

# Greenwell Point



# Gazette



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## MORE LEADERS AS SCOUTS AND CUBS GET AWARDS

Greenwell Point can be justly proud of certain persons who have gone out of their way to ensure the longevity of the Scout movement in our village.

Longstanding Scout Leaders Julie Brown and Rae Wood have now been joined by new Leaders Julie Brennan and Mark Opalniuk who were duly inducted at a recent awards ceremony in the Scout Hall.

It was pleasing to see the attendance of many parents, relatives and friends, the Regional Scoutmaster, Greg Crofts, as well as our very own Federal Member, Joanna Gash, who presented awards and badges on behalf of the Commonwealth and Her Majesty, the Queen of Australia.

The enthusiasm shown by all members of the local Scout Troop was great to see as they welcomed the new recruits with a rousing rendition of the pack call—"WOOF" - Spine chilling stuff I can assure you. Well done Scouts and Cubs.

The whole troop will enjoy the friendship of the Shoalhaven Marine Rescue Association and be shown the ropes on their rescue boats. Something that every small boy and girl would love to be involved in, perhaps?

For any info on Scouting call a Julie today— Brown on 4447 1693, Brennan on 4447 0338 or Rae Woods on 4447 17735.

### Carols by Churchlight

Being nearly Christmas, it's time to oil the tonsils and exercise the vocal chords for another round of Carols at the Union Church. This is a lovely time for all the family to gather together, wear your best tinsel and spangles and assemble at the Church at 7.00pm on Monday 13th December.

Words of popular songs will be printed for those not versed in them. For more info call our lovely Lois on 4447 1806. See you there.

**The Editor and Staff  
Wish you all  
a very Merry Christmas and  
a Happy and  
Prosperous New Year**

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Think about it over Christmas and make 2005 a better year for all.

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**Joel's Big Bowlo Day Out**  
 Sunday 31st October dawned bright, sunny and full of promise. Down at the Bowling Club preparations were well under way by 8.00 am and the volunteers were gathering to put forth their best efforts to make a great day of it to benefit a young man from Callala, Joel Bjarnoe-Elliott.

Joel attends Callala Primary School and has to use a wheelchair to get about. The goal was to raise money for the purchase of a Hartwalker, a device which will give Joel walking mobility at school.

By 10.00 am the fun had begun. Our Firies got all fired up, the local Highway Patrol sped in and the Chokky Wheel spun up an amount, so we are reliably informed, of some \$2500.

The ladies sold out of scones, jams, pickles and relishes. The fishos raised another amazing amount and tickets to the putt-putt comp and BBQ went like - well, hot cakes I suppose. Yum!!

The Club was invaded by folk from all over the Shoalhaven and beyond who very generously gave and gave until there was no more to give. Harry of Bowlo fame and his team should be very pleased with the result of the day which saw the bar takings zooooom outa sight while day long stamina enabling sustenance was provided to one and all.

We know Joel and his family were pleased. The little guy was tickled pink with the proceedings: the balloons; the music; the food; and that idiot on the Chokky Wheel and his dumb patter.

The Grand Total in hand so far is \$8,500 which is a figure we may all be pleased with. Joel's new equipment is still being delivered and, as we go to press, Harry tells us that tickets in a couple of raffles also benefiting Joel will continue to be sold until drawn on 23 December at Jervis Bay Lions Carols by Candlelight service. Prizes are a holiday for two in Queensland and other magical stuff. Call Harry for more info.

Congratulations to everyone who was involved.

**Tidy Towns Competition**  
 Well, we didn't get invited to Broken Hill to accept the winning town award but we did get a certificate. It was only a Certificate of Participation but hey, you've got to start somewhere. Maybe we can mount a stronger challenge next year. In the Shoalhaven, Huskisson scored a third place and Kiama bagged a second place in their respective categories.

**Bingo Cup Bonanza**  
 The story in the last Gazette must have done the trick. Ray and Lola were delighted with the turnout at the Melbourne Cup Bingo Day and rated it the best they had ever had—which is great seeing as they've been at it for a while. A great big thank you to all the participants and helpers and especially to the Greenwell Point Hotel. They were extremely generous in their assistance and support.

**Bev's Salon Out of Action**  
 It's really bad luck for popular local hairdresser, Bev Hanson (Black Marlin Salon), who has been put out of action requiring an urgent trip to Sydney for specialist treatment for a medical condition. There is a sign in the window of the salon but we have to inform all that Bev will be unavailable for business until further notice.  
 Good luck and get well soon Bev.

