have access to more foot traffic and a wider more varied customer base.

"It's also good news for locals who will get more choice, competition and value for money at a time when we all want to shop locally if we can.

"Most important to the Chamber is the fact that McDonalds will generate over 100 new jobs for young people and more local wages will get spent in town," said Mr Wales.

Media release, 10 Oct 2012  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce



Part of Bouddi National Park that was burned in the fire

## Fire burns for a week

**A fire that was accidentally lit on Friday, October 5, at Lobster Beach did not stop burning until almost a week later on Thursday, October 11.**

The fire, which was started around 6:30am on the southern end of Lobster Beach from a

campfire, burned roughly 140 hectares of bushland in the vicinity of Pretty Beach, Killcare, Hardys Bay and Lobster Beach.

Around 25 crews consisting of 118 personnel fought the fire which destroyed two timber decks at Pretty Beach House.

Although no formal evacuation

notice was given to residents in the area, police undertook a doorknock to surrounding properties and gave residents the choice to stay and defend their properties or leave.

Nobody was injured in the fire.

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# Council opposes coal seam gas mining



Cr Hillary Morris

**The new Gosford Council has declared its opposition to coal seam gas (CSG) exploration and mining anywhere in the municipality in its first meeting since the elections.**

The motion was submitted by Greens Cr Hillary Morris who said she was concerned with the "massive increase in CSG mining currently being experienced in Australia".

Liberal councillors Jeff Strickson, Bob Ward and Chris Burke said they were unhappy with the resolution and subsequently voted against the decision, following a failed amendment seeking a report once the NSW Government had completed a study expected to take two years.

Council resolved write to the Premier informing him of Council's position and seeking a ban on coal seam gas mining and exploration on the Central Coast.

Council will also write to local members of parliament on

the Central Coast to seek their support on Council's position.

Minister for Resources and Energy Mr Chris Hartcher will be urged to give Council notice if any exploration licence is granted or extended, or if permission is intended to be granted for exploratory drilling or drilling.

Cr Morris' motion stated that coal seam gas mining posed

unacceptable risks to water catchments, groundwater, agricultural industries, natural environment and human health and was currently being driven by a demand for the gas in China and India.

Cr Vicki Scott said it was often the case that the land most valuable to farmers was often "the most fertile for CSG".

"It is really important to stand by our community; we want the community to be heard," said Ms Scott.

Liberal councillor Deanna Bocking abstained from the vote when a division was called.

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Cr Jeff Strickson



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# Retirement village opens war memorial

**Peninsula Village hosted General Peter Cosgrove on Thursday, September 20, for the opening of the Village's war memorial.**

General Cosgrove served in the Australian Army from 1965 to 2005 and as chief of defence force from 2002 to 2005.

He served in Vietnam and commanded Interfet, the international forces overseeing East Timor's transition to independence and was the 2001 Australian of the Year.

Peninsula Village executive assistant Ms Linda Grant said many people may not be aware that the Peninsula Village, located in Pozieres Ave, at Umina was constructed in a very special place.

"The land around the Peninsula Village in Umina Beach was subdivided during a time between World War I and World War II.

"The subdivision was called and is still officially known as Our Boys' Estate.

"The name Pozieres came from the Battle of Pozieres which was a two week struggle in a French Village of that name in mid-1916," said Ms Grant.

"It is remembered as an Australian Battle which was won at enormous cost.

"It has been claimed by some historians that 'the Pozieres Ridge is more densely sown with Australian sacrifice than any other place on earth.

"The roadway that initially ran through Peninsula Village was originally named Arras Ave after a 1917 battle on the Western



Front when Australian and other Commonwealth Forces attacked German defences near the French city of Arras.

"To the north of Peninsula Village is Lone Pine Ave, named after the battle between Australian and Turkish Forces in

early August, 1915.

"The other areas around the Village include Bapaume Ave, named after two battles in 1916 and then again in 1918, Rabaul Ave which was the headquarters of German New Guinea during World War I and Dardanelles

Ave was named after the Dardanelles straits which were heavily mined by the Turks.

"The British campaign to clear the Dardanelles straits led within a few months to Australian soldiers being trapped on the beaches of Gallipoli on Anzac

Day.

"To the north of Peninsula Village you have Gallipoli Ave and two streets to the south at Umina Beach we have Australia Ave," said Ms Grant.

Village chairman Mr Darrell Pannowitz commented at the opening that at Peninsula Village there were 92 residents that were returned servicemen and women or spouses of "those brave people that served our country".

"The War Memorial, which was recently created within the Village in Pozieres Ave was an idea made possible with thanks to the Department of Veteran Affairs who provided a grant to enable construction of the stone by Ian Butler, a Village volunteer passionate about creating a place for those to reflect.

The Village maintenance team, led by Jackie Bennett and Bill McCarthy, along with many others also had a hand in the construction of the memorial.

"We thank General Cosgrove who is now the chairman for Leading Aged Care Services, a peak body that supports the aged care sector for travelling to Umina as our guest dignitary," said Ms Grant.

"We also thank Reverend Dr Peter Swain who conducted the blessing, the catafalque party was by the 25 Army Cadet Unit at Erina and Ken Townsend for sounding of the Last Post and Reveille."

**Media Release, 27 Sep 2012  
Linda Grant, Peninsula Village**



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Doug Rose accepting his award



Vince Wiegold with Michelle Vanstone from Volunteering Central Coast



Thea Brayshaw with Michelle Vanstone from Volunteering Central Coast

# Residents recognised for volunteering

Three residents of the Peninsula area were recognised at the 2012 Central Coast Volunteer of the Year award ceremony held in Tumby Umbi on Thursday, October 4.

Woy Woy's Doug Rose received the big award and was named 2012 Central Coast Volunteer of the Year for his contribution to the community while Ettalong's Vince Wiegold was named 2012 Central Coast Senior Volunteer of the Year for his work with Hammondcare in Woy Woy.

Phegans Bay resident Ms Thea Brayshaw was also recognised for her community work with Community Care Services Central Coast in West Gosford for 15 hours a week over the past six years.

Woy Woy resident Mr Doug Rose was named the 2012 Central

Coast Volunteer of the Year at the award ceremony held in Tumby Umbi on Thursday, October 4.

Mr Rose was recognised for his extensive volunteering with the Peninsula Community Centre for more than four and a half years and for Bowls Central Coast for seven years.

He was nominated twice by two different people.

Peninsula Community Centre provides a diverse range of services to the Central Coast community, including childcare, community referral, information services and an internet kiosk and sees up to 6000 visitors per month.

Mr Rose has provided administrative support to the Centre since 2008 through building and maintaining the Community Information Reference Folders, which enable staff to answer almost any questions that come

through the door.

In addition, in 2010 when the Centre gained a Broadband for Seniors Internet Kiosk, Doug was instrumental in the set-up, administration and operation of it as well as being a Volunteer Tutor teaching the over 50s the ins and outs of the internet as a way to connect with their families and communities.

Mr Rose's warmth and ability to relate to people has also seen him become a popular and well liked volunteer in the childcare centre.

"The children love Doug and his 'grandfatherly manner'," said nominator Ms Michelle Remy who works as centre coordinator.

Mr Rose has also volunteered over many years at Bowls Central Coast and Bowls NSW as well as the Everglades Country Club.

"Patience, kindness, enthusiasm, warmth,

approachability and a dry wit as well as his excellent computer skills and passion for volunteer service have endeared Doug to all in his community," said Ms Remy.

Mr Rose is now in the running to win the 2012 NSW Volunteer of the Year award, with the winner to be announced by Minister of Citizenship and Communities Mr Victor Dominello at the State Award ceremony on Monday, December 5, in Sydney.

Event co-host, Volunteering Central Coast's Michelle Vanstone, said the event was very rewarding.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of local communities and are not recognised as often as they should be for their valuable, selfless commitment," she said.

Mr Rose will receive a \$300 donation for the not for profit organisation of his choice to help it continue its work.

Ettalong resident Mr Vince Wiegold has been awarded the 2012 Central Coast Senior Volunteer of the Year award for his volunteer work with aged care facility, Hammondcare, in Woy Woy for over six years.

Mr Wiegold became involved with the facility from the day of its opening, when he asked if there was anything that he could do to help.

Mr Wiegold has very much taken on the role of "driver" in his local community.

Not only does he drive the residents of Hammond Care to outings twice a week, he also drives isolated older people out for meals, and assists with driving at his local church and for Meals on Wheels.

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# Minister for Local Government Don Page

**The information below goes some way to exposing the way our elected representatives, like Minister for Local Government Don Page, abrogate their political responsibility as elected representatives.**

**Minister Page is the latest in a long line of elected representatives who have been advised about the abuse of power and improper conduct of Gosford City Council. I believe Ministers, our elected representatives, are bound by the law of continuing succession.**

**Below is my email to the Minister and the response, not from him, but from some people working in Nowra:**

From: Edward James <espi@bigpond.net.au>  
Date: 24 September 2012 12:27:00 PM  
To: office@page.minister.nsw.gov.au  
Subject: Gosford City Council continues unrestrained.

Minister for Local Government Don Page.

I continue to endure Gosford City Councils abuse of my due process. Starting when Labor MP Harry Wood was the Minister for Local Government. Gosford City Council management has blocked access to my elected representatives for years. Currently the Council stand accused of misleading the NSW State Coroner during his inquiry into the deaths of five people at Piles Creek Somersby when they allowed him to understand. The council had no knowledge or experience in the use of application of concrete to protect the integrity of the corrugated steel pipes which failed. At the time of that evidence being given there were two eight foot corrugated steel pipes beneath Peats Ridge Road which had been put in place by the Department of Main Roads and lined with concrete at that time 1962. Then repaired at least once with concrete during the time of service. Council has claimed in the Express advocate it inspects its roads and culverts twice every twelve months. That being true these two pipes with the repaired at least once concrete linings would have been inspected sixteen times. Minister Page Why is this elected corporate entity being treated differently to any other corporation?

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Below is a small paid announcement for my readers in the Coast Community News due out this week.

**John Robertson, Barry O'Farrell, Gosford MP Holstein and Minister for Local government Don Page as I write this critique of the total lack of political integrity being passed off as our due process.** The corrupt Gosford City Council is getting ready to chose a Mayor on Monday 24 September 2012. How can this be permitted to happen while there are outstanding allegations identifying breaches of Gosford City Councils Code of Conduct, The Local Government Act 1993 and The Parliamentary Elections and Electorates Act 1912. Identifying the campaigns of Labor, Liberal and Independent Craig Doyle. Edward James



**This garbage response written for the Minister Don Page, totally ignores the often published allegations, that Gosford City Council has misled the state coroner, often brought to the attention of Premier Barry O'Farrell, Attorney General John Hatzistergos, leader of the opposition John Robertson, Attorney General Greg Smith their party members and supporters, and readers of informative local newspapers on the Central Coast.**



# Gardeners take out awards

Three residents of the Peninsula area were winners in this year's Gosford City Garden Competition.

