



Greenwell Point in World Record Attempt

Get along to the Greenwell Point Hotel at 10am on Thursday 26th May and you too could become a **world record holder!**

Denise Sanders is again organizing the local gathering for this year's "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea" on behalf of the Cancer Council.



What's different this year is that the Cancer Council and its members are aiming to get so many Australians together that they can break the Guinness World Record for the "World's Largest Simultaneous Tea Party".

The current record of 11,760 participants is held by some Poms for their "Largest Tea & Buns" event held in June 2004.

Everyone knows we can't have the old country beating us at anything but hey—if they want to claim the "largest buns", good luck to them!

It will be a fun morning with a guessing competition, raffles, lucky door prize and a great morning tea — not to mention the opportunity to catch up on all the local gossip!

Donations of goods towards the raffles would be very much appreciated. Come along for the morning and maybe bring a friend. You may even make a new one. For info ring Denise on 4447 0135.

Denise has run this morning tea for the past several years and has raised over \$5,000 for cancer research. So why not do your bit this year?

It will only cost you a measly \$4.00 for your chance to **be a World Record Holder** and get fed to boot!!

Rates Hike Set to Sink Scouts

The local Scout Group has been hit with a rates bill for \$814. Despite providing a valuable community service and receiving no funding apart from that which they raise themselves requests to Council to have the rates bill waived have fallen on deaf ears.

Cub Scout Leader Julie Brown has asked the Get to the Programme to assist and we will be approaching Council on the Scouts' behalf.

New Landmark Proposed

Telstra want to build a new mobile tower behind the Fire Station. Locals are worried about being microwaved.

Find out more on page 4.

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Shoalhaven City Council is pressing ahead with a request to the New South Wales government seeking an increase in rates of 6% for the forthcoming financial year.

It really makes you wonder about this three-tiered level of government that we are burdened with doesn't it.

The Feds are raking in more money than they know what to do with (well apart from bolstering the war chest for the next elections). At the same time local governments are crying poor and looking for increases approaching twice the level of inflation.

I suppose the positive side of it is that our ubiquitous Mayor, Greg Watson, might end up with enough money to actually spend on Greenwell Point in line with his pre-election promises of early last year.

You may recall that on **28 January 2004** ABC radio commentator Jenny Bates reported that "Shoalhaven Council is close to starting work on a two million dollar upgrade to waterfront facilities at Greenwell Point. A council report has highlighted the need for a pump-out facility at the wharf, an upgrade to the slip-way, work on the boat ramp, improved car parking as well as storage for the Marine Rescue service. Mayor Greg Watson says **the project has been in the pipeline for around five years**, and the planning period is now coming to an end."

Mr Watson was also quoted as saying "We're anxious to roll on, it's taken too long to get to this point. These days because of all the environmental constraints and issues that we have to go through and the consultancy reports in my view certainly went on too long. However, we're there now. We're about to go out on exhibition on the final stage and that's the erosion control and other works that are required."

Greg — CALL ELTON (our local plumber)!

There must be some sort of blockage as this whole project just seems to be **STUCK in the pipeline!!**

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Get Us a Skate Park Now

It's a little blunt but that's what the note in the Community Suggestion Box at the Post Office said.

Attempts have been made in the past to get a skate park but the costs (well in excess of \$100,000) have been a stumbling block. Is there strong support? What do you think?



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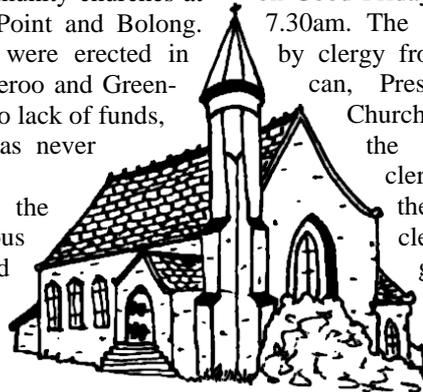
Yes, of course, it's Greenwell Point's very own Union Church.

One of our first settlers, David Berry, made provision in his will for the erection of community churches at Meroo, Greenwell Point and Bolong. Identical buildings were erected in the late 1890s at Meroo and Greenwell Point but, due to lack of funds, Bolong's church was never built.

