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 Get to The Point - Greenwell Point

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## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY SUNDAY 7TH MARCH 2004

Time slips by when you're having fun, doesn't it?

Well, we must have been having fun over the past 12 months 'cos it's that day again.

This year, same as 2003, Dave McCorkell will be organising pickers

and scoopers at Greenwell Point Wharf from 9am to 1pm.

Best to be early to avoid the heat of the day. Register with Dave, 4447 0327 wear gloves, hat and sunscreen and start filling that bag.

Remember - there's a beaut FREE

BBQ for the workers; sausage sizzle and drinks so get a team together and get busy.

You don't want Greenwell Point to be known as the South Coast Un-Tidy Town, do you?

## GET YER FINGER OUT !

Shocking turn of phrase isn't it? It's meant to shock and hopefully it has caught your attention.

In this issue we mean to bring to everyone's attention the fact that Greenwell Point township is beginning to look like an untidy, neglected Orphan Annie. This is not the province of just the Chamber of Commerce to attend to.

It's everybody's problem and we should all be of a mind to do something about it.

Simple things such as make sure that the grass verge outside your property is kept neat and trimmed.

If some louse has dropped an empty bottle on your lawn, pick it up and stow it carefully.

When you walk the doggie(s) take a poo-bag with you just in case. Don't leave it on someone else's grass.

Ensure that children under your care are taught to place paper wrappers and drink cans in street garbo's instead of dropping them where they stand.

You may think I'm a bit fuddy-duddy sounding off in this manner however, there's a very valid reason for doing so. At a meeting held at the RSL Hall on 22nd. January Mayor Greg Watson made mention of plans to up-grade the boat ramp and parking areas at the main wharf and conduct other works.

I think the figure mentioned was \$2mil. My thoughts are this; if Council is prepared to spend that kind of money at Greenwell Point then I believe it is beholden on the residents of Greenwell Point to show that we appreciate the expenditure by smartening up our own places and trying to keep the streets a bit tidier than they have

become recently.

I'm aware that a lot of the stuff we see lying around in the morning is the result of night-time stupidity and we would not ask anyone to patrol after dark to catch offenders.

Frankly, they don't deserve to live in a town like this if they can't behave themselves. However, it takes very little effort to pick up that odd bottle or pack as you walk round the block.

Eventually of course, this will have the effect of making Greenwell Point a most desirable place to live and affect property values upward with further beneficial ramifications. \$\$\$\$\$

On a positive note, it's nice to see that the Council slasher has been busy lopping the heads from dandelions and fireweed and turning grass into lawn.

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## LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE & USE C.P.R.

Picture this – Tuesday morning, bright sunny Greenwell Point day. Suddenly there's a shout from across Adelaide Street "Help...help...Clive's had a heart attack! Call an ambulance". Quick as a flash Wendy gets on the dog-n-bone and dials 000. Meanwhile Colleen leaps the front fence and charges into the house where poor Clive is flat out on the carpet, grey of colour and not breathing. Down on her knees good old Colleen begins pumping life back into the chest of the patient.

After some minutes of working thus, there's a murmur of life and Clive begins to stir. The ambulance arrives and the lads take over resuscitation. Clive lives to tell the tale and thank all concerned.

True story and one with a tag – We should ALL be FIRST AID AWARE for just such an occasion. We may never need to show our skills in real life but, JUST IN CASE.....

It has been suggested that we organise first aid classes in the RSL Hall.

I understand that people from St John organisation will gladly put in the time to teach classes of a certain number at a nominal fee.

Let's face it – it can't hurt to have up-to-date knowledge on saving life.

Let us have your thoughts on the subject by leaving your comments at the Post Office for Box 69, Gazette Editor.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR LOCAL... ROCKOYSTER

This is the part of the Gazette which exposes your local business person for all the world to examine and admire. Today it's the turn of Graham Bannister aka Mr Rockoyster.

Graham has absolutely no connection with the oyster industry except to fix their computers, for that's what he does. He's a genius (just ask him) at the crazy world of digital ether.

It seems he commenced his working life at H J (beanz meanz) Heinz in London greasing the wheels of a mainframe which, in his own words, was bigger than the average suburban house and with less power than a cheap laptop. Apparently we allowed him into the country in 1970 and gave him a job as a computer programmer which took him to various parts including Canberra. Here he scored a highly powerful position at Customs and stayed for 25 years until he discovered there was life outside the National Capital and ventured forth to Greenwell Point.

"Bugger working" said Graham, now married to the lovely Lesley and chucked in his job at Customs to settle down at G.P.

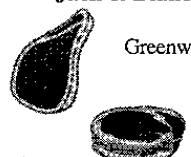
These days he busies himself teaching dummies like yours truly how to switch the computer ON and OFF, treat a virus (into bed with a hot blonde and a bottle of O.P. rum) design a website and answer requests for a truckload of OYSTERS.

True story.