Umina's Alva Bell won the award for Champion Residential Garden under 1000 square metres.

Irene Barnard-Bryant's Booker Bay garden won the award for Best Feature in a Domestic Garden.

Suzanne Hickey of Umina won the Best Patio or Balcony Display award.

Gosford mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna, who attended the awards ceremony on Thursday,

October 4, at Erina and presented a number of awards on the night, said the Gosford City Garden Competition had become a much loved local tradition.

"The Garden Competition has a proud history in Gosford City and has continued to grow and prosper since it first began 34 years ago," said Cr McKinna.

"The strong support from our local community has been instrumental to the ongoing success of the event and I hope that this continues for many years to come," he said.

Media Release, 4 Oct 2012  
Lawrie McKinna,  
Gosford Council



Alva Bell's garden in Umina

## Ferry Rd wharf repaired

Ferry Rd wharf in Ettalong was closed from Wednesday, October 10, to Friday, October 12, due to maintenance works undertaken by Gosford Council.

The wharf was closed for the replacement of a raker pile set which protects the end of the wharf from damage that may be caused by vessels.

During this period, Palm Beach

Ferries operated from Guyra St Wharf, Ettalong.

Normal ferry services from Palm Beach to Wagstaffe to Ferry Rd Wharf were set to resume on Saturday, October 13.

Media statement, 10 Oct 2012  
Phil Mitchell, Gosford Council

Media release, 8 Oct 2012  
Lisa Styler, Palm Beach Ferries  
Media release, 8 Oct 2012  
Gosford Council Media



## The Shocking Truth About Roof Restoration

If you've ever been concerned about the condition of your roof, then this could be the most important article you read this year.

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Ken Durham

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# Help wanted with bottle shop robbery

**Police are looking for a man who robbed a Woy Woy bottle shop at knifepoint on Thursday, October 4.**

The man entered the shop on The Boulevard, Woy Woy, just after 6pm and threatened a male employee with a knife before grabbing hold of him and demanding he hand over cash from the register.

The offender fled the scene with a sum of cash and two bottles of scotch.

Police from Brisbane Water Local Area Command responded to the incident and examined

the scene of the crime.

Local detectives are now appealing for public help as they try to identify and locate the offender.

They said they're keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the robbery or any suspicious activity in the vicinity of the bottle shop.

Anyone with information about the incident should call Gosford Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Media release, 5 Oct 2012  
NSW Police Media



Member for Gosford Mr Chris Holstein, Tuggerah NRMA branch manager Ms Jacqui Nielsen and Peninsula Community Centre representative Ms Helen Tuxworth

## Grant for home hazard project

**Peninsula Community Centre has received a grant for its Home Hazard and Security project.**

The project aims to educate staff on the correct use of a fire extinguisher and how to identify if smoke alarms are working.

The grant will be used to assist

in ensuring all service users have working fire alarms and extinguishers in their homes and are confident in their ability to use them.

Staff of the centre will also assist service users in identifying an emergency exit route to complement their emergency

medical plan.

The grant was presented along with a certificate on Wednesday, October 10, at Tuggerah Shopping Centre.

Media Release, 10 Oct 2012  
Chris Holstein, Member for Gosford

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## Three charged after shot was fired

**Police have charged three men after a shot was fired during a brawl at Woy Woy McDonald's on Tuesday, October 9.**

Officers from Brisbane Water Local Area Command responded to reports of an altercation between two groups of men at the Charlton St restaurant about 1:30am.

During the incident, a firearm was produced and a single round discharged.

No one was injured.

Police arrested three men, aged 21, 22 and 28, at the scene and took them to Gosford Police Station where they assisted police

with inquiries.

Specialist forensics officers examined the crime scene.

Two firearms were seized as evidence.

A 21-year-old man from Pelaw Main was charged with being armed with intent to commit indictable offence and affray.

He was refused bail and appeared in Gosford Local Court on Tuesday, October 9, where he was granted conditional bail to appear in Woy Woy Local Court on Tuesday, October 23.

A 28-year-old man from Kurri Kurri was charged with being armed with intent to commit indictable offence and menacing

driving.

A 21-year-old man from Umina was charged with being armed with intent to commit indictable offence, possess unregistered firearm (x2), fire firearm in public place and affray.

Both men were refused bail and also appeared in Gosford Local Court on Tuesday, October 9, where they were refused bail and will appear in Woy Woy Local Court on Tuesday, October 23.

Investigations into the shooting are continuing.

Anyone with information that might assist investigating officers should call Gosford Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Media release, 9 Oct 2012  
NSW Police Media



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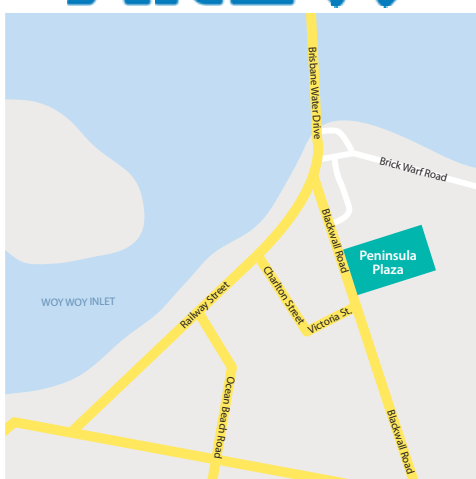
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# Best of times

**What an unhappy upbringing Bruce Hyland must have experienced and, judging by his colourful description of non-Australians, the company he kept would not seem to have been the best.**

I was also in my 20s in the 50s and I didn't think so much then that Australia was the best country in the world but, having travelled over the years and seeing the state the rest of the world is now in, I know it was and still is the best country in the world.

I enjoyed my schooner (Resches) in a men only bar because the young women then were not interested in grog so much in those times.

Not like now when 10pm is the time to hit the streets for today's youth.

There were no all-night pubs then, no fights, stabbings, young girls drunk and vomiting in the street.

I remember our entertainment was weekly dances held by the CYO, the C of E fellowships and the Masons White Ladies, though

## Forum

I was more into the jitterbugging at Maroubra Surf Club or the Albert Palais.

I remember going for coffee in Kings Cross after a show and not having to worry about getting king hit by some drug crazed hoon.

The only drugs in those times were sold in chemists.

We enjoyed our meat and three veg then, especially lamb as it was just a teensy bit less expensive than today's prices.

I remember that the baker and milkman used to deliver to our door daily.

I remember the small grocery stores, Saturday afternoons at the "pitchers" - six pence downstairs nine pence up - milk bars, music that had melodies and lyrics that could be understood - unlike the screaming that passes for singing today.

I remember Bing, Perry, and Glen Miller.

Don't start me on the deafening "music" in the malls of today and the Christmas that will be played

ad nauseam shortly.

Bring back the old Sally's band that played carols on the corner at Christmas time.

Computers now are a wonderful convenience but unfortunately at the touch of a keystroke our young can be introduced to the vilest pornography.

I remember going to the Easter Show and football finals without having to pay an arm and a leg.

I remember roads that were a pleasure to drive unlike today where you sometimes feel lucky to get home alive.

I remember only hearing the "F" word occasionally and only in bars or poolrooms, now thanks to some TV shows and movies it has become just another adjective.

I've even heard mothers use it to children.

But best of all, in the 50s, I met the most beautiful girl in the world, married her, had four of the most wonderful children and, what do you know, after 54 years she is more beautiful than ever.

Email, 3 Oct 2012

Peter Whiteman, Daleys Point

**More Forum page 15**

# Deal with rain with kerbs and gutters

**I agree with Debra Wales' sentiment (Peninsula News, September 17) that there is slow progress on road upgrades on the Peninsula, but disagree with Margaret Lund's opinion (Peninsula News, October 2) that there is no need for kerb and guttering due to high tides and heavy rain.**

Rooves of buildings collect

## Forum

water which, in turn, flows into onsite tanks, overflows into kerbs and gutters, open channels, creeks, lagoons, wetlands and Brisbane Water.

Increasing the catchment area for rainfall tops up these features with an increased regularity.

The bed of these features is closer to the water table, therefore

offers a quicker replenishment than rain on the lawn; residents use tanks and bores for garden watering, enjoying their dollar savings.

I'm no fan of "pooling" in streets when it rains nor do I enjoy tripping or falling due to uneven footpaths or road surfaces.

My preference is to increase the catchment area, create "rolled" kerbs and gutters, improve the roads and increase water savings.

Some streets on the Peninsula already have underground pipes and pits to the natural surface level.

It's the kerbs and guttering which is missing, along with the funding.

Deal with flooding when and if it happens.

Email, 10 Oct 2012

Des Mitchell, St Huberts Island

# Playing without fear in the 1950s

## Forum

Letters to the editor should be sent to:  
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See Page 2 for  
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**In answer to Bruce Hyland (Peninsula News, October 2), it depends how old you were in the 1950s.**

I don't remember anything you mentioned.

I was born in 1945 so the 50s were a good time for me.

I was able to play in my front yard and have no fear of being abducted or shot at, go to the local lolly shop and come home with a "big" bag of lollies for threepence and go to the movies on Saturdays.

Gosh I could go on forever but I think you get the picture.

Today, you can't let your children out of your sight.

We used to walk down the road of a night but you can't do that anymore.

At Christmas, my family used to get a tram to Circular Quay and walk all the way to Central looking at the Christmas decorations in the shops.

I wouldn't do that anymore.

That was in another time.

Families had time for each

other in the 50s and now they have to work long hours to keep up with everyday living.

Only my dad worked and my mum was always there when I came home from school and I never went without.

I agree with Vic Jeffries (Peninsula News, September 17), the 50s were the good old days and Australia was and still is the best country in the world.

That's why everyone from overseas comes to live here.

Letter, 9 Oct 2012

Maureen Coakes, Ettalong



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# Local doctor raises \$5000 for vision service

## Focus on emotions

**Woy Woy ophthalmologist Dr Anil Arora has raised \$5000 to support Vision Australia's essential services for Central Coast residents who are blind or have low vision.**

Celebrating his 50th birthday, Dr Arora said he wanted to give something back and, in lieu of presents, he asked his friends and family to help him raise \$5000 to support a charity close to his heart.

"Vision Australia does a fantastic job of helping people who are blind or have low vision.

"Over the years, I have been amazed at the dedication, passion and commitment that they show to help those who need their help," said Dr Arora.

Vision Australia's services follow every stage of life, from families with infants and small children to those who have deteriorating vision due to age related conditions.

"Independence is the ultimate aim of our services," said Vision Australia, Gosford team manager

Ms Amanda Hancock.

"We want all our clients to be able to achieve the outcomes that are important to them.

"The support of people like Dr Arora is crucial to help us to do this," said Ms Hancock.

Dr Arora raised more than \$3000 from the generous donations of his friends.

However, his goal was to raise \$5000, so he wrote out a personal cheque to make up the difference.

