



## Programme helps SMRA keep boats afloat

At the May meeting of the Get to the Point Programme a motion was passed to donate a portable high-capacity pump to our friends at the Shoalhaven Marine Rescue Association.

There have been a number of recent incidents where the SMRA volunteers have had to call on the Rural Fire Service to borrow equipment to assist in pumping out sinking vessels. Whilst the RFS are more than happy to cooperate, the delays in getting things organised could result in a boat sinking. The worst part of this is the potential for environmental damage resulting from oil or fuel contamination.

With the support of Jan's Pump Shop at Wandandian and Panteir Water in Melbourne, Programme Presi-

dent Allan Mayze was able to organize a great deal on the brand new Onga pump.

The pump was handed over to the SMRA at a small ceremony at the South Street wharf on 1 June. SMRA President, Bill Carter, expressed his sincere appreciation to the Greenwell Point community for this generous donation in support of essential work.

The SMRA responds to some 150 emergency calls a year and the new pump is expected to speed up their turnaround time considerably on many jobs.

Bill also noted that the SMRA is constantly on the lookout for more volunteers. Anyone interested should contact Michael Beckett on 4447 4466.

## No revolving restaurant

Sources at Telstra have confirmed that the new telecommunications tower planned for Greenwell Point will **not** include a revolving restaurant. It's a shame because the panoramic views from the top of the 40 metre tower would be quite spectacular.

But seriously folks do we really need a 40 metre tower behind the RFS shed? Is your mobile reception that bad in Comerong Street? How tall is 40 metres anyway? It's 7.25 times the height of the fire shed!

Read more on page 3.

## Pirates fencing for first grade

Our local team have laudible aspirations for promotion to the first division of Group 7. But they'll need to fence off the oval—see page 2 for more.



## Column 3

Now we know what it takes to get a bit of community interest going. Change something! The merry, merry month of May saw the installation of our new entrance sign—the most significant tangible progress so far from the Get to the Point Programme's efforts to smarten up our village.

Perhaps we only hear from the vocal minority but a lot of people are offering their views on the new sign and not all of them are complimentary.

It seems we have in our midst a veritable army of latent graphic designers, cartographers, colour consultants and landscape architects—all with their own ideas as to how it could have been done better.

There's nothing wrong with a bit of controversy. It gets people talking and hopefully thinking. So when you see something about an upcoming project or a proposed development being discussed in these pages, don't sit back and think "that will never happen". Make a contribution to the planning process—whether you're in favour or against—have your say.

Come along to the Get to the Point meetings at the Community Hall on the third Thursday of each month and be heard.

On a more negative note it seems that a few (struggling to find the right word here) individuals have decided the new sign is designed as target practice for their empty vodka cruiser bottles, or a "dump your empty cans and trash here" sign. Others think it's the new "free" plant nursery and have helped themselves. Report them to the police if you see this sort of behaviour.

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**Eyes down and looking—again!**

It's on again—the little wooden balls will soon be rolling in the cage again for the *Yurana Cancer Kids Holiday Homes*. If you haven't been getting enough bingo lately then get on down to the Community Hall any Thursday commencing 7 July. Proceedings will get under way at 10.30am. BYO cup, mug or other beverage vessel, have a fun morning and help raise some money for this very worthy cause. Details from Lola Stevens 4447 1850.

**Big Morning Tea**

With Denise Sanders' organisational skills, the generosity of her little helper elves and all the attendees, May's Big Morning Tea turned out to be "the best ever"! Nearly 70 folk rolled up to have a great time of scoffing and goss'ing while raising \$950 for the Cancer Council.

Special thanks to Paul Sennitt from Ray White Real Estate Nowra who demonstrated his auctioneering talents to boost the takings. Paul won the Seafood Tray but generously auctioned it off to the highest bidder.

Well done Denise and all you newly-crowned world record holders. The Poms record was smashed—Yes!

**Mouse Tails**

Working on the computer whilst enjoying a glass of red, one local was startled when her granddaughter dropped a frog on the keyboard. Over went the wine and drowned her mouse. She then found the cursor wouldn't go in straight lines—only from side to side.