Howsomever, Graham is a valuable member of the Chamber of

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and, all jokes aside, we like to have him turn up at meetings 'cos he buys a round of drinks. He has been a strong advocate for better internet access at Greenwell Point and has set up a website for the community – [www.greenwellpoint.info](http://www.greenwellpoint.info) – we would like to see more use made of this so that his efforts have not been in vain. Give Graham a call to get more details; 4447 1554 and order a truckload of oysters!!!

## A NIGHT OUT WITH GREG WATSON

Now who could resist such a tantalising offer? Apparently quite a few. However, enough residents of Greenwell Point forewent the excitement of playing scrabble with Auntie Edith or watching ABC TV present "The Life of Slime Mould" to congregate at the RSL Hall to pose some ticklish questions for our fearless leader to answer.

Mayor Watson, accompanied by the redoubtable Jack Kerr, had booked the Hall at his own expense and some 40 odd persons took the opportunity to fire questions at His Worship which, to my thinking, were responded to quite thoroughly and thoughtfully. Apart from some highly parochial, almost personal subjects, there was a wide range of topics brought forth for discourse.

Roads funding was a favourite and Mr Watson explained that some \$1mil. was already earmarked to be spent on the rural roads of the district. Another subject which brought forth extended debate was the up-grading of

the foreshores including improvements to the boat ramp and parking near the main wharf.

It was pointed out by Mr Watson that this project, long-term in gestation, was about to be launched and would be available for public examination and discussion in March. The proposal papers will be available at Council but from the verbal description of proposed works, should prove to be highly beneficial to the town. Other points of interest were raised, those being –

- The un-gazetted part of roadway between Anglers Rest and the park
- The opening of a wet notch at Shoalhaven Heads to improve river flow and alleviate flooding danger
- Raising funds for small projects locally can be matched 1/1 by Council
- Use of rate payers funds for kerb and guttering of low-lying areas

A couple of disparate voices were raised in praise of our lifestyle at Greenwell Point and expressing delight at having bought property here.

Hear ! Hear, I say !

Another important point was raised which must be brought home to all readers of this issue, and that is the fact of getting grievances aired at Chamber of Commerce meetings or even letting the Editor know how you feel about certain things. We need your feed-back to be able to gauge whether we are being effective.

Please take the time to either write us a note which may be left at the Post Office for Box 69 or turn up at Chamber meetings which are listed below.

If in doubt as to the venue (which may change from time to time) call Lyn Kooyman on 4447 1333. She is our efficient and ebullient secretary and will have the answer.

Thank you Lyn.

Due to lack of space we have to cut short this news item but, should you require more info, please get in touch with Chamber members.

Meetings for 2004 are –

24 Feb. 23 March. 27 April. 25 May. 22 June. 27 July. 24 August. 28 September. 26 October. 23 November. December TBA.

Usually held at 7pm at the Bowlo.



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Florrie has retired from active service and we will miss you, Florrie.

Well done!

## EMERGENCY NOTICE

Dog baiting has been reported in the town and we would urge all pet owners (including parents of small children) to be aware of this vile practice being perpetrated.

Several cases have been heard of especially in Church Street and Jervis Street.

Whoever is doing this has a heavy responsibility to answer for.

If you know the culprits –  
DOB THEM IN!

You never know whose pet (or child) may be next to die as a result.

## A PANORAMIC TOUR OF THE SHOALHAVEN RIVER

Audio Visual presentation at RSL Hall at 7pm Saturday 20th March.

Recorded history of the river from Tallowa Dam to the Heads showing changes in settlement, development and flora & fauna.

Also that night John Tait, Secretary of Riverwatch will present "Foreshore definition study of the lower Shoalhaven River".

Discussion points will be; Erosion and its effect, Planting mangroves for bank stability, Modern Technology.

A light supper will be served and a booklet by award winning Landcare President Charlie Weir will be available. Highly recommended night out. Further details from Dave McCorkell on 4447 0327.

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

We publish here a list of the J.P.'s who live locally and are available during daylight hours for service. We would urge anyone desiring their service to be courteous enough to phone ahead and arrange a time to suit both. There is no fee charged for this service so – be nice to them, please.

Mr. D. Alston 4447 1710

Mr. N. Barker 4447 1521

Mr. & Mrs. Bloomfield 0419 210 366

Mr. J. Franklin 4447 1336

Mrs. Graham 4447 1421

Mrs. Leslie 4447 1931

If you are a J.P. and would like to be included here on this list, please leave details at the Post Office for Mike Smith, c/- GP Gazette.

## CONTACTS

We thought it would be helpful to publish the names and contact phone numbers. of those involved in pulling all this community stuff together, so here they are:

### BUSINESS & TOURISM

Mike Smith 4447 0400

Leave any info for the Gazette at the Post Office.

### PHYSICAL DESIGN TEAM

Lyn Kooyman 4447 1333. Anything to do with general appearance of streets, parks, shores.

### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Joe Franklin 4447 1111 (Club) Matters dealing with community assistance, access to medical and dental services or travel to and from Nowra.

### EVENTS TEAM

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