"As an ophthalmologist, it is always hard to tell people there is nothing more I can do to improve their sight, so it is great to know that I can refer them to Vision Australia.

"I hope this donation will help Vision Australia to continue to provide essential services to those with visual impairment.

"It is a very worthy cause," said Dr Arora.

**Media Release, 5 Oct 2012  
Megan Bishop, Vision Australia**



**Workshops that focus on how to manage emotions will be held on Sunday, October 21, at the Woy Woy Seventh Day Adventist Church.**

A mixed group workshop will be held at 3pm and a men only workshop will begin at 6:30pm.

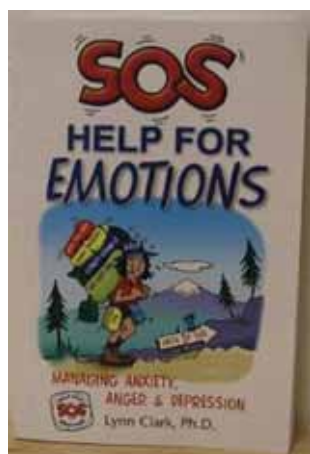
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Each session will include a practical interactive small group discussion where group members can practice their skills and share their experiences.

Entry fee is \$10 and includes a text book, printed material, slides, PowerPoint handouts and video clips.

To register, phone 1300 486 683.

**Email, 8 Oct 2012  
Carol Sickle, Woy Woy  
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## No inspiration in politics

It is an atheist and common-held view that religion is the cause of strife and violence in the world, but it isn't.

True religion is a joy. It is politics and power that has corrupted religion.

Jesus Christ was a wake up to that.

"Pay what is Caesar's but keep the faith at all times."

A modern saint, Mahatma Gandhi, found out to his sorrow, that you can't mix politics and

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religion when the walls of hatred and power came blasting down in bloodshed upon the time of India's independence.

Just think, the Bible has a lot of wisdom and Christ's message of love and peace is truly inspiring.

You can't say that about politics.

Letter, 30 Sep 2012  
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

## Planning goalposts removed on character requirements

### Forum

visually as a standard corporate McDonalds building," according to Gosford Council Agenda, ENV.67, August 7.

Council staff added an additional comment to ensure that there was no ambiguity: "The building is designed as a corporate McDonalds Restaurant, therefore the needs of the applicant should be balanced against the character requirement."

It seems it is official: The needs of the applicant are superior to the character requirements which previously meant "the qualities that distinguish each area and the individual properties located within that area".

**Gosford Council's Character Statement DCP, which requires new development to fit into the existing character of an area, has a long history which dates back to September 2001.**

Over the last decade, the provisions of this DCP have been applied to many development applications.

However, in August this year, Council staff have effectively decided that Character DCP is expunged.

It appears that with the application for a McDonalds in Ocean Beach Rd, Umina, the need to adhere to a local character statement no longer applies.

"The building will appear

Council staff reported that the DA did not comply with character requirements but still supported the development.

Character Statement Umina 14: Town Centre contains numerous inconsistencies with the application, for example: "Off street parking should be concealed behind shops."

The McDonalds proposal "consists of parking located at the front of the site".

This is apparently innocuous to the council staff who firmly believe "the proposed does not detract from the character of the immediate locality".

DA criteria now appear to undergo a day-to-day metamorphosis, as council staff favour "the needs of the applicant".

The goal posts aren't changing.

They have been removed.

Letter, 7 Aug 2012  
Norman Harris, Umina

## Rough with a good heart

### Forum

**Bruce Hyland seems pretty browned off with the 50s (Peninsula News, October 2), but I found the 50s nice.**

The culture was sweet and bland and the streets were clean and safe and exciting things were just around the corner.

We young blades used to drink wine, eat macaroni pie at Lorenzini's on Elizabeth St and then watch foreign movies at the Savoy.

The movies from Sweden, Japan, Italy, France and India gave new insight and a startling new direction on the screen and as art.

As a people in those times, Australians, despite a Depression and two World Wars, were still fairly innocent.

Even though on the surface

we seem a bit crass, I agree with Field Marshall Erwin Rommel's comment that "Australians are a rough lot, but I believe they've got a good heart".

Letter, 3 Oct 2012  
Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

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## Past students graduate

**Past students of Empire Bay Public School have excelled in various subjects at the Year 12 Graduation at Kincumber High School.**

Maddison Lapich, Matthew Lynch, Ashleigh Mounser, Johnathan Watts and Abbie Dixon all performed well throughout the year.

Ex-student William Capps has also been announced school

captain of Green Point High School for next year.

"This is a great honour for William and one which reflects favourably on his primary school and his past teachers who clearly set him on a successful pathway," said Empire Bay Public School principal Mr Brad Lewis.

**Newsletter, 10 Oct 2012**

**Brad Lewis, Empire Bay Public School**



*Kincumber High school graduate Johnathan Watts*

## Workshop on English teacher

**Ettalong Public School hosted a workshop for teachers from the Brisbane Water Learning Community on Wednesday, October 10, on the introduction of the new syllabus in English from Kindergarten to Year 10 that is due for full implementation in 2014.**

The workshop introduced teachers to the syllabus and facilitated the development of a

common Brisbane Water Learning Community plan of implementation and support for the new curriculum.

"It is great to see a combined approach across all schools including the secondary college," said principal Mr Colin Wallis.

"The day was very valuable and worthwhile and will assist with ensuring a smooth transition to high school," he said.

**Newsletter, 9 Oct 2012**

**Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**

## Staff changes at Ettalong

**Ettalong Public School started term four with a number of staffing changes.**

Principal Mr Colin Wallis has welcomed Ms Tamara Tucker who will teach a Kindergarten class while Ms Sue Judge is on maternity leave.

Mr Matthew Boutland will teach a Year 5 class for the first three weeks while Mr Alan Golding is on long service leave.

Recently appointed school chaplain Mr Mark Andrews will also work with the school on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays throughout the term.

"I know he will make a valuable and significant contribution to our school," said Mr Wallis.

Mr Wallis also welcomed back Ms Anne Smith after her long service leave and adventures in France.

The school is also currently advertising the position for assistant principal support.

"This will be an important position that will raise the profile of our support unit and afford them extra support," said Mr Wallis.

The successful applicant is expected to commence duties from next year.

**Newsletter, 9 Oct 2012**

**Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**

## Indigenous literacy day

**Ettalong Public School will hold an Indigenous Literacy Day and Book Fair on Thursday, October 18.**

The day will raise funds for literacy resources for remote Aboriginal communities.

Students have been asked to each donate a good quality book

suitable for children aged five to 12.

These books will then be sold at the book fair for \$2 each.

The funds collected will be sent to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

**Newsletter, 9 Oct 2012**

**Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**

## Early intervention teacher to retire

**Woy Woy Public School Early Intervention Unit teacher Ms Lynne Eames is currently on leave pending retirement.**

"Mrs Eames has been part of our school community for a very long time," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"Lynne has given her all to

the care, learning development, enhancement and quality of life to countless numbers of early childhood children with special needs during her time as teacher in our Early Intervention Unit.

"Her devotion, commitment and love of her work are truly amazing.

"Lynne has made such a difference to so many little special lives."

Ms Buckley said that Ms Eames would be missed.

A number of other staffing

changes will also occur over the first few weeks of Term Four.

Ms Jill Hunt will be on leave until the end of October and Ms Michelle Richardson will continue teaching Year 5-6H.

Ms Lee Simpson will be on leave from October 19 until November 5 with Ms Kate Smith continuing with the learning programs for Kindergarten during her absence.

**Newsletter, 9 Oct 2012**

**Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School**

## New start for HeadStart

**Ettalong Public School began its HeadStart program on Wednesday, October 10, for new Kindergarten students.**

"This is an outstanding transition program that has been copied but not surpassed by many schools on the Central Coast and beyond," said principal Mr Colin Wallis.

"It will ensure a smooth start to the school careers of our newest and youngest students.

"Many thanks to Anne Smith and the Kindergarten team of teachers and support staff for their great organisation and planning."

**Newsletter, 9 Oct 2012**

**Colin Wallis, Ettalong Public School**

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# Permanent principal to be selected

The process to select a permanent principal at Empire Bay Public School has begun, according to acting principal Mr Brad Lewis.

"Our school education director Mrs Karen Jones has formed a selection panel, comprised of a community and staff representative, a principal from another school at the same level as Empire Bay

and a representative from our local AECG," said Mr Lewis.

"This selection panel will be chaired by Mrs Jones.

"Written applications have been called for via advertisement with that first step of the process closing on October 10."

The position is expected to be filled within a month.

**Newsletter, 10 Oct 2012**  
**Brad Lewis, Empire Bay Public School**

# Fire service holds cadet program

**Brisbane Water Secondary College in Woy Woy celebrated a first for the school on Wednesday, October 10, when 13 students graduated from the NSW Rural Fire Service Secondary School Cadet Program.**

NSW RFS chief superintendent Mr John Parnaby congratulated the group of students who committed to the intensive 10-week course run by 20 NSW Rural Fire Service volunteers and staff from the Gosford area.

"This course is unique because it covers a broad range of practical skills as well as instilling

students with important skills like commitment, leadership and team work," said Mr Parnaby.

"The program provides students with an insight into the camaraderie and sense of mateship you get when you join together with your peers to protect your neighbours during times of need.

"This is something our volunteers do 365 days a year.

"This cadet program also opens students' eyes to another side of society, where people give of their time freely and in return they are provided with extensive training in a professional organisation.

"Often high school students have a lot of enthusiasm and

energy, they just need some guidance about where to direct it.

"This cadet program has proven to really capture students' attention," Mr Parnaby.

Mr Parnaby described the cadets as an inspiration to their fellow students and said he hoped they would follow in their footsteps and elect to do the course in future years.

More than 4000 students across the state have successfully completed the NSW Rural Fire Service Secondary Schools Cadet Program since its launch six years ago.

**Media release, 10 Oct 2012**  
**Rural Fire Service media**

# Lunchtime activities

**Pretty Beach Public School has introduced a number of lunchtime activities for its students.**

The school has begun two guitar groups, a sports skills group, chess group and a special girls group for Year 2 and 3.

A Friday gardening group and Japanese lessons are also held.

All of the activities are organised and supervised by staff, volunteers and parents.

**Newsletter, 6 Sep 2012**  
**Deborah Callender, Pretty Beach Public School**

# Childcare service celebrates 35 years

**Woy Woy Peninsula Community Childcare will hold an Open Day on Saturday, October 27, from 10am until 2pm, to celebrate 35 years of service to early childhood education and the community.**

Built under the Red Scheme in 1976, the Centre was opened by the State Minister for Youth and Community Services Mr Rex Jackson on January 22, 1977.

Other prominent members of the community in attendance included the Federal Member for Robertson Mr Barry Cohen and Gosford Shire President Mr Don Leggett.

As a community based, non-profit venture, the preschool was managed by a committee of

parents using the centre.

