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A BIGGER AND BETTER GAZETTE

Well, it had to happen, didn't it? This little newsletter has become so popular and is so avidly read by all and sundry that we've had to add four more pages to get all the newsy stuff in.

Mind you, in this edition we did cheat a bit but it's all in a good cause.

You will notice that pages 4 & 5 contain a survey from Shoalhaven Council in which you may have a say in what your preferences may be for improvement to our foreshore park and other areas.

This survey came about from a

meeting held at the RSL Hall last Monday 22nd. with people from Council and a landscape engineering firm who are keen to spend some cash on Greenwell Point.

This was a very well-attended meeting with some 45 to 50 residents present to hear proposals put forward by three professional engineering types who wish to improve things at G.P.

It is, therefore, a great opportunity for as many residents as possible to have a say, fill out the form – anonymously if you prefer – and

post back to Council by April 9th. The information will then be processed and acted upon to benefit the community in general as well as encourage more tourism.

It's all part of a Grand Plan to upgrade the precinct of Greenwell Point and make it a more salubrious place to live.

Something to match the locale and the weather.

So, hop to it, as Skippy would say, and make your thoughts known to those who would improve our town.

Thank you.

ECO-FRIENDLY GREENWELL POINT SHOPS USE BIO-DEGRADABLE BAGS

Despite all the huffing and puffing of other Shoalhaven villages (who shall remain anonymous, but you all know who they are) about banning HDPE plastic shopping bags, the eco-minded businesses of

Greenwell Point have gone one better and ordered Bio-degradable shopping bags.

Made from either corn starch or other vegetable by-products, these tough containers will get your

groceries etc home safely and then wrap your garbage for disposal.

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TIDY TOWNS PROGRAM COMES TO G.P.

Do you sometimes look down the main street and become concerned at the sight of empty drink cans, food wrappers, fag ends and dead galahs lying about sunbaking?

Yeah so do I and so do a lot of other residents of Greenwell Point.

So, guess what we went and did? We contacted the Tidy Towns Program which is part of Keep Australia Beautiful.

Subsequently, we were paid a visit by a nice lady who sat and talked to a group of people one afternoon, outlining how we may go about cleaning up our act here and what we can expect as a result of being judged a Tidy Town.

It's not difficult. Especially if

everybody does something to conscientiously make an improvement in the public areas as well as at home.

**e.g... Don't drop that fag end.
Pick up that empty drink can.
Mow that grass verge at home.
Curb that doggie...and so on.**

We already have some interesting programs of construction in place for town beautification but it should not end there.

Nor should we rely solely on the work which Council is prepared to carry out to make the place look great.

It's also the little bits that are going to count when it comes time to be judged. The application form has been lodged with K.A.B. so we are now officially enrolled.

It's now up to everyone to look out for those stray bottles, cans, papers and barkers nests.

There's no reason why Greenwell Point cannot be judged Tidy Town of 2004 or 2005.

WATCH THIS SPACE !!!

MAH JONG GAMES FOR ALL

Anyone interested in learning to play this ancient and civilized pastime should contact Harold or Sheila Jenkins, both 3rd Dan Black Belt Mah Jong Instructors, at Culburra Senior Citz Centre. 4447 3134.

Beginners most welcome.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN ROBERTSON



Local identity John Robertson turned 80 last February 26th and we apologise for not being able to bring this news to the Gazette beforehand due to lack of space.

However, John is a member of Shoalhaven Model Flying Club and still turns out to fly his own design, "Thumbalina" at every possible chance. John's flying career included time in Wellington bombers out of UK during WW2. He was also one of the founding fathers of SMFC at Jaspers Brush in 1974 with two mates, Ray O'Mullaine and George Parker. They are often seen flying together at Archer Racecourse, Nowra.

For anybody interested in joining or just looking, the Club turns out to fly every Tuesday, Friday & Sunday from 9.00am to noon except on race days.

The next competition day will be ANZAC Day 25th April which will be scale flying.

Visitors are always made welcome. More info – call Bob Bentley on 4422 6335.


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WANTED: BRAINS, IDEAS, INPUT

There must be a lot of folks out there reading this right now who consider that they have something to contribute to our lovely village but are unable to get to meetings of the various Teams we have organising events and plans for development etc.

If you happen to be that sort of person, no matter how old, young, smart or filthy rich you are, we want your brains, your ideas and your encouragement to keep going with the projects already listed and those we ain't thought of yet.

