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## TRIVIA NITE IS ON AGAIN, SOON!

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 6pm on

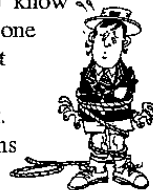


Saturday 5 June with a group of 8 like-minded brats to form a table.

Tickets \$25 each from the School office

BYO. If nobody wants to know you, join one

of ours on the nite but **BE THERE!** Or risk getting six of the best. Yes, you too, Jenkins minor.....



## 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**

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## COLUMN 3

We've just heard that Council has endorsed the *Get to the Point Program* as the Principal Consultative Body for Greenwell Point.

So, it's time to take off the kid gloves and put on the surgical rubbers.

There seems to be a general grumble going round that, despite having had consultative meetings, numerous consultancy reports and copious well-intentioned rhetoric thrown at us over the past couple of years, not a lot of REAL progress has transpired from Council's side of things.

Before the election, the Mayor announced the commencement of a "\$2 million upgrade to Waterways Facilities at Greenwell Point" adding "we're anxious to roll on. It's taken too long to get to this point...and the consultancy reports in my view certainly went on too long."

But what do we get?

Council's Capital Works program for 2004-5 includes only a miserly \$290,000 with yet more consultants being called in.

Meanwhile, the foreshore continues to degrade and erode with the Landscape Master Plan for our Icon Status Foreshore Park vaguely targeted for completion "in 2004-5"!

Not good enough, you Alderpersons of Shoalhaven City Council.

We, the humble townfolk of Greenwell Point, with respect, would like to see those fine words of encouragement become reality without further ado or waste.

Sosumi Yosukka.

Deputy Editor.

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## FIRE BRIGADE CHANGES

At the recent AGM of Greenwell Point Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade several changes in executive positions were instituted.

Those of note were;

Captain – Sam Thompson

Senior Deputy – Bob Alexander

Deputy 1, Secretary – Julie Barnett

Deputy 2, Equipment.

Officer – Dave Baxter

Deputy 3 – Edward (Rocky) Leng

Deputy 4 – John Milnes

Treasurer – Sheila Milnes

It is pleasing to note that with the changing of the "Old Guard" that John and Sheila Milnes, having led the Brigade for so long and under such trying circumstances lately, have elected to remain as office bearers. This is, indeed, a testimony to the strength and dedication of our VRFB.

We should all be proud to call them our mates. Remember – Dial 000 for emergencies

Dial for information on permits – 4447 1156 or mobile 0409 135 499.

## CPR COURSES WILL COMMENCE SOON

Following brief news items in Gazette Nos. 8 & 9 we have had a number of people contact this office to register interest in doing a CPR Course under St John Ambo instructors.

We now have staff members from The Club participating bringing 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 Club on Monday 28th June commencing at about 8.00 am 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. Anyone else interested should pick up a form at the Post Office before Friday 18 June and leave it for PO Box 69. Call Mike Smith for more info on 4447 0400.

## 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.

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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 !!!

### 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. You will be much appreciated. Thank you.



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**ANOTHER CALL TO BUS DRIVERS**

As reported in Gazette No.6, another call is sent out to any person, man, woman or dalmatian who can handle a 16 seat bus - please contact Jim Butcher on 4447 4484. This service, run by Culburra & Districts Community Health Services Inc. is again desperately short of back-up drivers. The commitment is not over-burdensome; only ONE or TWO DAYS PER MONTH on a roster to transport our infirm citizens to and from hospitals, clinics or doctors etc. It would be a damn shame to have the service cease for lack of community support in such a minor way. Please consider the call urgently and phone 4447 4484. The reward is a nice cuppa and our undying gratitude.

**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

Phil Reeves at Black Marlin Servo phone for appointment 4447 1279

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.

**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.

NOTE: We are especially in need of some groovy kids with positive thoughts on how the proposed new skate park should be designed. Anyone who has skinned knees and/or elbows in the pursuit of perfection on a skateboard or BMX should contact Joe Franklin at The Club 4447 1111 or on 4447 1336 a.h. 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.

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.

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