The program was implemented by tertiary qualified early childhood educators and staff guided by directors Ms Francis Emyetson, Ms Rae Arnot, Ms Kerrie Turner, Ms Sue Dean, Mr Ron Koot, Ms Nirupa Maharaj and Ms Amy Mills.

Fundraising activities were also regularly undertaken by the centre to purchase resources and equipment.

Famous fund raisers over the years have included mini-fetes, trivia nights and dance-o-thons.

"Connections in the community and continuity of staff have played an integral role in the success of the service with families including third generations returning and enrolling in the service," said Woy Woy Peninsula Community Child Care director Ms Amy Mills.

"The centre has always ensured the children in attendance have been involved in their local community from taking excursions and bus rides to inviting community members into the centre to share

in the journey of learning together."

All past and current stakeholders are invited to participate in the day of memorabilia and displays which commemorate the role this service has played in the lives of Central Coast families for over three decades.

For more information, phone Amy on 43 419 666.

**Media Release, Oct 2012**  
**Amy Mills, Woy Woy Peninsula Community Childcare**

# Principals meet

**Umina Public School principal Ms Lyn Davis met with all principals on Friday September 14.**

The day acted as a discussion forum for the heads of the schools.

Topics discussed including implementation of the national curriculum, the speech therapy pilot, Deadly Awards, planning for next year and the transition from primary to secondary school.

**Newsletter, 11 Sep 2012**  
**Lyn Davis, Umina Public School**

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## Out and About



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This is the third year in a row Ocean Beach Holiday Park has topped the state.

Ocean Beach Holiday Park manager Ms Vanessa Fordyce said the staff at the park were thrilled to have been voted as the number one family destination in the entire state since 2010.

"Throughout NSW there are

endless family holiday destinations, and coming out on top is a major achievement, especially for the third time," said Ms Fordyce.

"Our goal is to not only encourage families to return to our park for their regular holidays, but get them back on the Coast to boost tourism and the local economy."

The holiday park is managed by the FreeSpirit Resort and Holiday Park Management Group who manages or consults to several other award winning parks within Australia.

Media Release, 5 Oct 2012  
Marnie O'Brien, Zakazukha Marketing Communications

## How to use tablet computers

The Peninsula Community Centre will run a free one-off class this month to help people understand how to use tablet computers.

Tips to Help You Use Your iPad

will be held on Monday, October 29, from 9:15am until 11:30am.

Tutor Lillian Spender advised: "If possible, anyone who would like to attend the class will need to bring their iPad with them."

"The course is not suitable

for Android or other tablet style devices," said Ms Spender.

To book, phone the centre on 4341 9333.

Media Release, 10 Oct 2012  
Michelle Remy, Peninsula Community Centre



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Empire Bay has village fair

The Empire Bay Community will hold its second annual Village Fair on Saturday, October 20, at the Empire Bay Progress Hall from 9:30am until 4pm.

Students from Empire Bay Public School, local organisations and the Empire Bay Progress Association have been working together to coordinate the annual Village Fair.

The fair will raise funds for the upkeep of the Progress Hall, and Empire Bay organisations including Empire Bay Public School and the Rural Fire Service.

Stalls will include potted herbs from Empire Bay Public School students, designer jewellery, knitted dolls, essential oils, Christmas themed gifts, psychic readings, a plant stall and a large selection of second hand books.

A bric-a-brac stall will raise funds towards the ongoing treatment and equipment for a local paraplegic man.

The fair will also have craft

displays and Boronia Court Aged Care Facilities Auxiliary will sell home-made cakes, jams and pickles.

Children's activities including face painting and plaster painting.

Warwick's Pianola will provide musical entertainment.

The Rural Fire Service will bring its truck and have an informational display.

Empire Bay Progress Association member Ms Jan Consoli said: "It's a wonderful sign of spirit and generosity that our community has worked together to create a Village Fair that really does cater to the entire village."

Fair raffle prizes include a family pass to the Australian Reptile Park, an anodised garden setting, handmade jewellery, vouchers for Cinema Paradiso Ettalong, a wine hamper, a fruit and vegetable basket from Quick Serve Fruit Market and meal vouchers from Empire Bay Tavern.

Media release, 11 Oct 2012  
Brooke Simmons, Pursuit Communications

Pearl Beach artist exhibits

Pearl Beach artist Ms Robyn Bellamy will present her latest exhibition of landscape paintings at the Cessnock Regional Art Gallery from Friday, October 19, until Sunday, November 18.

Robyn said her paintings were the product of intense observation of her immediate environment.

Her work portrays the coastal fringe near her home at Pearl Beach and the waterways of the Hawkesbury to the country beyond the ranges and to Ruby Gap in central Australia.

Robyn's extensive travels have included the countryside of Italy, Spain and France where she says the central focus of her work is still

the role of nature and humanity's position in it.

Mood and atmosphere are created through an interplay of light and shadow, tone and colour.

Roadways twist and taper off into an unknown future where rooftops and buildings impose themselves upon rural backgrounds at differing stages of domestication.

Ms Bellamy is a graduate of the National Art School whose painting has been influenced by early modern French and Australian painting and also by Renaissance techniques.

She has been an artist and art educator all her professional life and from these joint interests, became one of the founders of Artexpress, the annual state-wide exhibition of selected Higher School Certificate art work.

The exhibition will present over 60 works, ranging in size from classical miniatures to substantial large canvases.

Media Release, 5 Oct 2012  
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach  
Photo: Lynne Lillico

Music and dance party

A music and dance party will be held on Saturday, December 8, at the Peninsula Community Centre in support of International Day of People with a Disability.

Discobility will include a daytime dance party festival from 12pm to 5pm that will feature music, DJs and live entertainment by performers who have a disability.

The dance party will feature three rooms of live entertainment.

Boogie Central will include DJ Nitewolf and performances by the Singing Hands Choir and iCEP Dance Troup.

The Acoustic Corner will include performances by the iCEP Music Troup and open mic opportunities.

The Workshop Haven will allow partygoers to try their hand at activities such as drumming with the Rhythm Hut, drama with the iCEP crew, zumba and Bollywood dancing.

Games, workshops, a sausage sizzle and a chill out space will also be on offer on the day.

Entry is free for people with a disability, their friends, family and

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Media Release, 10 Oct 2012  
Michelle Remy, Peninsula Community Centre



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## Woytopia Festival is on again

Woy Woy's own green day out, the Woytopia Festival, is on again on Sunday, October 28, in the grounds of Woy Woy South Public School.

The festival will kick off at 9:30am with a Welcome to Country smoke ceremony performed by Gavi Duncan, followed by the Ganang Spirit Dancers.

The day will consist of music, children's activities and an "eco-market" featuring a variety of wares from clothes to solar panels.

There will also be green talks, gardening workshops, a solar cooking demonstration and a range of local green organisations and services.

This year's musical line-up will

see acoustic guitar and didgeridoo blues from Richard Perso, blues-reggae from the Dominique Morgan Trio, Latin jazz duo Rio Blue, the massed ukuleles of the Central Coast Ukulele Orchestra and the Tangeloes acapella choir.

The festival will close with a drum circle led by Drumbala.

Children can learn circus skills, how to turn trash into jewellery or join in a game of soccer.

There will be a bush tucker show with Jake Cassar and a native animal show by the Walkabout Wildlife Park.

Media Release, 9 Oct 2012  
Mark Mann, Peninsula Environment Group

## Certificate for Rotary club

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has been presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Umina Beach PCYC.

The Rotary club's financial support contributed to the acquisition of more gymnastic equipment for children at the PCYC.

"We are ordinary people who enjoy helping humanity including those in need locally, in our home country and throughout the world," said the Rotary club's public relations officer Ms Fiona Hunt.

"We have developed projects which have brought significant changes to the world, for example, polio.

"Our motto is Peace Through Service and we aim to spread goodwill throughout the world, to



make it a better place to live and work.

"We are productive and also enjoy fun and fellowship," said Ms Hunt.

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy

meets at the Everglades Country Club every Tuesday evening at 6pm.

Media release, 4 Oct 2012  
Fiona Hunt, Rotary Club of Woy Woy



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# Real estate development on the Bouddi Peninsula

The history of real estate on the Bouddi Peninsula and the people who made it happen is as rugged, colourful and magnificent as the landscape.

One of these was William Ward who, at a public auction of crown lands, purchased 150 acres in 1836 stretching from what is now Hardys Bay Parade to approximately Stanley St.

The price of the acreage was 37 pounds and 10 shillings.

European settlement began on the Bouddi Peninsula in the 1820s when the Brisbane Water district was opened up for settlement.

However it was not virgin bushland as the Guringai people were the first inhabitants.

There are around 100 Aboriginal sites recorded in the Bouddi Peninsula.

Still evident are middens, rock engravings, camp sites and rock shelters with art.

The Aborigines had an abundant food source from the bay and ocean, a plentiful supply of fresh water and shelter in caves.

Quentin Riley's grandmother remembered the local tribe walking around the bay to catch fish at Putty Beach.

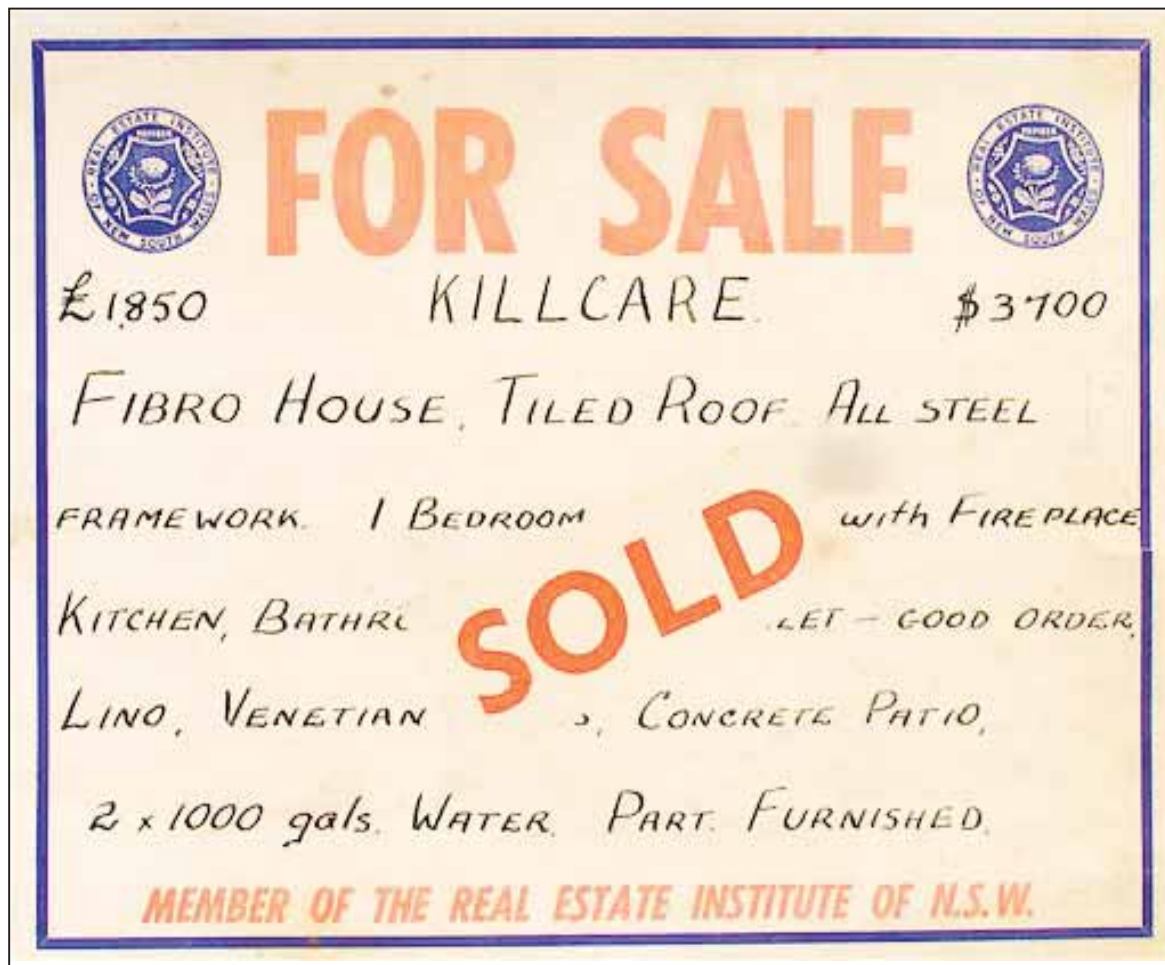
The tribe was so large that the first of the tribe was wandering around the southern point toward Killcare while the rest were strung out right around the bay to the north point.