As avid readers of this vital communication medium will already know, there are several concepts under way including Bank Management & Foreshore Restoration, Gateway to Greenwell Point, Foodies Festival, Main Street Beautification and Skate Park.

What we, as a community, need now is input from fresh heads.

If you feel you can contribute some positive ideas or even criticize our efforts so far, then please attend a meeting of the various Teams listed below or contact our Team Leaders.

Alternatively, come to a meeting at the Bowling Club, 4th Tuesday of

the month at 6.00pm and let us have it.

Events Team –

Contact Vera Farnham, 4447 1358
Kerrie Barnett, 4447 0500

These ladies are responsible for organising community events and getting slaves to carry out orders.

Social Development Team –

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

Physical Design Team –

Lyn Kooyman, 4447 1333

Anything to do with the general appearance and improvement of streetscape, parks and shoreline.

Business & Tourism –

Mike Smith, 4447 0400

Community contacts, news for this publication, anything of general interest to the community for the progress of the town. Please leave information at Post Office Box 69, Greenwell Point.

Remember, the Committee for Get to the Point promotions is NOT an exclusive club – they are a bunch of ordinary folk doing what they feel is something good for the community.

Should you, dear reader, have some better ideas, please express them.

UNION CHURCH SERVES ALL COMERS

For those who need a bit of deep and meaningful soul refreshment – and we ain't talkin' chittlins and grits here – try a bit of Sunday morning hymn singing and words of wisdom from our travelling parsons and ministers.

Despite the fact that life at Greenwell Point is generally somewhat laid-back, from time to time we all need a bit of input of a different point of view.

Services are conducted by various clergy and they follow the routine below:

1st Sunday of month – Uniting Church

2nd Sunday – Presbyterian

3rd Sunday – Uniting Church

4th Sunday – Anglican

5th Sunday (odd) – Baptist.

You never know, it might just be good for you.

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Greenwell Point Foreshore Reserve Community Survey

Please help Council to plan for the future of Greenwell Point Foreshore by filling out this survey. You can mail it to Shoalhaven City Council, PO Box 42, Nowra 2541, or fax it to 4429 3175.

Privacy Notification: The information requested on this form is being collected by Shoalhaven City Council and will be used by Council and NSW Dept of Lands to assist in the preparation of a plan of management for Greenwell Point Foreshore Reserves. The provision of this information is voluntary and you may apply to Council for access to or amendment of the information at any time.

Optional: Please provide your details so we can contact you to get more information if needed:

Name:.....

Address:.....

Telephone:..... E-mail:.....

1. How Do You Use Greenwell Point Foreshore Reserves?

Please fill in the table and write the activity numbers from the left column of the table onto the map to show where you like to do each activity.

Activity No.	Activity	Approx. how many days per year?
1	Walking	
2	Jogging	
3	Cycling	
4	Swimming/surfing	
5	Picnicking/BBQ	
6	Appreciating view	
7	Bird/nature watching	
8	Parking car	
9	Playing games (please specify)	
10	Relaxing (please specify how)	
11	Socialising (please specify how)	
12	Commercial activity (please specify)	
13	Other (please specify)	



2. How do you usually get to Greenwell Point Foreshore Reserves?

walk bicycle car bus taxi other

3. Why are Greenwell Point Foreshore Reserves important to you?

4. What uses do you think are appropriate or inappropriate for Greenwell Point Foreshore Reserves?

5. What problems are there in the Greenwell Point Foreshore Reserves that you think should be addressed?

6. What facilities do you think there should be in the Greenwell Point Foreshore Reserves?

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR GREENWELL POINT RESERVES?

Greenwell Point Foreshore Reserve has been identified as an Icon Park and will be upgraded to bring it to a standard worthy of the label.

Greenwell Point Foreshore Reserve is the area between Anzac Park to the south and Church St. to the north. The reserve includes items of historical significance, a swimming pool, car parks, grassy areas, picnic facilities a public wharf, a playground and a boat launching ramp.

Icon Parks will be the 'flagship' parks of the Shoalhaven. Other areas identified for development as Icon Parks include the Ulladulla Harbour Precinct, White Sands Park at Huskisson and Mollymook Beach Reserve. Each Icon Park has unique characteristics and so will have a unique design, with a high standard of landscaping, high-grade park appointments, playgrounds, public art, etc.

