

The Greenwell Point
GAZETTE
Get to The Point – Greenwell Point

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WE'RE CLEAN & GREEN

Congratulations must surely go to Dave McCorkell for the energetic way in which he organised the Clean Up Day, 2nd March.

He also got his mug-shot in the Nowra News... He's such a poser.

Well done David and all the elves who had a hand in cleaning up our little village. Next thing you know, we might go for the Tidy Towns Pennant.

And thanks also must go to all those people and businesses who supported that effort with manpower (person-power?) and/or goods and cash;

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Plus the guys with trailers who hauled the stuff to the tip.

GP POWER

Well, here we are running a second edition of the local newsletter and it's still called the *Gazette*.

No other silly suggestions came forth so I guess we're stuck with that name.

The feed-back from folks in our community seems to give us the impression that the first edition was well received and this time we have some submissions to include which we could have included first time except that we were a bit hazy on the details.

However, to put things right, on page four we have listed contacts for anyone needing to get in touch with Bowling Club Teams, Fishing

Club Team, Chamber of Commerce team leaders and other local services.

In Volume 1 we mentioned a couple of prospective ideas which were being researched as of possible benefit to Greenwell Point, one being wind-driven power generation. Let me tell you folks, it ain't easy.

The path to cheap green power is long, convoluted and fraught with more traps and bogs than found in John Bunyan's famous tale of Pilgrim's Progress.

However, like that intrepid voyager of fable, we shall persist until the prospect becomes clearly defined – one way or the other.

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TRADITION ENDURES

For those who are not aware, Greenwell Point has some rather interesting historical points and we would like to enlighten all who are not yet enlightened.

It seems that the good ship "Blanche" brought that redoubtable Scottish entrepreneur, Alexander Berry to this region on 21st June 1822 where he was to take up a Government Grant of 10,000 acres.

He arrived with approx 100 convicts who laboured to build shelters, farm the soil and do other manual things to wrest rewards from these plains along the Shoalhaven River.

Since he had found the entrance to the Shoalhaven River too dangerous for regular shipping, he had his convicts dig a canal across the sandy isthmus which linked what is now Comerong Island to O'Keefe's Point.

This created a waterway connection to the Crookhaven River; a much less traumatic seaway entry.

The first cargo to be loaded at Greenwell Point for Sydney markets was a load of potatoes in 1824.

By 1826 other farm produce was being regularly transported out from the old wharf plus slabs of red cedar for the flourishing building industry.

In those days there was an hotel, a butter factory at Jindy

Andy, plenty of cultivation on the floodplains and fishing in the rivers. Much of the resultant produce was shipped back to Sydney from the old wharf.

Oyster farming was not commenced by George Haiser until the 1880's but seems to have flourished since then.

Education at Greenwell Point commenced in 1870 and schooling was held in a couple of houses near the Newsagency. These houses also served as the original Church until the bequest from Alexander Berry's estate made it possible to build the Union Church in Jervis Street (as well as the sister church at Meroo).

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

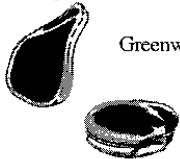
There are many voluntary services available to residents of Greenwell Point, not the least of which is the Medical Bus - C D C H S - which serves Culburra and districts. This FREE bus is maintained from fund-raising efforts of the Ladies Auxiliary, the Op Shop at Culburra, donations from Clubs and other organisations or citizens locally. To avail yourself of the service, simply call the Maurice Bruce Pharmacy at Culburra on 4447 2382.

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If you are able to assist with driving the medical bus, scripture teaching at school, Pink Ladies at Shoalhaven Hospital, cubs and scouts or flower decorating in the church or even relief pianist, you will find your talents most welcome in this community. We have a sketch list of community activities on PAGE FOUR for any who are of a mind.

Give it a go. It's a great way to meet new friends.

SERIOUS STUFF HERE, FOLKS!

Report from our illustrious Physical Design Team which held a meeting (all welcome) at Graham Bannister's place on Tuesday 11th March.