Another story is of a long single file of Aboriginal people walking over the hills of Hardys Bay towards Daleys Point for a corroboree.

The topography of the Bouddi Peninsula appeared unsuitable for agriculture and boat access from Sydney was limited.

Early settlers were subsistence farmers only and the population of Killcare-Wagstaffe area was 22 in 1891.

Rough terrain did not stop settlers like William Ward from



selling timber and creating a home for his Scottish wife and 10 children on the foreshores of what is now Hardys Bay.

Their timber house was called Coriberrah.

On a cadastral map of Brisbane Water, dated 1841, a house is shown in the north of Ward's land probably on the creek near the public wharf at Killcare.

Catherine Ward was as hard working as her husband and together they had a marriage and business partnership, as she worked alongside him in the timber cutting business.

Later William built and captained small trading vessels travelling from Kincumber to as far as Norfolk Island bringing back pine trees to be sold in Sydney and the Central Coast.

The Sydney Harbour Bridge and Pyrmont Bridge are said to be built from Kincumber timber felled and sold by William in his time.

Ward's Bay was the original name of Killcare and Ward's name is now commemorated in Wards Hill Rd.

William Ward and his timber getters opened up the country, supplied passage and provisions to settlers, carried

feed for horses, shell for lime burning and conveyed prisoners and escorts to and from Sydney.

Ward died in 1876 and in 1877, Manasseh, the seventh of the 10 children (born in Killcare in 1851) married Adelaide Keele.

Manasseh's mother, Catherine, conveyed to Manasseh, "for natural love and affection", the family property at Ward's Bay, Killcare.

In 1912 Manessah Ward sold the 150 acres to NSW Realty Co. Limited of Pitt St, Sydney, for 680 pounds.

NSW Realty Company owner Arthur Rickard subsequently subdivided the land into 130 lots and called it Killcare Extension Estate Woy Woy.

Richard Fitzgerald in 1837, was granted 100 acres of waterfront land at Killcare from Stanley St to Lot 1-95 Araluen Dr and over the rise towards Putty Beach for a yearly quit-rent of five shillings.

Richard Fitzgerald owned large tracks of land at Windsor and on the central tablelands of NSW.

It is presumed he never lived at Hardys Bay.

By 1916 Richard Fitzgerald's 100 acres had been sold for

consequently went into voluntary liquidation in 1930.

The Ward's 150 acres, now subdivided, Killcare Extension Estate Woy Woy comprised the Extension, Hardys Bay Pde, Noble Rd, Fraser Rd and Stanley St.

The survey of the land completed in 1918 describes the land as "very steep sidling sandy soil over clay and stone thickly timbered with oak, gum, apple, ironbark, wattle, blackbutt and stringybark trees".

The allotments started to sell in about 1920 and ranged in price from 10 to 40 pounds.

Ten pounds could buy a large block in the bush and 30 or 40 pounds could buy a reserve waterfront block and, with a bit of luck, an attached acreage at the rear.

Over the years the Gosford Council and the National Parks acquired much of this land for open space.

On the corner of Araluen Dr and Killcare Rd, the site of the Killcare store sold for three pounds in the new subdivision of 1916 with the most expensive blocks being in Killcare Rd and Blythe St because they were acreages ranging in size from two to nine acres.

The Bouddi Peninsula CD, 2010 David Kelly, DECCW

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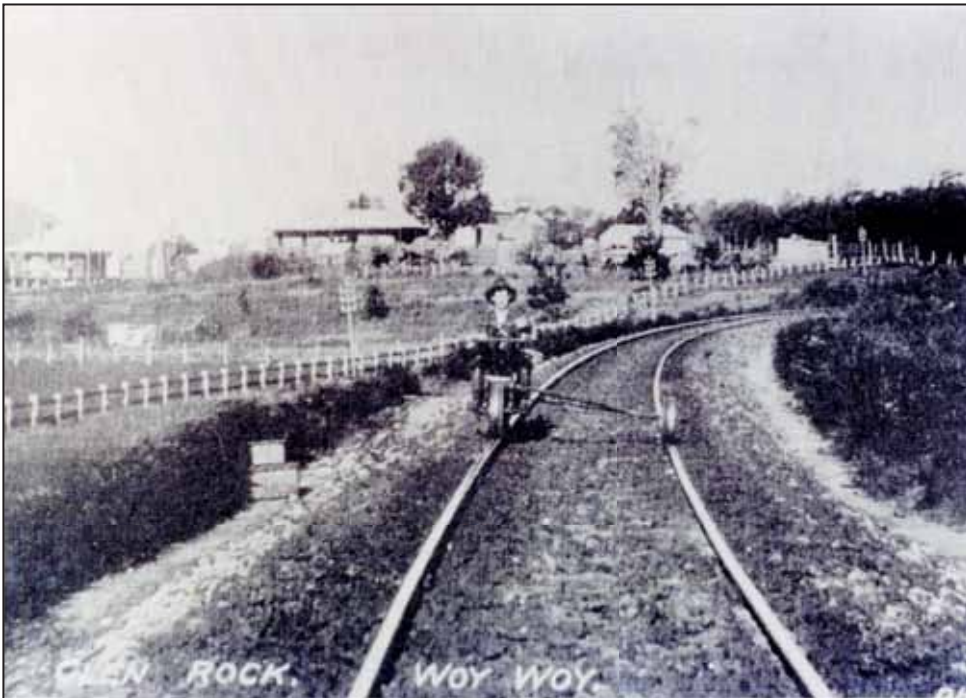
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Train track between Tascott and Woy Woy



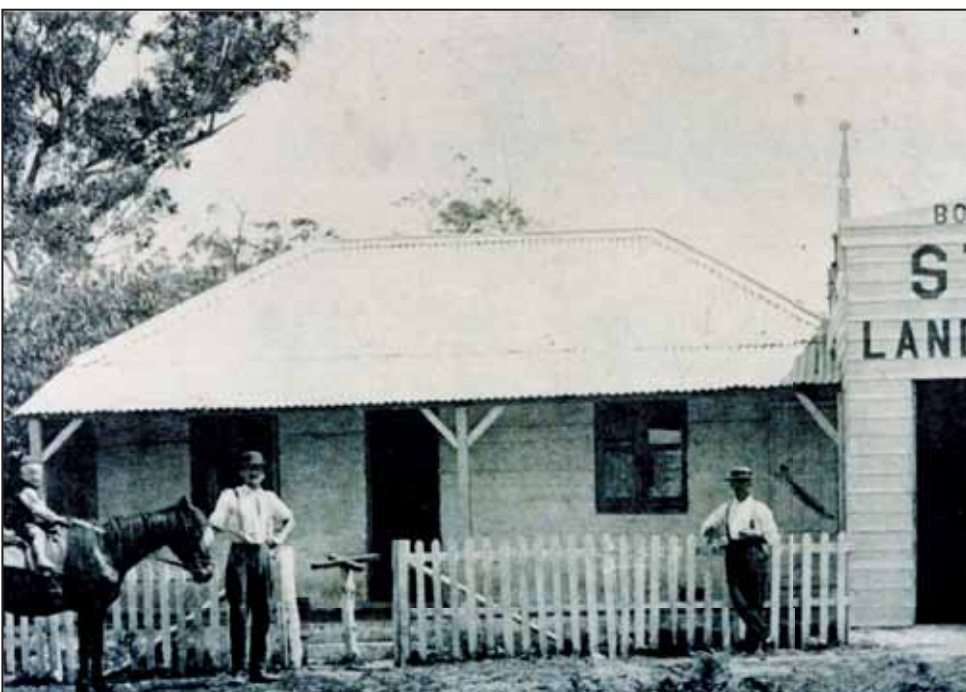
Woy Woy Bay



Ettalong Butchery in the 1930s



Quills Store, Booker Bay



Frank Bulley's General Store in Booker Bay



A fish caught in 1922



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**Animal Welfare League**  
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Meet 2nd Tues, Spike Milligan Room Woy Woy Library, 10am.  
Debra 4344 4435  
awicentralcoast@virginbroadband.com.au

Art

**Ettalong Beach Art & Crafts Centre** <sup>(287)</sup>  
Adult Classes in Patchwork & Quilting, Pottery, Folk Art, Silk Dyeing, Oils, Acrylics, Pastels, Drawing, Watercolour, Silvercraft and Children's Art & Pottery Classes  
Mon - Sat 10am - 3pm  
4341 8344  
info@ebacc.com.au

**Central Coast Art Society** <sup>(309)</sup>  
Weekly paint-outs  
Tues 4369 5860.  
Workshops 9.30am 1st & 3rd Wed Gosford City Art Centre 4363 1820.  
Social Meetings 1.30pm 4th Wed for demonstrations publicity@artcentralcoast.asn.au  
4325 1420

**Point Clare Arts & Crafts** <sup>(309)</sup>  
Wed - Adult Art Class  
Approaches to Visual Arts, supported by History of Art, to develop your own style  
Wed & Frid - Adults  
Bunka Embroid, Cards, Crotchet, Cross Stitch or bring your own - \$3/session  
Point Clare Community Hall  
10am - 12noon  
4325 5007