The mouse never sobered up!

**How to convert from vinyl to CD**

Do you have some of those old black round plastic things stashed away but no longer have a device capable of converting them into sound? Do you wish you could turn them into CDs so you could throw them out and make room for the car in the garage? Ian 'Macca' McCarthy has the technology. Give him a ring on 4447 1920 to see what he can do for you.

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**Scouting about** with Alan Brown

Firstly I'd like to say thank you to the community for supporting our Job-Month Car Washes, plus a special thanks to those who came along to wash and clean the cars. Shame it rained after our first car wash, but the good news was we had another Job-Month Car Wash on the 28th May.

Job Months enable us to earn money for equipment and help the community at the same time. Over the past few months we have been busy with Clean Up Australia Day, Anzac Day Sleepover, camping at Mt Keira, a special night for Mums and a Fright Night (Friday 13th).

We have had some exciting news about leaders for both Scouts and Joeys, so hopefully we can start up Joeys and Scouts next term.

For any enquiries ring Alan Brown (Group Leader) on 4447 1693.

**Fencing of Gordon Ravell Oval**

Council has received representation from the Greenwell Point Pirates RLFC to fence the Gordon Ravell Oval with a 1.8 metre chain mesh fence. The club currently competes in the Regan Cup which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in the Group 7 competition but are confident of promotion to 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

In order to be accepted into the premier grade, it must comply with numerous criteria. One of the criteria is that the ground should be fully fenced to allow the club to charge admission.

In addition to fencing, other ground improvements would be required. These would include providing off street parking at the southern end of the grounds and a major upgrade of the amenities.

Council has asked the Get to the Point Programme to canvass public opinion towards this proposal.

What do you think? Come along to the next GTTP meeting and discuss.

**RFS News** with Sam Thompson

In March/April of each year the Greenwell Point Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade holds its annual elections for brigade officers and members to fill other important positions.

Current officers are: Captain/Training Officer/Permit Issuing Officer – Sam Thompson; Snr Deputy Captain/Equipment Maintenance Officer/Permit Issuing Officer—Bob Alexander; Dep. Captain 1—Julie Barnett; Dep. Captain 2 - John Milnes; Dep. Captain 3—Dave Baxter; Treasurer—Sheila Milnes; Secretary/Assistant Maintenance Equipment Officer—Allan Mayze.

Thankfully, the last fire season was a relatively quiet one with the only major event being the North Nowra/Bangalee Section 44. At least this season we were able to spend Christmas with our families. Since the beginning of the year the brigade has attended some 26 incidents including bush/grass fires, motor vehicle accidents/fires, automatic fire alarms, fallen power lines and even boats sinking in the river. The volunteers of the brigade are alerted to these types of emergencies via a paging system and thus may be called at any time of the day or night in all types of weather.

The brigade members make their time available to perform other functions to assist the community. Recently the brigade was asked to install smoke detectors in the homes of Legacy Widows living in our little community and at the time of writing this has been arranged.

Every March Smithfield RSL sponsors the CANTEEN kids - that is teenagers with cancer. The brigade members are more than happy to bring the fire appliance down to the Smithfield lodge and let the kids be a fireman for a while. The kids, their carers and the fires enjoy themselves immensely.

A big thank you to the community for the support given to the brigade over the years. Remember ring '000' for all emergencies. The brigade Captain is contactable via Shoalhaven Fire Control on 4424 4405 or 0409 913 549.

**Water - ours or theirs?**

How much water Sydney pinches from our river should be of vital concern to all of us. It's such an important issue that Mayor Greg Watson has agreed to do a presentation on the subject at the GTTP meeting on 21 July. More details in the next issue.

**More houses for the Point**

There aren't that many spare building blocks left but we'll soon have four new houses. A development application has been lodged for 3 x 3 bedroom and 1 x 2 bedroom townhouses at 50 Greenwell Point Road.

