

Backing for nursing home stand

The Woy Woy Peninsula Community Group at its last meeting received encouraging support for its stand on the need of a nursing home on the Peninsula.

Numerous letters were received on the subject, some of which detailed the trauma of aged couples being separated and removed from familiar surroundings to Sydney and other nursing homes outside the Woy Woy Peninsula.

One such letter came from the Business and Professional Women's Club of Ettalong.

The group is holding up further action on the proposal pending replies from Mr Brian McGowan, Mr Keith O'Connell, and Mr Barry Cohen, the local Member of Parliament.

The next meeting will be held in the Meals on Wheels Community Hall today and at this meeting, decisions on the above proposal will be made.

Mr McGowan's acknowledgement of the group's letter gave a good indication that he is giving the proposal vigorous support.

The group will also debate the desirability of other ways of getting nursing homes on the Peninsula, such as via Government-subsidised private enterprise nursing homes.

Today's meeting promises to be a lively one, due partly to the public versus private nursing home controversy.

Money raiser

The latest concert for the Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary was rated as the best money raiser the group has held yet.

The grand sum of \$217 was raised through a concert conducted by Umina and District entertainers at the Woy Woy High School auditorium.

The use of the hall was donated free of charge by the school principal, Mr Thorncraft and Mrs Eileen Sproll, who assisted in the arrangements, said all proceeds would go towards the hospital auxiliary funds.

Mrs Sproll gave a special vote of thanks to the performers and audience who contributed to the success of the concert.

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