**Hospital Art Australia** <sup>(309)</sup>  
Meet every Friday  
9am-2pm - 109 Birdwood Ave, Umina - Painting and Canvas drawing  
Volunteers welcome  
4341 9920

Church

**Good News Church**  
Meets every Sun - 10am  
Woy Woy Public School  
Park St Woy Woy  
Modern Service  
Children Catered for  
Youth Fridays 7pm during School term  
www.goodnewschurch.org.au  
PO Box 1009 Woy Woy 2256  
Pastor Sam Collins  
4344 3000

Community Centres

**Peninsula Community Centre** <sup>(39/290)</sup>  
**Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd Woy Woy Child Care** - Before & After School, Vacation, Family, Day & Occasional  
**Children, Teenagers & Adults** - Dance, Singing, Guitar, Drama, Music, Physie, Karate, Belly Dancing and multicultural support  
**Children** - Little Kickers, Indian Dance, Playgroups, KindyGym, **Teenagers** - "The Web" Youth Support Services.  
**Adults** - Bridge, Yoga, Cake Decorating, Zumba, Scrabble, Weight Watchers, Boot Scooting, Song Writing, Community College, free tax help, Post & Pre Natal Exercises.  
**Counselling** - Drug, Alcohol, Relationship, Financial, Gambling, Weight Control.  
**Over 55's** - Social Outings, Oil Painting, Multi craft, Needlework, Bushwalking, Stroke Club, History, Tai Chi, U3A, Scrabble, Arthritis Assoc, Gentle Exercise, Free Seniors Internet Kiosk,

Discussion Groups.  
www.pccinc.com.au  
4341 9333

**Ettalong 50+ Leisure & Learning Centre** <sup>(287)</sup>  
Mon - Fri - Cards, Computer Lessons, Dancing, Indoor Bowls, Fitness, Handicrafts, Leatherwork, Line Dancing, Painting, Scrabble, Table Tennis, Tai Chi, Yoga, Darts  
4341 3222

**Gosford 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre**  
<sup>(formerly Senior Citizens)</sup> <sup>(287)</sup>  
Handicraft, Painting, Knitting, Tai Chi, Scrabble, Darts, Table Tennis, Indoor Bowls, Patchwork, Yoga, Fitness, Gentle Swimming, Line Dancing, Cards, Variety Social, Womens Group, Zumba, Crochet, Computer Class  
4324 4749

Community Groups

**AACC Computer Club Inc.** <sup>(33)</sup>  
www.aacc.asn.au  
Help with all Computing problems, Program demos + Q&A sessions  
• 2nd Wed Windows 7 - 10pm  
Narara Valley HS  
Fountains Rd, Narara  
• 3rd Wed - Linux  
9.30am-12.30pm  
East Gosford Progress Hall - Cnr Webb Rd & Henry Parry Drive  
• 4th Thurs **Social + Windows 12.15 - 3.15pm** - East Gosford Progress Hall  
secretary@aacc.asn.au  
4362 1918 or 4324 2740

**ABC** <sup>(309)</sup>  
"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** <sup>(287)</sup>  
School-based community centre for families with children from birth to 8 years old. Group programs and community activities - Umina Public School  
Sydney Ave  
4343 1929

**Bridge** <sup>(286c)</sup>  
Tues 12.15pm 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** <sup>(56/294)</sup>  
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.  
wwwcphousie@hotmail.com

**Central Coast Amateur Radio Club (CCARC)** <sup>(97/317)</sup>  
Do you wish to join the world wide hobby of Amateur Radio?  
Dandaloo St, Kariong open Saturday from 11am to 4pm  
ccarc@ccarc.org.au  
4340 2500

**Central Coast Handweavers, Spinners and Textile Arts Guild Inc** <sup>(286c)</sup>  
Spinning and weaving, patchwork and quilting, felting and other fibre and fabric crafts

Workshops and community quilting bees  
Day and night groups  
4325 4743  
www.centralcoasthsguild.org.au

**Central Coast Family History Society Inc.** <sup>(301)</sup>  
All the resources, information and advice needed to study your family's history are available.  
Meet 1st Sat 1pm  
Lions Community Hall, behind 8 Russell Drysdale St, E. Gosford. www.centralcoastfhs.org.au  
Visits welcome 4324 5164

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

**The Krait Club** <sup>(58/295)</sup>  
Community Centre - Cooina Village, Neptune St, Umina  
10.30am For senior members of Woy Woy/Umina Community  
Gentle exercises, quizzes, games, social activities, guest speakers, entertainment and bus trips - 4341 0698

**Lions Club of Woy Woy Peninsula**  
meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at the Everglades Country Club.  
4326 1996  
Make new friends and have fun while you serve your community.

**Northern Settlement Services** <sup>(282)</sup>  
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 Carer's Support Group** <sup>(287-311)</sup>  
Invitation to carers of loved ones with dementia  
Meet 1st Wed - 10 to 11.30am  
Paula Newman 4344 9199

**Peninsula Village Playgroup** <sup>(287-311)</sup>  
Carers, Grandparents, parents & children - Come & join our 'Intergenerational Playgroup'  
Every Tues 10 to 11.30am  
Paula Newman - 4344 9199

**Probus Club of Umina Beach** <sup>(81/298)</sup>  
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

**Central Coast Prostate Cancer Support Group (Gosford)**  
Meet last Friday Month Terrigal Uniting Church  
9.30am to 12 noon  
Affiliated with PCFA  
4367 9600

**Rotary Club of Kariong/ Somersby** <sup>(309)</sup>  
International service club exists to improve lives of communities in Australia and overseas.  
Join us for fun-filled activities, fellowship and friendship.  
Meet breakfast at Phillip House  
21 Old Mount Penang Rd (opp Shell), Fridays 7.15am  
4340 4529

kersuebay@philliphouse.com.au

**Rotary Club of Umina** <sup>(6/294)</sup>  
International service organisation of business leaders seeking to improve the lives of young people and those in need in our community and abroad. Weds.  
Everglades Country Club  
curleys@ozemail.com.au  
0409 245 861

**Rotary Club of Woy Woy**  
Rotary is a great organisation in which to be involved in community, international and social activities. It is a fantastic way to discover and fulfill your true potential. To become a part of this, we meet every Tues 6pm, at the Everglades Country Club.  
Contact Don Tee  
4369 7496  
0428 438 535

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

**Umina Beach Men's Shed Inc.** <sup>(287-311)</sup>  
Men come and share, a variety of tools, pursue interests and hobbies, Spend time with other men and Learn new skills  
Darrell 4341 2355

**Umina Beach Scrabble Club** <sup>(65/302)</sup>  
For all levels and ages  
Every Wed, 9.30-12.30pm, relax, enjoy a cuppa while you play  
Scrabble  
Mingaletta, 6 Sydney Ave, Umina  
4344 2808

**Volunteering Central Coast** <sup>(67/295)</sup>  
Refer potential volunteers to community orgs. Support both volunteers and community orgs. Offer training for volunteers and managers of volunteers. Regular general info sessions at Woy Woy.  
vrc@volunteeringcentralcoast.org.au  
4329 7122

**Wagstaffe to Killcare Community** <sup>(285)</sup>  
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** <sup>(282c)</sup>  
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** <sup>(287)</sup>  
Talks, films, social events, workshops, renewable energy and recycling projects, organic food buying group  
www.peg.org.au  
**Health Group**  
**Arthritis NSW** <sup>(9/292)</sup>  
Meet 3rd Tues Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr McMasters Rd and Ocean Beach Rd,  
Woy Woy - 4341 5881

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

**Mary Mac's Place** <sup>(287)</sup>  
Providing hot, freshly cooked meals - Mon to Fri 11am-1pm in a welcoming, friendly environment with support, information and referrals to appropriate community services  
- 4341 0584  
marymacs@woywoycatholic.org.au

**Overeaters Anonymous (OA)** <sup>(64/278)</sup>  
12-step fellowship helping those suffering from eating disorders i.e. compulsive overeating, bulimia, anorexia. No dues, fees, or weigh-ins.  
Peninsula Corn. Cntr, cnr. Mc Masters Rd & Ocean Beach Rd. Woy Woy,  
Every Fri 8 - 9pm  
www.oa.org - 0412 756 446

**Pink Butterfly Breast Cancer Support Group** -  
First Sunday 10.00am -12.00  
Shop 71 Schnapper Road  
Ettalong Markets  
0428 712 251

**Peninsula Women's Health Centre** <sup>(285c)</sup>  
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** <sup>(308)</sup>  
Formed to restore medical services previously available at this hospital - upgrade to a standard commensurate with the needs of the Peninsula and the Gosford City area  
2pm 2nd Sat St Lukes Church Hall, Blackwall Rd Woy Woy  
4344 4811

**Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club** <sup>(67/278)</sup>  
Peninsula Community Centre  
2nd Tues 11.30am  
Company, up-to-date info, hydrotherapy, bus trips  
4342 1316

**Marine Rescue Central Coast Unit** <sup>(287)</sup>  
Marine Education Courses. Radio Licences, Boat Safety & Boat Licence & PWC Licence Tests, Navigation, Seamanship and Meteorology.  
4325 7929 www.vmrcc.org.au  
pr.centralcoast@marinerescuensw.com.au

**Music Central Coast Concert Band** <sup>(288)</sup>  
Every Tues 7.15 - 9.30pm  
Community playouts with four concerts a year at Laycock St Theatre. 0407 894 560

**Soundwaves** <sup>(87/308)</sup>  
Men's acapella 4 part harmony chorus - all ages welcome  
7.00pm Monday Nights  
Central Coast Leagues Club  
Ray 0405 030 945  
randtbale@bigpond.com  
**Political Group Australian Labor Party**  
Umina Ettalong Branch <sup>(293)</sup>  
Political Discussions National, State and local government issues  
2nd Mon Umina Beach Bowling Club 7.30pm  
4341 7323

**Central Coast Greens**  
Central Coast branch of Geens NSW, active regarding ecological sustainability, social and economic justice, peace

and non-violence, grassroots democracy and getting Greens elected  
3rd Thur, centrally on the Coast  
centralcoast.nsw.greens.org.au  
centralcoastgreens@gmail.com

Sport

**Woy Woy Judo Club** <sup>(287)</sup>  
Classes 6 14yrs- \$5  
Fri 5.30 - 6.30pm  
Adult Classes Tue & Fri 6-8pm  
15yrs+ - 1st Lesson Free  
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Ettalong 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre  
0434 000 170  
www.wwjc.org.au

Veterans

**National Malaya Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc** <sup>(66/302)</sup>  
1st Sat (except Jan) 2pm  
Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 51-52 The Esplanade.  
4342 1107

**Vietnam Veterans', Peacekeepers' and Peacemakers'** <sup>(309)</sup>  
Assist all Veterans and their families with pension & welfare matters. Mon & Wed 9am-1pm  
4344 4760 Cnr Broken Bay Rd & Beach St Ettalong.  
vietvetsgosford@bigpond.com

**Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL Sub Branch** <sup>(79/297)</sup>  
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** <sup>(309)</sup>  
Friendship Mornings  
1st and 2nd Wed 10am  
Meetings 4th Wed 10.30am  
4324 2621

**Country Women's Association Umina**  
Craft and Friendship:  
• Monday: 6pm  
• Wednesday: 9am  
• Sunday: 1st Sun of month 12.30pm  
• Branch meeting: 1st Wednesday of the month 10am  
CWA Hall, Cnr West and Sydney St, Umina.  
4341.5404 or 4369.5353

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

**Gosford RSL Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliary** <sup>(61/296)</sup>  
For women over 18 years. Raise money for welfare of veterans and their families  
RSL Club West Gosford  
4th Mon 2pm  
4323 7336

**Inner Wheel club of Gosford North** <sup>(82/309)</sup>  
Women making a difference with friendship, personal service and international understanding. Many social activities combined with fund raising for local, national and international projects  
2nd Wed 7pm  
Phillip House Kariong  
4324 7176  
gosfordnorthiw@live.com.au



# Ettalong wins pairs championship



**Ettalong has won the bowls final of the Zone 15 Champion of Club Champions Pairs was held at The Greens, The Entrance, on Sunday, October 7.**

Ettalong duo of Aron Sherriff (skip) and Lee Trethowan (lead) defeated Terrigal's David Neilson (skip) and Jeff Watson (lead).