**Tower development application**

In order to improve mobile phone coverage to the northern side of the village DA05/1906 proposes "To erect a 40 metre steel monopole to have a 6 panel triangular style headframe to service a variety of telecommunications and radio communications infrastructure including Shoalhaven Council, Rural Fire Service's radio communications equipment and Telstra equipment. Two additional headframes are to be provided for future co-location opportunities for other carriers. Construction of a steel colourbond equipment shelter to house electrical equipment".

Council has called for submissions by 17 June. A number of residents have already expressed strong opposition. This should be another hot potato on the agenda for the June GTTP meeting.

**Boots and all**

Don't plan any garage sales for the morning of Saturday 9 July—because everyone will be at the Community Hall for the inaugural Get to the Point Car Boot Sale Extravaganza.

The Scouts will be joining in to try to raise some money to pay off that outrageous rates bill that's been thrust upon them, sausages will be sizzling and the Chockie Wheel will whirl. Book in your boot today—call Vera 4447 1579.

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## Boat ramp to stay put

The long drawn out evaluation of where the foreshore park boat ramp should be located has finally(?) been settled. A consultant's report has recommended that any future upgrades be done at the present location.

The report envisages a double width ramp extending 25 metres to deeper water. Along the northern side there will be a timber jetty with gangway leading down to a 20 metre long floating boarding pontoon.

All looks very impressive and comes with an estimated price tag of around \$535,000. One minor problem! Council has budgeted only \$40,000 in 2006/07. That's right—\$40,000 over the next three years. This won't even be enough to get a detailed design done.

We wrote to Greg Watson in early May to find out what happened to his pre-election promise of \$2.0m for waterway improvements at Greenwell Point. The response to date—silence.

## You are here—a poll

The Get to the Point Programme has been working with Shoalhaven City Council for over two years to improve the appearance of the entrance to our village. During this period Council officers have been developing a policy for attractive and consistent signage throughout the City. This policy establishes standards for three levels of entry sign - the major entries to the City, the major urban centres and smaller locations such as Greenwell Point. In December 2004, Volume 14 of the Greenwell Point Gazette included a drawing of the proposed sign and a description of the colour scheme.

The new sign has now been installed together with a substantial amount of complementary landscaping works. The installation was considered sufficiently newsworthy to make the front page of the South Coast Register. Our sign is a prototype standard for entry signs to the City's villages. It depicts an

## New head on old team

The Physical Design Team has a new leader. Ron Vaughan has stepped forward and will be co-ordinating all matters environmental. Ron comes complete with a raft of engineering qualifications as long as your arm. If you have any issues regarding the physical state of the village then contact Ron on 4447 1133.

## Dates for the diary ...

**Saturday 10 June—Greenwell Point United Church Auxiliary** morning stall at Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital. **Thursday 16 June—GTTP Meeting** commencing 7.00pm at the Hall—contact Graham 4447 1554. **Thursday from 7 July—Bingo at the Hall** commencing 10.30—Contact Lola 4447 1850. **Saturday 9 July—Car Boot Sale** at the Hall (GTTP and Scouts) - Contact Vera 4447 1579. **Thursday 21 July—GTTP Meeting** with guest speaker Mayor Greg Watson commencing 7.00pm at the Hall—contact Graham 4447 1554.

outline of the Shoalhaven coastline with the blue part representing the sea and the rust-colored section representing the land. The sandstone plinth provides a unifying theme, symbolic of the Shoalhaven's heritage, to Council's three levels of entry sign.

Whilst the earlier article in the Gazette drew absolutely no public comment, everyone now seems to have a view. Public reaction has been mixed. At the Get to the Point Community meeting on 19 May a number of positive and negative comments were aired. In order to try to get a broader view from the community we would appreciate your response to this poll.

Either fill out the form below and drop it into the Community Suggestion Box at the Black Marlin or you can vote on our website where you'll find a few choice extras. Go to [www.greenwellpoint.info](http://www.greenwellpoint.info) and follow the link to Polls.

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### "What do you think of the new Greenwell Point entrance sign?" ✂

I love it    I hate it    I don't care    I liked the old sign better

**Additional comments:** \_\_\_\_\_