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Year Ones win despite excess Teachers

In the words of the King — "It was a night...Oooh what a night it was...It really was such a night!"

The RSL Hall, decorated with multiplication tables and phonetic charts, was filled to capacity with noisy, ill-mannered brats dressed in a variety of school garb and carrying a mixture of exercise books, shanghais and old banana sandwiches in badly beaten bags.

The MC, ably assisted by the delightful Miss Wendy, maintained decorum with bribes, humour and lashings of loud speaker. Several classes, we have to report, were somewhat naughty and were given lashings of a different kind. Lucky ducks!

So the trivia questions were trotted out and bowled over in quick succession especially by those smarties in Year One. Of course being closest to Miss Wendy's Official Table, they were well placed to return their finished exam paper first.

Too bad for the bloke dressed up as the Head Master (and still in Year One) 'cos he got bowled over by the other kids in the bun-rush. It was interesting to note however, that this pseudo Head Master (PHM) hit the deck with a glass of wine in hand but did not spill a drop! That's how much training he put into the event.

Of course there had to be a flasher and...yes, you guessed it — that PHM took his equipment round the Hall, flash-



ing it off at every table. Got some pretty good photos too, I believe. See this month's page 3 girls for an example! Worthy of some hush money?

So anyoldhow, most classes bribed their way up the score board with amounts ranging from \$2 to \$20 being slung into the collection. An auction of a bakers dozen of Shoalhaven's finest wines brought the moths flying out of a couple of really deep pockets with

the result being a huge win to the snowy-haired kid in Year Two. Well done Snowy. I bet you just spent all your pocket money for the next week!

Then the judging of the worst-dressed girls was announced and, gawd, you should-a seen some of the little tarts. Fair dinks, I wouldn't let them touch my play lunch. Based on the clap-ometer going off the scale and an impromptu dance routine, the bird with the knobby knees and the St. Trinian's gymslip got the biscuit.

The boys were also sent to the front of the class and it was that inebriate PHM wof won with his Teachers Scotch drip feed on the go.

That really threw a lot of other kids who couldn't work out why he was still standing given the amount of Teachers he'd consumed. (The secret lies in what the bottle contained, not the label.)

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Column 3

Well we made it into the South Coast Register! The little issue of the Anzac Park bench subsidizing into the Crookhaven got the attention of the Mayor and his team. A new strategy was quickly developed for the foreshore erosion problem. If anything gets too close to the bank — move it back. That's what happened to the park bench.

At this rate Nowra is due to be moved 4 meters to the West in about 2020.

The last piece of correspondence from his eminence Mr. Watson was ... "I do acknowledge that if we don't accelerate the process there won't be much reserve left to protect"!!

But we *are* being heard and there has been some progress, Check out the latest from your Get to the Point lot on the back page of this issue.

Why not get into it. Ring a Get to the Point contact now!

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Where did the money go?

Your Get to the Point Committee put forward a submission regarding Council's Draft Management Plan 2004/2006.

We believe that more funding needs to be applied to expedite improvements given the ICON status of the foreshore park and the increasing risk to residents and tourists arising from the accelerating foreshore erosion.

This is what Councillors heard about from their officials on 22 June — "The preliminary estimate of costs for all works at Greenwell Point including slipway, new boat launching ramp and jetty, foreshore stabilisation and reserve improvements is about \$2,000,000. The DMP includes \$300,000 towards these works and \$100,000 is already funded for foreshore stabilisation. Funding in 2003/04 also included about \$50,000 for investigations and design. Indicative funding of \$1,125,000 subject to grant availability is also included in the DMP for the 2 years 2005/07. Grant funding opportunities other than DIPNR are being explored with the aim of accelerating works. The funding provided is considered reasonable given the budget constraints for funding in the General Fund Capital Works Program. Additional funding in 2007/08 will be listed for consideration in next year's DMP. Council has adopted a priority listing for development which sees funding going to White Sands Park, Ulladulla Harbour, Mollymook Beach, Greys Beach and Lions Park, Burrill Lake in the current Management Plan. Additional ICON locations include Greenwell Point and Sussex Inlet. It is anticipated that funding for these ICON Parks will be made available in future years. In the meantime planning for ICON parks requires preparation of a Plan of Management. Community consultation has commenced and funding has been made available for completion of a Plan of Management in the 2004/05 financial year."

Has anyone seen Kate ?

Kate the dog is still missing. It's been four weeks since she disappeared.

This little dog really deserves to be home. She nearly drowned about three years ago and was resuscitated by her "dad", Aric, using CPR. Fortunately, he was watching a program on Austar at 4 am that morning and saw how to do it. Unfortunately, she was left with mild brain damage but overall, Kate was one very lucky dog.



A few months later she damaged her back leg and vets recommend amputation. Fortunately, intensive therapy saved her from being a 3-legged dog. Both of these accidents mean that she has to go to the vet about every six weeks. The owners are frantic with worry for her health and safety. If you know of her whereabouts or have seen her running about please contact Lyn on 4447 1333.

No swimming in October!