That doesn't necessarily mean putting in lots of structures that would take away from the reserve's natural beauty. The development of the Greenwell Point Foreshore Reserve will be consistent with its use, community expectations, natural setting and surrounding attractions.

This will mean installing high quality appointments to create pride and excitement in the park and to contribute to the reputation of Greenwell Point as a pre-eminent tourist location. It will also be important to address the integration of the reserve with the surrounding streets.

Shoalhaven City Council has begun planning for the Greenwell Point Foreshore Reserve. As part of the first stage, information on the reserve's current uses, condition and community aspirations is being collected by Council.

You can contribute to this by completing the survey form within this newsletter and returning it to Council by 9nd April 2004. The preliminary information collected from this survey and from other sources will then be collated and analysed.

Future plans are to present some draft concepts for reserve development to the community in June and work will commence on a draft plan of management in July 2004. Council will be seeking public comment at these stages. For more information on this project please contact –

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Parks and Recreation
Shoalhaven City Council
PO Box 42 Nowra 2541
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Email:
mcdonald@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au

DOGS OR NO DOGS?

BACKGROUND

Council, based on community input, has set aside a number of areas throughout the city as **DOG OFF LEASH** areas and a number of areas as **DOG PROHIBITED** areas. The areas are set out in the booklet provided.

Elsewhere, dogs are permitted provided they are on a leash. As you can see on the second last page of the booklet, dogs are currently totally prohibited from areas south of the public boat ramp. Dogs are permitted on leash north of the boat ramp. Preparation of a plan of management for the reserve provides an opportunity to review the appropriateness of the current situation.

THE TASK

1. Please write down all the reasons why you think dogs should be prohibited on all parts of the reserve system.
2. Please write down all the reasons why you think dogs should be allowed on leash on all parts of the reserve system.
3. Is there scope to designate the area north of the boat ramp as dog off-leash?

Should the status quo remain?

TAI CHI ANYONE?

Here's a cheery note for persons suffering the agony of arthritis et cetera.

Tai Chi lessons are being held at the RSL Hall at 12.30 on Thursdays which are said to help alleviate the pain of joints in both men and women.


Modest cost \$7 for an hour of bending and stretching which may be just the ticket for your aches and pains.

This is being organised by the Greenwell Point Health Service Ladies Auxillary and ties in nicely with the bus transport from Culburra Pharmacy.

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KIDZ DANCE KLUB - LE POINTE

She's back!

Yes folks, Meryl Dalton-Papalos has returned to lovely Greenwell Point to conduct dance classes for kids ranging from pre-schoolers to anyone with two legs that move. Meryl has over 30 years experience teaching all forms of fancy footwork from ballet, jazz ballet and tap to stage work including drama and singing.

The decision was made following requests from parents needing after-school activities for kids so the following timetable was worked out;

Tues 3.40 pm - Pre-schoolers

Tues 4.30 pm - Infant schoolers

Wed 4.30 pm - Primary school

Wed 6.15 pm - Teens & adults

Some may remember Meryl from times past with her "Sapphire Showbiz Kidz" which were always in great demand at fetes and other events.

This lady is well qualified and awarded in her capacity as teacher and is currently studying Advanced Teaching Diploma.

She is ably assisted in this venture by her daughters Lyndel and Nikki who teach junior and teen classes.

Anyone interested in enrolling should be at the RSL Hall either Tuesday or Wednesday at the appropriate times.

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SCHOOL FETE COMIN AT YER

All you party hounds - Get to the school on Easter Saturday from 8am to noon for the Annual Fete, sure to have something for everyone.

Look at this line-up; Merc Foundation (something for your girdle or your car?), Hospital Ladies Aux cake stall, Pirates selling chook raffle tickets, Cubs & Scouts selling knots and tent poles??? Marine Rescue guys selling this and that, Urana Club doing their thing, Get to the Point people getting to the bloody point, Church ladies with all kindsa goodies for sale - cakes, bric as well as brac, books, plants, devonshire style teas, and more raffles than a body can stand.


Bring the kids; there might be a sale there too. Nothing too expensive but you're guaranteed lotsa fun.

Also running at the same time at the RSL Hall will be the Easter Fete fund raiser for GTTP Committee.

Scheduled to commence at 9.00am this will be a trial run for the BIG ONE in November.

Be there early to get some of the great prizes from the Chocolate Wheel, Hoopla stall and Darts Board.