**Ouch !!**  
 Hands up anyone who's not hit the old thumb with a hammer? Nobody? OK, what would you say to a bloke who has made a lifetime hobby of collecting hammers, knows everything there is to know about the rotten things and then....wait for it...BREAKS HIS THUMB with one of his 4000-odd hammers? Dumb?  
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**Meals on Wheels Says Thanks**


The Committee of Greenwell Point Meals on Wheels wishes to thank the shops and volunteers who assisted the service throughout 2004. Some long-serving helpers will be retiring in 2005, so we are looking for at least four new volunteer cooks to prepare meals on alternate Wednesday mornings from the end of January. Experienced hands will give the new volunteers support and training and there are reserve helpers for emergencies. A happy Christmas and New Year to all Greenwell Point residents from MOW. If you can help contact Sheryl Lawrence on 4447 0288 or Laine Saunders on 4447 0085.

**Meet Your Local Business  
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**Hot Money**

Where do you hide your spare cash? What happens when you microwave an envelope of \$50 bills? The money melts—and creates a lot of smoke as discovered by the owner of a local business when they accidentally pressed 'Cook' instead of 'Timer'.

**Community Suggestion Box**

Have you got any bright ideas for improving things in our village? Why not jot them down and drop them into the newly installed suggestion box at the Black Marlin.

Every month we'll publish two or three of the best ideas submitted. Come on—get the thinking caps on and come up with some good suggestions. There are no rules—just provide a contact phone number so a Get to the Point rep can discuss your ideas with you. Anonymity assured unless you wish otherwise.

**Fresh Faces at Newsagents**

The local hub of all the news has some new owners. If you haven't already done so why not drop into the Newsagency and introduce yourselves to Richard and Tully. Best of luck with your new venture guys!

**Mayzal Mechanical Not Missing**

We are very pleased to report that our well-liked and respected motor engineer and community identity, Alan Mayze, has not left town in a Huff. He would have but the damned thing wouldn't start!)\*&\$

No, seriously folks, despite some domestic problems (been there, done that), medical problems and other minor misfires that required attention our Al is back in business, ably assisted by Daniel the Spaniel and part-time Brian.

This is, of course, a great relief to any villagers who don't know a big end from a dipstick. For those who don't know—a dipstick is a graduated rod or strip dipped into a container to indicate the fluid level. Typically used for measuring how much oil is in your engine. The big end is what you sit on.

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### Gateway Entrance Sign

The design for the new signage at the entrance to the village has taken a step forward. The concept plans have been narrowed down and as this sign is expected to be the model used by all villages in the Shoalhaven, Council are building a mock-up which can be put on display to see how it will look in practice. Keep an eye out.

### Landscape Master Plan

Progress has not been significant. Things have been held up by a feasibility study into re-locating the boat ramp. Consultants have now reported that it does not appear practical due to tidal flows and the exposed nature of the proposed location. Hopefully we can now get on to finalise the Master Plan without further ado!

### Complaints and Compliments

For those of you who are internet savvy (why isn't that everyone?) Council have introduced a new on-line facility to register complaints and compliments. You can register maintenance requests, customer service complaints and even the odd compliment to Council and their staff.

[www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au) is the place to go to find this service and untold other useful local information.

### Festive Recess

The Gazette will be in recess for the next couple of months. The next issue should appear in February 2005. For next year we'll try to maintain a more regular publication timeframe. Cut off date for copy will be the end of each month (starting 31 January) so that each month's edition can be published by around the 10th of the month.

Please keep us posted on local goings on, any up-coming events you want advertised, or soapbox rants (aka Letters to the Editor) you'd like published. We need your input. See box on right for contact details.

### Flood Plain Management and Natural Resources Committee

Our nominations for this new Council committee, Messrs McCorkell and Bannister, were accepted and duly attended the inaugural meeting. Most of the proceedings were taken up by the kick-off of a consultancy to develop an Estuary Management Plan.

Of major interest were the plans Council now have in place to ensure the rapid opening of Shoalhaven Heads in the event of a flood threatening.

Detailed design plans were also tabled for the work to be carried out to repair the bank reinforcements in numerous locations. Implementation work is expected to get underway late February next year.

### Positions STILL Vacant

Do you have untapped leadership qualities? Would you like to rub shoulders with local polities and be looked up to by the community?

The Get to the Point Program (Inc) has vacancies for the following:

- President
- Secretary
- Team Leaders

No previous experience or qualifications are necessary—just a bit of vision, a few leadership skills and a willingness to work towards making Greenwell Point a better place to be.

The pay is pretty lousy (well non-existent in fact) but think of the satisfaction you'll get from these challenging volunteer positions.

Maybe YOU can make a difference?

Drop off your nomination to PO Box 69 Greenwell Point or email [admin@greenwellpoint.info](mailto:admin@greenwellpoint.info)

### Clean Up Australia Day 2005

For the past umpteen years David McCorkell has organised the local contribution to this very worthwhile event. David isn't available next year so we need a volunteer. Any takers?

### Get to the Point Program (Inc)

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#### Team Leaders

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