In a low scoring game that saw Terrigal win 10 ends for one shot plus two twos and a three, it was the Ettalong pair's bigger end-scores of fours on ends 11 and 17 and two twos that kept them in touch until the 20th end when the Terrigal skip pulled off a conversion shot resulting in a three, putting his team ahead 17-15.

On the next end Terrigal sensed victory as they crowded the jack with draw shots and were holding three, forcing Sherriff to drive at

the head which propelled the jack out of the rink to kill the end.

On the last end, and two shots behind on the scorecard, Ettalong moved the jack to be holding two, then Sherriff added another shot and it was up to the Terrigal skip to draw the shot or at least cut out two Ettalong bowls.

But it wasn't to be, as David watched his last bowl fail to change the head and Aron elected to not play his last bowl and so claimed a one shot win, 18-17.

Aron Sherriff and Lee Trethowan will now join The Greens' Phil Flippence to represent Zone 15 at the State Champion of Club Champions Singles and Pairs Competition at Austral Bowling Club in November.

**Media release, 8 Oct 2012  
Bob Bourke, Bowls Central Coast Zone 15**

**Killcare Surf Club is currently preparing its team for the World Surfing Championships to be held in Adelaide from November 7 to 9.**

The club previously won four consecutive Men's Open Beach Relay titles, which are held every second year, between 2000 and 2006 in Sydney, Italy, the USA and Lorne in Victoria.

The subsequent titles, held in Germany in 2008 and Egypt in 2010 were not contested by a team from Killcare Surf Club.

In the lead-up to the global event, which will see 44 countries represented, Killcare won five gold medals in the Masters category at

## Killcare prepares world surf team

the Australian Surf Championships in Kurrawa, Queensland.

Marcus Kain won the Over-35 men's beach sprint while Michaela Hofer won the Over-35 women's beach sprint.

Sue Purcell recorded a double in the Over-65 years women's surf race and surf tube, and Marcus Kain, Phil Tubby, Col Tubby and Joel Maybury won the men's beach relay team, with a combined age of 170 years.

A number of silver and bronze medals were also awarded in the various beach and surf events.

John Bourne, who has been the club coach at Killcare Surf Club for the past 30 years, said each person was selected in the world title squad on his or her own merits.

"It's hugely satisfying to note that our members are obviously approaching their peak form levels at the right time in their preparations," said Mr Bourne.

"I am confident that our community will be proud of their performances."

**Media Release, 9 Oct 2012  
Allan Wilson, Killcare Surf Club**

## Bowling club wants members

**Woy Woy Bowling Club will hold a membership drive on Saturday, October 27, to celebrate its 80th birthday and "to boost dwindling**

**numbers".**

The drive will be held from 9am until 4pm at Deepwater Plaza in Woy Woy.

Coaching and bowls will then be

provided on Saturday, November 3, between 8:30am and 12pm.

**Email, 10 Oct 2012  
Jill Knight, Woy Woy Bowling Club**

## Peninsula directory of services, contacts and support groups

### Ambulance, Police, Fire 000

#### Emergency

Ambulance, Police, Fire 000  
Police Assistance Line 131 444  
Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000  
Woy Woy Police Station 4379 7399  
Energy Australia 13 13 88  
Gas Emergency 131 909  
Gosford City Council 4325 8222  
Marine Rescue NSW - Central Coast 4325 7929  
SES - Storm and Flood Emergency 132 500

#### Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Organisations

Mingaletta 4342 7515  
Aboriginal Home Care 4352 1153  
Drug & Alcohol rehab 4388 6360  
**Accommodation**  
Dept. of Housing Gosford 4323 5211  
Cassie4Youth 4322 3197  
Coast Shelter 4324 7239  
Pacific Link Com Housing 4324 7617  
Rumbalara Youth Refuge 4325 7555  
Samaritans Youth Services 4351 1922  
Youth Angle • Woy Woy 4341 8830  
Woy Woy Youth Cottage 4341 9027

#### Animal Rescue

Wildlife Arc 4325 0666  
Wires 8977 3333

#### Community Centres

Peninsula Community Centre 4341 9333  
Men's Shed Cluster Inc 0413 244 484

#### Counselling

Centacare: 4324 6403  
Relationship Australia: 1300 364 277  
Interrelate: 1800 449 118

#### Family and Relationships

Centacare Gosford 4324 6403  
Gosford Family Support Service 4340 1099

Horizons (For men with children) 4333 5111  
Uniting Care Burnside Gosford 1800 067 967

#### Health

Poisons Information 131 126  
Ambulance Text Mobile 106  
Ambulance GSM 112  
Gosford Hospital 4320 2111  
Woy Woy Hospital 4344 8444  
Sexual Health @ Gosford Hospital 4320 2114  
After Hours GP Help Line 1800 022 222

#### Legal & Financial Help

Financial Counselling Service 4334 2304  
Tenants' Advice and Advocacy Service 4353 5515  
Woy Woy Court 4344 0111

#### Libraries

Gosford district:  
Umina Beach 4304 7333  
Woy Woy 4304 7555

#### Problems, Habits & Addiction

Alcoholics Anonymous 4323 3890  
Narcotics Anonymous 4325 0524

#### Transport

Taxi 131 008  
Busways 4368 2277  
City Rail 131 500

#### Welfare Services

Gosford Family Support 4340 1585  
Meals on Wheels 4341 6699  
Department of Community Services Gosford 4336 2400  
The Salvation Army 4325 5733  
Samaritans Emergency Relief 4393 2450  
St Vincent De Paul Society HELPLINE 4323 6081

## The Peninsula Diary

For events in post code areas 2256 and 2257

#### Wednesday October 17

Bays Community Group general meeting, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall, 7:30pm  
Troubadour Folk Club house concert, 7pm, Umina

#### Saturday October 20

Empire Bay Village Fair, 9:30am-4pm, Empire Bay Community Hall

#### Sunday October 21

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#### Monday October 22

Colour Me Clever, Beachside Family Centre, Umina, 10am-12pm  
Troubalukers, Everglades Country Club, 6pm

#### Tuesday October 23

Senior First Aid Course, Beachside Family Centre, 9:15am-12:15pm  
Brisbane Water Secondary College's Bats musical  
Central Coast Art Society Paint Out, Bay Rd, Phegans Bay

#### Friday October 26

The 39 Steps, Peninsula Theatre

#### Saturday October 27

Troubadour Folk Club meeting, Woy Woy CWA Hall, 7pm  
Woy Woy Peninsula Community Childcare Open Day, 10am-2pm  
Woy Woy Bowling Club membership drive and open day, 9am-4pm, Deepwater Plaza

#### Sunday October 28

Bays Community Group Breakfast in the Bays, Woy Woy Bay Community Hall, 8:30-10:30am  
Woytopia, Woy Woy South Public School, 9:30am-3pm  
New player's underwater hockey clinic, Peninsula Leisure Centre, 2-4pm

#### Monday October 29

Colour Me Clever, Beachside Family Centre, Umina, 10am-12pm  
Tips to Help You Use Your iPad class, Peninsula Community Centre, 9:15am-11:30am

#### Saturday November 3

Salvation Army Annual Fair, Umina, 8am-2pm

#### Sunday November 4

Celebrate in Song workshop, Wadhay Leisure and Learning Centre, Ettalong, 1-4:30pm  
Central Coast Philharmonia Concert, St John the Baptist Church, Woy Woy, 7:30pm

#### Monday November 5

Colour Me Clever, Beachside Family Centre, Umina, 10am-12pm

#### Wednesday November 7

Umina CWA branch meeting, 10am, Umina CWA Hall

#### Sunday November 11

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#### Friday November 23

Woy Woy Public School 100 year celebration day

#### Saturday November 24

Woy Woy Public School 100 year open day

#### Sunday November 25

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

#### Tuesday November 27

Gosford Council meeting, Gosford Council Chambers, 6:45pm

#### Tuesday December 4

Gosford Council meeting, Gosford Council Chambers, 6:45pm

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Over 130 children attended the tennis vacation camp held at the Umina Tennis Courts during the school holidays.

Peninsula School of Tennis proprietor Ms Kristy Gorman, who is also a level two Tennis Australia coach, said she was pleased with the response.

She said tennis seemed to be on the rise on the Peninsula.

She said that the school provided group and private lessons for children and adults as well as five divisions of junior competition and two adult competitions.

**Email, 27 Sep 2-12**  
**Neil Packer, Umina Tennis Courts**

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## Sport



### Queenscliff juniors visit Umina surf club

Umina Beach Surf Lifesaving Club members were joined by over 80 children and their families from the Queenscliff Surf Lifesaving Club on the weekend of September 29 and 30 for a firsthand look at the beach and conditions before next year's State

#### Titles.

"A great camaraderie was struck between the kids from both clubs with the visitors looking forward to returning to compete in March 2013," said Umina Beach Surf Lifesaving Club publicity officer Mr Peter Talty.

The Queenscliff juniors and their families took up residence at

the Umina Beach Caravan Park for the weekend.

The Queenscliff Club will be the first of many visiting clubs to visit Central Coast beaches before the State Titles to be held from March 1 to 10.

Email, Oct 2012

Peter Talty, Umina Surf Club

### Overall taekwon-do champion

Lachlan Motlee was named Overall Male Champion when Woy Woy Taekwon-do Club competed in the NSW-ACT Worldwide Taekwon-do State Championship on Saturday, August 25.

Kieran Rylands placed second and Jett Munnings was third.

In the female division, Heather Greig was named second Overall Female Champion.

The club now has a team

of 19 juniors who will travel to Maroochydore in Queensland this month to compete in the Worldwide Taekwondo National titles.

