

Mother, father on child abuse sex charges

ERINA: A father and mother accused of making internet pornography involving their young son and daughter will reappear in Gosford Local Court next month.

The two children, aged 11 and 12, and two younger siblings are in the care of the Community Services Department.

The father, 50, of Erina, is charged with 40 offences, including using a child under 14 years to make child-abuse material and procuring a child under 14 years for unlawful sexual activity.

The mother, 30, is charged with 16 offences, including aggravated sexual intercourse with a person aged more than 10 years.

A Umina Beach man, 43, is also facing 46 charges, including inciting indecent acts on a person less than 16 years to be filmed. All three are charged with producing, disseminating or possessing child-abuse material. The children's father was arrested on November 18, after police seized a mobile phone and computers from the property.

The second man was arrested on November 19.

The mother was arrested at a house in the Hunter Valley on November 29. All three appeared by video link at Gosford Local Court last Friday and the matters were adjourned to July 29.

No bail for woman facing sex charges

NIAGARA PARK: A woman charged with allegedly having sex with a number of under-age boys has been remanded in custody.

Holly Ryder, 35, was arrested on Sunday over her involvement in incidents involving five boys aged between 11 and 15.

She has been charged with 10 counts of sexual assault, four charges of grooming a minor for sex, one charge of entering a dwelling with intent to commit a sexual act and one charge of persistence to procure sex.

She appeared in Gosford Local Court on Tuesday via audio visual link. Bail was not applied for and was refused.

The matter was adjourned until August 12.

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Horizontal drilling

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- At Wyong Creek, stage one involved drilling a hole under the river and progressively widening it.
- Stage two involves fuse welding 260m of high density polyethylene pipes which are then pulled through the hole.



PM asked to do the honours

PRIME Minister Julia Gillard may officially open the water pipeline project. Authorities say they have been in touch with her department to discuss suitable dates and are awaiting a reply. The Mardi-Mangrove Link is an initiative of Gosford and Wyong councils, with federal government funding of \$80.3 million through the Water Smart Australia Program. The councils contributed \$40 million.

will soon begin the testing process. All being well, the pipeline will be officially opened in August.

The 260m single section is on private property west of Stinsons Lane at Wyong Creek and the work took five months to complete. Project director Greg McDonald said a

pipe bridge used in other locations was not feasible because the section of river was too wide.

He said horizontal directional drilling in this case was a faster, safer and cheaper option.

"It is literally groundbreaking work," he said. "Apart from all the

other benefits, it allowed us to cross the river with less need to disrupt the local environment.

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	7.30pm	Central Coast Leagues Gosford
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