The church at the Point fell into serious disrepair in the mid 1900s and was renovated with community support.

By the mid 1990s the church was again in need of considerable renovation, and this was made possible by the sale of a portion of land to the Department of Education.

We now have a very attractive building of which we can be justly proud. It is included in Council's heritage list and is described as "Beautifully constructed Federation



Gothic Revival style church of social and historical interest..."

Christian church services are held in the Church each Sunday at 8.00am, and on Good Friday and Christmas Day at 7.30am. The services are conducted by clergy from the Uniting, Anglican, Presbyterian and Baptist Churches in Nowra. However, the scarcity of available clergy and organists, and the added roles of the clergy in their own congregations, means that this arrangement may not be sustainable in the future.

The Committee of Management invites comment from interested residents, and suggestions as to possible ways forward.

If you feel you would like to make a comment, please feel free to write to the Committee c/- the Secretary at 10 Crookhaven Drive or phone Sandra on 4447 1822, Lois on 4447 1806 or Helen on 4447 0059. We would greatly appreciate input from our community.

Recipe Competition

Would you like to win fame and accolades as a great chef? All you need to do is submit an entry to our monthly recipe competition. The inaugural entry is from Fae Mitchell who, when she's not teaching crafty country style stuff, says she loves to cook with wine. Sometimes she even puts a little in the dish!

Fae's Lime and Coconut Chicken

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| 4 tbs oil | 1 cup coconut cream |
| 1 kg chicken pieces
(thigh fillets are best) | 2 tbs corn flour |
| 1 onion quartered and thinly sliced | ¼ tsp ground turmeric |
| 1 tsp sambal oelek paste | 2 tbs mango chutney |
| 1 red capsicum cut into pieces | 2 tbs fresh lime juice |
| 500 mls chicken stock | 1 tbs sugar |
| | 1 tbs chopped fresh coriander |

Heat 3 tbs of oil in a saucepan and fry the chicken pieces until lightly browned. Remove and drain on kitchen paper. Heat remaining oil, add onion, sambal oelek and capsicum and fry for 2 to 3 minutes. Add blended stock, coconut cream, corn flour and turmeric. Bring to the boil, reduce heat and add chicken pieces, chutney, lime juice and sugar. Simmer gently for 45 minutes or until chicken is cooked. Stir in coriander and serve with steamed rice and crusty bread.



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This free service for residents of Orient Point, Culburra, Callala Bay, Callala Beach, near edges of Pyree and Greenwell Point is operated by the community elected Culburra and Districts Community Health Service.

Capital and running costs are met by fundraising through our Ladies Auxiliaries, the Opportunity Shop at Culburra, donations from clubs and organisations throughout the area and personal donations.

Volunteer drivers drawn from residents of the area are rostered for duty at times to suit them. They typically commit half a day a fortnight of their time.

If you need the bus then please give as much notice as possible (12–24 hours) and call Culburra Pharmacy 4447 2382.

If you would like to be a volunteer driver then you can nominate by leaving your details with the Pharmacy.

Scouting About

Julie Brown (aka Akela), that well known Cub Scout leader about town explains what it's all about ...

Joey Scouts (6 to 8 years) meet for about one hour per week. They play games, do crafts, have day outings with the occasional sleepover and are also involved in community events. In this way they are being introduced to the world of Scouting.

Cub Scouts (7 ½ to 10 ½ years) meet on Thursday nights from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. They do exciting things like play games, do crafts and badge work. Badges can easily be earned from doing everyday things.

Scouts (10 ½ to 15 years) meet for approximately two hours each week.

While some think Scouts are a bit "UNCOOL", who will be sitting at home bored while the Scouts are out camping, canoeing, hiking etc and having a great time?

There are also District events where they have things like the Flying Fox, Crate Stacking and Canoe Racing. You've seen the Scouting commercials

Meet Your Local Business

Jeff Veale owns and operates the prestige Point Holiday Apartments located in Adelaide Street. In his "spare time" Jeff also operates a catering business which covers Sydney, the Central Coast and of course the South Coast.

He specialises in spit roasts, BBQs and finger foods. If you're planning a party visit www.allsuburbs.com.au or www.cheapcatering.com.au or call 1800 354 755 to find out more.