Our own GTTP steins will be for sale filled with hand picked Easter

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egglets – still only \$7.00 or 6 for \$40.00

Fishing rods ex-Trout Fishing Festival will be on sale. What a bargain.

Music by local bandmaster Grant Walker and face painting plus various food and candy stalls.

NOVEMBER PICNIC

Plans for the November Picnic Bash are still in the gestation stage. **FOOD FOR THOUGHT** – Let us know if you can improve on any of the following suggestions:

Events for November Picnic Bash. Canoe races, both amateur giggles and pro comp.

Bath tub race, definitely pro.

Inner tube craft race.

Bird-man-person aerial comp off wharf.

Kite building and flying.

Walkathon for charity.

Drag race for blokes over 40.

Bikeathon for charity.

Hobby-horse race – no pro's.

Billy cart derby in main street.

Musical truck circulating.

Stalls selling balloons, fudge, ice cream, floss, sick-bags, donuts, BBQ's, Cold drinks, T-shirts, face painting, Jumping castle.

Possibly also staging various stupid races for stupid people.

And lets face it, there's a few of THEM here!

WATCH THIS SPACE.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY RESULT

Thanks to the organisational efforts of Dave McCorkell, Clean Up Australia Day went as smoothly as clockwork should.

It was another successful day with 46 community-minded people participating in picking up rubbish left behind by the mindless yobbos of yore.

The picking team were able to cover all areas of our village including out along the main road to Pyree village.

The interesting thing is that, despite the investigative and remorseless quest conducted that day, our pickers were unable to top last year's total amount of rubbish which leads one to contemplate the proposition that – maybe we are not being as drosy minded as before? Perhaps we are, after all this time, doing the right thing regarding rubbish management.

Well done all participating persons of persistent and perspicacious personality.

Mind you, when it was all over they had a jolly good feed at the BBQ. And, on that note, we must express our appreciation to the following sponsors for donation;

Jack the Butcher for his lovely snags. Leanne and Ken Clark from the Newsagency for the buns and soft drinks.

Allan and Jenny for delivering flyers FREE with your Nowra News – 3rd time so far.

John Farnham for use of the BIG trailer

Joe and Monica at DJ's for the sausage wrappers

Vera of Coral Tree Lodge fame for organising the sizzle

John and Sandra for use of their boat and collecting rubbish from less accessible areas of the foreshore and, lastly thanks to those businesses which displayed advertising for the event.

Our apologies to anyone who may have inadvertently been overlooked in all this but our undying thanks to all who joined in this wonderful community event.

See you again next year, we hope.

TRIVIA NITE IS ON AGAIN

More good news for youse party hounds.

Remember the last one? Big bash at the RSL Hall when everyone had a good time including those who were conscious.

Well, the next one is to be themed – "SKOOL DAZE"

Wear something from your distant past, carry a Globite containing a two-day-old banana sandwich and slouch into the Hall at 7pm on 5 June with a group of 8 like-minded brats to form a table.

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CARERS REQUIRED

A call has reached our ears from Shoalhaven Neighbourhood Centre Inc which has commenced a new project called "Nowra Neighbour Aid".

This program was launched back in December 2002 but has now sent out an S-O-S for more carers to register.

People with some spare time and who can provide a range of services to older folk, others with a disability and their carers "Social Support Companionship Activities" social and leisure.

If you think you can lend a hand, please call Karen Denny on 4421 5205.

You will be much appreciated.
Thank you.

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
Cynthia Holmes	4447 1215

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.

We therefore apologise to any who may have been shocked, traumatised or shaken by this mis-information.

CPR COURSES COMMENCE SOON

Following a brief news item in Gazette No.8 we have had a number of people contact this office to register interest in doing a CPR Course under St John Ambo instructors.

We need a couple more to show interest to get the number up to 20 to run the course.

This is not a great expense to learn a vital skill; only \$60.00 for a 4 hour session at the RSL Hall one evening at the end of which, each participant receives a Certificate. Anybody who learns CPR as part of a work commitment needs to refresh every year but there is a compensating factor in pay rates. So let's get busy and organise a group soon.

Anyone interested should pick up a form at the Post Office before Easter and leave it for Box 69.

Call Mike Smith for more info on 4447 0400.

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APOLOGY

In Gazette No 8 we made a monumental blunder with an article which referred to the retirement of our Florrie from active duty at the Meals on Wheels organisation.

This was due to receiving confused information originally and translating it into editorial form.

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