The club, which is run by Gary King, a fifth degree black belt, teaches Authentic Taekwon-do and is part of the International Taekwon-do Federation.

Students range from the age of four years to seniors.

Email, 1 Oct 2012

Clare Fenwick, Extreme Martial Arts

### Long-course carnival

Woy Woy Swim Club held its annual long-course qualifying carnival at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on September 21 and 22.

Ninety-eight events were held over the two-day carnival with a focus on the longer distance events (200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m) on the Friday night and the shorter distances on the Saturday (50m and 100m).

Over 200 athletes competed with swimmers attending from Sydney and Hunter regions as well Central Coast clubs.

Woy Woy Swim Club was represented by 22 swimmers who took home 39 medals in total, 13

of which were gold, 16 silver and 10 bronze.

The club's swimmers also achieved 37 personal best times over the course of the carnival.

Big contributors to the medal tally over the two days were Claire Gaffney, Lachlan Braddish, Sienna Inglis and Rachel Wood.

The club was also represented by three multi-disability swimmers, Alexander Shepherd, Katelyn Smith and Joshua Smith, who all received medals on the day.

Woy Woy Swim Club will be hosting an open water meet on Saturday, November 24, at Umina.

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Sonny Hinwood, Woy Woy Swim Club

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# Touch football competition starts

**Peninsula Touch Association president Mr Rod Dillon has announced the start of the summer touch competition on the Peninsula.**

The Association aims to increase the number of women and girls 14 and over participating in the local competition.

"Touch is a great sport for people of all ages," said Mr Dillon.

"It is fun, a great way to keep fit and now that we have

re-established our women's competition we are keen to see it grow even further.

"We also have men's and mixed teams able to enter in divisions from first through to fifth division, so there's a competition level for everyone," he said.

Peninsula Touch holds competition games on Wednesday nights at McEvoy Oval, Umina, with games starting from 6pm.

**Media Release, Oct 2012  
Rod Dillon, Peninsula Touch Association Inc**



*Lachlan Turner and WWRU U13's premiers*



*Lachlan Turner giving the boys water.*

## Peter wins minor singles

**Peter Gibbs has won the final of the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club Minor Singles competition.**

It was played on the weekend of September 29 and 30.

Both Peter and his competitor Joe Ednie had each been runners up in championship singles over the last two years.

Joe took the lead and was

ahead 13-4 after nine ends.

However, Peter struck back to get within two shots of Joe on the 14th end.

The next few ends saw the combatants draw level at 18-all on the 19th end when Joe took control and led 27-19.

Peter then put his head down and won the next eight ends to lead 30-27 before Joe took three shots on the next end to make it 30-all.

"With both bowlers playing great bowls it was going to take a top bowl to decide the winner and Peter was able to take the shot and close down the game," said Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club publicity officer Mr Ian Jarratt.

"It was an excellent game in front of a huge gallery of spectators."

**Media Release, 2 Oct 2012  
Ian Jarratt, Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club  
Photo: Steve Stead**

**Woy Woy Lions Rugby Union Under-13 team has won the grand final against Ourimbah 22-15 at Bluetongue Stadium.**

Woy Woy spent a total of nine minutes in Ourimbah's half of the first half of the game played on Saturday, September 15.

The team was in possession of the ball on three occasions and scored a try each time.

The first try, by Solomon Naiobah, came after four minutes of constant pressure and 11 phases of play which went from one side of the field to the other.

It was a similar pattern with the following two tries to Solomon and Max Sorgese.

The defence was so good in the first half that Ourimbah had to resort to kicking a penalty goal as they had run out of options to try and get past Woy Woy's defence.

In the second half Woy Woy

spent a total of 10 minutes in possession of the ball in Ourimbah's half, scoring on the first occasion through Daniel MacLean after over three minutes of continuous phase play.

In the second half, a wave of possession saw the ball used in close from pick and drives then out wide with a line break run by Jack Bonouvrie which resulted in a quick ruck.

Use of the ball out wide caused it to rest in the hands of Woy Woy captain Daniel MacLean who used his strength to score the last try.

Woy Woy coach Nick Nikora said at the end of the day he was relieved.

"I don't mean to sound cocky, but I was confident the boys would win the game.

"It was just a matter of how they went about achieving the win and by how much.

"I say 'relieved' for one reason,

all year I had set out to get the boys to play a game that would see them dominate in all facets of the game, absorb pressure, apply pressure, play an expansive game by using the ball with width, changing the point of attack to remove predictability and creating space for their attack.

"I can comfortably say that the boys did all of this and it is for these reasons that I am 'relieved' that we had achieved our goal," said Nikora.

**Email, 30 Sep 2012  
Nick Nikora, Woy Woy Rugby Union**

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# Ashlee completes eight-month scholarship

Umina resident Ashlee Pauletto has completed an eight-month scholarship program with Youth Inspired and is now looking to continue her volunteer work with the Peninsula Touch Association.

Ashlee was among a number of young sports administrators who attended the Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Centre at Gwandalan from October 5 to 7 to complete their training under the Youth Inspired program.

The program entails a range of educational workshops in the areas of club governance, risk management in sport, managing volunteers, committee roles and conducting meetings, finance and budgeting as well as a number of personal development modules.

“During the weekend program participants completed training in public speaking, dealing with difficult people and Senior First Aid, learning vital skills not just for their roles in sporting clubs but



skills that are also useful in many other roles,” said coordinator Mr Matt Sawyer.

“In addition to the formal training, participants also let their hair down with camp activities such as archery, canoeing and other fun group activities; a just reward for months of dedication to the Youth Inspired program,” said Mr Sawyer.

Peninsula Touch Association

president Mr Rod Dillon said: “Peninsula Touch, like every other local sporting club needs a steady injection of new volunteers and our young people can certainly fill that gap.

“It was great to see Ashlee participate in this program, she is a talented and committed young person and we are keen to support her development and include her as a part of our volunteer team.

“Similarly we are also keen to support more young people to become part of our vibrant and committed band of volunteers at Peninsula Touch,” said Mr Dillon.

Youth Inspired is conducted by the Central Coast Office of Sport and Recreation and aims to educate and mentor the next generation of volunteer sporting club administrators.

Youth Inspired will be held again next year and is open to young people aged 16 to 25 across the Central Coast.

Media Release, Oct 2012  
Matt Sawyer, Peninsula Touch Association Inc

# Junior cricket program

Woy Woy Cricket Club and Umina Junior Cricket Club will hold programs this season for children aged five to 10-years-old.

Central Coast Cricket development manager Mr Frankie

Walsh said he was excited about how program could develop cricket locally.

Media Release, 9 Oct 2012  
Frankie Walsh, Central Coast Cricket

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Time - Height(m)	Time - Height(m)	Time - Height(m)
<b>MON - 15</b>	<b>TUE - 16</b>	<b>WED - 17</b>
0115 0.20	0158 0.19	0241 0.22
0733 1.74	0818 1.83	0905 1.88
1350 0.18	1441 0.13	1533 0.12
1955 1.63	2045 1.59	2137 1.52
<b>THU - 18</b>	<b>FRI - 19</b>	<b>SAT - 20</b>
0328 0.27	0418 0.35	0513 0.43
0955 1.89	1047 1.85	1143 1.77
1629 0.15	1728 0.20	1831 0.28
2232 1.44	2330 1.35	
<b>SUN - 21</b>	<b>MON - 22</b>	<b>TUE - 23</b>
0033 1.28	0143 1.24	0254 1.25
0613 0.51	0721 0.57	0836 0.59
1244 1.67	1351 1.58	1502 1.52
1938 0.34	2045 0.38	2146 0.39
<b>WED - 24</b>	<b>THU - 25</b>	<b>FRI - 26</b>
0400 1.31	0454 1.38	0542 1.47
0948 0.58	1054 0.53	1150 0.48
1608 1.48	1706 1.47	1756 1.45
2240 0.39	2326 0.38	
<b>SAT - 27</b>	<b>SUN - 28</b>	<b>MON - 29</b>
0005 0.38	0042 0.38	0115 0.39
0623 1.54	0701 1.60	0737 1.65
1239 0.43	1321 0.39	1400 0.36
1839 1.44	1919 1.41	1958 1.39

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## Student success recognised

**Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus has recognised a number of students for their academic and sporting success.**

Jamilla Puntigam, Patrick Thompson and Casey Youngberry were all recognised in the campus newsletter.

Jamilla Puntigam, 15, was part of the College team that won the NSW rugby union title for the year.

She has represented the school in a variety of sports including gymnastics, futsal, soccer, touch football and tennis.

Jamilla also plays soccer, touch football and tennis in her own time.

"It keeps me fit and healthy," said Jamilla.

"I enjoy working in a team and bringing a team to victory.

"I want to be a PE teacher or a personal trainer.

"I'd be crushed without sport.

"I wouldn't know what to do with myself," she said.

Both of Jamilla's parents were soccer players and her brother

was a national gymnast and state trampolining champion.

Patrick Thompson is a front-rower in the 13s rugby league team which finished third in NSW for the year.

Patrick said one of his favourite pastimes was fishing in summer with his father.

"It's just relaxing.

"Dad's probably my role model because he gets to travel around the world with his job as commissioner for Surf Lifesaving International and sports director for Surf Lifesaving Australia," said Patrick.

Casey Youngberry is a high-achiever in the classroom and has excelled in a range of sporting codes.

She has received three academic awards for the first semester and has represented the school at Oztag, touch football and netball.

Casey also plays these sports outside of school.

**Newsletter, Sep 2012  
Frank Gasper, BWSC Umina**



## Players' clinic for underwater hockey

**A new players' clinic will be held for underwater hockey at the Peninsula Leisure Centre from 2pm to 4pm on Sunday, October 28.**

Coaching will be held at the new player's clinic as well as demonstration games for new players to see how the game works.

Organiser Mr Graham Wood said the new Central Coast club would focus on delivering a game that is suited to new players who are willing to give it a try.

After playing underwater hockey around the world for almost 20 years, Mr Wood said his dream

was to introduce the sport to the Central Coast.

"Previously, a good mate and I would drive down the freeway for a game in Newcastle or Sydney," said Mr Wood.

He said it had been his "vision to bring the sport to the Coast as there is a good mix of sporty people here who all love the water".

Underwater hockey is a high paced sport that is played with teams of six in snorkelling gear comprising a mask, snorkel and fins on the bottom of a swimming pool.

It is typically played in a 12x25 metre court where opposing teams attempt to get the 1.5 kg puck in

the opposition's goal.

"Established underwater hockey players have excellent underwater abilities outside of the swimming pool with benefits such as low use of tanks when diving and exceptional free diving skills," said Mr Wood.

Underwater hockey is played across the globe and Australia currently holds the Open World Championship title.

In NSW, underwater hockey is played in Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong, Armidale, Coffs Harbour and Canberra.

**Media Release, 8 Oct 2012  
Graham Wood, Underwater Hockey Club**

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