In the near future Jeff will be expanding his holiday accommodation offerings when he opens the family and pet-friendly Crookhaven Cottages.

Whilst currently living in Sydney, Jeff is a regular visitor and plans to move to the village at some stage in the future. When he does he has aspirations of taking on the job of Business and Tourism Team leader for the Get to the Point Programme.

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on TV. This could be you!

We have special guests visit us, for example, Joanna Gash, the veterinarian Cathy Birch and Sharon McCarthy who tells us about recycling, and we visit special and exciting places like Fire, Police and Ambulance Stations, the Mail Exchange, Animal Parks and the Emu Farm. Other outings include such things as skating and bowling. We often have camps and sleepovers. Cubs are also involved in community events such as ANZAC and Clean Up Australia Day.

Currently we have only Cub Scouts, and while there have been expressions of interest for Joey Scouts and Scouts, unfortunately we have no leaders for these two sections. With all that Scouting has to offer it seems a shame that we are unable to get Scout and Joey Leaders. So if you have a few hours to spare why not join in the fun and help out for the betterment of the youth of Greenwell Point.

If you are interested, please contact Alan Brown (Skip), Group Leader on 4447 1693.

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Want to let your distant friends and relatives know what's going on in the village? Tell them where to get the Gazette on-line.

Anyone for Tennis?

In March we wrote to Council about the state of the tennis courts. We now have a response which says that Council will clean the court surface to remove the build-up of dirt and algae.

They acknowledge that this is only a temporary expedient and have arranged for a specialist tennis court contractor to inspect the courts and advise on possible treatments to remediate the surface of the courts.

Once a cost estimate is available the project will be considered for inclusion in a future Works Program.

GTP Monthly Meetings

Regular monthly meetings of the Programme have recommenced. Be at the Community Hall 7.00pm on the third Thursday of the month. Next meeting is 19 May.

Did you know that the minutes of the meetings are published on the web? Visit www.greenwellpoint.info.

Progress Report

Some marks have been made on the ground denoting where the footings will go for the new entrance sign. Trust us—THIS IS PROGRESS!

A new navigation mark has been placed to warn of dangerous rocks just off the beach north of the main wharf. Less dented and dinged tinnies should be the positive outcome.

Downsize Your Re-cycle Bin

Do you find that big yellow-lidded bin a bit of a handful to manage?

Those thoughtful people over at the SCC Waste Management Department have the solution. Give them a call on 4429 3374 and ask them to replace your 240 litre bin with a 120 litre one.

This is not a cost cutting exercise or an invitation to reduce the amount we re-cycle. The service is being offered as a convenience to the more elderly and frail who find big bins difficult.

More Leadership Called For

We have two vacant Team Leader positions that we desperately need to fill. Are you interested?

The Physical Design and Environment team are responsible for anything to do with the town infrastructure and environmental issues such as the foreshore erosion, landscaping, water quality and the like.

The Business and Tourism team aims to promote the village as an attractive place to visit and holiday and to seek economic development opportunities.

Why not give it a go. Show the community what you can do. Call Allan on 4447 0097 to sign up.

Laser Treatment

Those community-spirited folks at your favourite local service station have again come good.

Following a major tidy out of the Black Marlin back-office Sheila generously donated a surplus laser printer to the Get to the Point Programme.

This will be great for running off flyers and notices. Thanks guys!

Telstra Tower Proposal

Robert Russell, Shoalhaven City Council Development Manager, has confirmed that discussions were held last year with Telstra regarding a proposal to erect a mobile phone tower adjoining the Rural Fire Service shed off Greenwell Point Road at the outskirts of Greenwell Point.

The purpose of this tower is to overcome a black spot on the northern side of the village which does not receive reception from either the Culburra tower or Moeyan Hill near Shoalhaven Heads.

At the time Council staff advised that the RFS site was not an ideal location for such a facility and that it was considered preferable for Telstra to investigate alternative sites at Crookhaven Headland or upgrading existing facilities. Despite this Telstra has apparently persisted with its investigations including on-site testing and evaluation by Telstra technicians.

We have been assured that should a development application be lodged it will be notified widely within the local community and that no decision will be made to approve the application without prior comprehensive community consultation.

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