Council has decided that the Greenwell Point Pool won't be open till November this year. Only 155 swimmers patronised the pool last October. The Pool cost \$52,797 to run compared to an income of \$10,073. For every \$2 spent by a swimmer to use the pool Council chips in \$10.06 to subsidise the cost of running the pool. Would you use the pool more if it was heated and/or sheltered from the nor' easter? Comments and suggestions to Lyn Kooyman 4447 1333 please.

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Your friends in cyberspace

Teachers in a bottle

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Jack our Butcher served at the Tuck Shop carving his way through a sizeable chunk of dead cow — lovely tucker, Jack. Come again. The catering ladies did a wonderful job organising and serving up the four courses and collecting fines and bribes all night.

The trivia contest was finally won by those JAFFAS in Year One with a little help from the pseudo Head Master. Why jaffas? 'Cos they're big fat smarties.

The event raised about \$3,000 for the school which we think is a pretty fair effort for a bunch of reprobrates and funsters. Look forward to the next Fun-Raiser? You betcha!!!

Don't miss it.

Chamber AGM—27 July

The annual general meeting of the Greenwell Point Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Inc will be held commencing 7.00pm at the Chinese Restaurant at the Bowling Club. Nominations for office bearers and committee members to Lyn Kooyman — 4447 1333.

What's a PCB ?

It's a Principal Consultative Body and as announced in the last month's Gazette Council have now acknowledged the Get to the Point Program as one.

It's basically designed to keep the lines of communication open between the community and Council. Not only do we get all the papers for Council Meetings we also get \$400 to help with the administration costs.

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Get to the Point Meetings

Team Meetings are held as required. Regular monthly meetings are held commencing 6.00pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (except for this month when the meeting is 27 July) at the Bowling Club. All local residents are encouraged to attend the Monthly Meetings. If you want some input but can't attend then contact a Team Leader of your choice. See back page for contacts.



Finalists in the Trivia Night Quest—Girls

Neighbourhood Watch

There seems to be an increasing amount of dodgy activity around the village. Garbage bins and signage are being torched, some street benches smashed and otherwise defaced, a ride-on mower driven into the drink, and most recently the Black Marlin Service Centre burgled.

Perhaps it's time to set up (or re-establish) a Neighbourhood Watch Program? Do you know anything about doing such a thing or would you volunteer to co-ordinate or just participate in a program? If so let one of the Get to the Point Committee members know and we'll see what can be done.

Good news on the Black Marlin—swift police action has already resulted in charges being laid.



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Council making progress with Landscaping Master Plan

As the newly recognised Principal Consultative Body with Council, Get to the Point Program representatives were recently invited to a meeting at Council HQ. The purpose of the meeting was to get an opinion on the draft concept plans for the Landscaping Master Plan and in particular on the question of relocating the existing boat ramp further north along the foreshore reserve.

The logic behind the proposed boat ramp move is twofold:

- the present location does not provide ready access to deep water (the shallows extend out a considerable distance); and
- the boat ramp effectively breaks the foreshore reserve into two halves. Relocating the boat ramp provides a more contiguous and therefore useable recreation space.

GTTP reps agreed that this made sense and council will proceed to develop the concept plans along those lines. Before this can happen a feasibility study will need to be conducted into the revised location.

These concept plans will feed into the development of a Plan of Management for the Foreshore Reserve. Before this happens there will be a further community consultation session at which the concept plans will be displayed. Council anticipate they will be ready to conduct this second round of public consultation in September 2004. The Plan of Management will set the framework for future use of the foreshore reserve but it is unlikely that any major works will commence in 2004/2005. We may however see some progress in, for example, a formalisation of the car/boat trailer access/parking areas on the northern foreshore. This could take the form of some simple pine log delineation.

The concept plans do not envisage closure of the "road" in front of Angler's Rest. It is very pleasing to see that as well as the foreshore park the initial draft concept plans incorporate the whole of the main street from the

foreshore to the gateway entrance. This is as a direct result of the Physical Design Team's earlier representations to Council.

The entrance signage remains "pending policy decisions" but this is to be finalised at a Council meeting this month.

The overall level of funding provided to advance the Greenwell Point projects in 2004/2005 remains as stated in the Draft Management Plan 2004/2006. This is much less than we would have hoped for but as long as we keep chipping away and pressuring for timetables to be met then we can look forward to some visible signs of progress in the coming year.

A potential problem is that grant funding from the NSW Government is still uncertain. Council is making representations and needs to include in their submissions that there is strong community support. This support will need to be not only in terms of desire to see improvements but also in a demonstrated willingness to commit volunteer and/or financial resources to progress the initiatives.

In other words the community is going to have to step up to the mark to assist Council in making these things happen! This doesn't just mean the dwindling handful of Get to the Point stalwarts! We need to find a way to get the broader village community engaged. Come on folks — volunteer!

Foreshore Erosion — Latest

Detailed design for the foreshore erosion works should be completed before Christmas. Given the somewhat limited level of funding, Council are looking to start work on the Adelaide Street areas and the areas adjoining Anzac Park and the Swimming Pool around February 2005. They expect that it will be possible to undertake these works as maintenance projects and thereby avoid the extended planning cycle which would otherwise be necessary for new works.

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