From it we have the following; One of the issues raised was that we should try to get some input from the community on issues that they would like to see fixed eg kerb and guttering, poor street lighting etc.

Other aspects which the Physical Design team is keen to tackle should be raised at such meetings with Graham being the point of contact.

Some subjects which could draw support from the community are -

Poor drainage, infrequent grass slashing especially along Greenwell Point Road where people (kids) alight from buses, tree

pruning or planting, vermin and pest control, insect and reptile (snakes not press reporters) control, street repairs etc.

In the short term a senior Council rep will be visiting G P and should be made aware of your concerns.

In the longer term the team's objective is by the end of this year to have developed a community approved Master Plan for town beautification as well as foreshore and boating facilities improved.

Should you have some positive input please contact Graham Bannister on 4447 1554 or email graham.bannister@bigpond.com

GREENWELL POINT PIRATES.

Hey...all you hairy-legged individuals out there who like to run round a paddock, chase a ball and grab a bloke by the.....ankles.

Yes, you I'm addressing, madam.

And anyone else interested in keeping fit this winter as well as having a damn fun time doing it - Join the Greenwell Point Pirates rugby league teams and keep up the tradition of win, win, WIN!

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See either Gavin at the Pub or Ron Evans at the Club for details; training nights, grades, fixtures, bribes etc.

And this means blokes too.



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THE BACK PAGE

Many thanks to Laurel Kennedy for supplying the following data on community activities per day.

MONDAY

Tennis. Book - 4447 1279
Senior Citizen. croquet at RSL Hall each 2nd week.
Trivia at the Hotel - 4447 1202
Ladies' Bowls, Betty Press 4447 1197

TUESDAY

Bowls day. 4447 1111
Noel Madden.
Fisbo's club, Dawn Williams

WEDNESDAY

Water aerobics at the pool
All welcome. 6.30 am
Raffles at the Club, 4447 1111

THURSDAY

Housie at the Hotel for sweet charity. 4447 1202
1st Thurs. monthly Hospital auxiliary. 4447 1602
Cubs meet at scout hall 6.30 pm - Julie Brown 4447 1693

FRIDAY

Bowls. 4447 1111
Housie at the Club
Raffles at the Club
Scouts at scout hall 6pm Geoff Bishop 4447 0357

SATURDAY

School sports

SUNDAY

Church services. 8.00am

CONTACTS:

Lois Robertson 4447 1805
Margaret McGuire 4447 1238
Doris Hoffman 4447 1641

Other activities of interest for this beautiful town are the rescue services - Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, S.E.S., Coastal Patrol Service, Red Cross, Medical Support Group - 4447 1500 Jenny Pope.

If dancing is your fancy, join the gang at the RSL Hall led by the irresistible John Wade - 4447 0169. Then there's always cards or darts and snooker at the Pub.

PRELIMINARY WARNING!

The Chamber of Horrors ...ooops, Commerce will host a German Beer Fest on Easter Saturday 19 April at the G P Hotel. Commencing at noon.

Wear your finest German outfit and fit right in to the atmosphere of German food, German music (oompah-pah) and of course, German Beer.

Here will be games for the adults and much dancing for der vin legged paper hangers und fun for der kinder, JA?

Be dere - or else - you miss out!

This month we are pleased to see a couple more willing sponsors for this newsletter. Without their support we would not be able to print this wonderful missive (not to be confused with Missile) and we thank all our supporters for their faith in our ability to bring you the good news.

Many thanks to all who contributed information to this edition. For any who may have historical notes, sporting information or other items of interest for inclusion in future editions please leave such info at the Black Marlin Servo for Mike Smith or phone 4447 0400.

ANZAC DAY 2003.

The Dawn Service for Greenwell Point is scheduled to begin at 5.20am. All who wish to march should form up in front of the RSL Hall Greenwell Point Road.

Prior to marching, hot soup will be made available at the Hall. We shall then march down to Anzac Park where the service will be held.

Following the service an Anzac Day breakfast will be served at the RSL Hall consisting of soup, hot sausage and bread, milk coffee and tea for all and sundry.

WIL - no RUM???

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